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NO PLACE FOR DIRT

The State Board of Health, composed of leading physicians, has presented to the legislature, a big program involving a new state-wide commission to be known as the Anti-Stream Pollution Board. All the principal rivers, including the Columbia, with their tributaries, will be classified and put under legislation to be enacted and rules and regulations to be administered by the proposed new board.

This proposal can do much good, as well as much damage to the state of Oregon. The logical place for many industries such as sawmills, paper mills, canneries, linen mills, woolen mills and most industries of importance, is along streams. As one man expressed it, "The Willamette river is nothing more nor less than a drainage canal for the Willamette valley."

It is right and proper to keep all possible waste and dirt out of our rivers. On the other hand, it is impossible to develop any section of the country without industries. Industries have to get rid of a large amount of waste. Some of it can be disposed of in no manner except through natural drainage into streams.

If the Anti-Stream Pollution Board will co-operate with industries to cut out useless stream pollution, it can do much good. If it adopts an antagonistic attitude in an effort to cut all stream pollution, it can do irreparable damage to the state of Oregon and its industrial development.

New boards and commissions are always dangerous and expensive, and this new proposal is worth watching carefully. The day will soon come when the Clackamas river below Estacada will furnish sites for factories which will need drainage facilities.

THE LIME RATE CASE

The Public Service commission has dismissed the acts filed by Ex-Governor Pierce to compel the Southern Pacific to grant a lower freight rate on agricultural lime, but a similar case, brought on motion of the commission itself, is pending. Farmers generally are much interested in this case, claiming that if the price of lime was reduced there would be a far greater use of the product. Nearly all the Willamette valley and coast lands need lime to correct soil acidity but at the present price farmers say they cannot afford to apply it except in limited ways. They argue that both the railroads and farmers would benefit with lower prices.

THE OUTLOOK FOR THIS YEAR

The general outlook for the marketing situation for 1927 is not much different than for the past year, and the surplus problem is as yet unsolved. Cotton, corn, hay and beef have not been profitable products, while potatoes, eggs, butter, wool and hogs have had fair markets. The big surplus cotton crop of the South is reflected in Wisconsin and other states in the cheese industry. The South has been a big consumer for middle West cheese, but with the big surplus and low price for cotton, this demand for dairy products has been materially decreased. The labor bureau reports that wages of industrial workers are on the increase as are also average earnings, while living costs are coming down.

Many Small Co-Op. Associations

More than one half of the Co-operative buying and selling associations of this country have memberships ranging below one hundred, according to a survey of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Approximately 23 per cent of the total number which made reports had from one to fifty members each. About ten per cent had from 200 to 300 members and less than three per cent of all had more than 200. Twenty-nine per cent had from 51 to 100 and 30 per cent had from 101 to 200 each. Organizations weak in numbers and volume of products can have but small influence in price determination and their overhead expenses are certain to be too great for the volume of business. Co-operatives must have strength of number and product to be effective and co-operation must become a philosophy, a religion, between farmer members and their neighbors.

News from the Neighboring Towns

EAGLE CREEK

A social event of the past week was in the form of a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cogswell. The evening was spent listening to radio music and playing progressive Rook. Toward the midnight hour delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. Those present to enjoy the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. William Sanders, Mrs. Emma West, Miss Pamela Kenny, Miss Fern Clute, Ernest and Lyle Smith, Walter Maffie and the hosts.

The local Christian Endeavor young people held their regular business and social meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Glover on last Friday evening. Mrs. Milton Weatherly of Garfield and Mrs. Matt Glover introduced some very new and novel games for the evening's diversion. Twenty-two persons were present.

Foster Meiers and Roland Burnett spent last week-end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Glover had as their house guest last week end, Mr. Frank Gill of Dufur, Oregon. Mr. Gill taught the Eagle Creek school a number of years ago and has many friends to welcome his visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Glover had as their Sunday dinner guests, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Weatherly and son, Mr. and Mrs. William Sanders and Mr. Frank Gill.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cogswell motored to Springwater Sunday to visit friends.

Ernest Smith enrolled in the Oregon Institute of Technology in Portland on Monday.

