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COOS CHILDREN IN CONTEST

COQUILLE, Ore., March 6, 1912.
To Parents, Teachers and Young People of Coos County:

The boys and girls of Coos county are entitled to every advantage that modern conditions make necessary. Older and, to some extent, more favored states find that the proper employment of children during their leisure hours at home has not only better fitted them for useful lives, but has greatly contributed to the general prosperity of the community. It is claimed that the school children of Kansas have doubled the wealth of that state. We believe that the boys and girls of Oregon are just as intelligent, just as energetic, just as susceptible of great achievements as the boys and girls of Kansas, or any other state in the Union. To prove that this is true, and to inject into our school training an element of practical everyday home making, we are planning for this county a contest in gardening, poultry and stock raising, and home work.

Every phase of the competition is open to boys and girls. Each is to do the planting and cultivating of the produce and the selecting and packing of the fruit he or she exhibits.

The Coos County Fair Association is planning to hold a fair in the county sometime in September and we have requested that one day be given us for an exhibit of the best the school children have raised or made. In the event that the county fair should not be held a special school fair to exhibit the enterprise of our young people, in answer to this request, will be held in Coquille about the middle of September. We believe that gardening and home work in cooperation with parents will help to solve the problem of finding profitable work for the town boys and girls as well as for the country children.

We recommend that contestants get their advice and all necessary assistance from the Oregon Experimental station at Corvallis, whose literature and written instructions will be sent to any one free on application.

Keep the fact constantly in mind that quality, not quantity, will be the standard by which awards will be made; therefore limit the amount but strive for the best.

All poultry and stock entered for prizes should be pure blood, but not necessarily registered.

At the proposed fair prizes will be given for the best of the following: field corn, sweet corn, popcorn, musk and water melons, pumpkins, squashes, all garden and field vegetables, (necessary to the dairyman) corn, vetch, peas, carrots, beets, kale, grasses and clovers, including alfalfa, common to this country; any article manufactured from our native timber; bread, cake, canned fruit, jelly, mending, darning, sewing, flowers, fruits and berries, chickens, ducks, turkeys, calves, pigs, sheep, goats—all to be of this year's growth.

The girls' skill in sewing is to be shown by exhibiting each article made. The garments may be white or colored, plain or ruffled, hand or machine made. Neatness and taste rather than elaboration will be the standard. No extra credit will be given for the use of lace, embroidery, or expensive materials. In cookery each girl may exhibit one loaf of bread, one cake, one pint or quart of fruit, one glass of jelly, or any, or all, of these. All work exhibited must be done by the girl without help.

For this contest the children will be divided into two classes, those twelve years or older, and those under twelve years of age. Those of each class whose exhibit is adjudged the best will receive prizes of equal value. Prizes for second and third best of all exhibits will be given.

We wish to say that suitable prizes of stock, poultry, commodities, and cash contributions, will be

ACCIDENTS AMONG OUR LABORING MEN

Fred Belloni, a member of the Coquille Mill company, met with a painful accident while working in the engine room of that institution last Saturday afternoon. His foot caught in a fly-wheel quite severely injuring it, so much so that it is probable it will not be in normal condition for a long time. Mr. Belloni has been in the employ of the mill company about five years, careful and painstaking and this is his first accident in all that time. While confined at home he is occupying his time at reading, patiently waiting for nature to heal the damage.

The Bandon Recorder gives an account of a horrible accident which occurred to R. W. Tucker an employee of the Geo. W. Moore Lumber company at that place Thursday last. While crowding a resaw to its fullest capacity a sliver caught his arm pulling it into the saw, splitting his right hand and arm so badly that it was necessary to amputate the arm half way to the elbow. Mr. Tucker is cheerful that nothing more serious resulted.

W. H. Lingo while cutting wood near Marshfield was badly injured by a wedge which he was driving flying from its place and striking him just above the eye making a serious wound. The wedge was of steel and after striking the unfortunate man deflected and fell fifteen feet from where he was standing, indicating a powerful force.

thankfully received from those who think this enterprise should be encouraged, and who feel that they can give something to reward the young people who win in this contest. Please send a list of your contributions to the office of the county school superintendent as soon as you have decided as to the assistance you can give.

