



FARM CONFERENCE PROGRAM READY

Four Days Replete With Interesting Work in Dallas Next Week

The annual series of farm conferences under the auspices of the farm bureau and the county agent will take place in Dallas on January 17th, to 20th, inclusive, according to the committee in charge of the details. The mid-winter meetings seem to be an established institution in Oregon, similar series being held in dozen or more counties this year. For the first time the Polk bureau is providing a special program for farm women. On Wednesday and Friday, the 18th and 20th, such programs are arranged, the first on seeds, the last given to a conference on clothing problems. Miss Smith and Miss Cooley, food specialist and clothing specialist, respectively, with a college extension service, will supervise the work of these two days. The sessions are announced by the County Library, Dallas.

The general meetings are replete with lectures and discussions that cannot fail to be of interest and profit to nearly every Polk county and operator. The series opens on Tuesday, the 17th, with an all-day program devoted to the interests of the poultrymen. The forenoon conference on egg marketing will interest a large number of Enterprise readers. H. E. Cosby and Dr. J. N. Shaw, both of the college, are billed to appear in the afternoon.

The livestock breeders will meet Wednesday with Prof. E. B. Fitts, dairy specialist, Dr. B. T. Simms, and L. J. Allen. Feeding cows for profitable production of milk, the control of cattle diseases, and the importance of livestock club work for boys and girls, and other subjects of interest will be discussed.

The fruit program of Thursday will be held in the K. P. hall, Dallas, over the City bank. The conference on fruit problems will be held in the afternoon when the meeting is open to every one. Prof. H. P. Baras, chief of the department of plant diseases, and E. H. Weigand, investigator with the horticultural department, will outline control measures for the common fruit diseases and discuss some promising fruit by-products.

Prof. G. R. Hyslop, chief of the crops department of the college, will appear both forenoon and afternoon on Friday, the closing day. He will deal with clover and corn growing in Polk and discuss the varieties of potatoes that will be found profitable in this part of the valley. M. B. McKay will develop the subject of potato diseases and their control. According to County Agent Carpenter a number of potato fields have shown as high as 60 percent loss from one disease, leaf mosaic. It would seem that the Friday meeting will be extremely valuable to potato growers.

Except for the Thursday meeting the general sessions are announced to be held in the commercial club rooms, Dallas, in the Imperial hotel building.

NO CHANGE IN FARMERS' STATE BANK OFFICIALS

The Farmers' State Bank held its annual meeting of stockholders yesterday afternoon, resulting in the reelection of the retiring board of directors by unanimous voice and the continuance of the officers.

The directors are: J. B. Parker (Salem), C. J. De Armond (Sover), C. A. Wells (Buena Vista), Edward Rex and C. W. Irvine.

The officers are:
 President—C. W. Irvine.
 Vice President—J. B. Parker.
 Cashier—C. G. Irvine.
 Asst. Cashier—Glen C. Smith.

WHITE LEGHORN PULET PRODUCES FOUR OZ. EGG

A white leghorn egg, so large that it would cause commotion in a well regulated goose family, is the prize which has been found by Mrs. J. E. Leah of Buena Vista. Symmetrically formed and perfect in every way, the egg was brought to the Enterprise office Wednesday by Mrs. E. M. Leah of Buena Vista.

NESMITH LOSES IN COURT ACTION OVER RICKREALL FARM

William G. Nesmith, son of the late James Nesmith, at one time United States senator from Oregon, lost his fight in the United States circuit court of appeals Monday at San Francisco to gain an interest in the old Nesmith home property of 300 acres in Polk county, Oregon, from the estate of his sister, Mrs. Jennie Nesmith Ankeny, who married the late Senator Levi Ankeny.

On the ground that Nesmith's intemperate habits made necessary a transfer of the property, the Oregon court allowed Mrs. Ankeny to take a deed to the land and pay off a mortgage, against it. Nesmith sued many years later to have this deed declared a mortgage, but the federal district and appellate courts decided against him.

