



## EXPERIMENTAL FARM

### The Southern Pacific Railway Company to Encourage Growing of Alfalfa

### Wants Five-Acre Tract of Land on Two-Year Lease for Conducting the Experiment

In order to encourage the growing of alfalfa in this vicinity, the Southern Pacific Railway Company is considering the establishment of our experimental farm. The corporation wishes to obtain a 5-acre tract on a 2-year lease. The owner of the land is to have the crop but must guarantee to follow the instructions of the company in the sowing and cultivating of the land. This offer is made to see if alfalfa can be grown successfully in this county. If the experiment should prove successful, the farmers will be encouraged to sow alfalfa which is one of the best fodder for stock. Inoculated soil and alfalfa seed will be furnished gratuitously to the farmer who takes up the proposition. The railway men require that the tract of land be easy of access for public inspection, well drained and of an average quality of soil. It is understood that one of these farms will be started in the neighborhood of Hillsboro and the other closer to Forest Grove. This is a generous offer and one that should receive more than passing consideration from our dairymen. Inasmuch as Washington county is the banner dairy

county in the state; it is particularly opportune that these experiments be conducted in this section of the state.

### FRUIT GROWER'S UNION

The Forest Grove Society Will Have an Interesting Program—Prominent Horticulturalists to be Present.

First meeting of the local society, Feb. 17, at 10 a. m. in the room first door east of postoffice.

The program is as follows: "Possibilities of Fruit Culture in the Willamette Valley," Dr. T. R. Cardwell of Portland, President of the State Horticultural Society. "Walnuts in the Pacific Northwest," Thomas Prince of Dundee. "Propagating the Walnut," Geo. W. Kelly of Cornelius. "Shall We Plant More Cherries," Col. Harry Haynes. "Fungus Diseases of the Orchard" (unassigned). "The San Jose Scale," (unassigned). Discussion—The Ax or the Spray Pump—Which? Question Box.

### Bullock-Von Wasmer

Mr. Edward Bullock, of North Forest Grove and Miss Octavia Von Wasmer of Cadwell, Idaho, were married in Hillsboro last Friday, Hon. L. A. Rood officiating. The groom is well known in this part of Washington county.

### Notice

Will run my Feed mill every Saturday at Rasmusen's Feed store. 4t WILL HARTRAMPF.

Cartoonist O. F. Brown, who is well known here, gave an entertainment in Tillamook Saturday evening as a benefit for the public schools.

## COUNTY FRUIT GROWERS MEET

### Movement Started With Enthusiasm to Rid Washington Co. Orchards of Pests and San Jose Scale

### Prominent Horticulturists and Experts Address Large Gathering--Organize Local Union

The enthusiasm manifested at the Horticultural meeting Saturday surpassed anything seen here for many years. The fruit growers of the county were present in large numbers and Vets hall was taxed to its seating capacity at both the morning and afternoon sessions. The speakers spoke authoritatively on the subjects assigned them and the meeting proved very interesting and beneficial. The audience was eager to learn as evidenced by the numerous questions asked of the various speakers. Much good will be derived from such a meeting.

H. C. Atwell of this city, acted as chairman of the meeting and Prof. E. R. Lake of the O. A. C. at Corvallis was secretary. For several years Mr. Lake has been secretary of the State Horticultural society and has published several works on horticultural subjects. Some years ago he was sent to Europe by the U. S. government to study the prune industry. Chairman Atwell stated that the purpose of the meeting was to arouse public sentiment in combating the pests and the San Jose scale which are devastating the Oregon orchards, and for that purpose the state society was holding meetings in the various counties to encourage united action on the part of all fruit growers.

A constitution for the local society was then read and approved. It will be known as the Forest Grove Fruit Growers' union and a membership fee of 50 cents will be charged. It is expected, however, that similar societies will be organized at Hillsboro and at other points throughout the county and that these bodies will assist one another in arranging programs for their respective meetings.

