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MAILED SCORES GIVEN

CHILDREN CAPTURE ONE-NINTH STATE FAIR PRIZES

By Stump and Edwin Brown
As Mentioned—State Winners
Set O. A. C. Court Couraa.

Only one fourth of the 250 prizes set for juveniles at last week's fair was won by Polk youngsters. Not content with sweeping everything before them in the juvenile club exhibits some of the children entered into the general competition—and won. Two Polk boys, Roy Stump and Edwin Brown, particularly, were rewarded.

The prize winners were: poultry, Hugh Middleton, first on ducks, project; George Byarsley, first on leghorns; Martha Brown, second on white leghorns; Willie Maekie, first on white leghorns; Delbert, first in brown leghorns; Frank, second in brown leghorns; Russell Alsip, first in chickens, club project; Black Minornas; Russell Alsip, first in turkeys, club work. Bethann received first in canning, club project; Eleanor Pertwood, second in pig, club project; Earl Cooley, first on dairy herd record, club project; Joe Jennings, first in juvenile bread baking; Hazel Bursell, first in apple jelly, three glasses; Marie, second in juvenile jelly, three glasses; Ester M. Winters, third in apple jelly, three glasses; Hazel Ball, second in home beautification, club project; Levi McKee, first in baked box apples; Russell Alsip, first in juvenile potato entries; Albert Hicks, first in potatoes, club project; Orville Embree, fourth in apples, club project; Edwin Brown, first in grain seed production, club project; May McDonald, first in juvenile hand and machine-made dress; Wanda Elliott, second in hand and machine-made dress; Wanda Elliott, first in hand-made apron; Bertha, first in club baking; Raymond, second in cabbage; Cecil, second in cabbage; Del Alexander, second in cabbage; Violet Hatfield, first in cabbage; Frederick Hardt, first in cabbage; Gertrude Hardt, fourth in cabbage; Clifford Calkins, class A, first in pie pumpkins; William Ed, fifth in pie pumpkins; John, fourth in pie pumpkins; Carl, second in pie pumpkins; Kenneth Bursell, third in class B, watermelons; Albert, second in class A; Homer Borsell, first in class A, watermelons; Wanda Elliott, fourth in watermelon; Wanda Elliott, second in fruit and vegetable canning, juvenile; Leona, third in fruit and vegetable canning, juvenile; Kenneth Bursell, third in stock squash; John Jones, fifth in stock squash; Gilbert Loy, second in stock squash; Harley Nelson, third in stock squash; Paul Brown, third in bird house, home handicraft; Raleigh Middleton, fourth in field corn, juvenile; Hugh Middleton, third in vegetable canning, club project; Homer Bursell, fourth in vegetable gardening, club project; Irene Lewis, second in club baking; May McDonald, fourth in club baking; Agnes Huffman, first in machine-made dress.

INSTITUTE NEXT WEEK

TEACHERS FROM 75 SCHOOLS WILL ATTEND MEETING.

County Children Will Be Given Holiday for Three Days, Beginning Monday.

Beginning next Monday morning at 9 o'clock teachers of the 73 school districts in Polk county, including more than 75 schools, will hold their annual institute in the Dallas high school. During the time that institute is in session, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, all of the schools of the county, including the Dallas city schools, will be dismissed so that teachers may be free to attend all sessions of the meeting. Almost 200 teachers from all parts of the county are expected to attend.

The program for the institute has been announced by County School Superintendent Reynolds showing a list of instructors which includes J. A. Churchhill, state superintendent, of Salem; P. L. Campbell, president of the University of Oregon; J. H. Ackerman, president of the state normal, Monmouth; Earl Kilpatrick, University of Oregon; Frederick Berthold, Oregon Agricultural college; Joseph K. Hart, Reed college, Portland; M. S. Pitman, state normal, Monmouth; Miss Alice McIntosh, state normal, Monmouth; Miss Katie Arbuthnot, state normal, Monmouth; S. S. Duncann, superintendent Yamhill county, McMinnville; Wm. Smith, superintendent Marion county, Salem; T. H. Gentle, state normal, Monmouth; Miss Fox, Washington; H. C. Seymour, state agent club work, Corvallis; Mrs. H. H. Heller, boys' and girls' aid society, Portland; L. P. Harrington, state superintendent's office, Salem; E. H. Hedrick, principal Monmouth high school; Chas. H. Jones, Oregon school journal, Salem; and Floyd D. Moore, supervisor, Polk county, Oregon.