William G. Nesmith inherited the old home property in dispute from his mother. In the late 90's he placed a mortgage on the property with Joshua McDaniel of Rickreall. The mortgage drew 8 percent interest and Nesmith was unable to make the payments. In order to keep the property from passing out of the hands of the family, Senator Ankeny took a deed to the property in the name of his wife, Jennie Nesmith Ankeny, and took the mortgage from McDaniel and had it assigned to his own name.

The property now, according to the decision, will pass to the Ankeny heirs, whereas if the court had ruled otherwise it would have gone to Lynn Nesmith, a son of William G. Nesmith.

DAUGHTER LATE MR. QUASDORF BURNED TO DEATH IN IOWA

Mrs. J. A. Wetzler, a daughter of the late C. F. A. Quasdorf of Independence, met a tragic death at her home in Dows, Iowa, on December 22nd. Her clothing caught fire and she was so badly burned that she died without regaining consciousness the day following the accident. Blind for some time, and while alone in the home she was endeavoring to replenish the fire, when her clothing caught fire. She ran to a neighbor's, but before assistance could be rendered she was fatally burned. Mrs. Wetzler is survived by her husband and three daughters aged 16, 9 and 7 years. She also leaves three brothers living in Iowa, and one sister here, Mrs. Lucy Smith; a stepmother, Mrs. Lettie Quasdorf and half sister, Miss Carrie Quasdorf.

The accident occurred but 10 days subsequent to the death of her father. Her brother, John Quasdorf, who came here from Dows to attend the funeral of his father, departed for his home last Saturday.

FULL SET OFFICERS FOR RELIEF CORPS INSTALLED

On Saturday, January 7th, Gen. Gibson W. R. C. No. 42 gave a dinner in the G. A. R. hall in honor of the G. A. R. Besides the members who reside in Independence there were several members from Monmouth who attended. A jolly good time was had. After the dinner the officers of the W. R. C. were installed by Mrs. Stillwell, as follows:

President—Rose Neil.
 Senior Vice President—Lizzie Chown.
 Junior Vice President—Maude Radmacher.
 Secretary—Bessie Grover.
 Treasurer—Esther Morgan.
 Chaplain—Minnie Fetzner.
 Conductor—Vera Brown.
 Assistant Conductor—Eliza Ewing.
 Guard—Agnes Birkholz.
 Assistant Guard—Etta Dornisfe.
 Patriotic Instructor—Lavina Nicholson.

Press Correspondent—Loma Ewing.
 Musician—Eda Birkholz.
 Color Bearers—No. 1, Maggie Graves; No. 2, Maude Brown; No. 3, Susan Lynes; No. 4, Loma Ewing.

INDEPENDENCE NATIONAL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Independence National Bank, Tuesday, the retiring board of directors was re-elected without a dissenting vote: H. Hirschberg, C. A. McLaughlin, D. W. Sears, Dr. O. D. Butler and W. H. Walker.

An organization was perfected by the re-election of the old officers:
 President—H. Hirschberg.
 Vice President—C. A. McLaughlin.
 Cashier—Dr. O. D. Butler.
 Asst. Cashier—E. E. Wolfe.

FALLS CITY MILL CLOSES FEB. 15

Cobbs-Mitchell Co. Will Confine Operations to Valsetz Plant

The Cobbs-Mitchell company will close its Falls City sawmill on February 15th, according to notices which have been posted at the plant, and preparations are now being made for adding a night shift to the Valsetz mill. The Falls City plant is to be sold.

The change is an economic move. All of the company timber adjacent to Falls City was exhausted some time ago, with a result that it has been necessary to haul the logs from the Valsetz camps to Falls City. This necessitated a transfer at Crisp from the company lines to the Southern Pacific with a considerable outlay in freight charges.

The Falls City plant is not as modern as the Valsetz mill and cannot be operated as economically. It is equipped with circular saws, which are more wasteful of timber than the bandsaws. By operating a night shift at Valsetz the company's output can be maintained with the work confined to one plant and then there will be the Southern Pacific freight elimination.

