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Oregon Almanac Will Give Information About State

JAPAN AND CHINA WANT DAIRY STOCK

All Parts of the State Reporting Business Gains Since Election is Over.

PORTLAND, ORE., Nov. 12.—A work more complete and authoritative than any other statistical book ever printed on the resources of Oregon is now on the press and will be issued within a week. It is the Oregon almanac and will be printed by the Oregon State Immigration Commission, after the most careful compilation. It will be distributed to not less than half a million people all over the country who are desirous of learning more about this state and what it offers to the settler. The forthcoming book is one of 100 pages, with 20 pages given to statistical maps and diagrams. Great care has been taken to insure the accuracy of every statement made, so that it will serve as an absolutely correct authority for reference. The book deals with every phase of the resources of the state and will give a splendid idea of what the newcomer will find here, being particularly interesting to the farmer.

There will be keen competition between dairymen exhibiting stock at the Pacific International Dairy Show to capture the two handsome silver cups, offered by the Northern Pacific and the O. W. R. & N. Co., the former for the best cow over three years old, any breed, and the latter for best senior heifer in the show. These cups are said to be works of art and will arouse much interest.

Young men from the Oregon Agricultural College will engage in an oratorical contest at the Pacific Northwest Land Products Show, the subject to be Horticultural Production of the Pacific Northwest. A cash prize of \$100 is offered. A large number of the O. A. C. students will also compete in the apple judging contest.

Japan and China want Oregon dairy stock for their farming districts. Japanese dairymen are now negotiating with Portland breeders to secure stock here and recently a high official of the Chinese Department of Agriculture left commissions in Portland for the purchase of dairy cattle to be shipped to that country during the winter.

Rogue River apples are in demand in far-away Copenhagen. A carload has been ordered from the Rogue River Fruit and Produce Association as a result of a shipment made there last year, which was disposed of to Danish royalty.

Now that the election is over, every section of the state is reporting business gains. The effect of the balloting was discounted, it seems, before election day and there was never a Presidential election that had such a small effect on business as the one just passed.

Better roads will eventually result for Oregon even though all that was desired was not realized at the last election in the way of good roads measures. Some of the road bills did pass and friends of good roads work expect the beginning that has been made to result in a definite highway policy that will mean permanent improvement.

Minister Assaulted

The following is taken from the Little Falls Optimist of Nov. 8. Rev. W. E. Simpson being a nephew of R. H. Simpson and Mrs. Sophia Hastings of this place:

Last Sunday evening at about 9:15 o'clock, Rev. W. E. Simpson, pastor of Grace Evangelical church in this city, was attacked by a would-be assassin, who attempted to thrust a knife into the minister's left breast as the minister was leaving the back steps of the church to go to his home in the parsonage, close by.

A dim ray of light which shown from the sitting-room of the parsonage made it possible for Simpson to see the arm of a man coming down toward him, and also the blade of a knife, and he swung his left arm up in time to ward off the force of the assassin's blow, the knife glancing downward and penetrating all his clothing and merely cutting the skin about an inch in length.

Rev. Simpson is in the habit of putting the lights out after services in the evening and going out by the back door to his home in the parsonage, about 50 feet north. This was well understood by the party who attacked him, and plans were laid accordingly, and the minister's movements watched. The party took a position at the east end of the church, close to the sidewalk, where his victim would have to pass, and as the later left the corner of the church the attack was made and the coward took to his heels, running to the front of the yard and over the church porch, making an effective get away, without waiting to see if his blow was fatal.

Rev. Simpson had nothing with which to defend himself, and stood for a moment dumfounded, then proceeded to his home, telling his wife what had taken place, but did not report the matter to any one else until the following morning.

Several citizens professed to believe the deed was done by one Jack Anargee, a Hindu, with whom the preacher had an encounter on the local school grounds a few weeks ago, when the Hindu made indecent advances toward some little girls, and as a result the Hindu was ordered to leave town. With this thought in mind, a search was made for him. Rev. Simpson also went to Chehalis and reported the matter to Sheriff Foster, who called Marshal Geo. Pumphrey by phone and dispatched him to the camp of a railroad gang up the track, where the marshal claimed to have seen him at work, but later developments proved the search to be in vain.

Win Sack of Flour

The Star Theater is giving away a sack of flour each Tuesday and Thursday night. Go and get one, it costs you nothing.

City Council Proceedings.

The city council met Tuesday evening all members being present except J. L. Murdock.

After calling the meeting to order a communication from John Keating's lawyers demanding immediate settlement for the balance due him on water-works contract, also one from his sureties making demand for immediate settlement or return of security bond.

After discussing the matter a motion prevailed authorizing Mayor Powell to take up the communications with Attorney Swope in an effort to make settlement.

Next the city recorder was instructed to write the Eureka Fire Hose company that unavoidable delay in completing the water system prevents the council from making the test of the hose, but that the test will be made as soon as possible and the old chemical engine turned over to the company and payment made on balance.

Messrs. White and Lorence were appointed to take up the plans and specifications for the pump house and examine same to determine whether the cost will be excessive or not.

