

## SCHOOLS AT THE FAIR

### Harney County Children Participate in State Wide Movement

### CONNECTED WITH COUNTY FAIR

### School Superintendent Hamilton Addresses an Open Letter to Parents, Teachers and Children Outlining Plans and Enumerating Competitive Exhibits.

To parents, teachers and children:  
The boys and girls of Harney county are learning many valuable things at school. There are also many valuable lessons they may learn at home. To this end, I am planning for this county a contest in gardening, chicken and pig raising, and home work. In Kansas the children have doubled the wealth of the state. We can do the same in Oregon. Can't we?  
In doing these things the children will learn to respect labor, to use their hands as well as their heads, to make practical application of the things they learned from their books, to see nature unfold, and to become successful men and women.  
In order to encourage them in their work at home and in order to bring their home and school closer together, and to make them appreciate country life, believing as I do that the country is the best place in the world for a boy or a girl to grow up, we have planned for a fair to be held in connection with the county fair. At this fair the children may exhibit the best of what they have raised or made.  
I 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 the country children.  
The garden and animal competition is open to both boys and girls. Each is to do the planting and cultivating of the produce he or she exhibits. Prizes will be offered for the best of the following: field corn, sweet corn, pop corn, muskmelons, water melons, pumpkins, squashes, potatoes, cabbage, grain selections, bread, canned fruit, jelly, mending, darning, aprons, dresses, astors, sweet peas, chickens, ducks and pigs.  
The skill in sewing is to be shown by exhibits of aprons, each apron being made for and by the girl exhibiting it. The aprons may be white or colored, plain or ruffled, hand or machine made. A girl may exhibit two aprons, the one a white the other a print or gingham.  
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 pint or quart jar of fruit, and 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.  
I wish to say that the Fair Association is cooperating with us in this work.  
I hope to be able to announce the prizes within a few weeks.  
Yours very truly,  
L. M. HAMILTON,  
County School Superintendent.

prevent any failure or mistakes. "The time has come when this great country will not be governed any more by congress. We don't want laws. We want crystallized sentiment and men. We want recognition of the fact that it is a state's right to use its resources for the benefit of its people.  
"If we don't get the use of our own resources there is no need of any state lines any more."  
Mr Hanley was greeted with cheers when he rose to speak. He told humorously of the tour of the governors' special, saying that Oregon had gotten more advertising than any of the other states, and that much of the credit was due to Governor West. He added that when the Oregon system was challenged, particularly by a bunch of southern governors, that "our little governor was backed into a corner so that he had to bite his way out. And our governor did bite his way out, and he did those little southern governors a heap of good."

### ENCOURAGEMENT FROM COUNTRY

To the Editor—In regard to the new court house that is being discussed so freely I would ask if Harney county has ever been better prepared to build than now? At present 62 per cent of our taxes are paid by outside corporations, leaving 38 per cent to be paid by the smaller taxpayers, besides a great number of new people who constitute the smaller figures have not yet secured patent to their land, therefore pay on a small amount of personal property only. A short time hence this would be different so far as he is concerned.  
A court house is for entire county affairs and not for the town in which it is located. When the large holdings are cut up and disposed of in small tracts it will no doubt be done on the installment payment plan which will induce many who have little means other than the first payment to start with and these individuals will have obligations that will be all they can meet with convenience. Under these circumstances I think it better to build now as it is quite evident a new court house is needed and it should meet with the approval of every citizen in Harney county.  
A fire trap like the present court house is a disgrace to a prosperous county like Harney.  
A COUNTRY CITIZEN.

### Governor Lashes Critics of Good Roads.

Governor Oswald West talked "good roads" and "hot air land companies" today before the largest attended meeting of the realty board in the history of the organization. The governor declared that the "back to the farm" cry is a huge joke in the light of the roads throughout the state says the Journal.  
"You may shout your head off about 'back to the farm,' but the people won't go back until they have roads to go over," continued he. "We have framed up some bills to submit to the voters, which we believe will give us good roads if certain interests which are opposed to me will only turn their guns on me and let the road bills alone.  
"The attack on these proposed laws is wholly unfair and unjust, the plainest provisions of the bills are being distorted in order to injure them with the voters."  
He said that he was not afraid to build roads for owners or automobiles to use, because the farmers will haul their wheat to town over the roads just the same.

### MOST AID FARMERS SAYS HANLEY.

For Oregon's sake we've got to recognize that every time a farmer fails the state loses," said Wm. Hanley, "sage of Harney county," addressing the Progressive Business Men's club at the Hotel Portland yesterday afternoon.  
"For this reason we should make our great agricultural college with its great head the strongest institution in the state. We ought to have a land teacher for every farmer that is seen to be going wrong. We ought to have a support for 'show-how-to-do-it' plan of the college that will

"It has been charged," continued the governor, "that we propose to issue \$20,000,000 bonds, entailing an interest charge of \$1,000,000 a year, while the proposed laws plainly provide that not more than \$2,000,000 in bonds shall be issued in any one year. Our enemies also say that the money will be wasted. Now I believe that such safeguards have been thrown around the expenditure of that money that it can't be wasted. If I did not believe that, I never would advocate their adoption by the people. More than \$11,000,000 has been wasted by the county courts in this state during the past five years in so called road building. I want to help stop this waste of the people's money, and I believe the bills that we are advocating will do it."