Supt. W. A. LaLonde of the Falls City plant, accompanied by Mrs. LaLonde, was in Independence Tuesday. Mr. LaLonde is scheduled to succeed L. E. Spurup as superintendent of the Valsetz mill. Mr. Spurup has been tendered a desirable superintendency with another big milling concern.

KULLANDER HAS ONE OF THE NEW PEACE DOLLARS

Right hot out of the mint is a new "Peace" dollar which was received by A. L. Kullander a few days ago. It bears the 1921 date and was coined during the very last days of the year just closed. Only a very limited number of this date were issued, and subsequent dollars will bear date of year coined.

While containing the same wording and design as the old issue, the design of the new dollar is markedly different, and is considered a work of art. On the reverse is the head of the Goddess of Liberty, with the words: "Liberty" "In God we trust." On the reverse side "United States of America," "E Pluribus Unum," "One dollar," with an eagle standing on an olive branch in a resting attitude, in direct opposition to his attitude of warfare as shown by the preceding issue.

Mr. Kullander received the dollar from the Northern Trust and Safe Co., jewelers of Chicago. It has been placed on display in his window and is attracting much attention.

HOUSTON GETS VERDICT FOR \$100 AGAINST MONMOUTH

Samuel R. Houston of Houston, Tex., was awarded a judgment for \$100 in costs against the city of Monmouth in the circuit court at Dallas Monday, by Judge Bink.

He was demanding \$200 for repairing plans for the improvement of the parkway on Monmouth avenue from the Normal school in Dallas street. The plans were accepted by the city council, but for some cause or other the improvement work was not carried out.

Mr. Houston demanded the fee for his services, the claim being turned down by the council. Suit was finally brought against the city by Attorney A. B. Carter of Portland, Monmouth, through its attorney, E. Swope, attempted to effect a settlement for \$50. In accepting the plans and placing them on record, the city recognized the service which had been performed, and Judge Bink deemed \$100 as a reasonable recompense for this service.

AMERICAN LEGION WILL DANCE AGAIN JANUARY 27

Independence Post of the American Legion will give a dancing party in the high school gymnasium on Friday evening, January 27th. Like the preceding event, it will be in charge of Abe Becker, B. Van Horn and Art Black.

Valon Gault's five-piece orchestra will furnish the music.

GLIMPSE HERE 2 DECADES AGO

Portland Paper of 1903 Tells of Conditions in Independence

It is interesting to note that Portland did not attempt to saddle the burden of expense upon the state for the Lewis and Clark exposition. A company was formed with capital stock of \$300,000 with Hon. H. W. Corbett as president, and the stock was subsequently increased to \$500,000. This stock was very largely subscribed by Portland bankers and other business men, according to a review of the exposition project in the annual New Year number of the Oregonian of January 1, 1903.

The Enterprise is indebted to H. Hirschberg for this interesting copy of the Oregonian. Naturally the state provided for a state exhibit, and still the promoters endeavored to emphasize that it was for the benefit of the whole Oregon country. Less than two decades ago, men apparently held different ideas of things. There was none of this "Let George do it" sentiment in those days.

Turning to the market page, quotations for December 31, 1902, are interesting. Wheat was selling at 73 cents; corn at 44 cents; oats at 33 cents; mess pork at \$17.35 a barrel; butter, 30 cents; eggs, 26 cents a dozen; wool, 14 cents; potatoes, 50 cents a bushel.

Mr. Hirschberg also has an Evening Telegram of July 13, 1904, containing a writeup of Polk county. It shows a view of a portion of Independence, Independence National Bank building, J. S. Cooper block, Little Palace hotel, Josse & Rice general store, cuts of the late J. S. Cooper and H. Hirschberg.

