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PETITIONERS GET MERGER COMFORT

County Court Withholds Promise of Immediate Aid on the Market Road

In an endeavor to induce the County Court to push forward the work of construction of the Market Road between Springwater and Colton, a large delegation waited upon that body in the county courthouse at Oregon City Tuesday. Representing the Greater Clackamas Union of Clubs was the president, H. H. Chindgren, Gordon Taylor for Mollala, G. Davidson for Colton, H. C. Stephens for Estacada, E. Shearer for Springwater, and D. Horner for Dodge, also about thirty people from Elwood were present.

The question was presented from many angles by the speakers. Stephens pointed out the great benefit that would be derived by the county as a whole. Taylor spoke of it from the tourist point of view and from the utility standpoint. He showed that, while the distance from Dodge to Colton is only eight miles, yet under present conditions those wishing to make the trip must go by way of Oregon City, making the distance 45 miles. Dan Stahlacker and others from Elwood told of the many farms in their district which are unworked, because of the difficulty there is in getting in or out. The County Court professed its sympathy with the petitioners but laid its inability to do much to the shortage of money.

STATE ENDEAVORERS TO HOLD BIG MEET

The coming State Christian Endeavor Convention, to be held in Oregon City April 21-24, is looked forward to by many young people as an event of great importance. E. P. Gates, of Boston, Massachusetts, General secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, is thinking enough of its importance to make this convention his main objective in a long transcontinental trip. Three one-day institutes in California just preceding the convention are incidental to his good-will trip to Oregon, to show that he, and his fellow officers, have an interest in the West and have not forgotten the State since coming out here to the International Christian Endeavor Convention in Portland in 1925. Mr. Gates was educated to be a lawyer and still is a member of the bar in Washington D. C. He is recognized as a man of great ability and is much sought for convention speeches in the United States and Canada.

Oregon City Interesting
Oregon City is an interesting and historic place. It is said that it is the oldest incorporated city west of the Rocky Mountains. One of the first plats of San Francisco is on file in the court house in Oregon City. It is the birth-place of Edwin Markham, the poet, although the house in which he was born has long since disappeared. Dr. John McLoughlin, pioneer in the Northwest, is buried here. His house stands on another location, converted into a museum of historical interest. Kipling, while on a visit to this vicinity fished in the Clackamas just north of the city. The city is situated on the Willamette river, the natural falls of which, now furnish power for street cars, paper mills, and a nationally advertised woolen mill.

Convention Begins on Thursday
Oregon City residents are making ready to welcome the hosts of Christian Endeavorers who will come to the convention, which begins on Thursday evening and continues through Sunday night. Lodging and breakfast will be furnished free on the Harvard plan to those who pay the registration fee of one dollar. Southern Pacific train service, and electric trolley cars from Portland make it of easy access to Oregon City.

Other speakers include Mrs. Chas. W. Williams of Portland, Dr. Norman K. Tully of Salem, Rev. Paul C. Brown of Los Angeles, Dr. J. B. Hunley of Walla Walla, Miss Louella Dyer of Seattle, Rev. S. Earl DuBois of Portland, Mr. Ernest W. Peterson of Portland, and Mr. B. F. Irvine of Portland. Judge Jacob Kanzler of Portland, president, will preside.

A STRENUOUS LIFE COMES FRIDAY NITE

As brilliant a galaxy of Thespians as has ever been assembled at Estacada high school will gather on the school stage tomorrow night, ready to dole out quantities of mirth in rapid succession, when the junior class presents the college farce, "A Strenuous Life," by Richard Tully, as their annual production.

Tom Harrington, the reckless, rollicking, rough-and-ready Berkeley undergrad, played by Ban Jennings, is led into a number of amusing situations, only to be extricated each time by his kind friend, Reginald Black, played by Carl DeMoy. Of course, he captures the beautiful Marian Bavenant shortly before the final curtain. The latter role is taken by Lillian Duncan.

Others who will be seen on the stage are Lola Johnson, Elwin Beck, Oliver Beck, Irene Davis, John Whitaker, Leonard Davis, Opal Clester, Robert Hayden, Cletus Johnson, and Kenneth Park.

The play is under the direction of Claudia Plank, teacher of public speaking and languages.