The governor declared that he intended to establish rock crushers at quarries in different parts of the state, operate them with convicts and furnish crushed rock for road making to the counties and farmers at cost.

He spoke of such an institution being operated under his supervisions at Salem, which is crushed rock at a cost not exceeding 25 cents a cubic yard.  
Governor West went on record as favoring a law that will place all land selling companies directly under the control of the corporation department of the secretary of state's office. While deploring the immense financial loss occasioned by the operations of the Columbia River Orchard company, he predicted that good will come out of it, for the reason that it will force the passage of a law to properly regulate these companies.

### Wool Men Meet March 4.

Judge Grant Thompson was in the city for a few days this week attending to business affairs. He is president of the Harney County Wool Growers Association and made the announcement that he would call a meeting of the association in this city for March 4 to discuss matters of interest to the shepherds and hopes to see the meeting largely attended.

The Times-Herald is informed that it has been arranged for representatives of the railroads to be present as well as warehouse men from railroad points.  
Matters of vital importance to the wool industry of this section will be discussed and it is to the interest of the shepherds to be present. They have heretofore been at the mercy of other people in many respects and now that competition has developed they have an opportunity by cooperation to make a decided move to their individual benefit. They should embrace this opportunity and be present at the meeting called for March 4.

Reports from all over the state indicate that Governor West's proclamation setting aside this week especially for the consideration of the subject of good roads is being acted upon with great enthusiasm. His message was an appeal to the citizens of Oregon to get ready for the opening of the Panama Canal and thus provide the easiest possible access to the interior country. Under the auspices of the Oregon Association for Highway Improvement, copies of the eight bills that have been prepared were sent to the commercial clubs and to the newspapers. The secretary of the Oregon Development League sent out a message that as this question was not a political issue, he urged that special meetings of the commercial bodies affiliated with the League be held to discuss good roads and to make their recommendations:

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With the statement of Governor West that there will be at least seven or eight road measures to go on the ballot, with it being noised around that a plan is on foot among the members of the G. A. R. to initiate a bill to make February 12, Lincoln's birthday a public holiday, with eleven measures already on file in the office of the secretary of state, and with the other measures now being circulated through petitions, or in the course of preparation, there are at least thirty-four measures which are actually in sight to be voted on by the electors at the next general election, with a possibility of the number going to forty or over, says an exchange.  
In 1910 the voters were called upon to pass on the merits or demerits of thirty-two bills. That number was far in excess of any voted on before through the initiative and referendum, but this year there seems to be a possibility of perhaps ten or possibly fifteen more in sight with the election about nine months away.

Governor West's capital punishment bill will be in circulation before long. He said recently that it is in the course of preparation and he hopes to have it completed soon. The bill aiming to place the state printer on a flat salary has been circulated for several weeks and about half the requisite number of signers have now been secured.  
The Prohibitionists have announced they will have a measure to vote Oregon dry in 1912, if possible, and this will be circulated soon, it is understood.  
W. S. U'Ren says there will be two bills from his hands. One will be the bill providing for proportional representation and it will include his plan of a cabinet form of state government, and numerous other provisions practically changing the entire legislative system. His other measure will be the single tax plan. This will be practically the same as a statewide measure, he says owing to the fact that it will be put on the ballot in every county. There probably will be seven measures from the commission on taxation and at least two from the commission to revise the judicial system. Perhaps there will be more from the latter commission.

Just what these two commissions will do is not exactly definite, but there will be a number of measures coming from their hands, at least, and the estimate given is not a radical one.  
Of the eleven bills now on file there are three, at least, the University of Oregon referendum petitions, and the Monmouth Normal referendum, which may possibly never go to the voters. The ballot titles for some of those bills now on file are as follows:  
Equal suffrage amendment, extending the rights of suffrage to women.  
For constitutional amendment of section 8, article V, for the purpose of creating the office of Lieutenant Governor, who shall act as Governor in case of the in-

