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FINE FOR FLAX

STUDY FROM COM- MERCIAL STANDPOINT,

Show That Net Profits
of Flax Varies
from \$30 to \$50.

In Polk county and the Willamette valley, raising hops, are facing the prospect of securing a substitute crop, since the demand for hops has been diminished by the advertisement.

University has performed a service to the community by an exhaustive study of the flax from a commercial standpoint.

This information has been put in bulletin form and by the request and supplies of the Portland Commercial College.

Investigations and opinions of the flax valley possess the climate and the facilities to make the flax and its manufacture a profitable unit.

It shows that the advantages are equal to any other section of the flax valley of the flax districts of Belgium.

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WILL PLAY MULTNOMAH

DALLAS TO MEET PORTLAND ERS FOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

State Title To Be Decided in Two Games; First Probably In Dallas, February 3.

Dallas will play the fast basketball team of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club of Portland two games for the state championship. The first contest will probably be staged in the local armory, February 3.

Manager Fred Gooch received a letter from Portland Friday, stating that Multnomah had two open dates, February 3 and February 17 and that members of the team had consented to come to Dallas for one of them and play the other on the Multnomah floor.

Dallas has been anxious to play Multnomah ever since last year, when a dispute arose just before the game in Portland, over the referee. The referee that Multnomah wanted was unsatisfactory to Dallas but the club manager said they could play under him or go home without expenses. The game started and Multnomah won.

The local boys are going good, now, and expect to get revenge and incidentally the state title for independent teams. Both quintets have been undefeated this season and the game will probably draw a record crowd.

The locals will practice faithfully in an attempt to get into the best possible condition for the best basketball game of the year.

which the state has failed to appropriate money."

Mrs. Gerlinger has been one of the university's staunchest supporters and has led the work for aiding women of the university since her appointment to the board of regents.

She said that a survey of the university of Oregon by competent educators had revealed the fact that it was a standard school despite the small appropriations it had received from the state.

She said there were duplications of courses, but she also said that in a survey of the Washington State college the expert who made it asserted that such courses as commerce and domestic science should be duplicated in all state schools. As to the elimination of the commerce courses from the university of Oregon, Mrs. Gerlinger said such a thing would be ridiculous.

Laird Woods For Club Secretary.

The nominating committee of the La Creole club has named Laird Woods in their slate for secretary of the club for this year. Walter Ballantyne declined his nomination for the position. The election is to be held February 13.

Will Resume Work at State "U."

Miss Leone Williams and Miss Hazel Knight will leave the last of the week for Eugene, where they will resume their studies at the state university. Both girls will graduate in June.

DEATH COMES TO PIONEER.

P. R. Winslow Was Resident of Valley Since 1874.

Paris R. Winslow, a resident of the Willamette valley since 1874, died Friday morning at ten o'clock at the family home near Lincoln, in this county. Mr. Winslow was a well known churchman and also prominent as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Deceased was born in Damscotta, Maine, April 21, 1846. Both parents died when he was still a boy and he enlisted in the army as a drummer boy, at about the age of 12. He served in the Fifteenth infantry and Nineteenth army corps during the civil war for a period of four and one-half years. The latter part of this time, during the reconstruction period, being spent in South Carolina.

In 1867 Mr. Winslow came west, traveling by boat to the Isthmus of Panama and by train across the Isthmus, then on into California. Here he remained a few weeks, but finally located in the Sound region. Seven years later he came to the Willamette valley. In 1875 he was married to Addie Vandevort, at the farm home in Polk county and has lived in that community ever since.

Mr. Winslow became a member of the Methodist church at Klickitat, Wash., during the pastorate of J. H. B. Royal and was a well-known class leader at the Highland Methodist church in this county, for over twenty years. His home was the accustomed stopping place of the traveling ministers of former days.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Addie V. Winslow, and six children: Mrs. Clyde Nelson of Los Angeles, George P. Winslow of Tillamook, Mrs. Oliver Whitney, W. C. Winslow, H. R. Winslow and F. A. Winslow, all of Salem.

