

PERFECTING PLANS FOR CONVENTION

Committee Meeting Held on Last Tuesday.

SENT FAULKNER TO BAKER

Representative Goes to Confer With Executives of Association Regard Date of Meet.

A meeting was called at the office of Chas. M. Faulkner Wednesday morning by A. R. Olsen for the purpose of making further preparations for the coming convention of the Oregon State Cattle & Horse Growers Association. Mr. Olsen finds he is too busy to undertake to give his attention to the many details of the convention and has asked Mr. Faulkner to take charge of it.

The definite date of this convention has not been set but will likely be at a meeting of the officers of the association at Baker today. Mr. Faulkner has gone to Baker to confer with the officers and settle with them the date. It is hoped the dates will be put May 26th and 27th.

Several stock men were present at the meeting Wednesday and the subject was gone over pretty carefully and tentative plans made to care for the large number of people expected at the convention. Mr. Hanley was one of the active participants in the discussion and is of the opinion that Burns must provide for the accommodation of between 2000 and 3000 guests during the convention and the matter of housing and feeding them was a problem that engaged the attention of those present. P. G. Smith and C. R. Peterson were also present and discussed plans with those actively in charge of the preparations.

It has been decided that additional eating places must be provided for and this the committee will arrange with the aid of Mr. Hanley and Mr. Olsen, together with other of the big stock men who are showing a decided interest in the coming meeting and have signified their willingness to aid in any way possible. While these plans have been outlined they are not mature and therefore will not be given in detail. However, one feature that will surely be a part of the entertainment will be some buckaroo wagons with the camp equipment and cooks to give the stranger within our gates regular range hospitality should they desire it.

One matter that is going to require attention is the entertainment of the ladies who are here during the meeting and who will not be taking an active part in the business sessions of the convention. Some unusual stunts will be provided for their amusement. One feature of this mode of entertainment that has been practically decided upon is the provision of saddle horses for the use of the ladies during their stay in Burns. There will be plenty of cars but for genuine stock country hospitality there isn't anything to compare with horseback riding.

Capt. Robt. M. Duncan has been put at the head of the committee to look after housing places and he is going to call to his aid several of the ladies of the town. Julian Byrd has communicated with the Ellison-White Chautauqua Association with the purpose of securing one of their Chautauqua tents in advance of the event to be used in whatever capacity may be necessary during the convention.

There is to be another meeting of the committee next Tuesday following Mr. Faulkner's return from his conference with the officers of the organization at Baker. This will be followed by some rapid action by all concerned, especially the finance committee—and the citizens of Burns will be called upon to contribute.

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THE HAZELWOOD TO BUY PRODUCE AND CREAM IN BURNS

Establish Receiving Station Here and Install Tester If Business Warrant.

The Hazelwood Creamery Company is taking steps to establish a station in this city to take care of such products as they handle. This was announced this week by F. Beeler, a representative of the concern who was here looking over the field.

Mr. Beeler was here to investigate conditions and see what the prospects were. As soon as the Bend-Burns Auto stage resumes its regular schedule between the two points the Hazelwood will begin soliciting the cream, eggs, poultry, veal, hogs, etc.

Should the business show sufficient importance Mr. Beeler stated his company would install a tester for cream at the local station and that checks for the cream would be paid when brought in and tested. However, from the first shipment the check will follow with the return of the can to the producer. This will prove a big thing for local dairy people as many of the farmers are not prepared to finish their product in the way of butter, as it requires too much equipment and work but if they can ship their cream and get a price that is right they will develop more dairy stock and that bringing more cash into the country for local products. An established market for poultry and eggs is another feature that will create more business in this vicinity as people will devote more time to raising chickens with a sure market. However, as a general thing there are not many more eggs than the local market will take care of.

COLLEGE DAIRY HERD GROWS

Starting with 8 Ayrshires, 4 Holsteins, 11 Jerseys and 4 Guernseys in 1915, the O. A. C. dairy herd has grown to 27 females—Ayrshires 7, Holsteins 20, Jerseys 23 and Guernseys 17. This is one of the largest herds owned by any of the state colleges. "It is," says Prof. P. M. Brandt, head of the dairy department, "an essential part of agricultural college equipment. This herd affords an excellent opportunity for investigations to solve the problems of the dairymen and in training students to fill the ranks of the men standing back of this great industry." The gain all resulted from natural increase with the exception of the Guernseys, part of which were the gift of W. B. Ayer. The herd is supported by sale of milk and surplus stock.

