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Agriculture in Our Schools.

At the educational meeting Saturday night, much stress was laid on the subject of the teaching of agriculture in our schools. The teaching of agriculture has but recently been introduced into the public schools of Oregon, but it is certainly a step in the right direction. This course is something that should have been adopted many years ago.

As a demonstration of the practical good that may result from the study of agriculture in the schools, we would cite work done by the agricultural class in the Crook county high school. In the course of their studies these scholars were instructed in the nature and the cause of fire blight on fruit trees. They extended their theoretical knowledge obtained in the classroom, to an examination of orchards in the vicinity of Prineville, and found two or three orchards badly infected with the disease. The owners did not know the remedy, which consists of a thorough and deep pruning and the burning of every scrap of brush obtained from the prunings. Of course, the students were able to impart the necessary knowledge that will tend to eradicate the disease.

The knowledge of that one particular thing may mean the saving of thousands of dollars to the community in years to come. And it is only one of the many ways in which the knowledge obtained in the classroom will bring profit to the community. The students will be taught the value of a proper selection of seeds and how to tell good from poor seed. This alone has often doubled and trebled the yield of crops. They will also be taught, to some extent, the chemistry of the soil and how plants grow and thrive. In many, many ways the teaching of agriculture in our schools will bring dollars into the pockets of our farmers.

Furthermore, that is not the only consideration involved. The study of agriculture is intensely interesting to most people, and it certainly broadens and develops one. How great is the pleasure to one who is able, as he walks through the fields and the byways and highways, to understand Nature's innermost secrets and to appreciate the apparent mystery of a rose and thistle growing side by side, and how through the agency of sunshine, water and the chemicals in the soil, Nature brings to a ripe harvest a field of wheat on one side of a fence and a crop of crisp, luscious apples on the other. No one can delve into the great book of Nature's mysteries and not be broadened thereby.

Thus the study of agriculture will have a two-fold tendency. It will bring practical results and will develop the love of nature in our children. It is a good thing and should be encouraged. In this connection, we may state that a class in agriculture has already been organized in the Bend school.

There is a matter The Bulletin wishes to call to the attention of the parents of Bend. It is that their children make altogether too much noise and disturbance at public meetings. This has been noticeable at many gatherings, but was especially troublesome at the educational meeting Saturday night. Two or three times during the evening there was so much noise and confusion in the hall that it was exceedingly annoying to the

speakers. It's an insult to a speaker to have a gang of youngsters moving from one part of the hall to another, getting up, turning around and sitting down, and constantly tramping in and out the door. If they are allowed to attend a public gathering, make them take a seat and keep it. Especially should they be taught that it is the utmost discourtesy—really an insult—to jump up and move about the hall while one is speaking, singing, or playing. Not only the children but some of the older people could ponder over these things with profit. On every occasion, when some are obliged to stand in the rear of the hall, there is altogether too much moving about and a rude disregard of the respect due the one speaking. Let's have our gatherings a little more quiet. And let's act less like savages.

The old soldiers of Bend should see to it that Memorial or Decoration Day is fittingly observed in Bend this year with an appropriate program. This is a custom that should not be allowed to die out. It is good for a nation to pause one day and pay honor to the men who have fought and suffered to protect it. It is well to ponder these things, and Decoration Day is a fitting time. Let some one start the ball rolling. It is none too early.

The Bulletin has just received the March number of the University of Oregon bulletin. It is a handsomely prepared booklet of 20 pages showing a number of views of the university buildings and campus, with a large amount of condensed information in regard to the work of the University, entrance requirements, cost of living, student life, etc.

Superintendent Ford and the out-of-town teachers thoroughly appreciated and were much gratified at the unusually large attendance at the educational meeting. This is easily explained. Bend people are awake to the value of and hence are always interested in educational matters. As witness our excellent school system.

Bro. Bowman, editor of that wide-awake paper, the Lake County Examiner, evidently has forgotten his multiplication table. He says that 200 times 15,000,000 equals 30,000,000.