VISITORS ARE AMAZED

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Wilson, of Duluth, Minn., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Moore last Friday. They had been through California and were on their way home by way of British Columbia. Mr. Moore took them to Government Camp on the Mt. Hood Loop. They drove between walls of snow 16 feet high on the trip and the visitors expressed amazement that such experiences could be had in a single day's trip from a warm climate.

LEGION DANCE

The Eagle Creek hall will be the scene of another American Legion dance next Saturday night. This is one of the regular tri-weekly affairs put on by the Carl Douglass post. Good music is a feature of these dances.

Methodist Church is Holding Protracted Services April 24

Services every evening at 8 P. M. Plan to attend, your presence will help us to help others. A real revival helps everything that is worthy of his blessings.

Our gospel is His Gospel, "How Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures." Christ's death, burial, and resurrection are facts. Are these the Gospel? Is there any saving power in them? Not unless we add, "for our sins, His death was a death for us all, by which we are delivered from our sins."
—F. A. Simms

NEW BULLETINS

The county agent just furnished the Estacada Stat Bank with a lot of new bulletins of interest to farmers. These are for distribution where the supply is large enough and where there are only single copies of a bulletin, the bank will be glad to order for anyone interested. The county agent is making this a branch office for the distribution of such farm helps as come to him. Of especial benefit to land owners is the soil map which may be seen at the bank. There is a description of the types of soil in this neighborhood and recommendations as to the crops best suited to each type of soil.

Coming Events

April 16—Legion dance at Eagle Creek.

April 16—Flower sale, Broadway Service garage.

April 21-24—C. E. Convention at Oregon City.

APRIL 22 (evening)— and April 24 (afternoon matinee) Mary Pickford in "Sparrows" Benefit P. T. A.

April 22—Clackamas River Boosters meet at Barton.

April 29—C. E. program and social at Eagle Creek Grange hall.

May 18-19—"The Nervous Wreck" at the Liberty theatre.

Watch for dates on the great picture, "The Lost World," which will be at the Liberty soon.

Better Product and Sales Service Needs of Northwest Prune Industry

By Christopher Strahan

Salem, Ore., April 12—(special) Improved methods of merchandizing northwestern prunes, including standardization, better packing, distribution, and increased consumer demand, are needed if producers are to receive fair returns for their labor in the face of a steadily increasing crop, is the opinion of department of agriculture economists following an economic survey of the industry.

This opinion was delivered before a meeting of several hundred growers, packers, and critics here today by Burke H. Critchfield, Chris L. Christenson, and Lloyd S. Tenney, representatives of the federal department of agriculture.

A federal survey was made recently through the division of co-operative marketing and was conducted at the request of producers, co-operative associations and other interested agencies, and related especially to the so-called Italian type prunes grown in Oregon and Washington.

Department representatives interviewed wholesalers, retailers and consumers in 29 cities in a study of consumer demand, which showed, among other things, that consumers, other than those of the Jewish race, do not know that there is more than one kind of prune. Prunes are "just prunes" to most people, although there is a marked difference between the Italian type which has a tart flavor and the California sweet prune, said the experts.

The trend of prune production has been markedly upward in California and the northwest during the past twenty-five years. Available statistics show that if the trees already

planted are allowed to come into full bearing, the average annual production of prunes in the United States may be twenty to twenty-five per cent greater in six years.

The trend of prices to growers has been distinctly downward and many producers are not receiving satisfactory returns for their labor. Available information as to production trends and market demand indicates that there probably will be little, if any, marked increase in the general level of prices for prunes from Oregon and Washington over those prevailing in recent years unless some means of increasing the demand can be found.

In planning a program to extend the knowledge of Oregon and Washington prunes, growers should remember the relatively small supply of California prunes, and the difficulty of the average consumer in distinguishing between the two products, it was said.

Other practices recommended by the department are careful growing and delivery of prunes of a uniform quality regularity of supply, and co-operation among growers.

About forty per cent of the northwestern prune crop is handled by former co-operative marketing associations, which, according to the economists, should form the nucleus of a larger organization for distributing and merchandizing the prunes more effectively.

Several from Clackamas county attended the meeting.