Very respectfully yours,
R. S. KNOWLTON,
L. F. FALKENSTEIN,
MINNIE McCLOSKEY,
M. C. HOTTON,
W. H. BUNCH,
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J. T. McCORMAC,
Asst. Supt.

ANYONE CAN BE AN EDITOR

Most any one can be an editor. All the editor has to do is sit at a desk six days out of the week, four weeks of the month, and twelve months of the year and "edit" such stuff as this:

"Mrs. Jones of Cactus Creek let a can-opener slip last week and cut herself in the pantry."

"Mr. Miller's judgment slipped while getting candy for a customer the other day and injured him on the weigh."

"A mischievous lad of Picketown threw a stone and struck Mr. Pike in the alley last Tuesday."

"John Doe climbed on the roof of his house last week looking for a leak and fell, striking himself on the back porch."

"While Harold Green was escorting Miss Violet Wise from the church social last Saturday night a savage dog attacked them and bit Mr. Green several times on the public square."

"Mr. Fong, while harnessing a broncho last Saturday was kicked just south of his corncrib."

With the opening of the great cofferdam in Havana harbor more than half completed, the U. S. army engineers believe that, barring mishaps, what remains of the old battleship Maine will be floated soon. As soon as it is clear of the dam, the hull, under convoy of the cruisers North Carolina and Birmingham, will be towed far out into the Gulf of Mexico, and there with appropriate ceremonies will be consigned to the final resting place in the deep.

Better one small cheer than a big howl.

There are more muscles in a rat's tail than in a man's hand.

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THE PASSING OF OREGON'S PIONEERS

When Alonso Gesner succumbed to heart trouble and dropsy there passed away one of Salem's oldest and most highly respected pioneers. He was a pioneer in the true sense of the word, having crossed the plains with his parents 66 years ago. He reached his seventieth birthday a few days ago. He served as a member of the legislature and on the city council. He also served nine years in the State Militia and for nearly three years of this time was captain of Company 1, Second Regiment, Oregon National Guard. Mr. Gesner was a member of the Masonic and Woodmen lodges at Salem.

Frank Smith, who for many years made his home at the Knapp hotel and who was known all along the coast as one of the "landmarks" of Port Orford, died at that city last week. The deceased was born in Hamburg, Germany, and came to the United States with his parents when six years old. In 1859 he went to Port Orford, where he was boss of the lighters for shipping lumber from Harry Tichenor's mill, which made "Port Orford Cedar" first known to the world. Mr. Smith was 76 years of age and is survived by no known relatives.

After a brief illness Mrs. S. B. Irvine, an Oregon pioneer of 1852, passed away at the age of 74 years at Corvallis, Oregon. At 15 with her parents she made the long trip across the plains to Oregon, journeying by ox team and settling finally in Linn county. With patience and courage she endured all the privations and hardships incident to pioneer life in the West, and as a wife and mother bore her part in the building of Oregon.

Mrs. Eliza Robison Stilwell, who died at her home near Dayton, Oregon, was born on a donation claim south of Dayton, in 1850. She attended Lafayette and Portland academies and completed her education at Willamette university, graduating in 1871. With the exception of five years she lived continuously on the home farm.

Sylvester Casebeer, 62 years of age, an Oregon pioneer of 1852 and a resident of Douglas county practically all of his life, died recently at Roseburg. His parents came to Oregon when he was one year old, and in 1853 settled on a donation claim on South Deer creek, east of Roseburg.

Miss Anna Fulton, a member of a pioneer family of Sherman county and a prominent member of the Order of the Eastern Star in this state, died at Portland after an illness of several weeks. Miss Fulton was born in Sherman county fifty years ago.

P. F. Bailey an aged resident of Sherwood, Oregon, died at Portland as the result of a fall, when a blood vessel in his head was ruptured. He had been a resident of Sherwood for forty years, and operated a large onion ranch.

Mrs. Charlotte Dunn, 84 years old, was recently buried in Portland. She had been a resident of that city 35 years.

ITEMS FROM ALL SOURCES

Albany has prohibited public dances by an ordinance recently passed.

The United States spends every year \$11,500,000 for education in art alone.

