

# The Forest Grove Express

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## NOTES AND COMMENTS

The person or persons having the care of Verts' hall should get busy and make some repairs before the darned thing gets so disreputable in appearance that people will be ashamed to be seen there.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found rules for an editorial contest, open to the public (in one instance) and to pupils of the grade and high schools. It would be gratifying, indeed, if one or more of the first prizes should come to this city. Read the rules and then try to bring a prize to Forest Grove.

The twelve senators who talked the "armed neutrality" bill to death last Saturday have been hearing from their constituents and are now explaining why they did it. A California body of business men sent Senator Works word that he could "go over to Germany or to hell, but he needn't come back to California." Some of the resolutions being sent our own senator, Harry Lane, are almost as strong.

Meetings like that held in this city last Saturday, when the Commercial club brought farmers and fruit growers, cannery and expert horticulturists and agriculturists together to break bread and exchange ideas, are bound to bring about good results. The cannery told the farmer and fruit and berry growers what they wanted and the experts told the producers how to get the best results and what they might expect under certain conditions, from an acre of ground. Now if the cannery and producers can get together on prices, the local cannery will handle many farm products never before tinned in this city, thus affording a better and more varied market for the producers, giving work to more people at the cannery and giving the working people, including the farmers, more money to spend with the merchants and professional men. You can't help the farmers and the cannery without helping every line of business in town. Let us have more of these meetings.

### Boy Scout Activities

The local Scouts have secured the janitorship of Verts and the K. of P. halls for the use of them. In the past week, the boys have performed several odd jobs netting nearly \$2.00. Let the Scouts do your odd jobs. They are fast and reliable.

The local troop now consists of 38 boys. Twenty of them have passed as Tenderfeet. Walter Lenneville was the last recruit to successfully pass examinations.

The Scouts are planning an active clean up and municipal beautifying campaign. Bird houses and planting of flowers in downtown parkings are the orders of the day. A campaign against flies will gain the aid and support of all the ladies of the town.

Tuesday morning the Central School was instructed in the proper observance of Colors and hereafter the two upper grades will fall out for flag raising every morning under the supervision of the Boy Scouts. The Scouts are fortunate in having the active cooperation of Supt. Inlow.

The Scouts have \$14 to their

credit as money earned in odd jobs. This money is placed to the individual credit of the workers, to be used for buying uniforms or to loan to new members who cannot afford the first fees or buy a book. The new members are then supplied with a job and they are given credit for the work done.

In this way, any boy who cannot afford the initial cost of about \$1.00, can start in at once and not lose time for lack of funds.

Let the Scouts do your work. They will take any job that offers and guarantee their work. Call 0343, Scoutmaster.

### CONDENSED NEWS NOTES

Public sale bills printed at the Express office.

H. T. Buxton had business in Portland Tuesday.

Money to loan—Valley Realty Co., Forest Grove, Oregon. 19-1f

Good X-ray incubator and brooder for \$10; cost \$25 new. Phone 817. 1t\*

Miss Carol Phillips is making an extended visit at the home of her sister in Hubbard

Ira E. Purdin will hold a sale of high-grade milk cows at his place next Saturday, beginning at 10 a. m.

Mrs. Sam Dallas of Corvallis, formerly of Gales Creek, visited friends in this city the latter part of last week.

Mrs. C. C. Taylor of Portland visited with Mrs. M. W. Patton, arriving Saturday and returning on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Richards and little son of Portland, visited Mr. Richards' mother, Mrs. Blanche Richards, Sunday.

Mrs. Alyce Todd has moved her electric supply store from First avenue, north, to the room north of the Good Investment company, lower Main street.

Mrs. W. T. Patton of Portland was a visitor at the home of M. W. Patton on Tuesday and returned home on Wednesday, stopping at Cornelius on her way.

Miss Lefa Egli who has been nursing at the Hillsboro Hospital, visited friends here Friday and Saturday before she leaves for Florida, where she will spend a few months visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Lord, Sr., and daughter, Maude, who went to California for the winter, are now living in East Portland and Mrs. Lord visited friends in this city Monday.

