

**AGRICULTURAL EXPERT.**

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asked that Grants Pass and the other cities along the Pacific Highway join with them in working for the betterment of that great roadway. The local Good Roads association will deal with this subject as it has already had it under consideration.

**Fishing Legislation Discussed.**

Legislation affecting the fishing in Rogue river was called up for discussion, and a committee composed of Senator Smith, Representative Panchard, Wilford Allen, M. J. Anderson and H. E. Gething, president of the fishermen's association, was appointed to confer about the matter and to suggest laws that would meet local conditions.

That the river should be opened to commercial fishing under the proper restrictions is the opinion of all, and laws that will protect the interests of both the salmon industry and the game fish will be worked out and offered to the legislature.

Through the referendum the river was closed to commercial fishing two years ago, thus destroying an industry that was worth thousands of dollars annually to the community. The result of the enactment of this law has been to line the banks of the river with decaying salmon and to pollute the water supply of the city. Proper legislation will make the salmon available to commerce and yet protect to the fullest the sport of the fly fisherman.

**Railroad Situation Good.**

President Hobart reported that the railroad situation was in most satisfactory condition. He said that the surveyors for the Coos Bay line had worked up the river to this point, and had then gone to Gold Hill and run the line from there back to this city. Reports from Mr. Lee were that he was progressing nicely with the project, and that the outlook was especially optimistic. President Hobart said that he believed that both the Coos Bay and the Crescent City roads would be successfully put through.

**BETHANY PRESBYTERIANS.**

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ing of Bethany church formed an interesting exhibit.

(From Wednesday's Daily).

Bethany Presbyterian church is today, December 11th, 1912, celebrating the 25th anniversary of its organization, and will this evening render a program in commemoration of the completion of the quarter of a century of active and effective effort.

A notable feature of the celebration is the fact that Rev. Robt. McLean, the present pastor of the church, was its pastor when it first took its place in the church life of the community on December 11th, 1887. He continued as its pastor until January, 1899, when he was called to Portland to assume the pastorate of the Third Presbyterian church, and later he was engaged in the foreign missionary work, his field being in Porto Rico. He is now closing the second period of his pastorate here, his resignation having been accepted by the church board that he can again enter the missionary field. The board of missions has been demanding for some time that Mr. McLean accept the charge as superintendent of Spanish Mission work, covering the states of California, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and Texas, and the local church has finally allowed Dr. McLean to take up this broader work for which he is so eminently qualified. He will enter his new work January 1, 1913.

In his sermon last Sunday Dr. McLean touched upon the early history of the church, speaking of its organization as follows:

"Twenty-five years ago this church entered upon this work. In the court house a little band, strong in faith, gathered and formed the organization. They were Mrs. G. U. Barrie, Mr. W. S. Barrie, Mrs. J. K. Pigney, Miss Myra Wheeler, Mrs. Robert Pool and Mrs. Rich. To this number justly should be added Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Kinney, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Dodge and Mrs. VanDyke, for all these labored for the upbuilding of the church with a faithfulness equalled by few and surpassed by none. They entered as members the following June.

"This church then took, and has since held the post of honor in the fight against organized evil. If bitterness of attack is any criterion, it has unflinchingly stood by its pastors in their efforts to create sentiment for the enforcement of the law of moral purity in public life. Nor

has it neglected to work beyond. From the first it has been the banner church in the Presbytery in the support of both home and foreign missions. Both senior and junior Endeavor societies have been permeated with the same spirit. The choir, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Kinney, became famous throughout the state. The Sunday school rapidly grew under the care of N. P. Dodge, its first superintendent, until at one time it had more than 300 enrolled. Miss Mary Coe organized and most successfully directed a splendid Junior C. E. It is still flourishing under her capable leadership. Since its organization the church has received about 750 members. The outlook for better things is bright."

**TELLS HOW SWEEPSTAKES COCKEREL WAS GROWN.**

A single comb Rhode Island Red cockerel was pronounced the best male bird in the show here at the (line of the Grange fair last fall. A week later the same bird won the sweepstakes premium at the Ashland show in the liveliest kind of competition, and now he has been sent to the shows at Portland and other northern centers where he will contest for honors with the blue-bloods of the northwest.

The story of this bird is remarkable in that it proves that years of previous experience are not necessary to produce perfect poultry in the salubrious climate of the Rogue valley, but that the key to success lies in getting eggs or stock from virile strains and then using just good chicken sense in assisting nature to do the rest.

Geo. H. Parker tells the tale of this cockerel in the following words:

"In the early part of February of this year, one of my boys purchased two settings of single comb Rhode Island Red eggs from a local breeder. From those eggs we raised 22 chicks, 12 cockerels and 10 pullets. I sold eight of the cockerels when they were three months old for 20 cents per pound, live weight, making the average price 52 1-2 cents. The twelve cockerels were apparently as nearly alike as that many peas and I made no selection when I sold the eight, intending to kill the rest about Thanksgiving time.

"When the Grange fair was held here this fall, at the request of Dr. Wilcoxon I entered my best cockerel and two pullets as a trio. I received the blue ribbon and the judges pronounced the cockerel the best bird in the show. I then sent them to Ashland to the district fair and won first on the trio and sweepstakes on the cockerel. I have now sent the cockerel to the shows at Albany, Portland and Eugene. I don't know, of course, how he will run in fast company and thought perhaps I had better write this article before I did. He has already won me \$6.50 in prizes, however. Of course, that isn't much money, but suppose I had kept the whole 12 cockerels! I had never looked at the standard books and didn't know that I had anything extra in the bird line. I never would have known if I hadn't entered him at the show, and I would advise anyone who has anything in the poultry line they think good, to exhibit at the coming show in January. My pullets have done very well all the fall, laying at the present time about 50 per cent."