At Cottage Grove the receipts from the dog tax are to go into the library fund.

A new league has been founded in France, entitled "The League Against the Lending of Books."

The McMinnville High School has perhaps the only class of high school boys in cooking in the state.

Luther Burbank, the "plant wizard," celebrated his sixty-third birthday March 7, at San Francisco.

Miss Ida Adams, a graduate of Simmons college, Boston, and a resident of Campton, N. H., has taken the position of librarian of the city of Marshfield.

Harry Beard, a trusty, who escaped from the penitentiary about three months ago, has been caught at Bend. He was working as a teamster when he escaped.

William McCaleb of Cottage Grove has what he claims is one of the largest calla lilies ever raised in that valley. It stands four feet tall and is a healthy, sturdy specimen of the lily family.

Seventy-two vessels, aggregating 14,918 tons (gross), were constructed in the United States in February as reported by the Department of Commerce and Labor, the largest registering 6,106 tons.

A Leavenworth & Western passenger train was stalled in snow drifts three days near Clay Center, Kansas, the crew and passengers being obliged to subsist on milk and eggs for nearly a week.

The anti-capital punishment measure for Massachusetts, which might have saved the lives of three doomed men, including Rev. Clarence V. Richeson, was defeated in the house of representatives on March 7.

Some square timbers, considerable lumber, redwood shakes and other articles of wreckage, probably from the Ida McKay, which capsized off the coast recently, have been washed ashore on the beaches of Port Orford.

From 30,000 to 75,000 school children have been enlisted in garden contests throughout the state. State Superintendent of Schools, L. R. Alderman, is of the opinion that Oregon will have the greatest school children's exhibit ever displayed in the United States.

The plan to consolidate the northwest customs will soon come before the ways and means committee at Washington, D. C. and will probably be recommended to the house for adoption. It provides for one customs district in Oregon, that of Portland, with subports of entry at Empire City, Astoria and Newport.

To obtain one mile of pennies toward helping bear the expense of the construction of the new Presbyterian church at Walla Walla, Washington, is the object of the members of that church and Sunday school. Members have been given narrow strips of adhesive plaster, one yard in length. Pennies will adhere to the tape and when one strip has

A SINFUL WASTE OF PUBLIC MONEY

Riverton, Oregon, March 12.

Editor Herald:

There is probably no public institution more abused than the county roads of Coos county. I shall name the abuses as they come in order:

1st.—The allowing of the county road to become a public pasture for all stock and an exercise lot for the dairy herd.

2nd.—The unlawful width county roads are being fenced.

3rd.—The unlawful use of the county roads for a dumping ground for all kinds of rubbish.

4th.—The use of narrow tires especially in the wet season.

I could add more to this list but probably the first is the worst. I have seen roads improved and graveled at big expense and afterwards torn down by dairy herd. This is poor management and causes poor roads, and keeps more people from locating in Coos county than anything else. I do not think there is one supervisor in the dairy districts but what it costs hundreds of dollars to repair damage done by the dairy herd. There is a piece of road on the river bank below Coquille where the stock have traveled up and down so often in search of grass, tramping up the sod into mud, that the freshet coming and going has formed a trough in the road causing the bank to cave into the river so bad that there are many places hardly wide enough for a wagon to get by. The county will have to buy another strip of land of the farmers for a road. I might add that there are a number of law abiding citizens who keep their cows off the county road and are anxious that their neighbors do the same.

Now these are facts that should be looked into and it is up to the officials to order notices to be put up to keep the stock off the county road and the order will be complied with as it was once before.

A FARMER.

been covered it will bear 52 pennies. There being 1,760 yards in a mile, a total of 91,520 pennies will be stuck to a mile of adhesive tape when the campaign is finished.

Scientific Study Methods is the title of a course that has just been added to the curriculum of the correspondence school of the University of Oregon, at Eugene. The purpose is to guide the teachers of the state in the outside reading that they are required to do by law, in order to hold their certificates. The course is especially designed to be of service to the teachers in the rural communities where libraries are not accessible.

