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CONCRETE IS BEING LAID

SURFACE LAYING OUTFIT IS EXPECTED IN FEW WEEKS

FLETCHER TO HILLSBORO

Kratz of Portland Gets Contract to Build Bank Building

The grading and curb construction crew of the Linden Kibbe Construction Co. completed its work in Forest Grove the first of this week and has turned the paving activities over to the concrete crew which will be in operation Monday. The new outfit laid 703 yards of concrete the first day and expect to average 1000 yards per day while here. The surface crew will arrive in a week or two and will lay the bitum at a rate that will complete the paving a few days after the concrete crew have finished.

Geo. Clausen and his concrete brigade come from Hood River where they have just completed a large amount of most satisfactory pavement. Mr. Fletcher who has been in charge of the grading work here, will leave for Hillsboro where the company will soon begin operation.

Bank Contract Awarded

Last Monday the contract to build the new three story bank building for the First National Bank of this city was awarded by Architect Bell to C. F. Kratz of Portland.

Work has already begun and will be pushed with all possible speed towards completion.

Annex Not Occupied

Nothing has been accomplished in the matter of acceptance of the court house annex, although Contractor Foster and his attorney, John M. Wall, met with the county board to see if a settlement could not be made, and acceptance of the work follow on an amicable basis. After looking over the work the board told Mr. Foster that they would expect pay for the long delay, and some recompense for the work that must be done in order to bring the building to specifications.

In all probability there will be litigation over the settlements for the work unless there is concession on both sides of the contract. Foster contends that everything was settled and agreed upon some time ago.

The court on the other hand, holds that before acceptance the building must come within specifications, and until this is done, settlement cannot be made on the contract price. The board firmly asserts that they are entitled to pay for the long delay, the county being inconvenienced and out the use of the money, besides having paid for warehouse charges for the new furniture.

Store Changes Hands

G. H. Baldwin this week has again taken charge of the confectionery store on Pacific avenue which has lately been under the management of Felix Verhonen. Mr. Verhonen will engage in real estate business in Portland.

THE GREAT AMERICAN HOME.



—Allman in Wisconsin State Journal.

FOREST LANDS OPENED--RECEIPTS GO TO SCHOOLS--STATE FUNDS APPORTIONED COUNTY SUPERINTENDANT REPORTS

Six million acres of withdrawn public lands were restored to entry during the months of May and June upon approval by secretary of the interior of the recommendations of the geological survey. This action was the result of examination and classification of the lands by the survey, those restored either having been found not to be valuable for power sites, reservoirs, coal, phosphate, or potash deposits, or having been definitely valued as coal lands, and rendered available for purchase under the coal land law.

In Oregon approximately 75,000 acres are restored as non oil bearing lands and about 12,000 acres were withdrawn for water power or reservoir site.

Forest Receipts to Schools. Washington.—A circular just issued by the forest service calls attention to the various laws under which more than a third of all National forest receipts go to the benefit of the states in which the forests are situated, for schools and roads. In 1912 the amount of money thus made available for state purposes totaled about \$750,000. The states' share of National forest funds since the laws were passed has aggregated more than \$3,000,000.

State Funds Apportioned. Salem, Ore.—Compared with the total of last year's apportionment of the interest of the irradicable school fund among the counties of the state, the total of the apportionment made for this year by state treasurer Kay exceeds it by \$8,230.14, the total for this year being \$360,711.50, and that for

last year \$352,481.16. With an increase, however, of 7604 in the total school population during the year, the total population for last year being 189,507 and that for this year 197,110, the apportionment for each pupil has been reduced 3 cents, the per capita apportionment last year being \$1.86 and that for this year \$1.83.

County Report.

County school superintendent has issued his annual report which is given below in a condensed form:

Number of persons between 4 and 20 years old, 8098; pupils in school, 5848; teachers employed, 192; eighth grade graduates 247; average daily attendance, 4446; districts in county, 106; districts having six months' school, 13; districts having seven months school, 14; districts having eight months school, 50; districts having nine months school, 29. Received from all sources including \$21,198.75 on hand, \$173,981.30; paid teachers, \$88,747.31; school sites, \$14,944.07; paid warrants, \$20,555.84; all other expenses, \$30,273.86; total, \$154,521.08; balance on hand, \$19,460.22. Estimated value of school property, \$279,536; average monthly salary male teacher, \$70.01; average monthly salary female teacher, \$58.19.