ability of the Governor to perform his duties and also act as President of the Senate, and providing for the President pro tem, of the Senate to act as Governor in case of the inability of both the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, and in case of the inability of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and President pro tem, of the Senate, the Speaker of the House to act as Governor.  
For an amendment of section 1, article IX, of the Oregon constitution, providing for a uniform rule of taxation, except on property specifically taxed, providing for the levy and collection of taxes for state purposes and for county and other municipal purposes upon different classes of property, and for the ascertainment, determination and application of an average rate of levy and taxation on property taxed for state purposes, and for apportioning state taxes among the several counties as county obligations by reasonable and equitable rules.  
For an amendment of section 32, article I, Oregon constitution, for the purpose of permitting taxes to be levied upon different classes of property at different rates but providing that taxation must be uniform upon each separate class within the territorial limits of the authority levying the tax, and shall be levied and collected for public purposes only and the power of taxation must never be surrendered, suspended or contracted away.  
For constitutional amendment of section 3, article XI, of the constitution, making stockholders in banking corporations liable to pay for the benefit of depositors an amount equal to the par value thereof.  
An act appropriating \$175,000 for building and equipping an administration building and extending heating plants to the same, for University of Oregon, and also appropriating the further sum of \$153,258.92 for the purchase of additional land, equipment and apparatus; making repairs, additions and improvements to buildings and grounds; paying salaries to instructors and employers; paying street assessments and for additional maintenance of the correspondence study department of University of Oregon.  
An act appropriating \$172,000 for the construction, equipment and furnishing a modern fire proof library and museum building and the extension of the heating plant to the same, for the use of the University of Oregon.  
An act vesting the Railroad Commission with power and jurisdiction to supervise and regulate every public service corporation utility in the State of Oregon, as to the adequacy of the service rendered and facilities provided, the fairness of rates, tolls and charges to be collected from the public therefor, and also as to interchange of business between such public service corporations and utilities, the purpose of the bill being to give the commission supervisory control over all such

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An act appropriating \$50,000 for building, furnishing and equipping a dormitory at the Oregon Normal School at Monmouth.  
MILO MAIZE FOR DRY LAND.  
To determine the adaptability of Milo maize as a forage crop and grain for raising under Eastern Oregon dry farming conditions, the Oregon Agricultural Experiment League is testing it on the farms of members. They are planning to find out the methods of seeding and culture best suited to the production of the crop, and its usefulness in promoting grain and forage, as well as to improve its quality and adaptability by seed selection.  
The members first select an acre of clean summer fallow land that is uniform throughout and divided into four quarter-acre plots. These are disced and worked into a good seed bed, if necessary plowed and followed immediately with a subsurface packer before harrowing.  
About May 1 plots of the land are sown with the Milo maize, three pounds of seed to the acre, and two weeks later the other two plots are similarly sown, using a grain drill for seeding, and stopping up the holes in the seed box so the maize will be sown in rows one yard apart. Care is taken not to sow the maize when the ground is cold.  
Soon after seeding the plots are harrowed and again ten days later, with a third harrowing after the plants are up. Thereafter a knife cultivator or a shovel cultivator so set that the shovel will not run more than three inches deep. One each of the early and late sown plots should be cultivated every week, and the other two every fortnight.  
Well matured plants in the field having large, compact, erect heads, uniform in height and time of maturing are selected, since it is essential that a type be secured that can be harvested by machinery. By erect heads are meant those borne on straight or only slightly bent shanks. It should be harvested when the plants have matured well and the seeds are getting dry. It may be cut and chopped like corn and the heads later removed by chopping them off in bunches on a block with an ax, or they may be cut off the stocks with a header or a knife, and spread out in a thin layer and dried. The experimenters will note the effect of early and late planting, frequency of cultivation and adaptability to the soil and climate. Yields of both grain and fodder will be secured, and three weeks before harvest a progress report will be mailed to the agronomy department of the college.

Calvin S. Thomason, who has been employed by the Oregon Bankers Association and the Oregon Agricultural College to carry out plans for the encouragement of agriculture among the school children of the state, started his work this week by visiting Tillamook, Lincoln, Yamhill and Benton counties. Preparations were made for his reception by the county superintendents and meetings of the commercial organizations held at the points at which he stopped gave him an opportunity to explain his mission. He announces that prizes will be offered for displays by school children in agriculture, wood-working, sewing, cooking, poultry and hog raising.  
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## "DRY LAND FARMING"

### Subject of Book Just Published by Professor Thomas Shaw

### AUTHOR VISITED THIS SECTION

### In His Book Prof. Shaw Has Given Detailed Description of Most Successful Way of Farming in Each Particular Section—A Synopsis of The Chapters.

Prof. Thomas Shaw, who visited this section a year ago last summer, has written a book on dry farming. Prof. Shaw is a National figure who is widely quoted on dry farming subjects and is an experienced man. The following is from a St Paul paper:  
"Dry Land Farming" is the subject of the latest publication by Professor Thomas Shaw, who was formerly connected with the Agricultural College of the University of Minnesota. It was placed on the market yesterday, says the St. Paul Pioneer Press. What is termed 'the dry land area' embracing five hundred million acres in the United States and Canada, all of which may be successfully tilled, comes in for consideration by Prof. Shaw. A detailed description of the most successful way of farming each particular section is given."  
In nineteen chapters, covering 400 pages, it discusses the following:  
What is meant by Dry Land Farming.  
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The Domain for Dry Farming. Soils in Dry Areas.  
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Plant Growth in Dry Areas.  
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