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INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL WORK

Railway Company Now Working In Obtaining Farming Data

At a meeting of the officials of the Portland Railway Light & Power Company a few weeks ago, it was decided that notwithstanding the rather quiet business conditions and subsequent lack of money for the expansion of the business, an appropriation be made to inaugurate and establish an industrial and agricultural department.

At present the work is confined largely to the agricultural exploitation and experimentation, with Frank Ewing, lately of the company's engineering forces, but now in charge of their Springwater farm, as field manager of the department.

This important move is the outcome of the more or less haphazard experiments that have been conducted by the company in years past and fathered by such railway officials as Traffic Manager F. D. Hunt, Property Agent R. M. Townsend, General Superintendent O. B. Coldwell and others.

As has been stated before, the railway company is entering into this campaign, knowing that the prosperity of their corporation is directly linked with the success of the people, most of whom are in agricultural pursuits, adjacent to their interurban lines.

The efforts at this time are along pioneering lines, as before real tangible results can be seen, much preliminary work must be done in the obtaining of proper records and data on which to base future operations.

With this idea in mind, the company has had printed several thousand statistical forms, samples of which are reprinted herewith on pages 6 and 7. The filling out and obtaining of the data from each agriculturalist in this community onto these forms is a vast undertaking and Manager Ewing is now at work calling on the farmers and compiling the information.

In order to expedite this part of the labor, as Mr. Ewing can call upon but a dozen or so farmers per day, all farmers are asked to please cut out the forms on pages 6 and 7, fill same out to the best of their ability and mail them to Mgr. Frank Ewing, at Estacada. If this appeal meets with the cooperation of the farmers as expected, it will save the company much money, which can be used in the furtherance of other work in connection with the department.

Eastern Clackamas and other parts of this county are fortunate in being served by a local transportation system, instead of a transcontinental trunk system, as the element of personal interest is everywhere apparent in the dealings of the Portland Railway Light & Power Company with its patrons and those residing along its lines.

In the past few years, this part of the county especially realizes the good that has been done by the transportation company, in the establishment of the Estacada Stock Yards and help along the lines of bettering the livestock marketing conditions. The local and county fairs can trace much of their success to this same desire expressed financially to help better the farmers' status.

The present aid extended in the furtherance of experimental plantings of alfalfa; in the acclimatizing of corn and the donations of high-bred, pedigreed boars as prizes at the various fairs is well known to all.

While it might not be fair to announce further plans, the News knows that it is the ultimate intention of the traction company to extend the work into the obtaining of better markets for the disposal of the produce raised along their lines, even considering the feasibility of establishing a market of their own. This is merely one item of the big plan, which the company has in view to help the farmer and help itself.

The News feels safe in assuring the railway officials of the hearty support and cooperation of the local people in this work and in thanking them for the interest shown in the past.

PEOPLE FAVOR COMMUNITY WORSHIP

Committee Appointed To Continue Investigations

With the aid of sidewalk benches, chairs from neighboring stores and planks set upon empty boxes, a sufficient seating capacity was provided at the Estacada C. I. C. room, last Sunday afternoon to accommodate the crowd.

The very fact that a large number of people attended this meeting, is evidence of the interest taken in the subject of the formation of a Community or Federated church here.

The meeting was called to order by John Ely, who was retained as permanent chairman. Following an opening prayer by Evangelist G. E. Williams, the meeting reverted into a purely informal discussion pro and con of the subject at hand.

In all, eight denominations were represented, being members of the Christian, Methodist, Latter Day Saints, Presbyterian, Baptist, Congregational, Reformed Christian and Catholic churches.

During the course of the meeting, extended or brief remarks were made by John Ely, Walter Givens, F. B. Guthrie, W. W. Dillon, A. O. Whitcomb, Mrs. D. M. Marshall, Mrs. John Page, A. Demoy, Rev. Spiess, Lewis Jones, R. S. Coop, W. H. Holder and R. M. Standish.

All speakers expressed a desire to see such community worship started, each realizing the advantages to be gained, but many qualifying their remarks by pointing out the obstacles in the path of such a plan.

In a few instances, matters pertaining to forms of worship and details of theology threatened to dampen the ardor of the gathering, but the general opinion was that these matters can be successfully overcome and arranged to the satisfaction of all at later date, following action by committee.

Many matters came up at the meeting, which can best be handled thru a committee and until a thorough investigation has been made of the charters and articles of organization employed by other communities that have successfully established community worship, no definite action can be taken.

Beloved Old Lady At Rest

Mrs. Henry Hoffmeister, more familiarly known as "Grandma Hoffmeister" passed away Saturday, April 1st at the family home in Eagle Creek at the age of 78 years.

Mrs. Dora Hoffmeister was born in Germany in 1838, coming to this country when a child. She was married in Pittsburg, Pa. in the fall of '66 and after a residence of a few years in Kansas, came west with her husband, locating in Clackamas County, where they have resided for the past forty years.

In recent years, owing to ill health, Mrs. Hoffmeister had been unable to join with and take the interest in the local activities, which she would like to have done, but with her host of friends and cheery disposition, the neighborhood enjoyments were often brought to her home instead.

The deceased is survived by her husband, Henry Hoffmeister, and five children, being Henry and John of Damascus; Dave and Fred of Eagle Creek and a daughter, Mrs. Lilly Ehmsen of Portland, and twenty grandchildren.

At the funeral services, conducted by Rev. Aue, at the family home, Monday afternoon, a large gathering of friends, relatives and neighbors paid their last respects to the memory of the beloved old lady.

Interment, in charge of Undertaker Henthorn, occurred at the Forrester Cemetery at Eagle Creek.

On motion by Mr. Dillon, the chairman was requested to appoint a committee of seven members, which after obtaining information from other community or federated churches and having outlined a form of organization, would report at a future public meeting, to be at such time and place as it may later designate.

After a day or two of deliberation, Chairman Ely Tuesday appointed the following committee, which will meet soon: — W. H. Holder, W. W. Dillon, D. S. Fleming, F. B. Guthrie, A. O. Whitcomb and John Ely, with R. M. Standish as chairman.