The report of Supervisor Jas. H. Jack shows that he traveled 2709 in the discharge of his duties, expense for the same was \$298.30. He made 204 visits.

The one week normal school to be held at Hillsboro will begin August 25. More than forty teachers have expressed a desire to attend.

SCHOOL STUDIES NEEDS OF COUNTRY

PHAMPLET TELLS OF MOVEMENT TO ENRICH RURAL LIFE

POPULATION HALF RURAL

General Prosperity Depends On The Farming Conditions Of the Country

In a recent booklet issued by the Oregon Agricultural College "The Enrichment of Rural Life," the following appears as an introduction to the descriptive matter of the work promoted by that institution. This state school is undoubtedly doing a great work for the rural life of Oregon, urging scientific production, introducing more valuable varieties, and teaching better methods of marketing.

The most striking interest that has possessed the thought and imagination of the American people during the past decade, is the movement for the enrichment of rural life. The interest has not been confined to any class. Scientists, scholars, and United States presidents, as well as laborers and captains of industry have vied with the farmers in their zeal for re-instating pre-eminence of agriculture in national life. No mere temporary motive, such as the hardship incident to the higher cost of living, can account for this widespread enthusiasm. It is founded on a larger wisdom. It rests on the general conviction that agriculture is the basic industry of any great state, and that the prosperity and character of that state must ultimately depend more upon the stamp of its rural population than upon any other single factor. It recalls the national solidarity that distinguished us in the days when we were exclusively a nation of farmers, and the peculiar reliance that has been placed upon the agricultural population in every great crisis of our history. As a consequence, it views with alarm any symptom that would suggest the decline of agriculture in the scale of industry. It strives, therefore, in every way, to strengthen the rural ideal, not simply by reviving old interests, but by extending and enriching the whole field of rural endeavor.

Sustains All Productive Industries.

In promoting agriculture, there is no danger that other occupations will either suffer or be neglected. Without a progressive agriculture there can be no permanent progress for American industries. Little countries may succeed as the commercial servants of big ones, but a country as vast as ours can never succeed without self-supporting agriculture. Indeed, its agriculture must not only sustain itself, but all other productive industries, as well. When agriculture fails, the coal will remain in the mine, the factory will be silent, the railroad will be desolate of trains, the steamboat will rot at the wharf, and the wilderness will usurp the earth. Agriculture, moreover, must succeed perpetually. The iron mine yields a single crop and is forever unproductive. The oil well gushes to the limit of its capacity, but can never be renewed.

PORTLAND CHILDREN TO ENJOY OUTING IN GROVE

Agriculture, on the contrary, must produce its long succession of crops, and in the end—if the people are to survive—must leave the soil richer than it found it.

Half Oregon's Population Rural.

Oregon's destiny is plain: the development of her natural resources. With a larger territory than New York and Pennsylvania combined, with approximately 24 million acres of tillable land, it is inevitable that Oregon should be an agricultural state. Over half her population is rural. Her manufactures, almost without exception, depend directly upon the products of the land. With the remarkable diversity of altitude and of temperature in different sections of the state, and the wide variation in rainfall, the climate is such as to foster a multiform type of tillage. The noble reaches of great plains, the dignity of broad river basins, the quiet beauty of enclosed valleys, the grandeur of living waters, and the inspiration of mountains, lend a glory to the rural life of Oregon scarcely paralleled in any other environment.

People Interested in Agriculture.

Such a wealth of natural endowments awakens a corresponding civic pride. The people of Oregon are universally interested in agriculture. Their greatest publications give it chief attention. Their public officials study its problems. Their immigration commission, their development leagues, their railroads, and their great commercial enterprises lend it direct and positive aid. Their Agricultural College, the largest educational institution in the state, has for thirty years exerted a leadership in the agricultural and industrial arts that has brought distinction to the state for its enterprise and progress. More liberally and efficiently equipped today than ever before, especially for lending a helping hand to every community in the state, it is entering upon a period of progress in the enrichment of rural life in Oregon that promises still greater advancement for the future.

