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A Triple Decker Breeders' Program

The meeting of livestock lovers held at the Grange Hall last Friday was unique among gatherings of the kind in that it arrived at something definite and formed a workable plan for stock improvement. The need has long been felt for the wider breeding of pure stock and the elimination of scrubs. The problem has been under consideration for some weeks and the meeting Friday followed a conference of the Farm Bureau livestock project committee just a week before. The plans adopted in the main are those recommended by the committee. After being worked over by this meeting, the outline for livestock improvement was submitted to the annual meeting of the Bureau Saturday at Dallas and was approved without change.

The work takes on three phases, pure sires, tuberculosis eradication, and boys and girls club work with calves and pigs.

Almost a revolutionary proposition is the flat offer of the Farm Bureau to any breeder in good standing not now using a pure sire to exchange with him a purebred bull-calf for his scrub or grade bull now in service. The local producers of pure stuff are backing the plan to a man and the livestock project committee will arrange for placing the pure calves and for the appropriate "disposal" of the scrubs.

According to Professor E. B. Fitts, extension dairyman of the O. A. C. who addressed the meeting, the bull exchange plan has been suggested but never worked out in this way before. He predicted that Polk County would gain recognition as a progressive livestock section in this very effective manner.

The tuberculosis work is primarily educational but it is expected that it will receive legislative backing. The legislature is to be asked to prohibit the importation of untested cattle into Polk County except for immediate slaughter. A vigorous educational campaign is planned in cooperation with the newspapers, schools, churches, lodges, farm organizations and other forces. It is expected then to be able to present to the federal veterinarian a petition bearing the names of 90 per cent of the cattle owners of the county, when sufficient men to make the tests will be assigned to this territory. Tests will be made free, only transportation from farm to farm being expected of breeders.

The pig and calf club work which is under the direction of the County Superintendent of Schools, has been handicapped by lack of support and close "follow up" during the season. Children enter enthusiastically into club work but must have moral support and personal supervision from others interested in order to carry thru to the close

Items of Interest At Oregon Normal

About ninety students left last Friday for Portland and way points on the special train which the Southern Pacific Company so kindly placed at their disposal. The return train leaving Portland at four o'clock will be extended to return to Monmouth by way of Dallas, Sunday evening, January 2.

Very few of the students are remaining in Monmouth during the holidays and practically all of the faculty are away. Quite a number of the faculty are planning to attend the State Teachers' Association to be held in Portland, December 29, 30 and 31.

The Normal purchased the Remington property for the use of the Normal. For the present it will be occupied by members of the faculty and students, but in all probability it will eventually be used for an infirmary.

President Ackerman and his office force have been busy during the vacation preparing the annual catalog and also the budget for the ensuing year. The catalog has been sent to the printer and in due time will be ready for distribution.

The Normal takes this opportunity of thanking the citizens of Monmouth for their helpfulness and splendid cooperation during the past year and wishes each and every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The residence of W. D. Miller in north Independence was burned Friday night. The house was unoccupied and was only partially insured. The owner living in Portland.

Each member of the livestock project committee now becomes local club leader. County Superintendent Wills is gratified at the active and sane cooperation of the Bureau and feels that Polk County will become a leader in club activities.

Warde Reminiscences Of Life On The Stage

"Fifty Years of Make-Believe", the lecture by Frederick Warde proved to be one of the best which the Normal lyceum committee is accustomed to present from time to time. Mr. Warde has been here before and many have heard him elsewhere during his career on the stage and lecture platform and he has a large circle of admirers who do not lose an opportunity to hear him. His lecture last Thursday night in the Normal chapel was well attended.

For an hour and a half he took the audience with him behind the footlights and related many interesting, and at times, most ridiculously funny incidents. His first appearance on the stage, he said, was in a stock company in a sea shore town on the north English coast and he was cast for the "second murderer" in Macbeth. He raised a number of laughs with a description of his stage fright on that occasion, and following that told of his coming to America and his associations with Charlotte Cushman, McCullagh, Booth, Barrett, Christine Nielson and Douglas Fairbanks.

Fairbanks first appeared on the stage in a production of which Warde was manager and was given the job by the latter. He told how Miss Nielson in one performance knocked him over by her vigorous embrace while playing the "Lady of Lyons" and how the audience thought the impromptu act so irresistibly funny that all roared with laughter so uncontrolled in their merriment that the play had to be abandoned for the rest of the evening. He told of his company's experience with mosquitoes while playing in Roman costumes in Bismarck, N. D. He also told of his experiences with Edwin Booth playing Hamlet in the south when the country was poverty stricken and "properties" for theatricals unknown and where at times a turnip,

County Judge Recall Gets Start in Dallas

The convention called in the interest of a recall for the county judge took place as scheduled in Dallas last Saturday afternoon and it was a meeting that was peculiar in many ways. A recalling campaign was decided on and a candidate named to run but the proceedings were conducted by delegates that represented a minority of the county. Only fourteen of the thirty seven election precincts had official delegates present and for the most part they came from the more sparsely sheltered area on the west side of the county.

"Lumber truck men" said a spectator, intimating that the opposition to Judge Robinson came from mill men who were interested in hauling logs over the highways. Nevertheless all sections of the county were represented and although a decided effort had apparently been made to pack the meeting in the interest of the judge, a test taken during the afternoon demonstrated that a majority of the spectators were not for him. Many were there in addition to the delegates who sympathized with the movement but wanted to be shown that there was strength back of it sufficient to warrant a boost. Whether they were persuaded or not remains to be seen.

The convention organized with Editor Koen of the Dallas Observer as chairman and Hugh Black as secretary. The court room was crowded and people stood in the rear of the room. That interest was great was soon manifest for barely was an organization perfected than people in various parts of the room demanded attention with remarks largely of a critical nature and some which bore rather hard on the chairman of the meeting and the delegates assembled. It was rather hard to pick out the latter as they were scattered through the crowd. But credentials were promptly produced and under direction of the chairman a motion was passed shutting out outside discussion.

This served like a red rag before a bull and finally when the delegates had left the room to caucus on a choice for recall candidate, Attorney Glen Holman proposed that a second meeting be held, following the first at which the crowd in general be privileged to let out some of the steam that surged within them. At each opportunity the Robinson men made demonstrations by hand clapping, cheers and stamping feet.

The delegates soon reappeared and proceeded to name J. F. Ullrich as the candidate for recall.

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Mr. Warde's comment on the art of public speaking of distinct enunciation and the proper use of the vocal organ was very timely.