Editors Note: A bulletin, department circular 416-c, relating to this survey, may be obtained from the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

GRADE SCHOOL NOTES

First Grade
Mrs. Joslin, Mrs. J. C. Kiggins, and children, and Mrs. Everett Kiggins visited the primary room this week.

The little folks went for their first hike on Tuesday afternoon, spending two hours in playing games and doing acrobatic stunts in the park. Judging from the noise, the frequent catastrophes in the shape of minor abrasions of their epidermis, and the reluctance with which they turned their steps homeward, the outing was a complete success. Jean Grabeel suggests that "we take along some sam-midges the next time we go side-walking."

Fourth Grade
Suzanne Cooke came in school, after being out on account of the measles.

Sam Whitehead, Mallisa Sarver, and Gordon Zerke made hundreds in spelling all last week.

The class is busily engaged writing its W. C. T. U. story entitled "The Joy Who Watched Lincoln Write His Name." These stories are illustrated with pictures of log cabins, and pictures of Lincoln.

Fifth and Sixth Grades
Posters are being made by the boys and girls in the fifth and sixth grades. These posters illustrate the temperance teachings of the Healthy Living books and will be entered in the W. C. T. U. poster contest. We are hoping for a prize.

Willie Topp returned to school Monday after several days absence because of a cold.

Mildred Rhodes visited in Eugene over the week end.

Dan Whitehead visited the Government camp Sunday and reports much snow there.

Ellamae Smith visited her sister in Stayton Sunday.

THORNTON vs. DONOVAN

The best prospects for a first rate wrestling match which Estacada fans have had this season, is the bout scheduled for Tuesday night at the Liberty. Bill Donovan, the husky matman from Pocatello, Idaho, has thrown Wild Bill Thornton here but the match did not do Thornton justice, since the night before he had been roughly handled on a Portland floor and was not in the best of condition.

Donovan is starting on a schedule of matches in Canada soon, and wants to prove to Thornton that he can best him when Thornton is at his best.

The preliminary bout will be between the two lads who have staged two thirty minute no-decision bouts here before. "They will have to stay with it this time until they decide who is the best man," says Referee Blaisdell.

CLACKAMAS CLUBS LEAD

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, April 13.—(Special)—Clackamas county clubs received 15 out of 40 charters sent out by H. C. Seymour, state club leader, recently, which is more than any other county in the state. These charters are issued by the United States department of agriculture when complete programs of the year's work are sent in by the club. I. M. C. Anderson is county club leader.

Among the recipients of these charters was the Estacada Sewing club, led by Mrs. Sophronia Lathen.

Barton Bids Boosters Bring Big Bunch

The second meeting of the Clackamas River Improvement club will be held at Barton on Friday evening, April 22. This movement is the outgrowth of a called meeting at Carver last month and will lead to advertising of the Clackamas Valley. Those interested in the movement include all who reside in the valley as well as the business interests on the

Easter Services

METHODIST CHURCH

10 A. M.—Easter Program

11 A. M.—Easter Address

7 P. M.—Young Peoples Meeting

The eight o'clock preaching service is dismissed and we shall all attend the Christian church for a united service.

Judge Martin will bring the Easter Address. He will also assist us in the revival services. His message preached in our church some Sundays ago was received with much praise and blessing. He has served as pastor and evangelist for many years. Also at the bar for 25 years. He is a man of much ability and experience. Come and hear Judge Martin next Sunday morning.

SPRINGWATER CHURCH

Thomas I. Kirkwood, Pastor

The Sunday school and morning worship will be conducted as one continuous service, with a missionary program by the school and special Easter music. The theme of the Easter message will be "The Power of the Resurrection," I Peter 1:3. The service begins at 10:30.

The Christian Endeavor meets at the church in the evening. Topic, "Christ in Us, Power for a New Life." Eph. 2:1-10. Leader, Edith Howell.

The regular meeting of the Ladies Aid will be held at the church Thursday afternoon, April 21.

GEORGE CHURCH

The Sunday school will give a short Easter Program, beginning at 2:30. This will be followed by the usual service of worship, with special Easter music. We also hope to have our new song books.