SANITARIUM NOTES

Mr. Pierce, an old resident of Forest Grove is now lying sick in the hospital.

Mrs. Grady of Cornelius was brought to the hospital Sunday and is slowly recovering.

Baby Quick, who was taken to the hospital some months ago is doing nicely. Baby went to Portland with Dr. Kauffman the first of the week to see the specialists, Drs. D. W. Carmel and Pierce. They both agreed with Dr. Kauffman that little Mildred is getting along as well as could be expected.

Mrs. French of this city was taken to the hospital Saturday and is doing nicely.

Mrs. W. C. Hines was operated on the first of the week and is slowly recovering.

Miss Fraley is again on duty after a vacation.

THIRTY FIVE WILL ARRIVE TOMORROW

PORTLAND TENEMENT CONDITIONS RIVAL EASTERN CITIES

CITIZENS DESERVE PRAISE

Mrs. Macleoud Local Leader of Movement Has Met With General Co-operation

Tomorrow Forest Grove people will be the hosts and hostesses to thirty five Portland children, who have been sent by the Fresh Air organization. This movement has suddenly come to the front in the social betterment plan and many other Oregon towns are entertaining their share of these city waifs.

Forest Grove's response to the appeal for the Fresh Air Children does credit to the people in our city and community. The clergymen of the various churches very kindly endorsed the movement for their pulpits at Sunday morning services, and special credit is due Father Buck, of St. Anthony's also Miss Minnie Myers, for the personal assistance given Mrs. Macleoud.

If there has been any want of interest it is because of a lack of knowledge of the conditions which surround Portland's poor. Portland has its tenements, its squalid shacks, without a foot of doorway, just as do eastern cities, only in lesser degree.

When we read in the Oregonian of the poor baby who in all the year of its existence, had not been outside of a basement and cried continuously when taken in the party to Silverton, because of the bright daylight, it should be enough to make us open our homes to the children to whom our beautiful yards would be a veritable fairyland.

Thirty five children have been placed and will arrive on the Oregon Electric at five p. m. Friday. The following have kindly volunteered to entertain one or more of these children:

Mrs. Chas. Morgan, Mrs. Carl Brodersen, Miss Frances Myers, Mrs. Samuel Show, Mrs. James Andrus, Mrs. Henry Correll, Mrs. Minnie Baber, Mrs. C. F. Aydelott, Mrs. Thomas Ott, Mrs. John Haney, Mrs. Hattie Wade, Mrs. John Anderson, Mrs. William Alder, Mrs. Chas. Hollvoett, Mrs. W. R. Ives, Mrs. C. Duyek.

Takes Hydroplane Ride

While on a visit to Coos bay from which he returned this morning Carl Hoffman was given a several mile ride in a hydroplane owned by Mr. Stevenson of that place. Mr. Hoffman said he enjoyed the flying and that there was class to the speed that the machine cut the water when about to rise into the air.

GRANGE MEETING IS ENTHUSIASTIC OVER COUNTY FAIR EXHIBIT CONTEST

Last Saturday the August meeting of the Gale Grange was held at the K. of P. hall. Considerable enthusiasm was aroused over the idea of the various Granges of the county holding a contest as to which can send the best exhibits to the coming County Fair.

Hon. Ira Purdin, in his talk on "What Laws Which We Do Not Have Would Be a Benefit to Our State," suggested a fruit growers' commission whereby growers could realize some money from the fruits now going to waste on farms. He also spoke of discouraging treating in saloons.

Mrs. S. T. Walker gave an interesting description of an improvement on the wash boiler in canning.

