

FARMERS MEET AT THE EXPERIMENT STATION

Estimated Three Hundred People Take Advantage of the Occasion to Hear Lectures of Scientific Men. Three O. A. C. Instructors Present and Give Practical, Instructive Talks

Another one of those profitable and successful gatherings of farmers was held at the Experiment Station on last Saturday, this being the "Round-up" that had been advertised for several weeks. It is estimated that there were three hundred people present and all were interested in farm work either directly or indirectly.

There were three O. A. C. instructors present, Prof. Hyslop of the Agronomy department, Prof. Potter of the animal husbandry department, and Wilbur L. Powers of the irrigation and drainage department. These gentlemen made addresses that were very instructive and beneficial to those in attendance. C. R. Ball, connected with the U. S. Department of Agriculture at Washington D. C. intended to be present at this meeting but was delayed and arrived here since. He visited the station and also participated in some of the local institutes held by the O. A. C. men. Prof. Ball was favorably impressed with the work of the station and expressed surprise at the work accomplished in so short a time. The Times-Herald representative did not get to see Prof. Ball in person but learns he is very enthusiastic and optimistic of the future of this big country as a farming section.

Prof. Potter confined his talk strictly to the live stock industry and gave some excellent information to local growers on the marketing of their product. As

this is the most important industry of the country at present his talk was well received and will be of advantage to those who have not had any experience in shipping stock. Every farmer in Harney county must keep stock and by following the advice of those who know their business the local farmer can handle his stock most profitably. The time is at hand for each man to market his stock and it is possible with the railroad close at hand. The matter of proper ration and fattening stock is another item that takes consideration to successfully handle live stock. We have the the necessary forage and can produce the best of meats.

Prof. Hyslop again urges the planting of the most successful forage crops—alfalfa and field peas. These he insists would be best in rows where no irrigation is possible as thus it is almost a certain crop and with proper conservation of moisture and tillage will make a profitable yield every year. Prof. Hyslop has impressed this matter upon the farmers of this section to such an extent that they are going to profit by his advice and there are going to be many acres devoted to such crops in the immediate future.

Hon. R. A. Booth, republican candidate for U. S. Senator, gave a short address that was well received. Mr. Booth is a very estimable gentleman who impressed all with whom he came in contact in this section as a sincere

man who has the best interests of the state at heart. He was the only one of the several political candidates invited to be present.

After the speaking program the people present were taken over the farm and shown the crops and experiments, each plot being devoted to different varieties of crops was given attention and such questions as were asked answered and interesting comment made upon the subject in hand.

The meeting was a pronounced success and Supt. Breithaupt is entitled to much credit for the manner in which the affair was handled. Hon. Frank Davey called the meeting to order and presided during the program.

County Fairs in Oregon.

Following a record-breaking harvest in practically every section of the state, Oregon will this Fall witness a large number of the best fairs ever held in the Northwest. Twenty-five counties have announced the dates for their exhibition, Coos and Curry counties will join forces while ambitious Clackamas County will stage two fairs. Portland will hold its Manufacturers and Land Products Show in late October and early November, and this city will also be represented, through its commercial organizations or business houses, at every one of the county fairs.

At the Land Products Show the Oregon Agricultural College will stage an exhibit showing the work of the various educational departments, also some of the products of the College and of the farm. This display will be in charge of members of the faculty who will from time to time deliver illustrated lectures and informal talks for the benefit of the farmers.

The Portland Railway, Light & Power Co. will install and operate a miniature farm, using electricity as the sole motive power. This exhibit will be complete in every detail and will occupy about 600 square feet.

LIBERAL FINANCIAL AID GIVEN TO COUNTY FAIR

Finance Committee Meeting With Very Liberal Response From the Business Men of Burns. Producers Urged to Help by Saving Best of Garden and Field for Exhibition Purposes

The finance committee appointed to solicit funds for a program for the county fair reports encouraging prospects, having been liberally remembered as far as they had gone in contributions from the business men of Burns. This means a successful fair and sufficient means to meet the expense. This is quite an item in holding the fair as it is necessary to get the grounds and buildings in shape, fix up fences, clean out stalls, gather exhibits and sort them over in exhibition shape; etc. These items are not thought of by the average person who thinks all there is to it is to pay premiums, when as a matter of fact this part is not so strenuous, the funds, in most part at least, being provided for.