REV. BENNETT TO LEAVE SOON.

Will Start for Klamath Falls Next Thursday.

Rev. and Mrs. Geo. H. Bennett will leave next week Thursday for their home in Klamath Falls, Oregon. Mr. Bennett will assume his duties as pastor of the First Methodist church on Sunday, October 15th. His daughter, Arlene, who is teaching school in the West Salem district, will spend the fore part of the week with them while attending the county teachers' institute here. During their residence of three years in Dallas, the Bennetts have made many fast friends, who sincerely regret their departure, but wish them the most of happiness and success in their new home.

At the recent Methodist conference at Lebanon, Rev. Bennett extended an invitation from the people of Dallas to hold next year's conference in this city. An invitation which was met with the consideration and much approval of the delegates. At the close of his invitation, however, Mr. Bennett announced that "he had just received a wireless message" which prompted him to ask the convention to hold the conference at his home in Springfield. It was his unanimous decision for next year's conference. Mr. Bennett explains that "his wireless message" was that he had become

aware he was to be changed from Dallas to some other point, and in asking that Springfield be made the choice of the next meeting he did so because he did not wish to saddle a big convention of this kind upon a new man here. Had Rev. Bennett remained in Dallas this city would, without doubt, have been host to 200 or more Oregon ministers next fall.

Fire Does \$30 Damage.

Fire at the J. C. Gross farm home on Red Prairie, 10 miles north of here and 7 miles south of Sheridan, last week Wednesday did damage to the amount of \$30 in the kitchen before it was discovered. The fire was thought to have started from live tobacco ashes which fell into a drawer in the dutch kitchen the evening before. The family was awakened at four in the morning by smoke and put out the blaze before it had spread to any extent. A. V. R. Snyder was out yesterday and adjusted the loss, a few cents less than \$30.

Reports Cabbage Plentiful.

Felix Comegys brought in a wagon-load of cabbage from his farm between Perrydale and Ballston yesterday. He says the ton which the wagon on held, was taken from his garden and hardly made a hole in the patch, so plentiful is the vegetable.

START MILITIA DRILLS

OFFICERS WILL CROWD IN 24 BEFORE JANUARY.

Under Federal Government Soldiers Are Well Paid For Practices. Payment After 24 Meetings

Company L drilled Tuesday night for the first time since the return from the border. In order to complete 24 drills before January 1 the officers will call drills twice a week. Twenty-four are required under the direct federal supervision now in effect before salary payment is made. In salary and maintenance Company L will bring into the city over \$4,000 a year. Privates receive \$1 a drill night; corporals about \$1.35; sergeants about \$1.87; and cooks about \$1.87. Payment of officers has not been announced yet but it is thought they will receive about one-fourth of their salary in actual service. This would be about \$35.25 a month for second lieutenants; \$43.75 for first lieutenants; and \$50 for captains.

START CUTTING TIMBER.

Falls City Company Put Logging Crews to Work Monday.

Cutting of timber by the Falls City Lumber & Logging company, the new owners of the former Falls City Lumber company, began on Monday of this week when several logging crews were put to work in the company's timber, about seven miles back of Falls City. Announcement has not been made as to the extent of timber to be cut this year, but it is expected that train crews will soon be put on the company's railroad to haul the logs to the mill pond at the big Falls City mill. It is stated that a large quantity of the logs will be banked until more definite arrangements are made for the mill's opening, and for that purpose large derricks are now being erected at the mill pond for piling the logs as they are brought in. Repairs on the mill proper are also being made, and a shay engine is being overhauled and rebuilt for the coming work.