The "Peerless" washing machine has its own water motor; just attach to faucet and watch it work. It saves lots of hard work and worry. See it at Gordon's hardware store. 9-1f

The Vancouver high and Forest Grove high basketball quintets will meet in combat at P. U. Gym at 7:30 p. m. next Saturday, March 10th. Admission 25c. This is the last game of the season and the locals are going the limit to win it. Come and boost.

Those who attended the state Y. W. C. A. convention at Monmouth last week were Misses Donna Mack, Alvina Howard, Mildred Scobee, Grace Haines, Helen Newman and Margaret Marsh. They report a very fine convention.

## BRICK HIGHWAYS ARE POPULAR

Durable Under Practically All Traffic Conditions.

THEY AFFORD EASY TRACTION

These Roads Are Easily Maintained and Kept Clean—The Principal Disadvantage Is the First High Cost. For a Long Time Use of Paving Brick Was Confined to Cities.

Country roads paved with vitrified brick are becoming quite common in many of our states, according to a bulletin "Brick Roads," recently issued by the office of public roads and rural engineering, United States department of agriculture.

The principal advantages which brick roads possess, according to the bulletin, may be stated briefly as follows: (1) They are durable under practically all traffic conditions, (2) they afford easy traction and moderately good foothold for horses, and (3) they are easily maintained and kept clean.

The principal disadvantage is the first high cost. The defects which fre-



CONSTRUCTING A BRICK ROAD.

quently result from lack of uniformity in the quality of the brick or from poor construction are usually to be traced indirectly to an effort to reduce the first cost or to a popular feeling that local materials should be used, even when of inferior quality.

The first brick pavement constructed in this country, it is stated, dates back to 1872, and Charleston, W. Va., has the distinction of being the first American city to employ this product for paving. For a number of years after its introduction, however, the use of paving brick was confined principally to city streets, and owing to the frequent inferiority in the quality of the brick and lack of care in construction very few of the early pavements proved satisfactory. Even now, after the experience of forty years has demonstrated that it is entirely practicable to construct satisfactory brick pavements when proper care is exercised and that much waste results from the use of poor materials or faulty construction, instances can still be frequently found where comparatively new pavements have wholly or partially failed from causes which might easily have been prevented.

The selection of the brick is one of the most essential features, for the success or failure of such pavements depends to a large extent on the way in which the brick will withstand the kind of traffic for which the road is designed. The engineers point out that it is very poor economy to use a locally manufactured brick unless this brick is of a high standard. Color, specific gravity, absorptive power or even the crushing strength of brick is not necessarily a reliable test. In general, of course, the brick should be uniform in size, perfect in shape, free from ragging and deep kiln marks. Each brick should be homogeneous in texture and free from objectionable seams. Fire cracks should be limited in number and extent, and the entire brick should be vitrified and should contain neither unfused nor glassy spots. Even field inspection and laboratory analysis, unless conducted by those especially experienced, however, may prove of little value.

According to the bulletin, the test upon which highway engineers appear to place most reliance is the "rattler"

## FARMERS GUESTS OF COMMERCIAL CLUB

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of abrasion test. In this test ten dry bricks are placed in a rattle barrel with ten cast iron spheres, three and three-quarters inches in diameter and weighing 7.5 pounds each and enough spheres one and seven-eighths inches in diameter and weighing 0.95 pound each to make up 300 pounds of metal. The loaded rattle barrel is then revolved continuously 1,800 times at a speed not lower than twenty-nine and one-half nor exceeding thirty and one-half revolutions per minute. When the test is over the results are reckoned in terms of the loss in weight sustained by the brick. No piece of brick which weighs less than one pound is considered as having withstood the test.

### GALES CREEK

Willie and Tommy Heisler have moved to the hop field and are working the yard this year.

Josh Adkins has returned from Eastern Oregon where he went to take up a homestead.

Mrs. John McRoberts is better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Wahl are visiting at her grandmothers, Mrs. E. J. Ayers, and her brother's, Charley Maitland.

E. J. Ayers and Mr. Lousingnot were shopping in the Grove Monday.

Jeff Hayden's little boy is better, so that they brought him home Monday.

Ed. Lilly drove cattle through Gales Creek to market Monday.

Mrs. Bertha Madson spent the weekend with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. James Churchill.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Gabbert passed through Gales Creek yesterday, enroute to Forest Grove.

