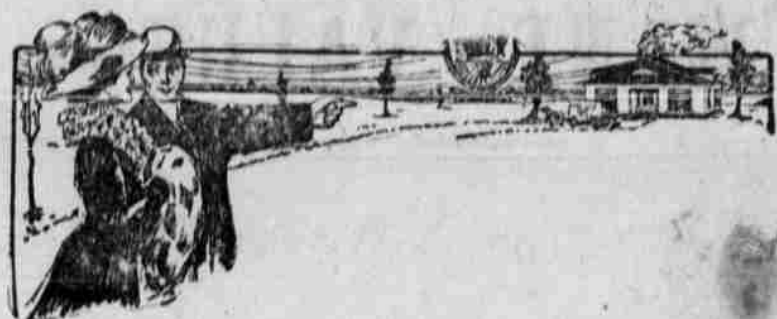




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PLANNING ENGINEERING SHOW

Students Will Airships and Do Brass Casting Stunts for Visitors.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—"Bigger, brighter and better" is the slogan of the engineering students of the Oregon agricultural college in their plans for the annual engineering show, to be held this year March 15 and 16. Hitherto the exhibit has been called an electrical show, and a manager, one of the electrical students, chosen to make the plans. This year it was decided to secure the cooperation of all of the engineering departments and make it an inclusive demonstration of what the college engineering as a whole can do.

Many new features are to be introduced this year. The forestry department will exhibit for the first time, and Prof. George W. Peavy, head of the department, is greatly interested in the display which is being prepared. The civil and mechanical engineering departments, hitherto but minor exhibitions, will this year have the larger part of the space.

A blacksmithing shop will be in full operation by the mechanical engineers, and a foundry, pattern making, and machine shop will interest visitors with the actual processes of making brass castings, and completing the burnishing processes, giving the visitors paper weights, monograms and other souvenirs made "while they wait." The woodworking shop and power plant will also show interesting operations. A number of new pieces of equipment in the mechanical laboratories will be in full operation, and furnish spectacular features.

A. M. Jepperson of Bacia, and J. F. Hess, of Corvallis, have purchased the Curtiss biplane exhibited at last year's show, and after many tests and the building of models and gliders, will be ready to give demonstration of aviation.

The Architectural club, just formed this winter, is another new feature as it, also, will have an exhibit, for which it is now holding a contest in which the members are competing for the honor of arranging the club exhibit.

QUARRY NEXT STEP.

Governor Lays Plans for Road Construction Work.

Oregon City—The establishment of a state rock quarry at some convenient point between Oregon City and New Era is contemplated and that within the near future, according to Governor West, who was in the city accompanied by George F. Rodgers chairman of the State highway commission. Governor West and Mr. Rodgers were met at New Era by a committee from the Oregon City commercial club and with L. R. Fields, superintendent of the Southern Pacific company, drove down the river road past the Wittenberg estate quarry a short distance north of New Era and the Willamette Pulp & Paper company quarry just south of Pulp Station.

Either of these quarries would be adaptable to the use of the state for obtaining suitable rock for road construction. The rock from the Wittenberg estate quarry has been examined by the State engineer and State geologist and has been pronounced first-class for road building.

The rock on the paper company's land is of similar formation and character. In both places there is sufficient land fronting the rocky bluff to install the necessary switches or sidetracks to connect with the main line of the Southern Pacific company only a few hundred feet distant from the quarries.

"I believe the state should own the quarry and that the land should be purchased outright," said the governor. "Permanent ownership would justify the state in going to the expense of constructing buildings, and we would have a supply of good rock that would last beyond this generation. We expect to be able to procure a rock crusher at a small cost in California from a railroad company, and by the use of convict labor, which costs about 25 cents a day, crushed rock could be sold to any county in the state reached by rail lines at a very small cost. Not more than 15 men could be used profitably in a quarry."

More Study of Farm Problems.

Oregon Agricultural College Corvallis—The new department in The Oregon Countryman the monthly magazine published by the students of the Oregon Agricultural college, is to be conducted by the Oregon experimental league which has also arranged to send a copy of each issue to every member of the league. In the new department will appear articles for the promotion of the study of the agricultural problems in different parts of the state giving results of such studies as have already been procured.