TREAT POTATO SEED DORMANT

Potato seed is best treated when dormant—unsprouted—and not less than 10 days before planting, says M. B. McKay, specialist of the O. A. C. plant pathology department. Dissolve 4 ounces corrosive sublimate in a little hot water in glass jar, and dilute with 30 gallons of water. If the seed has small amount of scab or rhizoctonia select the best and soak in solution, in wood or cement container, about 1 1/2 hours. If badly diseased, 2 hours. If seed has started to sprout and has but little scab or rhizoctonia, soak 30 minutes. If badly diseased and sprouted do not use for seed at all. The potatoes should be dried and resacked in disinfected sacks. Great care is urged in the use of corrosive sublimate as it is a deadly poison. No child or animal should have access to it. Treated potatoes are not fit for food.

MASQUERADE FOR CHILDREN MARCH 27

Arrangements have been made to give a masked dance for the children at Tonawama on next Saturday night, March 27. This has been the custom for several years and the little folks have looked forward to it since the masquerade last Saturday night. Cash prizes will be given the little maskers.

NEW IRRIGATION BOARD AGREES CONSTRUCTION OF RESERVOIR FIRST NECESSITY

Board of Directors Make Permanent Organization With William Hanley as President; Resolutions Adopted Making Board of Commissioners Part of Organization; Given Duties.

(By R. M. D.)

The Board of Directors of Harney Valley Irrigation District met again on the 16th and Mr. William Hanley filed his bond and took the oath of office after which the Board proceeded with its permanent organization electing Mr. Hanley as President.

An interesting feature of the meeting was the drawing of lots to determine who would hold the one, two and three year terms. Mr. Hanley drew first and secured the two year term and Mr. Grant Thompson was second to draw and secured the one year term leaving the three year term to Mr. A. R. Olsen.

Mr. Duncan was continued for the time being as Secretary the Board feeling that it was not quite ready to select a permanent Secretary as the work of the District had not sufficiently developed.

The question of permanent quarters for the district was discussed and put over until a subsequent meeting.

The Board of Directors adopted a resolution that is made a part of their records creating a Board of Commissioners and giving them the powers and duties of properly authorized agents of the Board of Directors. The Board of Commissioners

is the same authorized by the voters and Messrs. Hayes, Mothershead, Miller, Smith and Welcome, took the oath of office and are now part of the machinery of the District.

The Board of Directors and the Commissioners spent some time in a general discussion of the various features involved, particularly as to the type of works to be constructed. All were agreed that the construction of a reservoir was the first necessity, the location is to be worked out later. This no doubt will depend largely upon the report of the engineer and a careful weighing of all the factors bearing upon the project.

The Board did not select an Engineer at this meeting but is still looking for the right man. It was generally expressed that half of the battle was in selecting the proper man for this important post.

The Board adjourned to meet again March 23rd for further discussion and investigation.

No assessment has yet been made for preliminary expenses and this is before the Board and has been taken under consideration. The Board and Commissioners are a unit that there should not be one cent of expense that could be avoided and that the levy for preliminary expenses should be just as light as possible.

ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL

Nearly all of our large Hospitals like the St. Vincent at Portland are in charge of the Sisters of Mercy and it is inconceivable that anyone should object to the Sisters of St. Joseph who have consecrated their lives to the alleviation of human misery being placed in charge of St. Joseph Hospital at Burns.

No one will fail to recognize the mission of these sisters as one of mercy, love and benevolence, whose impelling motive is to bring comfort to the heart, protect every human creature from helpless infancy to decrepit old age, to feed the orphan and nurse the sick. There is no phase of human misery for which they do not provide some remedy.