Council Approves Bonds.

At a special meeting of the city council last night bonds in the sum of \$3,328.56, to pay for the cement sidewalk improvement in the city the past summer, were approved. A rate of 14 cents a foot was set for those property owners who paid their assessment in cash and 14½ cents for those who bond. The bill of Dave Reilly for reimbursement for the building of sidewalk from the property line to the street was disallowed and the bill for curbing was allowed.

Tax Collections Are Good.

Sheriff John Orr and deputies report that the tax collections this year are surpassing those of last year. Yesterday, the last day on which the second half of the taxes could be paid without incurring a penalty, was a busy one for deputy sheriffs Richt and Hooker.

APPLE PACKING BEGINS

EWING BROS. BEGIN WORK AT BARHAM WAREHOUSE.

Expect to Ship Out Seven or Eight Carloads to California and Eastern Markets.

Ewing Brothers began packing apples at the Barham warehouse yesterday morning for the Polk County Fruitgrowers' association and are at present employing five experienced girls in handling the fruit for them. This year's pack will be composed principally of Kings, Baldwins and Spitzenbergs, although some Northern Spys, Ben Davis, King Davis, Winter Bananas and Rome Beauties will be boxed. The apple crop is quite large this season with the color good and the quality good where orchards have had proper care. The quality on the whole, however, will be that of the average year. Seven or eight carloads will be packed by the firm, all of which are shipped through the Western Oregon Fruit Distributors' association. Some of the apples will go to California and the balance to eastern markets. It is expected that it will take about three weeks to conclude the pack, and the first car will go out the fore part of next week.

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CAPITAL HIGHWAY IMPROVED.

Spring Valley Roadwork Completes Salem-Portland Route.

V. A. Cochran, supervisor of the Spring Valley road district, was in the city Wednesday and reports the roadwork in his vicinity about completed. A little roading is still being done on the Hill road to Salem. From the Yamhill county line, this way, Mr. Cochran reports, a distance of about a mile and a half, the Capital highway has been improved this year. This will make the supervisor says, a good and completed Capital highway from Salem to Portland as soon as a few rains settle the roadbed.

DELEGATES FOR CONFERENCE.

Will Attend Fairbanks Meeting in Portland Today.

The Dallas chapter of the Hughes Alliance has appointed the following delegates to attend the statewide conference in Portland today and to hear Chas. W. Fairbanks, republican nominee for vice-president, at the Portland armory tonight: M. D. Ellis, Mrs. M. D. Ellis, Mrs. A. L. Longnecker, Mrs. E. E. Ellsworth, Mrs. H. B. Shriver, Mrs. Jesse Barham, M. G. Ellis, E. C. Kirkpatrick, Ed. F. Coad, Walter L. Tooze, Jr., Mrs. F. E. Card and Geo. W. McBea.

The morning session of the conference will be devoted to the election of permanent officers, and the afternoon session will be given over to talks by Congressmen Hawley, Sennett and McArthur.

Weldon Black Indicted.

The grand jury yesterday returned an indictment against Weldon Black,

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HOMER KELLEMS
Song leader of the "Sunshine Evangelists," who will begin protracted meetings at the Dallas Christian church next Sunday.

driver of the automobile which killed C. S. Hatch at the corner of Main and Washington streets early Sunday morning, September 10, charging Black with manslaughter. Black was arraigned yesterday morning and the time for entering plea was set for Monday at 1:30 p. m. Walter L. Tooze, Jr., has been retained to defend Black.

Visits After 30 Years.

C. E. Dickey of Suver was in Dallas yesterday. This is his first visit here since September, 1885, and he reports a great change in the county seat. Dust was knee deep when he was here 31 years ago, he stated, and he saw but two places in the city which he recalled as part of Dallas at that time. Mr. Dickey has spent his life in the Coast states and is at present farming in the Suver district.

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