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FARMERS' WEEK SUCCESS

Saturday's Wind-up Draws Big Crowds

A most successful series of meetings were held last week in Estacada, under the auspices of the Oregon Agricultural College's Extension Staff, beginning Monday morning and ending Saturday afternoon.

Owing to the fair weather many farmers did not feel that they could afford to quit work and attend regularly, but the majority of them spent at least one day in Estacada.

The pupils of the High School attended in a body and helped to swell the audiences. As nearly every phase of agriculture and livestock raising was touched upon during the week's program, every farmer was able to obtain new information along his respective line of work.

As usual some complaint was made about the instructors not being practical men, but in the majority of cases, the lecturers were both practical and theoretical. Such men as Prof. Fiitts, are the best authorities that can be obtained, as he has had years of actual experience, in raising and handling cattle.

The keenest interest was displayed by the women, in connection with the Domestic Science course and no one complained of Mrs. Dolan not being a practical as well as a theoretical expert. Her demonstrations left no room for doubt as to her ability to cook and serve the daintiest of dishes. Her lecture on the care of the sick was of social interest and the only complaint was that only three days could be given to her course.

At the request of a number of the ladies, the Progress will begin in this issue a reprint of some of Mrs. Dolan's recipes and more will follow each week.

Saturday's Hog Butchering Demonstration, with its attendant Hog Judging and kindred lectures, drew one of the biggest crowds that has been in Estacada, on other than a holiday, for years past.

From a local business standpoint, the merchants all report a busy week, as many outsiders did their Christmas shopping while in town. The Estacada State Bank reports banner business and from the amount of money handled, it is fair to assume that much money was spent with the merchants.

The butchering demonstration drew probably the largest audience and proved conclusively to most of the spectators that selling livestock on the hoof is more economical than selling it dressed. Some of the

spectators were under the impression that the Union Meat Co.'s demonstrators were trying to show them how to butcher a hog, when in reality they were aiming to show merely the relative values as expressed in the live and dressed animals.

Allowance should be made for the crude apparatus that was used for this butchering and the expert was handicapped by having to work at a disadvantage. The butcher, Mr. Hampshire, was able to show his skill when it came to the gutting and drawing of the carcasses and more than one local expert opened his eyes when Hampshire completed the gutting of a hog in 28 seconds, against from two to five minutes as consumed by the average amateur. Mr. Hampshire's record at the yards is 16 seconds for that task.

The demonstration allowed the people of this vicinity to see the new stock yards and to get acquainted with Mr. Lucke, the local livestock buyer, Mr. R. D. Gilliam, of the Union Meat Co. and Mr. C. M. McAlister of the Portland Union Stock Yards.

LaFollette Visits Old Haunts

G. E. LaFollette, editor of the Helena Independent and formerly editor of the Progress, was an Estacada visitor last Monday, on his way back to Helena, from a two weeks business trip in Central Oregon.

Rah-Rahs Returning

Ken Bartlett, Bob Morton, Albert Shankland and Guy Graham, who are now attending college, returned home for the holidays. Bartlett and Morton are attending the U. of O. and the others are at O. A. C. While none of them appear to have lost any flesh, they seem to be looking ahead to a few more of those dinners, such as only mother can cook and father can buy.

Postal Notice

Do not wait until 4 o'clock to mail your packages, as it takes time to handle same and many of them cannot get out on the next mail, as the two carriers arrive between 3 and 4 o'clock and their packages have the preference. Do not be afraid to use lots of good twine and paper on your Christmas packages, address them with pen and ink and return address must be on all packages.

A. N. Johnson, P. M.

FIRST CARLOAD GONE

Estacada's Yards Ship Mixed Carload

'Send out at once O. S. L. cattle car, Number 13943, to Estacada'. That was the message phoned into Portland last Saturday, by Agent Givens and it must have "listened good" to the freight dispatcher at the other end, for it is but the beginning of livestock shipping on this line.

It will not be long before similar yards will have to be established at Eagle Creek, Barton and other points, and as soon as the supply warrants, it should not be difficult to have the yards installed.

Buwer Lucke made up a mixed shipment for the car leaving last Monday, comprising 72 hogs, 2 bulls, 1 cow and 1 steer. Most of this stock was purchased Saturday in Estacada, with the addition of some from Currinsville and Garfield, which came in Monday.

The honor of receiving the first check, for the first hog sold, went to W. R. Reid of Garfield and John Stormer's hog was the first occupant of the new yards. Among those selling hogs and beef this week were S. J. Howe, Frank Millard, A. W. Botkin, W. A. Bard, L. Hale, E. E. Jenkins, C. H. Duncan, C. R. Lovell, John Stormer, C. A. Wilcox, N. E. Linn, H. H. Huxlev, J. A. Kitching, F. Jorg, W. R. Reid and C. C. Saling.

Another shipment will be made within two weeks if not sooner, as Mr. Lucke will make trips the latter part of this week, through Springwater and George.

Mr. R. D. Gilliam, one of the Portland buyers for the Union Meat Co. was in Estacada last Saturday, and spoke at the afternoon meeting along the lines of Hog Raising and Shipping. He brought out emphatically that there is no danger of over production of hogs and showed conclusively that the Portland market was great enough to handle a heavy run of live hogs, without its seriously effecting the market price. He put especial stress on the fact that the dressed hog market can easily become glutted and force prices down accordingly, owing to inadequate local refrigerating facilities and limited local consumption.

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CANNERS ACCOMPLISH LITTLE

Meeting Starts Well, But Interest Drags

Saturday afternoon's cannery meeting, was far from a success, for several reasons. Following as it did, on the heels of a "Hog Management Meeting" and at the end of a week of similar gatherings, the greater part of the audience was tired out and left during the program.

The speakers, H. E. Davis, president of the Gresham cannery, and H. A. Lewis, president of the Brownsville cannery, attempted too lengthy preambles to their speeches and as the audience was anxious to start for home, they were unable to hold their attention.

The speakers probably were not aware of the fact that Estacada has already held four disastrous canner meetings and that the majority of the Estacada growers of small fruits, are experienced men at the business, and were not as interested in a general discussion of the canning industry, as they were in the prices which were likely to prevail for the production of certain fruits and vegetables. In other words, they wanted prices, figures, freight rates and concrete facts.

Mr. F. W. Hild, general manager of the P. R. L. & P. Co. was to have made a talk at this meeting, but owing to the small sized audience, and the lateness of the hour, asked to be excused. Mr. Hild met many of the local people and expects to make an early trip to Estacada and familiarize himself further with the needs and conditions in this vicinity. Messrs. Hunt, Fields and Cross of the railway company were also present at this meeting and are vitally interested in the outcome of this proposed cannery combination.

After the meeting, about a score of the local growers, met with the speakers and the railway men and arranged for another special meeting to be held next Saturday, Dec. 19th, at 1 P. M., in Estacada, at which meeting there will be a representative of the canners' selling agency and a railway representative. It is hoped they will be able then to give actual working figures and present their proposition complete, so that a grower will know about the price to expect from his produce and the cost of shipping same to Gresham. While this will not be a big meeting, all growers and others interested, are requested to be present.