Among the business concerns receiving mention: W. A. Messner, general merchandise; I. W. Dickinson, liveryman; Craven & Moore, stationery store; J. M. Stark was running the Little Palace hotel; W. W. Percival, livestock dealer; Josse & Rice, furniture dealers; E. E. Paddock, drygoods merchant; Frazer & Rice, hardware and implements; C. D. Calbreath, groceryman; Dr. O. D. Butler, physician and surgeon; G. A. Hurley was a lawyer here at that time; M. Merwin was postmaster; H. Hirschberg was president of the Independence & Monmouth railway; P. W. Sears was secretary and treasurer, and J. Dornisfe was superintendent.

Independence National bank officers were: President, H. Hirschberg; vice president, A. Nelson; cashier, C. W. Irvine; bookkeeper, L. L. Wiprut. Walter Lyon was the editor and publisher of the West Side Enterprise, the only newspaper at that time.

Independence had an improvement society. Dr. O. D. Butler was president; vice president, A. Nelson; cashier, C. W. Irvine; bookkeeper, L. L. Wiprut.

A general list of hop growers and the acreage raised "within a radius of three miles" for 1904 is given: Horst Brothers, 200; Krebs brothers, 400; George H. Ross, 60; H. J. Otten, 30; W. W. Percival, 43; D. W. Burton, 49; J. H. Young, 20; O. C. Cooper, 45; C. A. McLaughlin, 30; H. Hirschberg, 30; C. Mattison, 30; A. Wells, 30; E. E. Wolfe, 30; Dave

WALKER TRAVELING ROAD

Dr. O. D. Walker, traveling road, is expected to arrive in Independence Monday, and are expected to leave for the city from the same place, which is about 10 miles from here.

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INTEREST IS KEEN IN LOCAL POULTRY COURSE

Friday, January 6, H. E. Cosby spoke to an enthusiastic crowd of poultry men and women on the F. E. Hennagin poultry farm just south of Independence.

Mr. Cosby is an O. A. C. extension poultry specialist who visits our county at three central farms about four times each year. The work is given at the same farms for a year so that those interested may follow different subjects clear through the year.

Mr. Cosby's subject was "Feeding for Egg Production," a subject in which all keepers of poultry should be keenly interested. To get a satisfactorily high egg production calls for more than the whole grain and water ration many farmers have fed in times past. He also touched on the other factors necessary, such as good breeding and raising and proper housing.

This is the first time this work has been given in this part of the county, and the interest shown is very gratifying. There were about 50 people present, each one eager to learn up-to-the-minute methods such as Mr. Cosby is prepared to give. It is to be hoped that each one of these and many more will attend the next meeting which will be held some time in February or March, the subject to be "Incubation and Brooding."

The interest shown this year in the work in this part of the county will be a big factor in determining whether further extension work will be given in the neighborhood of Independence.

One constantly hears people lamenting that they have not the time or the means for a college education. This is an instance where a farmer who keeps chickens as a side line, college instruction in this course is made available.

RESIDENCE A. L. KEENEY IS DAMAGED BY FIRE

Fire, which broke out at about 11 o'clock, Wednesday night, quite badly damaged the residence of A. L. Keeney on Monmouth street. Very prompt and effective work by the fire department prevented the structure from being destroyed.

The fire was first seen by Judge Asa B. Robinson, who resides adjacent and he turned in the alarm. Mr. and Mrs. Keeney were spending the evening at the home of friends. The fire had gained considerable headway in the rear part of the building, making it possible to remove only a portion of the household effects.

The origin of the fire is hard to determine, but is believed to have been due to a defective flue or defective wiring.

The main part of the structure was built but a few months ago, and the balance remodeled into an attractive, cozy little place.

Some insurance was carried by Mr. Keeney, but probably it will not be enough to cover his loss, as the household effects which were not burned were either water soaked or injured in the hasty removal.

There are many expressions of approval over the effectiveness of the fire department and the promptness with which operations were started.

MRS. SHERWOOD DIES AT AN ADVANCED AGE

Mrs. Mahala Sherwood died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Yeater, on the Luckiamute, January 6th. Funeral services were held Monday at the Yeater home, Rev. Mr. Thomas of the Dallas Presbyterian church officiating. Interment was made in the Knights of Pythias cemetery at Monmouth.