District Commissioner Newell was called on for a speech and stated that the meeting in attendance and enthusiasm exceeded the most sanguine hopes of its promoters. "We must make this gathering a success if the fruit growing interests of this community are to be guarded from devastation," said Mr. Newell. He urged the meeting to petition the county court for the appointment of a county fruit inspector as the commissioner's territory is too large and his salary too small.

D. C. Van Dorn of Dayton president of the Yamhill County Horticultural Society spoke of his experiences as an apple grower. By means of a blackboard he showed how he planted, pruned and cultivated his trees. He has been in the habit of planting one year old trees and has clung to the Baldwin variety which, perhaps is no so long a keeper as other varieties but is a fine seller. He sets his trees forty feet apart and trims them in pyramid shape. This method he maintains makes it easier to gather the fruit, more convenient to spray and the apples receive more sunlight and acquire better flavor and color. "An orchard is a place to raise fruit trees, said Mr. Van Dorn, not hogs nor cattle. Keep your cattle out of your orchards. Cut down your trees to the number you can care for properly." The speaker deprecated the idea of endeavoring to build up an orchard when the neighboring orchards are full of moss-covered trees. He spoke of the possibilities of the northwest as a great fruit growing belt.

H. M. Williamson of Portland editor of the Rural Northwest made an interesting talk on the Willamette Valley as a center in fruit growing. He referred to the time when Willamette valley's apples sold from \$5 to \$6 per box. The apple industry was then profitable but the result was that orchards became too numerous. Growers grew negligent in the care of their trees, and time brought about the present disgraceful condition of our orchards. He read statistics showing how during the last twenty years the apple industry had diminished in Oregon but a surprise was that Washington county in its yearly output had maintained its own while the remainder of the state had shown a tremendous decrease." Oregon orchards, said Mr. Williamson, are not old and useless because of age. No, but the trees carry too much moss and insect breeding fungi. A sentiment must be developed that will teach the caring for of the old orchards. Unless this is done our fruit trees will be injured and the reputation of the Willamette Valley seriously damaged."

Hon. E. L. Smith of Hood River again referred to the conditions in the Willamette valley relative to fruit raising in former days with those of today. "Now with regard to the old orchards, what shall we do?" asked Mr. Smith. Renovate them, spray

the trees, prune them, eliminate the water sprouts. That is one way. Another is to grub them out. The best way, however, is to plant new orchards in good soil, well drained and to give the trees all the elements of plant growth they need. Sow vetch in your orchards and turn it over. It will do the work." He spoke of Hood River, its orchards and methods used in the growing of apples that are selling for \$2.50 per box in New York. He stated that it means plenty of hard work to effectively care for an orchard but it pays in the long run. "The Orient, to my mind, said Mr. Smith, "will offer a great market for the products of Oregon orchards, not only for apples but for other fruits." The speaker also answered many questions put to him by persons in the audience.

A. I. Mason, president of the Hood River Apple Growers' Union, who read a paper on the "Hood River Method," said in part:

"Our success at Hood River has been acquired through nature's blessings in giving our fruit color, size and flavor and to the persistent, active effort of the individual. We have selected one or two varieties of fruit and grow them entirely. It is so with our apples, also of our strawberries. Then we are organized in unions, at which meetings helpful and profitable to the growers are held. Our climate at Hood River is dry, we must cultivate much to retain moisture, not so with you here. Keep the spray pump in action. We spray for codling moth and other pests. Plant those varieties of apples best adapted to your locality. We are continually improving our methods of fruit raising. We make fruit growing our paramount study. Our Fruit Growers' Union is of marked benefit to its members in reducing the commissions of the middlemen and in giving better facilities for market."

L. M. Gilbert of Salem praised Washington county for its output of luscious

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## TOLL ROAD PROBLEM

### County Court Advertises For Bids For a Part of County Road to Be Made a Toll Road

### Remonstrance Will Be Presented to Court—Petitions Circulated in This City and at Gales Creek

The county court will settle the problem of the toll roads in Washington county, March 7. The court has advertised for bids for the leasing of "a part of a county road for the purpose of making it a toll road" and which runs from the southwest corner of the O. Parsons donation land claim, above Gales Creek, to the Tillamook county line. That section of road was four years ago a part of the Wilson River toll road and John McNameer, who has been running a stage line from Forest Grove to Tillamook, has applied for a renewal of the lease.