The sisters make no distinction of person or nationality or color or creed, for true charity embraces all; they do not labor for worldly gain, but in every one you have a ministering angel moving along the path of duty, and like the angel Raphael, who concealed his name from Sobias, the sister hides her name from the world. Her only ambition is that the recording angel may be her biographer; that her name may be inscribed in the book of Life, and that she may receive her recompense from Him who has said: "I was sick and ye visited me, for as often as ye did it to one of the least of my brothers, ye did it to me."

Every fraternal organization and every christian body have been and are today zealous promoters in the work of christian benevolence, and let us all join and do all we can in the cause of humanity. Every man has a mission from God to help his fellow being and there is one platform on which we stand united and that is the platform of charity and benevolence. We cannot, indeed, like our divine Master, give sight to the blind, and hearing to the deaf, and speech to the dumb, and strength to the paralyzed limb, but we can work miracles of grace and mercy by relieving the distress of the sick and bring sunshine to heart that are dark and desolate.

R. A. Allen, superintendent of the construction on the highway between this city and Lawen, was confined to the King hospital for a few days this week. Mr. Allen was gassed while in the service over in France and at intervals he is troubled from the old injuries received during his soldier days.

FOREST PROTECTION

Viewed from several angles it appears to the Forest Protection Committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce that elimination of our annual losses through forest fire must have the serious thought and cooperation of every citizen of Oregon and the whole Northwest.

In this Western Country we are just beginning to realize that what has been long prophesied regarding the community value of our forests is coming true. Extension of existing operations and installation of many new ones is well under way, while plans are being made to open up new sections in the near future.

What this means to the State needs no explanation. Every citizen shares in the increased activity whether he owns timber or not.

And back of all this lies the indisputable fact that we will profit from the lumber industry just so long as there is raw material to keep it going. It is with this in mind that the Federal Government, the State and private interests yearly spend large sums to protect forests against fire. But the public must get back of their efforts if the annual losses are to be reduced. Forest protection is not the business of any special class, it is everybody's business and everybody should make it their business.

Attention has been called to possibilities of Oregon having an enormous tourist trade. Forest fires are inseparably linked with efforts to secure this for the State. A smoke-laden atmosphere from July to September—the tourist months—means inability to show people coming here what we have to offer. We are told that the summer of 1920 will see a large number of visitors here aside from those we know are coming. Shall we let them go back East and advertise our State or view the usual blanket of smoke and accuse us of misrepresenting our attractions? It's up to the people of the State to decide this, to grasp an opportunity or cast it aside.

It is with the idea that here in Oregon we should overlook no opportunity that Forest Protection work is being planned. We don't want to wait until a lot more of our timber is burned before awakening to the fact that it is well worth saving.

Get the campaign started in your locality to keep out fires.

NEWSPAPERS AID IN ECONOMICAL DISTRIBUTING PRODUCTS

Direct Cut From Producer to Consumer; Save Time And Big Losses.

(Wilbur W. Wood)

Oregon Agricultural College, Mar. 16.—That newspaper advertising for the sale of farm commodities is coming into use rapidly because it is one remedy for the wasteful and unsatisfactory methods of the distributing system, is the opinion of C. J. McIntosh agricultural press editor of the college.

"The most economical use of farm products is by the grower and when he has a surplus the most economical users are his neighbors," said Mr. McIntosh. "The most economical way of marketing to his neighbors is to market as nearly direct as possible."

"Sometimes growers supply their neighbors with their own surplus products through long, devious, and expensive channels. The potato growers of Coos Bay have often sold their potatoes to their neighbors through San Francisco commission houses. There are legitimate charges for freight, storage, and commissions which are borne by both producer and consumer. The producer gets less than the terminal price by the cost of haul and storage; while the consumer pays the terminal price plus storage and rehaul. The newspaper is an ideal vehicle for cutting across lots from grower to table."

Mr. McIntosh condemns the use of the term "For Sale" in farm advertisements and believes that the item of sale should be printed in bold face type in the first line. Leading desirable qualities of the product should be given.

"Advertisements to be successful must be based on reputable goods," says Mr. McIntosh. "They must be clearly and simply written and they should be well displayed. The quantity, quality, and place where inquiry should be sent and the price should be given. Some additional information designed to create a desire for the product is likely to be worth a great deal more than it costs to publish it."

