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MAKING NEW GEOGRAPHY

Special Attention Given Oregon and Washington.

MEETINGS ARE TO BE HELD

In Many Parts of State by the Development Leaguers and Boosters.

Professor R. S. Tarr, occupying the chair of Physical Geography at Cornell University, is the author of a geography now used as a text book in a vast number of schools throughout the United States, and in revising this book is paying special attention to the development of Washington and Oregon. The Portland Commercial Club has furnished Professor Tarr very complete data on Oregon, together with a number of thoroughly representative pictures, and genuine interest on the part of the author is apparent from a request for further photographs of specific subjects. Washington's commercial bodies will see that the "Evergreen State" is properly taken care of.

The Los Angeles Times, the greatest paper of the southwest, includes in its market reports grain quotations for the Pacific Coast. It is significant that only Portland and Tacoma appear in this connection. This is also true of San Francisco papers.

No section of the union surpasses the Pacific Northwest in the excellence of its public schools, and Oregon communities are manifesting their interest in the State University by urging upon the state liberal appropriations for the maintenance of this institution in a way that will enable it to reach its highest efficiency. Public bodies throughout the northwest appreciate that institutions of higher learning are a factor of the greatest importance to eastern people who contemplate making their homes here.

California people are planning to return the visits made that state by the people of Oregon and Washington probably the first excursions will be made at the time of Portland's Rose Festival in June. At even this early date, too, the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition at Seattle is being discussed in the south.

A series of meetings under the auspices of the Oregon Development League are to be held this week in Ashland, Medford, Roseburg, Grants Pass, Albany and Stayton. One held an enthusiastic meeting last week that lasted until two o'clock in the morning. Seventy new members were taken into the Commercial Club there.

Eastern people are already beginning to arrive on the spring colonist rates. The disposition is to seek the smaller towns and the majority of these looking for country places intend to enter fruit growing or dairying, two industries especially attractive in Washington and Oregon, where they bring greater returns than in any other part of the country.

DRYING BLACKCAP BERRIES

Joseph Hall of Newberg Writes Interestingly.

We must first have the berries before we can dry them, hence a few words on that line. Perhaps there is no section of country in the United States better adapted for the production of black raspberries than the Willamette Valley, in the western portion of Oregon, and if other sections of the valley are not on the lookout Yamhill county will be the ban-

ner county.

Oregon produces no other dried fruit equal in value to the dried black raspberry. For the past two years they have sold for \$450 per ton delivered at the railroad station and the product this year (1907) about Newberg and Springbrook was over ten tons, or about \$5000.

Ten years ago but little was done in this line. When I wished for plants, I received but little encouragement from nurseries in Salem and parties in Portland. Reason given: bushes would dry up before berries were matured. That is the case in some sections, but not in all; not in this part of the valley.

One acre of ground produces from \$100 to \$150 worth of berries yearly. If properly gathered the drying is easily accomplished. Some advocate shipping the ripe fruit off in the place of picking it, drying in a dryer and then running the dried product through a fanning mill. The method followed here is to gather the fruit by hand, dry on trays in the sun, if the weather is favorable; and in eight years experience only one year gave me any trouble in that line. We have many prune dryers here and the trays are taken out and used for this purpose. This year a few at first were dried in a dryer; after that all were dried in the sun. It is cheaper and less trouble to dry the trays in the sun, and the fruit is just as good if not better. The fruit will dry in trays in the sun in three days generally. Trays are easily made of lath and muslin cloth—3 feet x 4-foot lath for sides and three feet for ends and slats every nine inches apart. Tack the cloth on tightly, then nail strips of lath around the outside extending one-half inch above the cloth.

These trays will hold from 16 to 18 pounds of berries each and are easily handled by one person. They can be placed on racks or on poles placed on the ground, anywhere where convenient. They are cheap and will last many years. While the berries are on the trays all stems and leaves can be removed and the fruit come off perfectly clean. If the heat should attain to 98 degrees or 100 degrees in the shade, shade the fruit or it will be cooked.

Do not permit the fruit to get too dry and yet do not remove it while too moist. Place the dried product in a bin if there is a large quantity and shovel it over once or twice a week till done drying fruit then sack in sugar sacks, both kinds being used. Here the berries are sold as soon as dried.

The rows are planted eight feet apart and the plants 4 feet in the row. They are easily raised, dried, and find a ready market with good prices.

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The Scranton (Pa.) Times was first to print this remarkable prescription, in October, of 1906, since when all the leading newspapers of New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburg and other cities have made many announcements of it to their readers.

STUDENTS WILL MEET

Great Oratorical Contest for Friday, March 13th.

AT OREGON STATE NORMAL

The Second Time State Meeting has Been Held in City of Monmouth.