The funeral was held from the First Methodist church, Salem, Monday, at 1:30 o'clock. Rev. R. N. Avis officiating. Interment was made in City View cemetery.

Osteopaths Of Six Counties Organize.

An organization of osteopathic physicians of Polk, Yamhill, Linn, Benton, Marion and Lane counties was effected in Salem Saturday. Physicians from all these counties were present. The society will meet monthly; the next meeting will be at McMinnville, February 24.

All Oregon Troops Coming Home.

The last of the Oregon contingent on the Mexican border were ordered home Saturday, according to a telegram received by Major W. W. Williams, acting Adjutant General, from Senator George E. Chamberlain. There are at present on the border the troops of Battery A and the cavalry troops of Troop A. In the battery there are about 165 men and in the troop about 104. They are stationed at Calexico. The men will bring back 64 head of horses, which will be turned over to the state for use in military drill in the future.

MEMBERSHIP GOING UP WOULD RETAIN MICKLE

COMMERCIAL CLUB COMMITTEE IS RECEIVING RESPONSE

Increased Interest Manifested; Membership Will Probably Reach Highest Stage.

Membership in the Dallas Commercial club will probably reach its highest stage as the result of the campaign being conducted by the finance committee, which is composed of Tracy Staats, F. E. Davis and R. U. Steelquist.

"We have been getting a very satisfactory response both in subscriptions and in the increased interest that is everywhere manifest," said Mr. Steelquist, in speaking of the campaign. "As a result of the stronger organization that will be made possible, the club expects to assume many of the smaller burdens that have been falling on the shoulders of its members."

The club hopes to centralize the distribution of funds for organizations like the band, basketball and baseball teams, and the like. As it is now, each new enterprise of a semi-public nature that is launched, gets up a subscription paper and makes a tour of the business houses. The new plan would centralize the distribution of available funds and prove more equitable, it is thought.

It is proposed to revive and make more rigid the authorization of solicitors by the commercial club. Any new enterprise or business proposition that affects the business men in general will be referred to a committee of the club for consideration, and the committee's report will be final guidance for the solicitor. Representatives of these concerns will be shown a sign on the wall, which will refer them to the Commercial club. This system has been in operation before but will be revived and strictly adhered to, according to the recommendation of the finance committee.

The committee will make its report to the club at the next regular meeting. It has canvassed approximately 75 per cent of the town, now.

GRANGE OPPOSES REDUCING OUTLAY FOR EDUCATION.

Passes Resolution Favoring Bounty on Gophers and Moles; Master and Secretary Re-elected.

Reductions in expenditure for agricultural education are opposed by the Polk county Pomona Grange, according to a resolution passed at the annual installation meeting Saturday in Monmouth. The resolution was introduced by Mrs. Braden and passed unanimously. The resolution covers all agricultural education in the schools, boys and girls club work and the extension department work of the Oregon Agriculture college, in particular.

The Grange also passed a resolution favoring W. V. Fuller's house bill providing a bounty for gophers and moles in Polk county. More than 25,000 gopher and mole scalps were brought into the county clerk of Marion county's office during the first week of the bounty provision. The advocates of the bill think that similar conditions exist in Polk county.

State Dairy and Food Commissioner Mickle and his work were praised by the members and the Grange voted to retain him and against consolidating the office with any other.

The main talk of the day was given by Marketmaster C. J. Hurd of Eugene. He suggested the possibilities of Grange work in relation to co-operation, farm development, legislation and membership. Mr. Hurd advocated co-operation in marketing, buying, wool-pooling and other activities.

Mrs. Minnie E. Bond, lecturer of the Oregon State Grange and editor of the Grange Bulletin, gave a short talk on Grange work.

The installation was held in the morning. P. O. Powell of Monmouth was re-installed as master and Mrs. White of McCoy as secretary. Five new members were initiated into the Pomona degree of the Grange. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Robinson of Oak Grove in the absence of the Master, who was attending a dairy meeting in Portland. The business was not finished until 11:30 p. m.; two recesses were taken for refreshments.

OREGON POWER HANDICAPPED.