Dog in the Manger Policy.

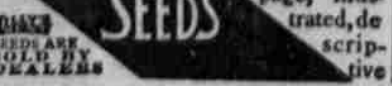
The dam site proposed by the government on the Deschutes for the purpose of pumping water for a reclamation system in Umatilla county, seems to be the only obstruction to the building of a railroad to Madras and Bend. This is a most unfair proposition on the part of the government as dwellers on the Deschutes and its tributaries are better entitled to the use of the river than the people of Umatilla county. We have been hearing of this dam for the past five years, and it seems the government is simply holding up the building of the road from pure pigheadedness, and is acting like the dog in the manger, wont build the dam and wont allow the road to go ahead.

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LYTLE OFFERED THE JOB.

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to give Lytle another crack at railroad building.

The Telegram also has the following in regard to the right-of-way decision:

"Further evidence that the reclamation service officials intend to recommend the approval of the maps of the Harriman railroad project up the Deschutes canyon has been obtained from private sources. The evidence is, in effect, that it will be several years before the government will be ready to undertake to develop any of its waterpower rights on the Deschutes, and that by the time the government is prepared to go ahead, the railroad will have developed the Central Oregon country to a point where it can well afford to make certain changes in its right of way in case the route proposed should interfere with or jeopardize any of the federal rights.

Way is Clear.

"There is excellent authority, furthermore, that the reclamation engineers in their report, which has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior have not embodied conditions that will be materially burdensome to the railroad project. It was expected by the Harriman people that there would be some restriction and conditions interposed such as when the road should be begun and when completed, but that these strings will be tight enough to stop or seriously delay the plans of the Harriman people is not anticipated.

"The reports that certain private interests having water-rights and other schemes of development will block the plans of the Deschutes road, are not taken very seriously, either by the Government authorities or by the railroad officials.

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the Deschutes canyon than the Harriman people have, that the rival locations conflict at certain strategic points, and that it will cost the Harriman people a pretty penny to buy out their rivals in case the Secretary of the Interior approves both sets of maps, as it is expected he will do."

Redmond Items.

REDMOND, Or., April 11.—Late arrivals are Mr. and Mrs. Mossman and child of Seattle. Mrs. Mossman is a daughter of P. A. Kennard, where they are visiting.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Nichols will sympathize with them in the loss of their seven months old baby which was buried Saturday morning.

J. A. Norwood has bought a lot of C. N. Rhret and a house of Mr. Burlingham and has engaged McLain & Young to bring the two together. They have made a trip to the Gist mill for lumber and among other things will bring down timbers to be used in house moving.

B. A. Kendall has a new hack to drive that team to we mentioned last week.

The ladies in their Union Aid meeting Thursday elected Mrs. Morrill president, Mrs. Smith vice president, Mrs. Jones secretary and Mrs. Manderscheid treasurer.

J. F. and DeWitt Lamb made a trip to the Houston ranch on Bear creek a week ago for horses and came back with five which they are now engaged in breaking.

C. N. and Bert DeLorimer with Mr. Abbey came in Tuesday. They made quite a procession with their horses, mules, colts, wagons and Jersey cow.

E. C. PARK.

Tumalo Items.

TUMALO, April 11.—Grip! Grip! Grip! Every one has, will, or have had it. Those who were reported to be sick the past week are: Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Wimer and Master Raymond; Mrs. Chas. Spangh and two children, Chas. Wimer, Mr. Spoo's little girl, J. B. Wimer, Mrs. W. J. Baker, and at this writing Miss Melba Baker and G. W. Wimer are complaining. It seems to be a general epidemic all over the United States.

A. C. Lucas of Bend ate dinner in Tumalo one day last week.

Chas. Spangh and Chas. Wimer were up and turned the water into the Wimer-Jensen ditch. They report lots of snow at the head works.

News is scarce this week as ye correspondent has been too busy taking quinine to gather news.

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