The bids will be open March 7, and must state the amount of toll to be charged. The court, naturally, reserves the right to reject any and all bids. A remonstrance will be filed before the Court, for petitions are being liberally signed in Forest Grove and Gales Creek asking that highway be not leased for a toll road.

James Reeher and other settlers along the Wilson River have taken the initiative in the fight for free roads. They declare that the road is not kept in a fit condition for travel; that in the winter time it is necessary for them to cut their way out on account of the trees falling across the road; that they have been required to pay toll and that the system as a whole is a "graft." In Tillamook county there is a strong sentiment against toll roads.

movement for free roads is agitated. The editor of the Headlight and the issue may figure in the coming election in that county. Editorially, the Tillamook newspaper says:

"If you are an aspirant for public office do you favor a 'bottled up' country with toll gates or public highways? This is no time to straddle the fence on this question. Aspirants for public favor, especially the county judge and commissioners must let the voters know where they stand and make good their promises.

Whatever stand political candidate may take on the issue of a 'bottled up Tillamook,' it is to be fought in the courts, so say the advocates of free public highways. It is not a fight against one man or one corporation but one of principles. That the Forest Grove people who go every summer to the banks of the Wilson for recreation are opposed to pay toll is a fact proved by the list of names that appear on the petition circulated here.

The action of the court will be awaited with interest.

### TOWN OF HILTS, ON THE MAP

### A New Town is to be Started on the P. R. & N. Line.

Levi C. Walker, of this city, recently completed the plat for the new town of Hiltz on the P. R. & N. railway line situated one and a half mile east of Greenville and six miles from Forest Grove.

The tract of land laid out in town lots is the property of David Hiltz, prominent farmer of that locality. About four acres have been cut into lots. The town site is near the Roy school house and two general merchandise stores are to be started there, one by John Vanderveld and the other by Wm. Dunsmoor, this city, as stated by The News, week. A splendid agricultural district surrounds Hiltz and if the railroad ever built the new town will be one of the best trading points on the line.

—Victor flour has declined 20 cents per barrel in price, but not in quality.

## Doors, Windows Mouldings!!

and anything else you need in Bracket, Stair, Rail, Gable Ornaments—in fact, everything necessary for finishing up your new home.

These we shall carry in stock at our Warehouse on North Main Street the coming season and we will

### Guarantee Our Prices and Meet All Competition

### Come and get our prices before buying Elsewhere

We are probably a little green at the business but "Rome was not built in a day," and you may depend upon us "Giving You Satisfaction" in this line as in our GENERAL HARDWARE BUSINESS.

### GOFF BROS.,

### FOREST GROVE, OREGON



### WINNER AT OREGON GOAT SHOW

### Turkey Washington Owned by E. S. Naylor of This City, Given First Award

From a mere barn exhibition at which a few enterprising Angora breeders gathered a dozen good specimens of the breed, the annual Dallas Goat Show has grown into an exhibition of inter-state reputation.

The show this year was by some of the exhibitors considered better than any held in previous years. Although the number of registered goats was less than a year ago, the unregistered animals were more numerous.

It is a matter of local pride that our own goat fancier, E. L. Naylor, has been fortunate to compete successfully with the leading goat breeders of the state.

This year Mr. Naylor got first award for Buck, one year old and under two, and third award for Sweepstakes buck.

The animal in the photograph is Turkey Washington, yearling buck and winner of first prize at the Dallas Goat Show.

Mr. Naylor's old billy, Judy 5133 has done a great deal for the goat stock of Oregon. Some of the goat experts say that he is to the goat industry of the state, what Altamont was to the horse industry. An apt comparison indeed.