Company Must Submit Plans of Construction To Federal Court.

Operating under the supervision of the Federal court Manager R. U. Steelquist, of the Oregon Power company in this city, has to submit every contemplated piece of construction work in Dallas and his territory to the court for approval. This procedure is made necessary under the regime of the receivership which has charge of the company's affairs.

The company has not been prospering lately and a friendly receivership went into effect to investigate the company's affairs and reorganize it along lines conducive to capital re-adjustment and greater returns for the capital invested. The same standards of service have been maintained at the same rates but the internal affairs are being improved.

The company's branch offices are somewhat handicapped by the arrangement but have reason to believe that the receivership will soon be lifted, and the company placed on a sounder financial basis.

Play Will Aid School Finances.

"Peg O' My Heart" will be staged by the student body of Dallas high school in about three weeks, in an effort to raise money for the student body treasury, which is sadly depleted. Parts have not been assigned as yet, but Miss Gladys Cartwright, who is to direct the play, says that they will be given out soon and rehearsals will start.

PROHIBITION LECTURE HERE SUNDAY.

R. P. Hutton, secretary of the state Anti-Saloon league, talked to the congregations of the Christian and Baptist churches, Sunday, on the subject of prohibition.

POSTMASTER MAY LOSE JOB.

State Central Committee Met Saturday to Parcel out Political Plums.

Postmaster V. P. Fiske, along with many other postmasters and federal officers in Oregon, may not receive recommendations for re-appointment to the U. S. postoffice as result of the action of the state Democratic

central committee in Portland Saturday.

The meeting was held in the office of Judge Samuel White, chairman of the democratic state central committee and was attended by prominent democrats from over the state. The committee's recommendations bear considerable weight with congressmen in making their selections.

Postmasters Hueckstein of Salem, Stewart of Albany and Campbell of Eugene are in about the same boat as Mr. Fiske. They may and they may not be blessed with their brother politicians' good feeling. Portland democrats are sure that Frank S. Myers, who plucked a \$6000 plum at the meeting a year ago is not in line for such a choice morsel at this session. George R. Watson, ex-Democratic county chairman of Multnomah county is being backed for the head of the Portland postoffice.

Married at Presbyterian Manse.

Christian Klebey and Mrs. Annie Welton were married at the Presbyterian manse last Saturday morning by Rev. D. A. MacKenzie. They are residents of the country south of the city and will make their home on Mr. Klebey's ranch, three miles south.

Doctor's Worst Case in Own Family.

Dr. A. B. Starbuck says his worst cases in the measles epidemic, that has been raging in Dallas for the past two months, were in his own family. He reports that Mrs. Starbuck and the baby are improving.

FEW SHIPMENTS NOW

DALLASITES GO DRY EARLY; NO SHIPMENT SATURDAY.

Either Time is Not Up For Boozers Lovers or They Have Become Resigned To Fate.

Not a single package of booze was received by the Dallas Wells Fargo agent Saturday. Either the time is not up for local booze lovers or they have become resigned to their fate, early.

The shipment business reached its high water mark the first of last week; there were 25 packages for delivery Monday. Since then, however, the number has steadily decreased until Saturday, when liquor became a minus quantity around the Wells Fargo office.

The "bone-dry" bill was passed by the house yesterday and the state feels that the end of the importation period is not far away. After the bill goes to the governor and he signs it, express offices will be given five days to get in shipments now on the way and thirty days to clear their office of liquor. Any packages of booze that are left on hand, uncalled for must be shipped back to the wholesalers within this 30-day limit.

Dallas is one of the most temperate towns in the state, according to traveling men, who have witnessed the flurry of the past month in other Oregon towns. Over a hundred liquor deliveries are made each day in The Dalles and Pendleton. Express offices, in general, throughout the state report rushing business, the greater part of which is booze shipments. City police judges are having more cases of drunkenness these days than they have since the state first went dry, but no such condition exists in Dallas.

H. E. Harrison, local Wells Fargo agent, anticipates no trouble in conforming to the "bone-dry" law within the time specified.

