

TOLD TO MAKE MONEY

STUDENTS WILL CONDUCT GARDENS FOR PROFIT

Polk County Industrial Fair May Receive Benefit From Prof. Gilmore's Unique Idea.

Prof. L. P. Gilmore, head of the department of science at the Monmouth Training Normal, in conjunction with other instructors, has instituted a practical garden contest among the boy students of that school which cannot fail to result in the accomplishment of good from an industrial standpoint. A three-acre tract of land has been divided into small plots for cultivation. Each student will be given charge of from one to three plots as his unit. For those who wish to exhibit at the Polk County Industrial Fair next fall, provision will be made for ground up to one-eighth of an acre. The plowing and other teamwork is furnished, to be repaid at time of cropping. The children are to furnish seeds and plants, which will be charged against "cost of production." Only under special conditions will a student be allowed to raise more than two different crops at the same time, but at home he may exercise his own judgment, tempered with advice. The varieties, however, will be at the option of the students.

The purpose of the contest is to train the pupils in question of buying and selling, supply and demand, and to give them practical business knowledge that will serve them in later years. A bookkeeping system, designed by H. M. Mabray, has been adopted for school garden use. Each pupil will be given a simple account book in which records of all costs and sales must be kept. The Normal dormitory will buy usable produce, if prices are reasonable, but will purchase elsewhere if lower prices are secured. The pupils may sell to any party, but their accounts must show that no more than market prices were received.

The books must be balanced each week. After the harvest season the pupils' accounts, with a composition outlining the procedure and general methods used, will be submitted to a committee of judges. The winner will be the student who realized the greatest profits, kept the neatest and most accurate accounts, wrote the best composition and showed the greatest skill in buying and selling.

FIRE FIGHTERS TO CONVENE

Plans for Prevention of Forest Destruction Will Be Discussed.

On Friday and Saturday of the present week officials connected with forest fire prevention work in Western Oregon will convene at Salem for the purpose of formulating definite plans for fighting fire the coming season. Mr. W. V. Fuller, secretary of the Polk County Fire Patrol Association, and Supervising Warden Frank Heydon will attend the meeting and participate in its deliberations. The continued success of the forest protection work, according to State Forester Elliott, demands the active co-operation of government, association and state officials, and this meeting will afford an excellent opportunity for those interested to get better acquainted and exchange ideas as to the work. The Polk County Association, for the creation of which strong organization Mr. Fuller is largely responsible, protects approximately eight billion feet of standing timber. The timber owners have in Supervisor Heydon a faithful and efficient warden.

Much Road Work Done.

Messrs. Ross Nelson of Independence and Alben Clark of Monmouth, both prominent merchants in their respective towns, spent Friday night in Dallas, having come hither to recuperate from a strenuous day's work on the roads that day. The gentlemen assert that people exhibited much enthusiasm on the occasion of Good Roads day, putting the highways from Independence to Monmouth, from Independence to Brunk, from Independence to the cross roads four miles from Dallas, and the road from Independence toward Corvallis in splendid shape. On the latter road Supervisor Darrell asserted that the same work could not have been done for \$150.

Grange Fails to Materialize.

Mr. R. R. Riggs, a native of Bridgeport and still a resident of that place, was in Dallas on Friday. The residents of that locality undertook to organize a local grange last week, but owing to the meagre attendance the matter was deferred to some future time. Mr. Riggs is road supervisor for his district and expects to gravel at least two miles of highway during the coming summer. According to this authority his road is one of the worst in Polk County, notwithstanding the fact that it was the first military road between Portland and the California line.

Bees and Crops.

The workers of one bee colony easily cover as much as twice the distance between the earth and the moon in one day. The distance of the moon from the earth is 237,600 miles. Therefore the gathering of about 10 quarts of honey means, totaling the flight of all the workers of the colony, a flight of some 475,200 miles.

