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FARMERS INSTITUTES FOR ROGUE RIVER VALLEY

Dr. Withycomb to Hold Six More Institutes in Josephine and Jackson Counties.

So well pleased were the farmers of the Applegate and Illinois river valleys with the farmers institutes, that were held in September at Provoit and Kerby by Dr. Withycomb and other professors from the State Agricultural College, that they have requested that they be favored again with institutes this winter. In reply to a letter of inquiry Dr. Withycomb writes to the editor of the Courier that he will be able to hold a series of farmers institutes in Josephine and Jackson counties about the first week in February. While the schedule of dates and places has not yet been made out, institutes in Josephine county will probably be held at Provoit, Kerby and Wilderville and likely at Merlin. In Jackson county, Talent, Central Point and Eagle Point will probably be selected as the places for holding institutes.

Dr. Withycomb, who is a whole institute force within himself, will be present at each of the meetings, and so popular is he with the farmers of Rogue River Valley that they will be sure to greet him with large audiences. The Doctor will have with him the full corps of Professors from the Agricultural College, who do institute work, and he will also have with him one or more of the larger dairymen and stockmen of the Willamette Valley who will talk to the Rogue River stockmen from a farmer's standpoint on practical, money making dairying and fine stock raising.

In the Eastern States and in the Willamette Valley and other sections of Oregon, where the farmers institutes have become fixed institutions, as factors in progressive farming, the farmers and their wives, sons and daughters for miles around attend, and never hesitate to lay aside their work, when an institute is in session, and take an active part in its proceedings. These institutes, where the farmers have learned their value, are in session from two to four days and are in reality an Agricultural College short course in the up-to-date farm methods. The farmers, themselves, and their wives take an active part in the discussions and oftentimes read papers or give short talks. In this they are encouraged by the college professors for the practical experience gained in everyday farm work, if success or failure, is just what the institute workers desire to bring out, as especially helpful to those who are striving to make farming a science and a more profitable and attractive vocation than it now is to such a large number of alleged farmers.

The farmers institute is an educational institution of slow development, for there is a good deal of Misconception about the average farmer and he has to be shown. And sometimes it takes considerable showing to induce him to take hold of anything that is new and different from the farm methods of his father. The average Anglo-Saxon is more of a Chinaman than he thinks he is in his conservatism, and in sticking to the old customs, methods and manners handed down to him by his fathers. The farmer is no exception to this rule, and the first institute held in a place is counted a success if 15 to 20 farmers are in attendance. But with each succeeding institute the attendance gains, until it embraces the greater number of the farmers within a reasonable distance of the meeting place. There are farmers, though, in each community, who can not be induced to attend an institute, for they think it is only a place where some college professors "show off their book learning and talk on fine-tuned theories of farming," that are utterly at variance with their fossilized ideas. These rural sibilians can readily be distinguished from the real farmers, for they raise wheat on the same ground for 40 years, their fences develop brachy stock, their tools and vehicles are in the fence corner, the barnyard or the roadside, their stock are scrubby degenerates, their home is a hovel and the yard about the house littered with all manner of rubbish, and he is found perched on the "loafers' roost" in Grants Pass, or some other town, more frequently than at work in his field, while his wife, with half a score of children to care for, is bravely trying to help provide for the family needs by selling a few eggs, taken from stray hens' nests in the nearby brush patches, and in making what she calls butter, but which is known to the merchants by another name. But these lumberers of the earth are steadily diminishing in numbers, death removing the older ones, and the farmers institutes, the schools, newspapers and an enlightened, progressive environment developing the younger ones into energetic, thrifty farmers.

The attendance at all the farmers institutes held in Rogue River Valley this fall except the one in Grants Pass, was very satisfactory considering that they were the first held in the communities. The one in Grants Pass was very slimly attended as is always the case with institutes held in large towns, for there appears to be too many attractions to keep the farmers away from institutes. And these town attractions also keep many farmers away from their fields, as is shown by the numbers of farms within a radius of five miles of every large town, that look as though managed by a helpless widow rather than by a strong, able bodied man. From statements made by farmers of the localities where the next institutes are to be held, there is every reason to expect a large attendance at each and that the sessions will be all the success that Dr. Withycomb and his associates may desire.

MOUNTAIN LION MINE BEING WELL DEVELOPED

Long Tunnels Being Extended and Other Work Done—Is a Promising Mine.