TO TEACH PRUNING THURSDAY

Fruit Growers' Association Invites Public to Witness Demonstration

Professor Brown of the horticulture department of Oregon Agricultural college will give a pruning demonstration Thursday on the Frank Harris farm. Professor Brown's work will be done under the auspices of the Polk County Fruit Growers' association.

The demonstration will be preceded by a lecture at ten o'clock in the morning, at which time there will be a round table study of the problems of local orchardists.

Exhibition pruning of apples, cherries, pears, walnuts and prunes will be shown in the afternoon at one o'clock.

Up Apples; Plants Prunes.

James Boydston is a firm believer in Polk county prunes. Mr. Boydston has started to dig up half of his 12-acre apple orchard and plant it to prunes. His farm is about a mile from Dallas, to the west.

DAIRYMEN FACING RUIN

POLK MILK COMPANIES COMPLAIN AGAINST 12c CHARGE

Public Service Commission Will Ask Wells Fargo Co. To Cut Rate Over Inter-County Bridge.

Dairies in West Salem, which have been supplying milk to some 600 families in Salem, will have to go out of business unless the 12c, a case rate which the Wells Fargo Express company is charging them is lowered immediately.

The Public Service Commission of Oregon will file a complaint against the express company to secure an investigation of the rates charged on shipments of milk across the bridge, unless the Polk and Marion county courts sign a contract for the construction of the bridge immediately.

The Southern Pacific company has agreed to allow its railroad bridge to be plank for vehicle traffic as soon as the county courts have made a signed contract to construct an inter-county bridge, but the two courts have been unable to agree upon the type of bridge. Polk county is holding for a concrete structure and Marion favors a steel one.

If the contract is signed the public service commission will not file its complaint as the investigation could not be made, a hearing held and orders made, according to the time limits prescribed by law before the time that the planking of the bridge could be finished, which would obviate the necessity of any express shipments of milk.

Dairymen in West Salem have complained to the public service commission that the express company has established a rate of 12 cents a case, which, if continued, will put the dairymen out of business. Allegations are made that the rates are unjust, discriminatory and prohibitive to continued transportation of milk by express.

The commission sent a telegram to K. N. Lockwood, traffic manager of the Wells Fargo company in San Francisco asking that the rate be made 5 cents which is the tariff sought by the dairymen. Mr. Lockwood replied that the 12 cent rate was established in an emergency, that it is lower than regular rates and is only slightly higher than freight rates. He said the company felt that the shipper should share some of the burden of the emergency.

The hearing, if the complaint is filed, will be held February 5.

JOHN FOSTER SERIOUSLY HURT

Cheek Bone Smashed in When Car Goes Over Embankment.

John Foster was operated on at the Dallas hospital Saturday in an attempt to raise his cheek bone, which was smashed in by contact with a stump, as his Ford car went over an embankment, Thursday.

Mr. Foster started to take his son, Ed, to the hospital for an operation on a diseased bone in his arm. He cranked the car and the lever slipped and the car went into high gear just as the engine started. The car started over an embankment and Mr. Foster jumped but was caught by the guard and hurled over the embankment, alighting on a stump with his cheek foremost.

The injury is a painful one and hard to correct but there were no signs of brain complication Saturday.

TO ADVERTISE POLK PRUNES.

Fruit Association and Commercial Club Will Co-operate in Plan.

Polk county prunes will be given away each day at the state fair next year if the plan of W. L. Soehren, who was appointed head of the committee on advertisement for the prune, is carried out.

Mr. Soehren suggested this plan last year but it was too late to take it up. The last night of the fair, however, the Polk county exhibit was taken down, and some prunes placed in front of the booth, with the sign: "Take one." A bushel disappeared in half an hour, and most of the crowd had gone home, too. Wasco county used this plan to advertise their grapes last year, and met with great success.

Another feature of the committee's plan is to co-operate with the commercial club in getting out a little booklet, describing the uses the prune may be put to in preparing food. Recipes for canning the prune and making tempting desserts, with illustrations, will be the features of the booklet.