SPRINGWATER

Neighboring Club to meet with Mrs. Kirkwood this month the 9th.

Regular meeting of the Springwater Grange on February 12 at which all members are urged to be present as the 1927 fair plans are to be discussed as well as the building of a cattle shed.

The Ladies Aid has been doing some quilting for Mrs. Moger.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Closser were Sunday visitors at the Wm. Bard home.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Shibley were visiting at the Roy Beck home on Sunday.

Miss Hazel Fahy spent the week-end in Portland.

Guests at the Wiley Howell home on Sunday were Mr. Wm. Ward and Miss Allan Ware of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. George and children were Portland guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kirkwood on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Shibley and Miss Elva were visiting at the Jack Marrs home near Molalla on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cogswell of Eagle Creek were Sunday visitors at the Madden home.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Erickson were calling on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greer on Sunday afternoon.

The John Park family were Monday evening visitors at the Wiley Howell home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Aycock and children were visiting at the Clarence Hull home on Sunday afternoon.

Maxine Ward is the newest scarlet fever patient.

Henry Cromer was a business visitor in Portland on Tuesday.

BARTON

The Parent Teachers' organization meeting Friday night was not largely attended but were very interesting. Earl Tracy, our principal, and Miss Bernice Childmire, primary teacher, are taking a very active part.

Brick Whitehead is out on his trap lines again after several days spent with a bad cold. He brought in one mink today. That means another lady's neck will be kept warm next summer.

W. C. Odell is very much pleased with his new Star car.

Mr. and Mrs. George Farman made a business trip to Oregon City Tuesday.

H. F. Gibson and Sam Wilson are very busy feeding stock this winter as they have two stock ranches at Barton.

W. F. Ferrell and son William butchered a large hog and took it to Portland Tuesday. It was so large they had to cut it in two to load it in the car.

Wallace brothers and Dustin Lake are busy clearing the mud out of the River road so the Eagle Creek and Estacada folk can get to Portland and Salem.

Miss Bertha Tiffaany has taken up ministry. She preached here Sunday night.

Otto Stolkie is very busy on his farm doing one thing and another, but why should he do his own cooking ladies?

A. L. Lake went to near Monmouth Sunday to attend to some business. He has several head of hogs there.

DODGE NEWS

Anton Habelt paid a business visit to Estacada on Tuesday.

The Dodge School Boosters Club is an organization of the pupils, both boys and girls, for mutual improvement in efficiency and sociability. They held their second election of officers on Wednesday, when Clinton Colson was made president, Helen Enquist secretary and Earl Mackintosh treasurer. The officers are elected for a period of six weeks.

Several of our people attended the 500 party of the Community club at the Masonic Hall, Estacada, last week and report having a good time. There was a very large crowd present.

On Saturday evening there was a community social held in the school house with a fairly good and representative crowd in attendance. A very fine program was gone through by the Boosters Club, followed by a social time spent in games, after which a supper was served and the rest of the evening spent in card games.

Earl Lankins and family of Viola spent Sunday visiting with Fred Horner and family.

On Tuesday, it being the birthday of Geo. W. Keller, a surprise party was given him by quite a good crowd of neighbors who visited him and had a good time until near midnight, playing 500, Pedro and dominoes and helping him to consume some of his fine apples.

On Tuesday, the 25th, M. Pedersen and his son Joyce went to Portland and reported very wintry weather on the way. Whilst we at Dodge had hardly any snow. They found very much more on the lower elevation and on 82nd street had great difficulty in navigating their car, there being more than a foot of snow in places. This is so different to the usual expectation.

Tuesday, February 1, Clarence Jubb went to Portland on business.

Ralph Myers and his wife spent the week-end with his parents, and attended the social in the school on Saturday evening.

We are pleased to report that Mr. Enquist is so far recovered from his recent sickness that he is at work again. Last week he was working at carpenter work for Mr. Vale.

ELWOOD ITEMS

The Elwood Telephone Co. held its annual meeting Saturday pm. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Directors, U. Bogden, M. Rydziveski, C. Bitner, S. Brown, T. Munson; M. Park, president; D. Stahlnecker, vice-president; George Devore, secretary. Two more are asking for rights on the line.