EAGLE CREEK CHURCH

Sunday school at 10:30 A. M. Christian Endeavor at 7:15. The Easter service and special music at 7:45.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Easter services at the Christian Church will be one of the most attractive and interesting services held this year. Evangelist Kenneth J. Husby of Portland, who has been helping to build up the church will have charge of the day's program. Starting at six thirty o'clock in the morning, a sunrise prayer meeting will be held in the church. Every Christian in the community is invited to attend this devotional service. The Sunday school convenes at nine forty-five. At this time the Easter



Evangelist Husby

program will be given by the kiddies. The morning worship will be at eleven o'clock. The sermon subject is "The Resurrection a Proof of Christianity." At noon a basket dinner will be served at the church, followed by an afternoon service at two thirty. The young people will have charge of the devotional service at this time. Mr. Husby will preach a short sermon on the subject, "Three answers to the Same Question."

Christian Endeavor services will be held at six thirty. The young people of the community will study together the subject, "Why did Jesus Die and Rise Again?" The evening service at seven thirty will be a union service of the churches of the community and will include a big community sing, special music, and the sermon, "God's Last Invitation."

ENDEAVOR TIE SOCIAL

The Christian Endeavor of the Eagle Creek church will give a program and hold a tie social Friday evening, April 29. All are cordially invited.

INCOME TAX IS GOVERNOR'S PLAN

Tells Radio Audience His Reasons For Favoring Proposed Measure

On Wednesday evening, Governor I. L. Patterson spoke to a radio audience over the Oregonian's station. His subject was the income tax and the constitutional amendment which would change the base upon which the state tax commission determines its levy each succeeding year in computing a six per cent increase where a six per cent increase is necessary. The latter measure, he explained, is to correct a fault which is due to a lowered property tax for 1924 when there was also an income tax, and the failure of the state tax commission to take this into account when the income tax was repealed in 1925.

The income tax, which was proposed by the governor and passed by the recent legislature, is to be voted upon by the people at the election set for June 28.

Rates are low
"The rates are low" (under the proposed bill) said Governor Patterson, "and the exemptions are low, so that while they reach men and women of small income, they do not place an unreasonable burden on either those of small incomes or those who enjoy larger incomes."

The governor spoke as though he were confident of the support of the people on these two measures.

FLOWER SALE SATURDAY

The Eastern Clackamas Garden club will hold a flower sale at the Broadway Service Garage on Saturday, April 16.

MINSTREL GOES OVER WITH A BANG

Old melodies of the plantation, interspersed with jokes aimed for the most part at local folks, were presented last Friday evening to a large crowd at the high school by a mixed chorus.

The program took the form of an old time minstrel show in the opening act. Fred Leihammer, interloper, put his dark-skinned circle of performers through their paces with never a hitch. The jokes flowed smoothly and the music was excellent. The members of the circle were hardly recognizable in their tar-baby make-up, but a few whozats located the following: Cooke, Stephens, Palmateer, Linn, Ahlberg, Baker, Lawrence, Robertson, Grabeel, Hayman, Jones, and Hughes. Harry Grable furnished the piano accompaniments. A thrilling finale by Leihammer and company was given in the song, "It's a Grand Old Flag," with young Ted Ahlberg as color bearer.

In the second act, the action centered around Mrs. George Lawrence as Aunt Dilly. A feature of this act was the negro melodies, both sad and gay, by ladies' voices and in full chorus. Besides the men of the minstrel cast, there were, in the second act, Mrs. George Lawrence, Mrs. H. W. Kitching, Mrs. W. J. Moore, Mrs. Fred Leihammer, Mrs. Nina Ecker, Mrs. J. R. Hughes, Alta Kershner, Ruth Dillon, and Anna Dillon.

Bob Cooke, in the intermission number, gave a dancing, juggling, and musical monologue number, which stopped the show.

SERVICE BEGINS SATURDAY

Forty parsons of the Estacada postoffice will be benefited by the extension of Route 2, which opens Saturday. New boxes are being installed along the route which lies east from the town on the north side of river. The patrons are asked to have their mail marked with route and box number so that no confusion may occur. It was pointed out by Postmaster A. H. Johnson that changes in mailing instructions are often not promptly attended to by patrons and as an example he referred to mail for Route 3, Estacada, which sometimes bears the address, Route 1, having once been served on Route 1, out of Springwater.

NEXT WOODCRAFT PARTY

The Neighbors of Woodcraft will entertain the public on Thursday, April 21, at a card party, in the Masonic Hall.