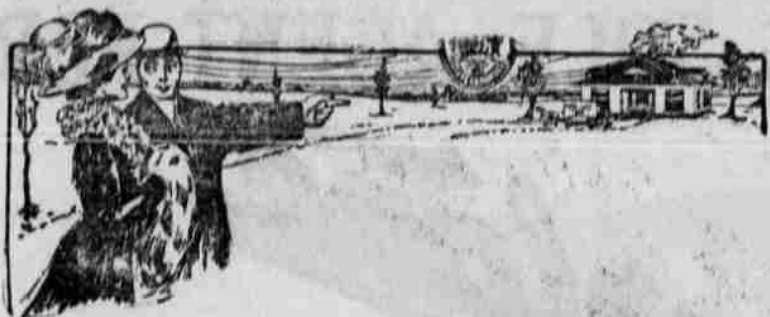




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IRRIGATION MEET POPULAR.

Call to Congress Here Wins Response From All State.

Portland—Answers to the call issued last week for an irrigation congress to be held in Portland, February 19, 20 and 21, are being received in steadily increasing volume at the Commercial club promotion bureau in Portland, which indicates a widespread and active interest in the coming meeting.

William M. Colvig, president and manager of the Medford Commercial club visited the Portland Commercial club recently to inquire about the coming congress and declared that Medford would issue an invitation urging the congress to meet for its second annual session in Medford.

William Pollman wrote from Baker acknowledging the receipt of the call for the congress and said he would come to Portland at an early date to communicate with officers of the Oregon Development league regarding the delegation of representatives to be sent from his territory. Other letters and communications of a similar nature have also been received. John H. Lewis, state engineer, and H. C. Brodie, assistant secretary of the Desert land board, will both be in attendance throughout the sessions.

Full information as to the extent of the attendance from all sections of the state is expected to be in within the next two weeks and officers of the Development league will make complete plans for the program of the congress at that time.

ROSE SHOW PLANS MADE.

Society to Engage Armory for Three Days in Festival Week.

Portland—Special plans have been laid by the classification committee of the Portland Rose Society in the office of Alfred Tucker, secretary, in the Sherlock building, to capture the exhibits for the annual show from the small householders. A tentative option has been taken on the armory for June 12, 13, and 14, days in the latter part of Rose Festival week. More than \$4,000 will be expended on the show, which it is hoped to make self-supporting, not only by the membership fees but by admission charges.

The harmonious relations existing between the society and the Rose Festival association have been cemented and an agreement has been made by which the Rose Show shall be an entirely exclusive function, but one that will have any possible deficit defrayed by the Rose Festival funds.

Floral displays by nurserymen of a character other than roses will be barred from the show, but a special provision has been made that nurserymen, being professional exhibitors, may display both hothouse and field roses. Unusually fine trophies will be hung up for these exhibits.

Asylum Will Use Oleomargarine.

Salem—Hereafter oleomargarine instead of butter will be used at the State asylum for the insane. In this connection the agent for the oleomargarine company secured the contract principally by "slipping one over" on Superintendent Steiner.

Superintendently he succeeded in replacing the butter supply in the superintendent's refrigerator with oleomargarine and the family used it unknowingly for several days. When this became known to the superintendent he tried the same plan on officials and members of the staff with like success.

Superintendent Steiner says that the change from butter to oleomargarine will result in a saving of several thousands of dollars on the maintenance fund. The oleo can be secured for 21 cents a pound, and butter is now at practically 40 cents. The maintenance fund is now about \$9,000 ahead of the appropriation, but Superintendent Steiner says radical measures will have to be used to keep out the red figures during the coming year.

Eugene Plans Big Fair.

Eugene—In the expectation of securing the district fair for Eugene this year, the Lane County Fair board is planning for an extra large fair this fall, and E. M. Warren has been appointed to attend the meeting of the second Southern Oregon Fair board at Roseburg. Two years ago, failing to get the fair, Eugene organized a county board, provided grounds and held a very creditable exposition. A larger fair was held last year. The county court gave \$2,000, and this, it is expected, will be repeated this year.

Foreclosure Suit Is Big

Cottage Grove—Probably the largest foreclosure suit ever brought in Lane county was taken under advisement by Judge Harris, in the circuit court at Eugene this week. The case is the Trust Company of America vs. the Oregon & Southeastern railroad, and is for \$300,000. The trust company holds the bonds of the railroad issued under a first mortgage for the amount stated. The road runs from Cottage Grove to Disston, a distance of 20 miles.