Kernville to Have Cannery.

Newport—Kernville, on the Siletz river, is to have a new salmon cannery. At present the only cannery on the Siletz river is that belonging to the Elmore estate. H. F. Barnes, a Portland business man, who owns the canneries at Waldport, on Alsea bay, and Oysterville, on Yaquina bay, is to establish the new Siletz cannery.

Bend Flour Mill Operating.

Bend—The flour mill of the Bend Milling & Warehouse company is now in operation. It is operated by electricity, power being obtained from the Deschutes river.

EXTEND WEST SIDE ROAD.

Salem, Falls City & Western to Bridge Willamette.

Salem—Resolutions of the board of directors of the Salem, Falls City & Western were filed with the secretary of state, showing a contemplated extension and branch of that road, which promises to be one of the most important pieces of railroad construction, for this particular section at least, that has been contemplated for some time.

Under the resolution the road plans an extension from Salem to Oregon City, via Silverton, Molalla and Mulino. The resolution also contemplates a branch from this extension to Stayton.

The Salem, Falls City & Western now operates from Black Rock to West Salem, which is directly across the river in Polk county from this city. Last year the road secured a franchise into the city to operate along Union street to a point past Capitol street and at the time it was rumored that the move had in view an extension to Silverton and Abiqua. At the same time the franchise was granted the road secured permission from the state and the War department to construct a bridge across the Willamette river from West Salem to Salem, to be used as a connecting link for its line from West Salem into this city.

MACHINES CUT EXPENSE.

Secretary of State Olcott Installs Labor-Saving Devices.

Salem—Secretary of State Olcott has installed two labor-saving machines that will greatly increase the efficiency of this department and at the same time save the state considerable money. One is a camera especially designed for photographing records, and the other is a rapid addressing machine.

In the past it has been the practice to record articles of incorporation with a typewriter, requiring comparing, correcting and checking, all of which was very slow and expensive.

The addressing machine will save the state from \$1,000 to \$1,300 in the mailing of the initiative and candidates' pamphlets for the 1912 primary and general elections.

FARMERS TO POOL CREAM.

Crabtree Residents to Have Creameries Bid for Product.

Albany—Farmers residing in the vicinity of Crabtree, Linn county, have perfected an organization to pool their cream for sale to the creameries. They will thus sell all of the cream of the members of the organization to the creamery making the highest bid. In this way the farmers expect to receive a higher price for the product.

It is said that the creamery men too, are satisfied with the arrangement, for it will afford a regular supply to the creamery which makes the successful bid and lessen the operating expenses of all. At the present time there are five cream routes running out of Crabtree, two each for two Portland creameries and one for a Corvallis creamery. The competition for cream thus is keen, and one creamery may secure the bulk of the cream of that vicinity one day, and practically nothing the next.

LAND AGREEMENT LAGS.

Desert Board and Irrigation Firm Bicker Over Points.

Salem—Although the essential features of the agreement between the Desert Land board and the Central Oregon Irrigation company have been practically decided upon, it became evident at the meeting of the board that the actual signing of the agreement may be yet far away.

Verbal agreements have been reached on practically every part of the proposition between the board and representatives of the company, but in some manner written statements as to what these agreements really are do not seem to coincide with what is agreed on orally.

Lands May Be Irrigated.

Klamath Falls—Farmers living near Merrill, whose acres are not irrigated, are considering the advisability of organizing an irrigation district. If this is perfected water will be furnished by a private company, instead of by the government. Owners of the marsh land have been in consultation with experts regarding the best way to work in conformation with the state reclamation laws. They propose to reclaim their lands by diking and pumping out the surplus water.

Benton Fruitgrowers Elect.

Corvallis—At the annual election of officers of the Benton County Fruitgrowers' association held here, the following persons were elected to serve the ensuing year: President, W. S. Brown; secretary, J. A. Kerr; directors, W. F. Groves, George Armstrong and Charles Pernol. A purchasing committee was appointed through whom all the spray material used by members of the association will be bought.

Many Turn to Frustrating.

Falls City—Preparations are being made here for more extensive orchard and berry planting this spring than ever before. Falls City people are turning from the uncertainties of the lumber business to agriculture, gardening and fruit raising.

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