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ARE WE GOING TO HAVE A CHEESE FACTORY?

Question To Be Settled Monday Night At Dinner Meeting

Under the auspices of the Farmers' & Merchants' Club, at the Adams Hotel in Estacada, next Monday evening, March 19th a meeting will be held, to which every farmer and business man in this community should be present, for final action will then be taken as to whether this community will establish a cooperative cheese-factory or other dairy products manufacturing plant.

Unless the farmers on the north side of the Clackamas indicate more of a desire for such an industry, it is likely that a cheese-factory will be built and conducted in Springwater, for the farmers of that section have already signed up sufficiently to make such an industry possible.

At this meeting, all phases of the proposition will be presented and every farmer or resident in this district should make it a point to be present and to express his or her views on this important question. Many inquires have come to the News office in the past two weeks from interested farmers and everyone of these men should attend this meeting.

The gathering will be in the form of the usual dinner-meeting, with reservations for the 35c dinners made in advance. Those unable to attend the dinner-meeting, which starts at 7 o'clock are urged to come later and take part in the discussions.

Dinner reservations must be made early by phoning either I. D. Wright or R. M. Standish of Estacada, being the committee in charge.

At this meeting will also be considered the report of the Industrial Committee, which has been working in the interests of a centralized shingle mill and the development of the Harkenrider clay deposits.

Through the courtesy and generosity of the local autoists, as far as possible, transportation will be furnished farmers from outlying sections, as formerly, but notification must be received by the committee at once.

Here is an opportunity for the residents of this community to really show whether they believe in cooperation for the mutual profit of the people and for the development of the section. So show that "your heart is in the right place" by being among those present.

City Officials May Hold Over

The passage of a law by the last legislature may result in the postponement of the scheduled Estacada city election next June, when a new mayor and councilman were to be elected.

The new law stipulates that all city elections shall be held at the same time as the general elections, which, if correctly interpreted, will result in the holding over of these officials until their successors are regularly elected.

The exact interpretation of the law has not been received yet, but Recorder Devore is daily expecting a report from the Secretary of State relative to the matter.

Clackamas County Fair Sept. 18-19-20-21

The 1917 annual Clackamas County Fair will be held at the Canby Fair Grounds, September 18th to 21st inclusive.

At a meeting in Oregon City on Friday, George Lazelle was chosen to head the association, with C. N. Wait as Vice-President; W. H. Blair, Treasurer and G. F. Johnson, Secretary.

The racing features, as formerly, will be in charge the veteran, Ed Fortune.

Electric Lights For Currinsville

The P. R. L. & P. Co., through its representative Frank Ewing of Springwater is now conducting a canvass of the residents of Currinsville and along the main highway from Estacada to Currinsville, to obtain sufficient support to warrant the installation of electricity in that district.

In order to make such an installation, it is necessary that twenty-five users be obtained, who will agree to pay \$3. per month minimum for the first two years, thereafter coming down to the \$1. minimum basis.

During the two years in which the \$3. rate is current, the users may consume up to that amount of electricity per month, allowing of lighting houses, barns and using motors, electric irons and other electrical conveniences.

But unless the full quota of consumers is promised, the matter will be dropped and it may be sometime before the company will again consider furnishing electricity for that district, so it is hoped the full twenty-five consumers can be signed up.

New Sewer District

The regular meeting of the Estacada City Council occurred Tuesday evening at the office of Recorder Devore.

After disposing of routine business, the Ordinance Committee was instructed to prepare two ordinances; one, making it compulsory that all property abutting sewer systems, shall connect with the same and one to enforce a herd-law for Estacada.

At the request of a number of the residents in the vicinity of Second and Currin Sts and Shafford Ave. and the Boulevard, a new sewer district will be considered, to allow of a trunk sewer up Second St., connecting with the alley between Shafford Ave. and the Boulevard, with lateral connections on Currin St. A committee comprising property owners, D. Eschleman and J. A. Somers and Councilman Standish was appointed to obtain detailed information relative to the latter.

First Safety Step Taken

The News is pleased to give publicity to the first tangible result of its recent campaign for better exits, doors and general fire protection in the local halls and meeting places in this community.

The Garfield Grange has lately completed their "Safety-First stairway"—which simple and economical improvement has made their assembly hall and building a safer place for the handling of crowds, with adequate exit facilities in case of emergency. This sensible improvement cost the Grange about \$30 and similar protection should be given every local meeting place.

Within the past month the editor has been present at two local public gatherings, in which hundreds of men, women, children and babes in arms were packed into a stuffy hall and in one case, contrary to the law, the narrow exit doors opened in. In one of the above instances, it took nine minutes for the crowd to squeeze out of the exit doors at the conclusion of the performance, but many never would have gotten out in case of a rush for the exits.

Belgian Relief Subscribers

In next week's issue of the News will appear a list of all subscriptions made towards the Garfield Grange's Belgian Relief Fund, the list showing all donors and amounts donated.

In later issues, subsequent donations will receive equal publicity and it is hoped this community will make a strong showing for this worthy cause.

SCHOOL BONDS BRING BIG PREMIUM

Albany Architect Awarded High School Contract

Before a special meeting of the Estacada School Board held last Monday night at the school house, the sale of the new high school bonds was awarded to the highest bidder, being the Lumbermen's Trust Company of Portland, which firm offered a premium of \$630.

Bids were received from a number of Portland, Seattle and Denver bond houses, besides the State Land Board. These bonds are for \$21,000, bearing 5% interest, being serial five to twenty year, with the successful bidder guaranteeing to accept at the same price the remaining \$4,000. of the issue, if within 60 days it is necessary to sell all or part of the remaining \$25,000 issue.

After several weeks careful investigation and following a three day trip to Albany by Messrs. Reed and Holder of the Board, the contract for the plans for the new high school building was awarded to Architect Burggraf of Albany, who is recognized as one of the leading architects in this line of work.

Within a few weeks, the Board desires to call an informal meeting of the taxpayers, when the plans will be submitted and explained by the architect and at which meeting several other matters pertaining directly and indirectly to the proposed high school and its location, will be discussed.

Professor Larson's Itinerary

Under the guidance of Mgr. Ewing of the P. R. L. & P. Co's Agricultural Department, Prof. Larson of the Oregon Agricultural College will be in this community, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, giving lectures and field demonstrations among the farmers.

Thursday will be spent in the vicinity of the Ewing and Lawrence Bros. farms in Springwater—Friday morning at the Standish ranch in Garfield—Friday afternoon at the Botkin place in Garfield—Saturday morning in George and Saturday afternoon at Eagle Creek Grange.

As Prof. Larson is an authority on grains, clover, vetches, potatoes and general farming, all farmers are cordially invited to meet with him in his field work.