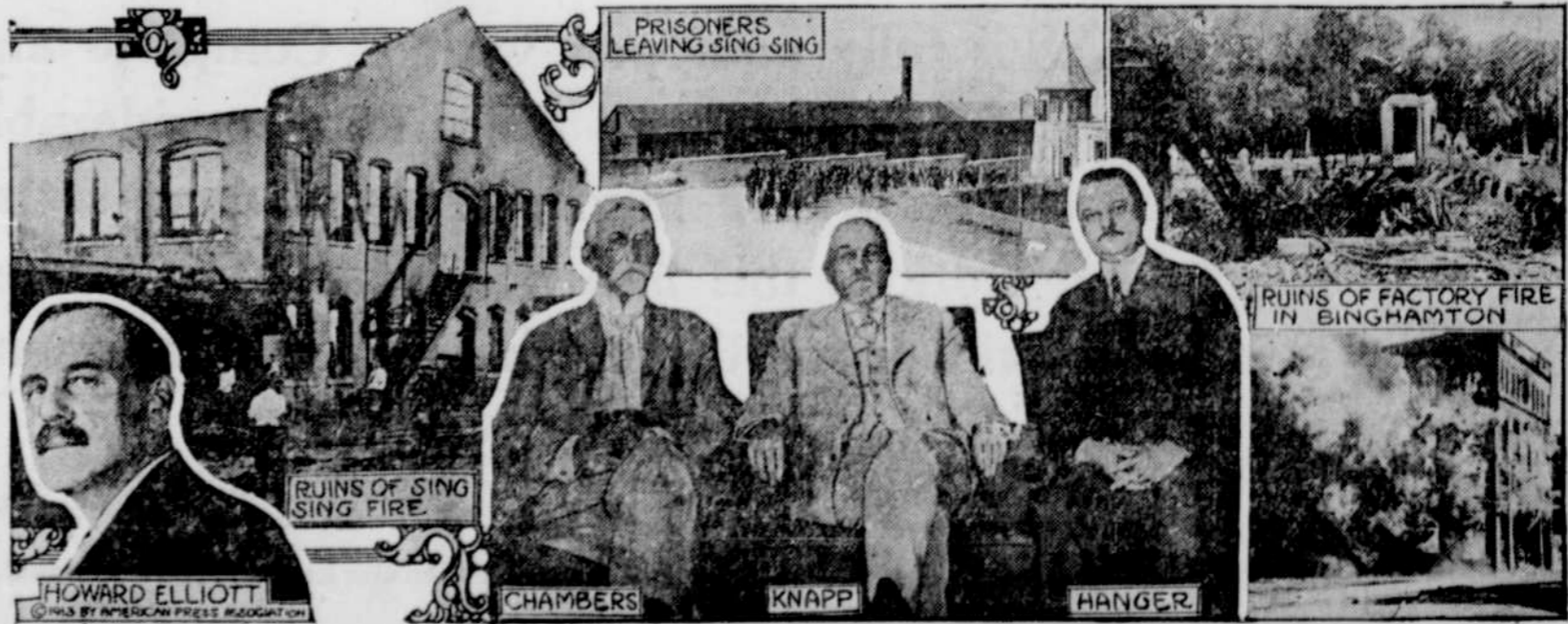
Mrs. A. T. Buxton answered the questions, "How can the woman in the country home find more time for study, recreation and out-of-door life?" and "Is the average American home too much cluttered with useless things?"

Mrs. Cluttered Rogers read a selection

entitled "The Ideal Grange." Mrs. Carl, an elocutionist, who spoke at the Congregational church the same evening, favored the Grange with two recitations which were enjoyed by all.

To Secure Boys' Release.

Declaring that his son Orin, along with Dan Ward, was railroaded to the reform school, Mr. Lacourse of Forest Grove, and Mrs. Barber were in Salem this week to lay the matter before the state board and ask for the release of the boys. Mr. Lacourse told Superintendent Hale of the industrial school that the boys were dragged into court and sentenced to the school without the parents being notified or having any chance to represent the boys. He also said that the man who was doing the bootlegging was not even arrested. Efforts have been made by the county court this week to secure evidence that will lead to the prevention of the sale of liquor to minors.



News Snapshots Of the Week

Fire destroyed an overall factory in Binghamton, N. Y., causing the loss of the lives of about seventy-five girls. Most of the bodies were so badly burned that identification was impossible. Convicts in Sing Sing prison mutilated because many of them were to be transferred to other prisons. They set fire to buildings and destroyed one factory inside the prison walls. About sixty of the men were later transferred to Auburn. Judge William L. Chambers, Judge Martin A. Knapp and G. W. W. Hanger, the federal board of arbitration, began efforts in New York to settle the threatened railroad strike. Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific railroad, was chosen president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford to succeed Charles S. Mellen.