Talk about the stork flying—he left a little boy at Mr. King's and a little girl at Pete Parson's March 6th.

So you see that Ben Bateman did not shoot it. It must have been an eagle; it was 7 from tip to tip.

Mrs. Dan Pierce was visiting her sister, Mrs. James Churchill, Sunday.

### Classes Choose Delegates

The following people have been elected by their respective classes to represent Pacific at the Oratorical Contest to be held in Corvallis this coming Friday. For the Seniors, Alice Smith and George Rasmusen will be distinguished representatives. For the Juniors Tom Smith and Grace Zerba will try to uphold the dignity of their class. For the Sophs Catherine Davis and Harold Robinson are to have the privilege of the trip to O. A. C. and for the Babies, Morieta Howard and Herschel Obye are the prize winners. Glenn Jack is the official representative from Pacific and these nine enthusiastic P. U. boosters should surely be able to cheer our orator on to the victory which we confidently expect him to bring to us. Then Three Cheers for Jones and old P. U.—P. U. Index.

### Catholic Church Notes

Following is the schedule of lectures to be delivered by Father Buck at Verts hall this month:

Sunday evening, March 11—"The Catholic Church and the Bible. Why Priests Do Not Marry."

Sunday evening, March 18—"What is 'Temporal Power' and is the Catholic Church anxious to gain it?"

Sunday evening, March 25—"Intolerance; St. Bartholomew's Eve; Queen Mary of England."

(Rev.) J. R. BUCK, Pastor.

### Eggs For Hatching

White Wyandotte and R. I. Reds; 50c per 15 J. W. Frisbie, Curtis addition. 8-2\*

The insurance company which had a policy on the postoffice safe, ruined by burglars, has put in a better safe in place of the old.

### Notice

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where C. R. Duer, manager of the Newberg cannery, talked of the relations that should exist between growers and cannery. He spoke briefly of the lines handled in the Newberg cannery and told what some of the crops yielded and what the cannery paid.

A. C. Davis of Gresham, who has 65 acres in berries, told of his experience in berry growing, explained some of his problems and how he overcame them. He said the only safe and economical way to store some crops was in the can. He didn't care much for fruits and vegetables that had been dried until they resembled hay. The cannery was a good thing for any community and the berry, fruit and vegetable growers should protect it, even if they had to make the cannery a present once in a while. Asked what yield might be expected from various berries, he replied that he had harvested 2½ tons of red raspberries from an acre; two tons of black caps, three tons of Loganberries, and the same of Lawtons and as high as 4½ tons of Evergreen blackberries. He warned the growers against experimenting with unknown crops, saying we kept an agricultural college to do the experimenting. He advised farmers and berry growers to learn, through the O. A. C. or other competent experts, to what their soils were best adapted.

E. H. Fry of Portland, for many years a seed grower and seller, but now engaged, principally, in looking after three good farms in Oregon, talked on seeds and appeared to know about all there was to know of seeds and their uses. He said the day had come when men made more off 40 acres than their fathers made off a section of land and told of one man, a Belgian, who made a living for a family of ten and banked \$1,700 last year off less than an acre. He scoffed the idea that alfalfa could not be profitably grown in Oregon and said he had a nice field of it near Cresswell, Lane county. Care must be taken, however, in getting good non-irrigated seed and the soil must be inoculated. He advised farmers to raise the kind and variety of vegetables the cannery wanted, for the manager wanted to can only such as were salable. While most of his talk was devoted to seeds, he also gave valuable information on preparing the ground for the seed. His talk was, probably, the most enjoyed of any, but each speaker had something of value to offer. Mr. Fry talked until nearly 5 o'clock and then was surrounded by a crowd of interested people who wanted still more information.

Manager Atwell of the local canning plant announced that his company would this year handle spinach, carrots and cabbage, three vegetables never before canned here, and he was ready to sign season contracts for these, as well as beets, beans and squash. He is also ready to sign five-year contracts for blackberries and red and black raspberries.

The season for the planting of vegetables is advancing and, as the cannery will furnish the seeds, it behoves growers to get busy and sign contracts and secure their allotment of seed.

The latest Columbia records of the new songs on sale at Littler's Pharmacy.