Mrs. Sherwood was the widow of Jerome Sherwood, who died quite a number of years ago. The family resided in Independence until his death, and shortly afterward Mrs. Sherwood made her home with her daughter. She is survived by two other daughters: Mrs. Maiden of Milton, Or., and Mrs. Uttinger of Junction City, Or.

She was a sister of "Grandma" Osborne, who died last September at the age of 94 years. She was born in Missouri, a daughter of William Tate, and was 86 years old.

STUDEBAKERS AND DODGES MAKE MATERIAL REDUCTIONS

With the advent of the new year, announcement is made by the Studebaker corporation and the Dodge Brothers of material reductions in the prices of their cars.

BENEFIT GAME BY BUSINESS MEN

Fats and Leans Will Try Issues Next Tuesday Night

A basket-ball contest—fraught with great possibilities from a mirth provoking standpoint—is scheduled for the high school gymnasium for next Tuesday night, starting at 8:30. It is an issue between the "fats" and "leans," business men being the participants, and incidentally a benefit for the gymnasium equipment fund.

Charles D. Calbreath in Montana riding boots, sombrero and possibly a persuader, is captain of the phantom formed contestants. He has in intensive training Willard E. Craven "Bill" Campbell, Claude Skinner, Jimmie Jones, Arthur Horton and about a dozen mavericks.

Earl S. Butler is at the head of the shadow makers and by promises and coercion has inveigled into his band, "Shorty" Kullander, "Mike" Walker, Dr. Maurice Butler and Guy Walker. He wants it understood, however, that these will be in reality but the advance guard of a score or more shining stars who will be held in reserve.

There is another purpose for this battle. It is to determine just how many can be accommodated at the gymnasium. In some of the past events there the attendance has been very good, but there is a belief that the spacious building has a community capacity and that this will be a fine opportunity to test it. Two bits for the grownups and 15 cents for the youngsters is the toll.

Salem Team Here Tonight

The Salem "Yellow Jackets," a Y. M. C. A. team with a string of victories to its credit so long that an adding machine is needed to check it up, will play the American Legion in the high school gymnasium tonight, starting at 8:15. The locals have a "hunch" that there will be something doing and that the visitors are going to be brought to a realization of what it means to have thumbs turned down on them. It promises to be a contest, and there will be a preliminary without additional cost. Independence freshmen will line up against a Buena Vista freshmen team. The local school boys will be: Reuf and Becken, forwards; Weddle, center; Kelley and Smith, guards.

The Silverton American Legion boys in the gymnasium here on January 26th.

Negotiations for Astoria
 Manager Kullander of the American Legion is negotiating a contest with the Athletic club of Astoria. It is just a possibility, the idea being to arrange a game for Portland for some Friday night and then go on to Astoria for a Saturday night contest.

High School at Silverton

The high school boys will play Silverton at Silverton, tonight. They are making preparations to bring home the bacon.

PEARL COOPER ACQUITTED IN JUDGE BAKER'S COURT

Charged with driving his car while intoxicated, Pearl Cooper was given a trial before Justice R. W. Baker yesterday afternoon and was acquitted. The complainant was F. N. Barks, city marshal, who had attempted to arrest Cooper New Year's eve. The defendant was represented by D. E. Fletcher and the people's interests were looked after by District Attorney Helgerson.

AMERICAN YEOMAN CONVENE IN PORTLAND

A school of instruction was held in Portland on the 9th and 10th of this month, for the managers and field workers of B. A. Y. in the state of Oregon.

The more important speakers were Mark McKee, one of the board of directors and Ward S. Senn, national treasurer, both of Des Moines, Iowa, the home office of the brotherhood of American Yeoman. Also A. B. C. Dutcher, H. Lee Bougness of the International service people, and the state manager, J. H. Ezell of Salem.

The meetings were held at the Hotel Portland where a banquet was served on Monday evening to 41. Mr. and Mrs. Rol Walker attended. Mrs. Walker is a deputy of the Yeoman of this place.