A citizen of Lower Santa Clara, California, has started quite extensively in the raising of fancy hogs. In addition to his herd he received from an uncle in Germany two thoroughbred Angora pigs, the first of the kind in that section. Their pelts when tanned are said to make beautiful rugs, and the hair is also supposed to be very valuable for making paint brushes and rats. If he has good luck in raising them, he will no doubt beat the cat farm for profits.

Light housekeeping makes heavy bread.

There is a big difference between a butterfly and a fly in the butter.

TO INOCULATE THE SOIL OF OREGON

Free bacteria for the raising of leguminous crops, such as alfalfa, peas, beans and clovers, will be furnished to the farmers of Oregon upon a request to the department of bacteriology at the Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis. The experimental experts have been busy preparing this material for the inoculation of soil for some time, and will send full directions for its use with each culture. Those desiring the material should send their requests at least two weeks in advance of the time they wish to use it stating what leguminous crops they desire to raise, and how much land they intend to plant.

Any one who has examined the roots of a thrifty plant of this sort of crop knows that there are found on the roots small lumps, known as nodules. Scientific study has shown these to be caused by bacteria infecting the roots, and that unless these are present, a good stand will not be obtained, showing that the bacteria are necessary to the full growth of the plant. If the soil does not contain the bacteria, a good catch of the crop may not be expected. By using these cultures the proper bacteria may be introduced into the soil. Where a crop has never been grown on a particular piece of land, as where alfalfa is being introduced, or where the stand obtained has not been satisfactory and it is known that the lack was not that of sufficient lime, such cultures can be used with good effect. They will not, however, correct lime deficiency, nor will the bacteria thrive in acid soil. For this reason, lime should be applied where needed before the culture is used.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Business of all kinds in Coquille will be suspended on the coming of St. Patrick's day this year as it occurs on Sunday next. National affection and pride swell ever strong in the hearts of the sons and daughters of Erin, and thousands of people throughout the country revere the day stronger than almost any other festal occasion.

St. Patrick's day, and I'm far away
From the isle of emerald sheen,
And many a year a dear grave there
Has been wearing of the green.
Ah, 'tis here I am in freedom's land—
Please God I'm here to stay—
But my heart and soul go home each year
For to spend St. Patrick's day.

That the mining business in southern Oregon is beginning to get back to its former good condition of a few years ago is evidenced by the miners who are frequently returning to Grants Pass with plenty of spare change in the shape of raw gold. Charles Burkhalter exhibited a nugget which weighed a value of \$120.

NEWS FROM THE WIRES

(Associated Press from varied sources)

Railroad King's Great Wealth

The final appraisal of the estate of the late Edward H. Harriman of Arden to determine the amount of the state transfer tax was held at Goshen March 12. The present indications are the value of the estate will be in the neighborhood of one hundred million dollars. Of that sum, one per cent will be turned into the state treasury. The estate is the largest ever probated in New York.

Timber and Stone Entries

The Supreme Court of the United States today declined to block the Secretary of the Interior in his refusal to accept applications for land under the timber and stone laws when the applicants do not swear they have seen the land. The case was that of Mary Ness of Oregon, who presented an affidavit that she was physically unable to inspect the land personally.

Pioneer Salmon Canner Dead

The death at San Francisco of George W. Hume, aged 75 years, brings to the fore the fact that he was the pioneer salmon canner of the United States. Mr. Hume came from a family of fishermen and canners, the scene of operations for scores of years being the Kennebec river, in Maine. He came west with the rush of goldseekers and in 1856 engaged in the industry of canning salmon. He retired from business in 1892.

Norwegian Flag at South Pole

The claims of Captain Amundson, the Norwegian polar explorer, of his discovery of the south pole, have been unqualifiedly accepted by English scientists. The pole is a broad plateau just over a range of mountains. He planted the flag of his country there and conferred the name of "King Haakon VII Plateau" upon the newly discovered land.

Darrow to be Tried May 14

Clarence Darrow, the Chicago attorney who defended the McNamara brothers, will be brought to trial May 14, on the charge of attempting to bribe a juror in the trial of the dynamite conspirators.

Big Cougar Shot in Umatilla

The first cougar to fall in the war of extermination in Umatilla county was a female weighing 150 pounds and measuring seven feet from tip to tip. Seven shots from a .22 caliber rifle were required to put an end to its harmful existence.

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