Messrs. Morlan and White were commissioned to look at the trees fronting the Monroe Mulkey estate on Monmouth avenue with regard to the removal of several of them, L. D. Mulkey having asked leave to take out some of them.

E. H. Lorence and A. B. Morlan were appointed a committee to enter the reservoir and examine it thoroughly to see if any defects show up.

Adjournment was then taken until next Tuesday.

Uncle Joe Rejoicing.

Mr. Editor:

I do not wish to discuss the proposition that I was 45 minutes making out my ticket, but want to say that we got there, all the same, with both feet, and if the polls had not closed when they did there is no telling where Woodrow Wilson and County Commissioner Wells would have run to.

Respectfully submitted,
Jos. Craven.

The City Well.

Drilling on the well for the city water system has been retarded during the past week on account of the rain, so that the depth is going down slowly.

The hole is now down about one hundred and fifty-five feet and the work is advancing at the rate of seven or eight feet per day, and will require several days steady work to accomplish the required depth.

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High School Notes

On Tuesday morning Mr. Evenden, a member of the faculty of the Normal school, delivered to the high school students the second number of a series of addresses on good health. It was very instructive and was especially interesting to the students, as they have been trying to follow out many of his suggestions.

The program committee is planning for a program on the lives of great women, and those in particular who have won suffrage for women. It will be rendered a week from Friday.

Mr. Livingston has arranged to have the landscape gardener from the Oregon Agriculture College plan out the high school grounds. He has promised to be here in a few weeks, and the students are looking forward with pleasure to beautifying the grounds.

This being the week for the Polk County Institute, school will be dismissed for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Many high school students attended the entertainment by Miss Katharine Ridgeway, in the Normal chapel, Wednesday evening.

The ways and means committee is trying to secure a lease on an acre of ground near the school building to be utilized for a school garden. This will be of much assistance in the teaching of the various subjects.

Some of the high school boys are constructing a wireless telegraph system on the Monmouth hotel.

Much interest was manifested by the high school students in the recent election of the President and the state officers.

Some of the high school boys have been trying to wire the building, and put in an electric bell by which to call the classes.

The high school feels much indebted to the citizens for the interest shown and the support given in various ways.

Two new students were registered Tuesday morning. Misses Lenora and Lola Miles, of Elkins, have entered, one as a Sophomore and one as a Freshman.

An Excusable Mistake.

The irascible old gentleman had ordered a chicken, but when he got it he wasn't satisfied. Some people never are.

"Waiter," he yelled, "bring a charge of dynamite and a hatchet and an extra double steam power coke hammer! This chicken's got to be carved even if it is made of Dreadnought steel."

The waiter was desolate. "Very sorry, sir," he said, "but that always was a peculiar bird. It even objected to be killed, though we always do everything with the greatest of kindness. But this bird, sir, actually flew away, and we had to shoot it, sir—yes, shoot it. It flew on to the top of a house and"—

"Say no more," said the old gentleman. "I see it all now. You shot at it and brought down the weathercock by mistake. John, my friend, all is forgiven."—Tit-Bits.

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STATE NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

Members of Faculty Busy in the Institute Work

GROUND BROKEN FOR NEW DORMITORY

Mr. A. H. Chamberlain, of San Francisco, Will Give Free Lecture Tonight.

The second number of the entertainment course, The Katherine Ridgeway Company, gave a program in the Normal assembly hall Wednesday evening, November 13. The entertainment was one of high standard and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Miss Ridgeway's presentation of her various selections was finished and cultured in the highest degree, stamping her at once as one of the leaders in that line of work on the American platform. Mr. Meyer, the baritone soloist, rendered a number of selections in a clear, pleasant voice, at once winning the sympathy and approval of the audience. Miss Desmond, pianist, in her solo selections proved herself to be a master of technique and interpretation, performing in an excellent manner some of the difficult compositions of Chopin and Bach. Her work as an accompanist was also very delightful. The large audience was thoroughly pleased with this company, and everybody voted approval of the committee's selection.

Ground was broken for the new dormitory on the Normal campus Thursday morning during the period for chapel assembly. This marks an epoch in the history of the Normal school, and was appropriately celebrated by the school and representatives of the county. Hon. Ira C. Powell and Hon. C. L. Hawley gave short talks, as did also President Ackerman, while the school participated in the exercises by singing several songs under the direction of Miss Harlan. The ground was broken by the above mentioned speakers, the president of the student body, and the presidents of the four classes. These exercises were brief, owing to the fact that it is intended to make the laying of the corner stone a time for more elaborate ceremonies.

The members of the Normal school faculty have been busy during the last week in the institute work. Pres. Ackerman attended the Institute at Salem, as did also Miss Davis and Miss McIntosh, Miss Shearer, Miss Davis, Miss Todd, Miss McIntosh, Mr. Ostien, Mr. Gentle and Pres. Ackerman attended the institute at Dallas.

Mr. A. H. Chamberlain, editor of the Sierra News, of San Francisco, and an educator of national reputation, will give a free lecture to the Normal school and the people of Monmouth in the assembly hall this (Friday) evening. It is not definitely known whether the lecture will be upon an educational subject or an illustrated lecture of some of Mr. Chamberlain's extensive travels.

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