Six men are now employed in the Mountain Lion mine, on Miller creek, a tributary of the Applegate. Work is being prosecuted in three levels. One hundred tons of ore are now in the mill and as soon as a sufficient head of water is obtained the work of crushing will commence. The Mountain Lion has been in operation more or less since it was first located 18 years ago and it is today one of the best developed mines in Southern Oregon. The lower tunnel is in 1000 feet and is being driven farther, while three upper levels are in from 300 to 500 feet each. The greatest vertical depth so far reached is 350 feet, from the end of the lower drift.

In character the vein in the upper levels is a free milling quartz, from two to five feet wide, with a paystreak from four inches to two feet in width. In the lower level both the vein and paystreak are wider. Part of it is free-milling and part concentrating, the tellurides and sulphurates in the latter being especially rich. The vein is a contact, with a hanging wall of porphyry and a footwall of diorite. In the gauge of the vein appears a considerable quantity of decomposed feldspar, lying mostly along the paystreak near the footwall. From the upper levels a large amount of ore has been stoped. On the lower level very little stoping has been done, though several upraises have been made on the ore body to determine its character and general width. A winze is being started from No. 3 drift and this will eventually connect with the lower tunnel, demonstrating the continuance of the ore body and at the same time providing a shaft for the free circulation of air.

A five stamp mill was placed on the property several years ago and a van used in to save the concentrates. The repeated runs made in this mill show the ore to average from \$40 to \$50 per ton in free gold, while the concentrates sent to the Tacoma smelter for treatment yielded from \$300 to \$700 per ton. In addition to the mill the mine is well equipped for operation. A fine office has been built, boarding houses erected and a good road built. The Bailey brothers and C. E. Harmon and L. L. Jewell of Grants Pass are the owners and in the Mountain Lion they have a splendid property—a mine that has always paid its own way and left a handsome profit beside.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE TO BE HELD AT KERBY
Program One of Value to All Interested In Schools—Good Attendance Expected

County Superintendent Lincoln Savage has arranged to hold a teachers' institute at Kerby on Saturday, November 25. This is a local institute and the program will be in the nature of a teachers' experience meeting and the local teachers will make the opening addresses on the various topics considered. It is expected that all the teachers in the central and south part of the county will be in attendance. The sessions will be held in the Kerby school building. The following is the program as arranged for the institute:

10 A. M.
Opening exercises. Arithmetic, 6th Grade. J. R. Scoville
Language, Primary work. Lerona McFarland
Everyday Problems of the Teacher. K. A. Hampton
General discussion. K. A. Hampton
1:30 P. M.
Opening exercises. J. H. Austin
Address—subject selected. J. H. Austin
History, advanced division. Louise Guthrie
Reading. Margaret Scoville
Remarks on Course of Study. Supt. L. Savage
General Discussion.
A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend.

MANY WILD HOGS IN THE OAK WOODS

Are in the Hills About Applegate and Williams Creek—Are Hard to Find

Bands of wild hogs are reported numerous this year on the ridges bordering the Applegate and Williams creeks. One herd of about 60, ranges on the divide between the head of Thompson creek and the left fork of Williams and several smaller herds have been observed. These hogs are descended from domesticated animals that escaped to the woods some years ago, but a few generations have sufficed for them to revert to the primitive state. They are as wild as deer and fully as hard to find, taking alarm at the slightest noise and seeking cover in the dense underbrush. Usually they are gaunt and thin, resembling in some degree the famous "razorbacks" of Georgia, but this fall they are fat and in excellent condition from the quantity of acorns found in the hills.

While not ordinarily aggressive, the wild hogs are sometimes dangerous, their great tusks making them formidable foes to encounter, and men who hunt them say that a bear fight is child's play compared to a tussle with an enraged bear. Instances are many where a friendly tree has been the only place of refuge for their wild charges. These hogs have developed, or re-developed, all the original instinctive traits of their remote ancestors, the habits observed in the domestic state having entirely disappeared. In many places in the hills their beds can be found, built of sticks placed crosswise to the height of about six inches and covered with fallen leaves.

As a rule the wild hogs roam at night in search of their food and remain secreted during the day, but they can often be found in the early morning hours and at dusk in the oak forests. Occasionally a farmer succeeds in enticing one into his corral or pig pen by means of his domestic hogs, but the results are rarely satisfactory. In most instances of the kind the wild animal refuses to eat, becomes morose and savagely charges anyone who approaches the inclosure. Untamable and untamed, they will literally starve themselves to death. Once in awhile a young one can be induced to eat and gradually becomes accustomed to life among the domesticated hogs, but an old one will never submit to man's dominion.