It will therefore be seen that there is no insect so highly developed for carrying the imperatively essential

pollen from flower to flower as the hive bees. Their intelligence, their energy, their social habits and the ease with which they are kept under control stamp them at once as no mean ally to the tiller of the soil. The practical beekeeper in any district and others engaged on the land are instructed in pruning, grafting budding and other concomitant adjuncts for obtaining a living from the soil, but none of these are more necessary than an acquaintance of bee management—the practical part of it at least. Apart from the profits from the sale of the honey, or that used in the home (there is no food more healthful and invigorating,) the presence of bees on a homestead are husbandry, if not more so.

Sir John Lubbock, in "Bees, Ants and Wasps," referring to the color sense of bees, says:—"The consideration of the causes which have led to the structure and coloring of flowers is one of the most fascinating parts of natural history. Most botanists are now agreed that insects, and especially bees, have played a very important part in the development of flowers. While in many plants, almost invariably with the inconspicuous blossoms, the pollen is carried from flower to flower by the wind, in cases of almost all large and brightly colored flowers this is effected by the agency of insects. In such flowers the colors, scents and honey serve to attract insects, while the size and form are arranged in such a manner that the insects fertilize them with pollen brought from another plant."

BASEBALL FORTY YEARS AGO

Judge Teal Then Played the Game on Present Grounds.

The Hon. J. B. Teal, himself something of an artist on the greensward nearly half a century ago, still takes a lively interest in the national game of baseball and daily scans the scores. In conversation with the Judge a few days since, the venerable servant of Polk county related how forty years ago he and others manipulated the sphere on grounds three blocks north of the court house, which grounds are still in use by the present invigiles and on which many an exciting contest has taken place during the past few years.

In Judge Teal's day the players were always in fine physical condition, labor keeping the muscles hard. Spikes in the shoes were unknown, for the reason that shoes were not a part of the paraphernalia. The absence of footwear toughened the pedal extremities to withstand almost anything.

Judge Teal, with that familiar 18-carat smile overspreading his countenance, reminiscently recalled a game of ball played in 1872, when a number of now prominent citizens, hoary with age, participated in an exciting contest and won a victory. "Yes I still like baseball and attend a game whenever time permits, but I—please excuse me a moment"; and the old-time baseballist gave attention to a tiller of the soil who had sought him on road matters. Just what his concluding sentence would have been remains as a tale untold.

Civil Service Examination.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination in Dallas on May 23, as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a vacancy in the position of rural carrier at Independence and other vacancies as they may occur on rural routes at post offices in the county of Polk, unless it is found to be in the interest of the service to fill any vacancy by reinstatement, transfer, or promotion. The usual entrance salary for rural carriers is from \$600 to \$1,100 per annum. Age, 18 to 55, on the date of the examination. The maximum age is waived in cases of persons honorably discharged from the United States military or naval service. An applicant must have his actual domicile in the territory supplied by a post office in the county for which the examination is announced. The examination is open to all male citizens of the United States who can comply with the requirements.

Promoting a Cannery.

The Commercial club, alive to the fact that Dallas needs a cannery, is endeavoring to interest some one in establishing one here. President W. V. Fuller was in Portland on Thursday to interview a cannery man, and while no definite conclusion was arrived at the outlook is encouraging. "If Dallas does not get a cannery this season," says President Fuller, "it will not be for lack of any hustling on the part of the Commercial club."

Loganberries and Hogs.

Messrs. Howard Atkinson and Lee Gibson of Portland have purchased thirty-two acres of land in the tract known as Guthrie acres, three miles southeast of Dallas, and will forthwith plant thirty acres to loganberries. The gentlemen have also leased a considerable amount of land adjacent to their purchase, on which they will engage in hog raising. They arrived in Dallas on Friday last and are most favorably impressed with this section of Polk County.

SHOWS MORE STRENGTH

DEMAND FOR OREGON PRUNES IS BREAKING RECORD

Eastern Buyers Endeavoring to Close Contracts on Future Crop at Advanced Prices.