Farmers and newspaper men in general in Oregon have taken an interest in the movement toward this type of advertising. It is expected that a college bulletin will be published soon on the subject of advertising for the farmer.

THE 5 PER CENT INTEREST RATE BILL.

Professional paid circulators in Portland are endeavoring to get signatures to the proposed 4 per cent and 5 per cent interest rate bill, but they are meeting with very poor success. People realize that instead of lowering interest rates in Oregon this bill will produce a condition under which it will be impossible to borrow money in Oregon at all. They fully understand that money will not be loaned in Oregon at 5 per cent when it can be loaned in adjoining states at 3 per cent.

The present low price of Liberty Bonds on the open market presents an interesting phase of this situation. Liberty Bonds can now be purchased at a price which will net the owner between 5 per cent and 6 per cent. If money could not be loaned in Oregon at a greater rate than 5 per cent, naturally persons with money to loan would buy Liberty Bonds instead of loaning their money.

If this measure should pass, every loan in Oregon which is now in effect would be called when it becomes due. This would mean the foreclosure of practically every Oregon mortgage, and business houses which have to finance themselves with borrowed capital, would be forced out of business.—Ex

C. M. Faulkner, president of the Commercial Club, who has been appointed to look after the coming stockmen's convention, left Thursday evening for Baker where he goes to consult with the officers of the Oregon State Cattle & Horse Growers Association.

NEW HOSPITAL GIVEN IMPETUS BY COM. CLUB

Speakers Point out Necessity Of Institution.

DEDICATED TO HUMANITY

Improvement in Line With Progress of Times; Need Better Facilities to Care for Sick.

(By the Secretary)

Interest in the Club continues unabated. The musical program at the meeting last evening arranged by Waldo Geer, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, consisting of saxophone, piano and drum; by Homer Reed, Mrs. Harry Z. Smith and Rollin Gowan; Reading "A peasant boy of France" by Miss Krichesky; Solos by Mr. Deveney and Miss Marjory Byrd, was much appreciated.

The outstanding feature of the discussion was the St. Joseph Hospital, participated in by Messrs. I. S. Geer, Father Francis, Sam Mothershead, E. H. Conser and James J. Donegan. It was impressed upon those present that irrigation, good roads etc., were necessary for progress; but that other things were equally important, such as the care of the sick, aged and poor. Many of the latter class would never be able to partake of the improvements made by the progress of civilization, but thanks to the spirit of generosity of those who heretofore have taken care of them, and they deserve great credit, we ought, nevertheless, to advance in our methods and means of taking care of our less fortunate fellow creatures. Father Francis stated that every Doctor here during the last four years that he had been here had requested him to secure sisters to come here to look after patients, and last summer he was fortunate to secure four sisters from the east, all trained nurses. It required a great deal of influence to get these sisters to come here, away from their fashionable homes and Academies. They are now inadequately equipped and ask better facilities so that they may be able to take care of all; their lives are consecrated to take care of the sick, poor and aged, and their services are free and gratuitous without expectation of human reward. He knew of four cities in Oregon with over 4000 inhabitants and modern hospital facilities that were unable to secure sisters to take charge of the hospitals; he described the character of building—3 story stone—explained that it will not be an institution of charity and that those able to pay will be charged for the services rendered at the lowest possible price, but that the more unfortunate will be taken in and receive the same care as the rich without question of compensation.

As the Catholic pastor he assured the people that the institution would be non-sectarian and without Catholic influence whatsoever that it would be a source of pride to the people of Harney county and that we could point to it as our hospital because we built it ourselves. Each one will be asked to contribute to the fund and given an opportunity to give whatever they are able.

Mr. Mothershead spoke in favor of the hospital from a purely business standpoint; that there can be no argument against it from a "city view" and people from here go to other cities for surgical operations, not for lack of medical skill or ability, but from the lack of means to take care of the patients.

Mr. Conser considered us very fortunate in having the sisters as many other places with good hospital facilities were trying to get them, and pointed out that such a hospital would have been very valuable in times like the late epidemics.

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