Eight years ago, Monmouth had the pleasure of entertaining the Intercollegiate Oratorical Association of Oregon. The annual meeting has since gone the rounds and returned to Monmouth again. In those eight years, the student attendance in the colleges belonging to the association has more than doubled. If the quality of the oratory has likewise improved, this contest will be a memorable one.

The speakers, subjects and institutions are as follows:

McMinnville College, Joseph G. Richardson, The Trend of the Hour.

Pacific University, W. E. Gwynn, National Stability.

Oregon Agricultural College, E. E. Callaway, A Nation's Need.

Oregon State Normal School, Mrs. O. A. Bryant, A Prophetic Record.

Willamette University, Clarke R. Belknap, The Twentieth Century State.

Pacific College, Harry Maxfield, Training for Intelligent Citizenship.

University of Oregon, Bert W. Prescott, Mercy That Condemns.

Albany college is a member of the association but will not have an orator this year because of his withdrawal from school on account of illness. Careful preparation is being made to secure good music.

The Normal Girl's Glee Club, The Faculty Quartet, Mrs. Babbitt, and an orchestra of ten pieces will each contribute. The orchestra will entertain the audience for a half hour preceding the regular program. College songs and cheers by several hundred youthful, enthusiastic partisans will also enliven the occasion. An elaborate banquet will be served in the gymnasium immediately after the contest. Covers will be laid for one hundred and fifty. The orchestra will also furnish music for the banquet.

Each institution will be represented officially by eight delegates one member of the executive committee and one or more members from the faculty. In addition, as many students as desire will come as rooters. It is expected that Pacific University, Pacific College and McMinnville College will charter a special train to return after the program. Not less than one hundred fifty and probably four hundred students from visiting colleges will be in attendance. It will be worth coming miles to see and hear those picked young men and women, the flower of the higher institutions of learning in this state.

Monmouth and Polk county will throw wide their hospitable doors in honor of the great occasion.

CANNING MORE FRUIT.

The growth of the fruit canning industry in Oregon has been remarkable in the past year, and the outlook is for a continued growth in this direction.

In 1906 there were four fruit canneries in the Willamette valley. In 1907 there were seven. In 1908 the combined capacity of these canneries was 65,000 cases. In 1907 it was 75,000 cases. In the present year there are under construction or fully planned three more, making a total of ten and two of last year's canneries will double their capacities. It is expected that this year the output will be very large, with a capacity well above 150,000 cases.

Canneries are now in operation during the season at Ashland, Grants Pass, Eugene, Salem and Yoncalla, and the new canneries are for Medford, Monmouth and Newberg. Preparations are being made for canneries at Dallas, Woodburn, Corvallis and Monroe, and it is probable that others will be erected at Roseburg and West Seio.

The Southern Pacific has fostered the canning business largely and to its efforts in part is due the great development of the state in this direction. It is stated by officials of that road that hitherto Oregon has never shipped more than 100 carloads of Oregon-canned fruits in any one season. But with fair crop conditions this season it is expected that shipments will amount to 250 cars. One official says he thinks in five years the state will be shipping 1,000 cars of canned fruits east.

MONMOUTH

Business men all report a rushing business Saturday.

Mrs. Hattie Whitney is home again after a two weeks visit with friends and relatives in Salem.

Allen Johnson is delivering slab wood at the evaporator to be used in drying prunes next fall.

Mrs. Josie Byrd and son, of Spokane Wash., will make an extended visit with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Wolverton.

J. E. Duntun, a normal graduate now teaching at Balleston, was shaking hands with old students and friends Saturday.

The newly organized lodge of I. O. O. F. will meet every Monday evening. There will be initiatory work in the near future.

The Monmouth Creamery Co., have commenced on the creamery building and will soon be ready to have the new machinery installed.

The farmers are now busy planting fruit trees and berries in order to supply the cannery which will be in operation the coming summer.

TRUCK FARMING WILL PAY

Example of Rogue River Valley Gardening.

Two persons engaged in truck gardening near Medford, Oregon, have given out a statement regarding the cash receipts from their 20 acres of land for about 10 months and it shows that they have reason to be proud of their efforts says the Salem Statesman.

They claim that they would not sell their farm at any price. What they reported is as follows: "Here is the record from April 10, 1907 to January 17, 1908: Amount of garden truck sold, \$2250, alfalfa hay sold, and now on hand, \$220, and besides this they have \$100 worth of garden product now on hand and not sold. Besides this from two cows they have made eight pounds of butter each week which would add another \$100 to the aggregate, and again the family living has been made from the land but this is not counted in the receipts.

The total receipts, not including the living of the family, is thus shown to be \$2670. From eight acres of land they sold \$1000 worth of potatoes, and from one-third of an acre of land sold \$320 worth of onions, and berries of different varieties they realized \$269 in cash."

Elias Robertson and sister, Mrs. Brown, of Falls City, visited over Sunday with their parents in Monmouth.

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