The Times-Herald wishes the producer would realize more the benefits of the fair and would take a greater interest in it. They seem willing enough that their products be put on exhibition but a majority of them do not take the time to gather and prepare their best specimens for this purpose. Liberal premiums are provided for every product of commercial value and the producer gets the premium; the man who devotes his time and some expense in gathering these products doesn't get any direct benefit from it—that is in most instances—and he should not be expected to go into the fields and pick out grains, etc. If the producer would only gather such things and have them at a convenient place, men will see that they are brought in and properly prepared for exhibition.

The men in charge should get together at once and revise the premium list and get it into the hands of the producers with the least possible delay, as even now it is late. Considerable of the grain has been cut but if the farmers will save some good bundles there will be a good showing. The man with good stock should get them ready for exhibition as this is one of the very important features of the fair. Of course it is going to be really hard to get stock in fine exhibition shape on short notice, but we should have a big entry list of livestock nevertheless. We have the stuff and we should show people what we have.

Present indications are that there will be a sufficient amount subscribed to have one of the most attractive amusement programs ever given in connection with the fair and this will bring in the people to enjoy the week and view the exhibits. While the pavilion and the stock are the real essentials of a fair it is also just as important that we have attractions other than these to bring the people together and get the most out of the fair. With plenty of good trials of speed and like entertainment we may look forward to a very successful fair and one that will be of inestimable benefit to the farmer and all concerned.

The exhibit from the dry farms will be of particular interest this year as our farmers have really just begun to farm on this character of land. The Experiment Station exhibit should be very interesting and instructive.

All that is necessary to make this the best fair ever held in this county is for the people to get behind it and take part. It is the personal interest in these things that really count. A few individuals cannot make it go. We should have a great variety of products to send to the Panama Exposition at San Francisco next year and just in proportion will Harney county reap the benefit of such a display.

Found Successful Cure For The Jackrabbit Pest

On the government project in Hermiston district the new plan is working like a charm. Dairy salt and strychnine make up the agency that is depleting the ranks of the destructive animals. The farmers in that district have placed at different points over the land small receptacles, containing the poisoned salt. Br'er rabbit, always fond of salt, takes a nibble at the mineral and soon dies from the effect of the tiny bit of strychnine that he gets with the more choice morsel.

As a result it is said that thousands of carcasses are lying scattered about the places where the poisoned salt has been put, sending out anything but a pleasant odor during the high temperature. But crops are less damaged.

The proportion of the poison is one ounce to a pound of salt and a small vessel containing a tiny bit of the stuff is sufficient to cause the death of a large number of the pests.—Pendleton Tribune

WANT OREGON LANDS BUT WAR STARTS SINCE

European Farmers Write That They are Coming, But War May Stop Them. German of Africa to Sell Farm and Invest Money in This State. Prefer Settling in Eastern Oregon He Says

The Oregon Immigration Commission is in communication with a number of European agriculturalists who contemplate coming to Oregon this fall or next spring, to settle on the land, if they find conditions favorable says the Oregonian.

Most of them are willing to work and some offer to pay for board and room.

The following passage is translated from the letter of a German farmer, who now lives in German Southwest Africa. He has decided to come to Oregon as soon as he has sold his farm, when he expects to have about \$15,000 to invest:

"It would be best for me to take up grain growing, in conjunction with livestock raising, somewhere in Eastern Oregon, as that is practically the same as I am doing here, although under adverse conditions. I also am experienced in irrigation, utilization of water power, etc. As I master the English language pretty well I believe I would soon feel at home in your country. The best thing for me would be to live on a farm in Eastern Oregon, with educated people, where I could make myself acquainted with every phase of the husbandry. I would be willing to pay for board and room. After a short time I would purchase a team of my own and look around for suitable land by driving up and down the country. Do you think that an arrangement of this kind would be possible with an Oregon farmer?"

Well Bred Swine.

In selecting foundation stock for the hog herd it is best to purchase animals whose ancestry was bred continuously by a single breeder. This is the belief and experience of Professor G. R. Samson, swine specialist at the Oregon Agriculture College. In this way the buyer gets the benefit of a successful breeder's judgment. Lacking better means of judging desirable animals it is safe to assume that stock thought good enough to be retained in the herds of the breeder, generation after generation, is better than average stock. It pays to be wary of the stock whose ancestry was bred by many different breeders that are unknown in the history of the breed. In every case the buyer of foundation stock should become familiar with the history of the stock selected, learning the weak points to avoid them and the strong points to preserve them.

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