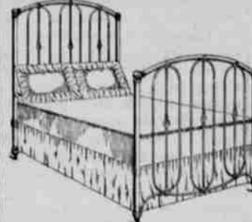
GRANITE LAND MADE HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE

Considered by Some to Be Unproductive, Is Made to Produce Big Crops.

For several years the belief has obtained that the granite land lying between the Rogue river and Applegate is practically valueless for agricultural purposes. But in the face of achieved facts, this belief is giving way, and it is now becoming recognized that with proper methods of work the granite land is as productive as any in the West. H. E. Gething, who resides four miles from Grants Pass on the road to Murphy, has demonstrated to the satisfaction of all who have seen his farm that good results can be obtained from granite soil. Mr. Gething raises excellent wheat and his field for next year's crop has a good stand. During the past summer he grew watermelons, grapes, berries, fruits and vegetables equal in size and flavor to any brought into the Grants Pass market and this was all done on granite land.

Granite soil is rich in silica and nitrogenous compounds, but deficient in potash. It therefore requires considerable fertilization. If manure be well worked into the soil and moisture supplied during the dry season there is never any question about a crop. To do this effectively, however, requires intensive farming, better results being obtained from a small area under cultivation than from a large tract that could not be worked so well. Mr. Gething has the low areas of his farm well drained, conducting the water by a series of lateral ditches into a main conduit and thence to his orchard and garden, which he irrigates as the necessities of the season may require. Splendid results have been his reward. From one acre, during the past season, he sold \$500 worth of vegetables and berries and this in addition to the general farm yield. There are many uncultivated farms on granite land between this city and the Applegate. The value of the soil has been proven beyond doubt. This land can be secured cheap and on reasonable terms of payment and people looking for a home will do well to investigate all the conditions affecting it. Corporation books, stock certificates and seals at the Courier office.

MORE STORE NEWS THIS WEEK



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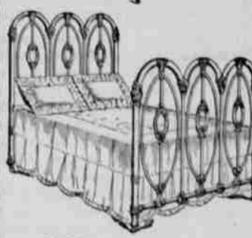
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MERLIN

W. W. Wilson of Hugo was in town Saturday.

Superintendent Savage visited our school last week.

Ray Colby purchased a new piano recently for his wife.

Mrs. Byrd from Grants Pass spent Sunday with friends near Merlin.

Walter Ayers has been employed as clerk in the Merlin Mercantile Company's store.

J. P. McConnell and wife were enjoying a trip into the country Sunday on their wheels.

Miss Abbie Stackpole, lately arrived from San Francisco, is visiting friends in the neighborhood.

Mrs. Conba, Mrs. Bacon's mother, recently arrived in Merlin to spend the winter with Mrs. Bacon.

Roller skates were the order of proceedings at the Merlin Hall Saturday evening. A good time being had.

Ralph Bacon, son of Mrs. Bacon, principal of the Merlin schools, came down from Medford Friday evening.

Sherman Jess and Geo. Griffin, of Wilderville, were in Merlin Saturday looking up the interests of the Conger ferry.

It is reported that A. B. Consi, manager of the Galice Consolidated Mines Company, will arrive in Merlin soon to remain permanently.

There are services held at the M. E. church every Thursday evening in the form either of Bible readings or song services. The young people are becoming interested and good meetings are the result.

Geo. Jones and Will Reynolds made a flying trip to Grants Pass Sunday. Mr. Clanton spent Saturday night and Sunday among friends in Grants Pass.

Walter Jordan and wife, formerly Miss Maggie Fry, from Wilderville visited over Sunday with friends in Merlin.

The new hotel is assuming proportions. The masons are building the floor. It will be ready for the plumber and plasterer in two weeks or less.

The young people of Merlin to the number of 20 spent a pleasant time Saturday evening at the Massie home. Candy, apples, music and charades being the order of the evening. All left claiming to have had an enjoyable time.

Our town is looking up surely—new buildings are going up and there are strangers to town every day. Henry Booth daily expects capitalists and mining engineers from the East to investigate the copper strike on Pickett creek.

W. A. Massie and J. C. Cochran and family were in Grants Pass the other day on business. Tris.

Cured Consumption. Mrs. B. W. Evans, Clearwater, Kan., writes: "My husband lay sick for three months. The doctors said that he had quick consumption. We procured a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup, and it cured him. That was six years ago. Since then we have always kept a bottle in the house. We cannot do without it. For coughs and colds it has no equal." \$2c, 50c, \$1.00 at Model Drug Store and Rotermund's.

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