According to the latest advices the demand for prune contracts in Oregon exceeds that of any previous year in the history of this industry, and bids made by eastern and California interests are higher. Crop conditions in Oregon, and especially in Polk County are favorable, the dropping having been less severe than in California, where the crop will be comparatively light, and the outlook for record prices were never better. Old crop prunes are practically exhausted at all centers. There will be no carry-over to speak of at any point and in some of the leading markets prunes are so scarce at this time that they have ceased to be quoted. This, therefore, will give the new crop a clear field and the outlook is therefore most hopeful from a price standpoint.

Oregon prunes continue to lead in the east over those from any other section, and this being the case, prominent buyers from all parts of the world appear to be eager to contract. Growers, however, are confident that they will profit by playing a waiting game and are slow to tie up their crops at present values. The slight damage done by frosts in some localities will more than be overcome by higher prices.

Railroad Work Progressing.

C. J. Cook, the contractor in charge of the construction crew on the Valley & Siletz road, out from Hoskins, moved his outfit Thursday last to the Bush place where a big cut and fill is to be made around the hill at this point, says the Independence Monitor. Monday the company put a crew of men to work cleaning the right of way west from Hoskins into the timber. There is some rock work to be done along this part of the road. The surveyors that were doing the permanent location survey west from Independence, two weeks ago, finished their work on this part of the road, were sent to the west end of the line beyond Hoskins.

Artisans' Entertainment.

The members of the Dallas Artisan Lodge, who are somewhat noted entertainers, will have an open meeting of the lodge on Monday next, to which the public is invited. A program will be given, followed by a basket social and dance. The program will start at 8.30 o'clock. Following is the program:—Selection, High School orchestra; reading, Mrs. H. H. Volheim; solo, Pearl Owings; selection, Male quartette; reading, Mrs. F. G. Simonton; selection, Girls' High School quartette; violin solo, Jack Eakin; solo, Elva Lucas; selection, High School orchestra; sale of baskets, and lunch time; dancing.

Odd Fellows Visit Sheridan

Sheridan Sun:—A. V. R. Snyder and J. E. Richter were two Dallas representatives at the Odd Fellows meeting held here Saturday evening. The former is an old newspaper man in these parts and rocked Moses in the cradle of the deep when he was rescued from the bull fishes some years ago. The latter is a democrat but can smile as serenely as a republican, and confidently expects to keep right on smiling, even after he is nominated for county treasurer in Old Polk.

Adding to Garage Building.

The increasing business of the Dallas Garage on Jefferson street, between Court and Washington, conducted by Mr. Thomas Catherwood, demanding additional housing facilities, Mr. D. J. Riley has under construction an addition 62 x 76 feet to the present building, affording accommodations to sixty-five automobiles. The present garage has a housing capacity of twenty machines. The addition, like the main structure, is of concrete and will necessitate an expenditure of about \$2,000.

Makes Second Application.

Senator Chamberlain made another application on the War Department to convert the Oregon Coast Artillery into infantry for service, if needed in Mexico. He said if the request was not granted he believed a bill containing provisions under which the transfer could be made would be passed by Congress.

School Is Making Furniture.

The school at Falls City has a department for turning out furniture, and is placing various articles on the market. Benches, book-cases, cabinets, writing tables and chairs are among the output for the past two weeks, which were sold to the business men. The school has been aided financially by the new work.

Hen Lays Big Egg.

A Black Minorca hen, belonging to C. A. Dick, tried to beat the world's record one day last week by laying an egg that measured seven and three-fourths by six and one-eighth inches. As far as anybody knows no hen ever laid a bigger egg, says the Independence Monitor.

Road in Bad Shape.

County Roadmaster J. W. Finn has heard from Mr. Stick-in-the-Mud, over near the Wallace orchards on the McMinville-Salem highway. This is one of the most important roads in Polk county, and several places

thereon are said to be a disgrace. The particular place referred to near the Wallace orchards is in a community that has always contributed handsomely nearly every year. Hundreds of yards of gravel have gone on this road for maintenance without cost to the county and in view of this fact the county court will seriously consider the construction of an improved highway at this point.

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