Born—A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Howell, at their home on L and Oak streets Sunday, December 8th.

**MISS CAHILL BECOMES BRIDE OF B. C. HALL.**

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Cahill, at 505 West C street, Monday afternoon at four o'clock, Miss Gertrude Cahill became the bride of Burton C. Hall, of Marshfield, Oregon.

The ceremony was performed within a beautifully decorated bower, the words of the marriage service being impressively spoken by Rev. F. C. Lovett, pastor of the Baptist church.

A number of the friends of the happy couple were present to witness the joyous event, and innumerable gifts were showered upon the contracting parties. A wedding supper followed the ceremony.

The bride has been teacher of the Williams school, and her circle of friends extends throughout the county. Mr. Hall is a mechanical engineer operating in Marshfield at present.

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**STANDARD OIL CO. PROSPECTS.**

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12.—That the Standard Oil company plans to continue its expensive prospecting on land that may be oil-bearing, is indicated today by its purchase of 860 acres near Fullerton, adjoining property it already holds. No operations have been started in this section and it is distant from all known oil lands. The company's plans have not been announced.

**ARCHBOLD PROSECUTION WILL CLOSE THIS WEEK.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The prosecution in the impeachment proceedings against Judge Robert W. Archbold of the commerce court probably will rest its case the last of this week. The defense will present 50 witnesses, making it improbable that the case will end before January 11.

**WRECKED VESSEL THE DERNA.**

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The identity of the vessel sunk by the dreadnaught Centurion in the English channel Tuesday was virtually established today when a boat marked Derna, containing the body of a man, was picked up off the Isle of Wight. The Derna, owned in Genoa, Italy, carried a crew of 25 men.

A Des Moines man had an attack of muscular rheumatism in his shoulder. A friend advised him to go to Hot Springs. That meant an expense of \$150.00 or more. He sought for a quicker and cheaper way to cure it and found it in Chamberlain's Liniment. Three days after the first application of this liniment he was well. For sale by all dealers.

Engraved cards at the Courier.

**SOFT JOB FOR NICK.**

CINCINNATI, Dec. 12.—Congressman Nicholas Longworth, son-in-law of Colonel Roosevelt, defeated candidate for re-election, will not have to worry about a job when his term expires.

"I will take care of Nick," said Wes Rippey here today. "He can have a position as vice-president of the Central Trust company any time he wants it."

The Central Trust company is one of the most conservative financial institutions in Cincinnati.

**TITANIC ROMANCE DEVELOPS A WEDDING.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—As an aftermath of the Titanic disaster, two survivors, Miss Bessie McCory of New York and Thomas McCormick of Bayonne, N. J., are to be married, according to announcement here today.

McCormick leaped into the water just before the big liner sank and was pulled into a life boat by Miss McCory.

Prof. J. S. MacMurray, teacher of vocal music in this city for some years, has just received notice from Salem that the position of vocal instructor in the school of music at Willamette University was vacant and requested Mr. MacMurray to make application, stating that the excellent recommendations received from his friends and former pupils had prompted them to make this offer.

Business men are not the only ones who use letter heads. They are for use in private correspondence. The Courier prints them.

**Expectancy of Life.**

All insurance is calculated upon the probable length of time a person has to live. This is called the average expectancy. Many elaborate tables have been made up by the insurance companies, some based upon one set of data, some upon another, and consequently they vary slightly. The British life annuity tables, a fair calculation, show that a man of fifty has a natural expectancy of living 21.2 years; a woman of the same age 23.5 years; at sixty his expectancy is 14.8 years, hers 17 years; at seventy his is 9.5 years, hers 10.9 years.

**She Saw.**

"Why is Mrs. Wombat wearing such dowdy clothes lately? She spends half her husband's income on dress. But why is she wearing such mean looking clothes just now?"

"Her husband's mother is visiting her just now. See?"

The other woman saw.—Pittsburgh Post.

**Hard to Shake Off.**

Hewitt—He sticks closer than a brother. Jewett—Yes; like a church debt.—Women's Home Companion.

**On the Safe Side.**

Schroeder to his neighbor, a widower—Why did you send your housekeeper away, since she was such a good cook? The widower—She made such splendid puddings I was afraid I should marry her.—Fliegende Blätter.

**Queer Sense of Humor.**

"Don't you admire a man who laughs at danger?"

"Only to a certain degree. He may have courage, but he unquestionably possesses a poor sense of humor."—Washington Star.

**The Subtle Porcupine.**

"The porcupine has his good points," admitted the possum, "but he is an awful bawterer, you know."

"Flatterer!" echoed the coon blankly.

"Yes. He is apt to send one away feeling awfully stuck up."

Send this paper to your friends.

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

**FOR SALE**

BEEES AND HONEY for sale by Oscar Beer, Takilma, Oregon. 11-8-12

FOR SALE—A choice eleven acre alfalfa and berry ranch, irrigated. Cows, horses and hogs and farm implements. A 17-room hotel on South side, next to P. O. and store, furnished, good trade, and barn and outbuildings, all go with place. No flies on this price of owners figures of only \$2,500. See H. B. Hendricks, 205 Albert, Bldg., near postoffice, city. 11-8-12

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FOR SALE—Horse, top buggy, harness, Jersey cow, churn, butter worker, full blooded Plymouth Rock and White Leghorn cockerels. Robert L. Huck, 627 North 3rd St. 12-6-12

**MISCELLANEOUS**

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