Eugene Secures Big Plant.

Eugene—A. C. Mathews is clearing the ground for a building 100 feet square to be erected for the Cement Tile company of Grants Pass, which is to move its plant here. Land has been leased from Mr. Mathews adjoining his rock crusher, on the river bank.

POULTRY PROFITS LARGE.

Stanfield Man Makes Big Financial Success at Business.

Stanfield—F. M. Curtis, living five miles west of Stanfield, a prominent poultry breeder, is increasing his incubator plant. He is preparing to install a mammoth plant of 6,000-egg capacity. Heat will be provided by means of a boiler and hot water. All the old oil-burner 400-egg machines which he now has will be discarded.

Not quite five years ago Mr. Curtis settled on the land where he now lives, taking it as a homestead from the government. At that time he had lots of faith and hope in the chicken business, but not many chickens and very little cash. The first year he erected his small home and outbuildings, dug a well, cleared a portion of his land of sagebrush and prepared it for cultivation.

But his small flock of chickens were good layers and eggs brought from 25 cents to 60 cents a dozen at the stores, and so he made expenses from the start and increased his stock. In the succeeding years he has entered the business of raising the fanciest breeding stock and during the last two years has rather made a specialty of furnishing "day-old chicks." Last year he had orders for day-old chicks or eggs for hatching from nearly every state in the Union, from Alaska, Canada and Mexico. Many orders were received in excess of the number he could fill.

This year he has booked orders for about 70,000 day-old chicks, which he expects to be able to supply. These day-old chicks sell for 12½ cents each, and some of them for 15 cents. Mrs. Curtis and he have been doing all the work on the place, but this year he will have one assistant to do the heavy work, while Mrs. Curtis and he superintend the plant. Next year they may locate closer to the railway station; if not, they intend to use an automobile to facilitate the handling of orders.

Mr. Curtis says that there is lots of room in the poultry business in Oregon, and opportunity is favorable for anyone to succeed.

Last year 3,000,000 baby chicks were shipped into California, Idaho, Washington and Oregon. Of this number only about 50,000, or one-sixtieth, were hatched on the Coast, the remainder coming from east of the Rocky mountains. With the mild, dry climate of Umatilla county, which permits poultry to exercise out of doors every month in the year, with alfalfa easily available to furnish green feed the year around, with wheat and other grains available at primary cost from the adjacent large dry-land wheat ranches, and the cost of housing and shelter at the minimum, all natural conditions have been propitious for the success of this Stanfield poultryman.

STATE SCHOOL THRIVES.

Training Institution Head Makes Annual Report.

Salem—Superintendent Looney, of the state training school, has prepared his annual report and submitted it to the governor. He announces that many of the boys who left the school are doing well and are self-supporting, and that the school is accomplishing much for the welfare of its inmates. In his report he says:

"There were 92 boys in our care at the beginning of 1911; released during the year, 65; away on leave of absence, 7; admitted, 68; escaped, not returned, 4; returned on account of poor home condition and also for breaking parole, 20. Four of these youths came back of their own accord, as they had no work and no suitable place to stay for the winter. Two were placed with farmers, who kept them during the summer and as soon as the fall work was finished returned them to the school, showing that they took them to get all the work out of them they could and then were through with them. The highest number in school at any time during the year was 106.

In January we had one case of diphtheria, but since then have had no serious contagious illness of any sort. Four boys were operated on for adenoids during the past year and their health greatly benefited as a result.

Work on the trades building was finished in October. We have installed machinery and are ready for work.

Help Fruit Growers.

Corvallis—Requests are coming from fruitgrowers' associations and from individual fruitmen to the Oregon Agricultural college asking information as to the manufacture of their own lime-sulphur solution. All who wish information on this subject and explicit directions for the erection of a manufacturing plant or the construction of a small home plant, may secure it by addressing the college, which will send an expert when possible to confer with the association or individual and advise them.

Nearly 9,000 Acres of Timber Sold

Astoria—A deed was filed for record here whereby the Whitney company, limited, sells to the Columbia River company 8,948 acres of timber lands in the Blind Slough district, as well as its logging railroad, machinery and other equipment, the consideration named being nominal. The latter corporation is a subsidiary of the first and was organized for the purpose of handling all the Whitney company's timber interest in Clatsop county.

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