M. W. Jones and family who have been living near the Larkins mill in Highland the past two years have returned to their home here.

Ella Bitner, her sister, Mrs. Ernest Boylan left Saturday for southern California.

Evert Stahlnecker, a student at the Estacada high school was unable to return to school Monday because of sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Vallen of Portland were guests of the former's sister, Miss Nellie Vallen Sunday.

A number of 'teen age boys and girls enjoyed a party at the home of Mrs. E. G. Hodgkiss Friday night.

Mrs. George Devore of Estacada was an Elwood visitor during the week end.

CURRINSVILLE

Mr. R. H. Currin spent the week-end at home.

Miss Poole and Mrs. Nellie Currin spent Friday evening with the C. E. Hivelys and report a very pleasant time.

Mr. Frank Halferty has returned home from trip to Southern Oregon. J. C. Kitching and Elmer Tompkins are making telegraph poles for John Wheeler.

Elmer Bedinger and wife are visiting Grandpa and Ma Jones in Portland Sunday.

Lester Hale has a flock of 22 lambs.

C. W. Fuller has bought the home of C. E. Carver and expects to do some improving this summer.

Ruth Hale is unable to attend school for a few days.

There are quite a few sick people in this neighborhood. Mrs. Lester Hale is on the sick list at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones visited with Mr. Jones parents in Portland Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Groenil Linn won the dinner set given away by the Currinsville store for the month of January. Mrs. Frank Halferty won the manicure set.

Arthur Smith sold one of his hogs Tuesday which weighed over 600 lbs.

GEORGE ITEMS

The George Social and commercial club held its annual meeting last Saturday evening, having election of officers and other business for the year.

Julius Paulsen made a trip to Portland last week to visit his mother who was quite ill but at last reports is much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Maxwell are spending a few days on their ranch and visiting with the home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Decker were out from St. Johns Sunday visiting friends here and in Garfield.

Frank Howard, Mrs. R. S. Chaney and Dorothy Dew were Grange visitors at Eagle Creek Jan. 22.

The Weiderhold brothers are sawing a carload of lumber to be shipped soon.

Charles Matthew is out from Portland on his ranch. He is doing some fencing and otherwise improving things around the place.

Rath and Klinker are filling their pond with logs so as to begin sawing in the near future.

Mrs. Julius Paulsen went to Portland for a few days to see her mother-in-law and to visit other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Johnson and children and George Willing visited in Estacada Sunday evening.

VIOLA NEWS

We are having plenty of rain at present which makes traveling not very good.

A man was through last week buying beef cattle. William Undall sold him all of his cows, also Jim Sevier sold him a Jersey cow.

Bruce Randolph spent a few days last week at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Randolph. He returned to McMinnville.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Powers spent a couple of days in Portland at the home of their brother-in-law and sister, Dr. W. W. Bruce and wife.

Mr. W. S. Powers is visiting with his sons, Emery and Elmer Powers. His home is in Baker Oregon. He reports lots of snow in Eastern Oregon.

Mrs. Clara Heinbothom with her two children, Alice and Leslie spent her birthday on Sunday at the home of her parents, also Mr. and Mrs. William Gilgan and daughter, Janet, with M. G. Egers' brother who is here visiting him. After dinner Mrs. Heinbothom and Alice with Janet Gilgan went to Oregon City hospital to see Charles Heinbothom. They report him as improving fast.

Wm. Heinbothom from Stevenson Washington called to see his brother in the Oregon City hospital Saturday.

UPPER EAGLE CREEK

C. H. Paddison is now working down at Toledo, Oregon and living with his daughter Mrs. George Smith.

One of the enjoyable events of last week was the "500" party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Douglass last Thursday evening. Several of their relatives and friends came and spent a very pleasant evening with them. Refreshments were served and soon after all departed for their respective homes.

While splitting wood one day last week, Mr. Cahill had the misfortune to cut his left hand very badly, but he says it is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker are now living on the Schultz place.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Douglass visited with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoffmeister Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Douglas and children and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil and children were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Douglas Sunday.

The party and dance given by the Eagle Creek Grange Saturday night was well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wade and Mr. and Mrs. F. Ely furnished the music.

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