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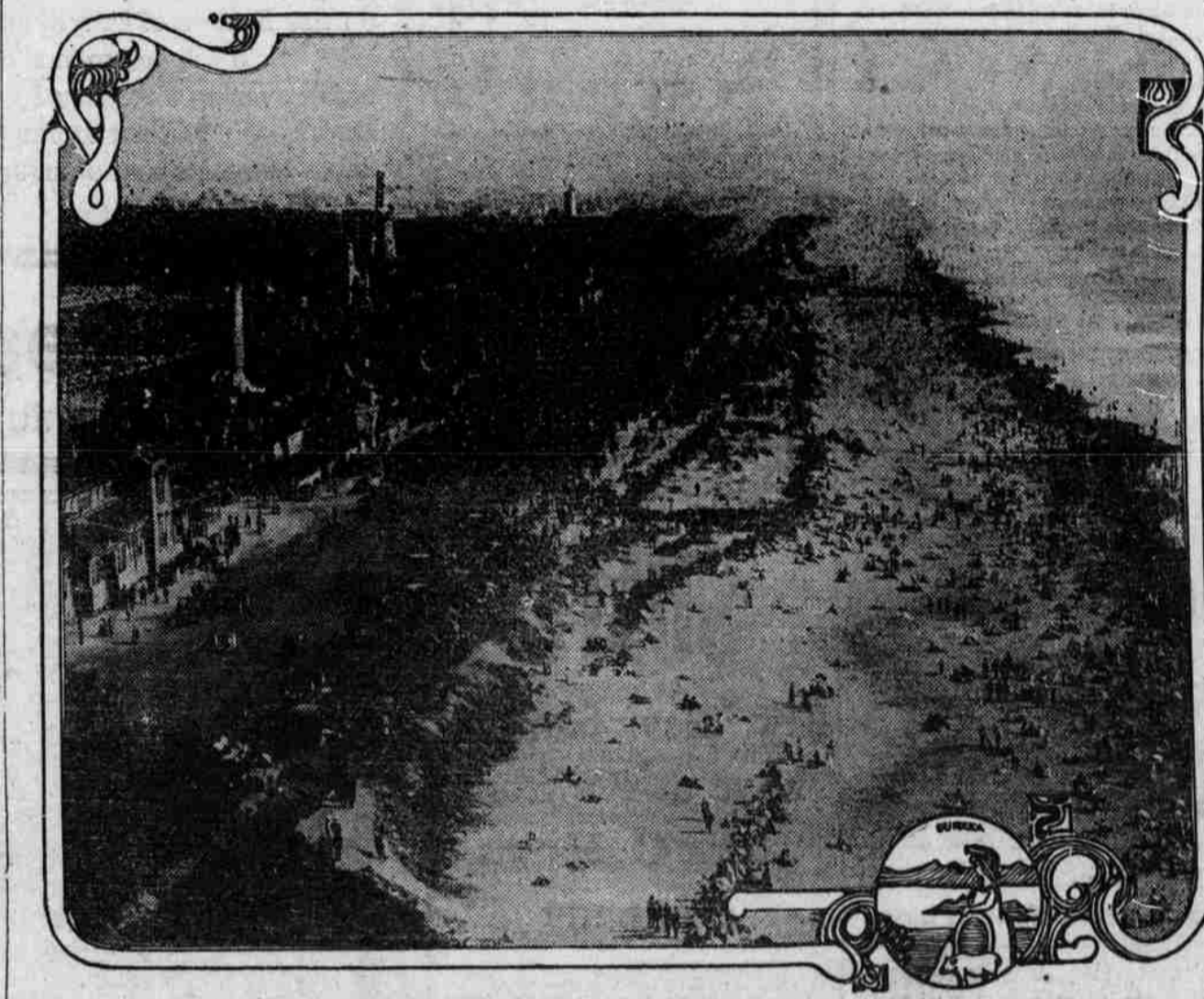
### INDUSTRIAL MOVE WAS DISCUSSED

COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FUND IS TO BE SUBMITTED TO VOTE.

County School Superintendent Meets With the School Board and Local Men.

County School Superintendent F. K. Welles was in the city Tuesday evening and met with the school board and members of the Commercial Association for the purpose of discussing the county life education now being introduced in the schools of the state and the county high school law.

Mr. Welles and Principal Wiley of the Athens schools, discussed these two important school movements. The county high school question will probably be referred to the voters of the county at the coming general election as provided by the new law. Should it carry the high schools of the county will be greatly benefited by the fact that land lying outside of school districts would pay special tax into the



PACIFIC OCEAN BEACH FRONTING THE EXPOSITION SITE IN GOLDEN GATE PARK.

fund. There are large holdings throughout the county that at present escape payment of school tax, and under the new law these holdings pay a legitimate share of the school tax.

Figures produced by Mr. Welles showed that on the present assessed valuation of property in this district the sum of \$380 would be paid through special tax into the fund and the high school, figuring the present attendance as a basis would draw out \$1400. The proposed levy for the fund would amount to 30 cents on every \$1000 of taxable property in the county.

Both Mr. Wiley and Mr. Welles gave valuable information regarding the county life education movement. Mr. Wiley especially, for the reason that he is familiar with the movement from a practical standpoint, having taught in Yamhill county, where the plan was originated by State Superintendent Alderman. Last week was set aside as special county life education week, and that it was successful, is indicated by the interest shown throughout the state.

The Salem Commercial Club celebrated with a farmers dinner at the Hotel Marion on Thursday. The entire afternoon was given up to address

es and discussion by members of the board of trade and visiting farmers of the county. Governor West and President Kerr, of the Oregon Agricultural College were the principal speakers.

At Dayton the Commercial club appointed Miss Harriet Starr, secretary of the club, to organize the work with the principals and teachers of the schools and to interest the parents in the work.

At Klamath Falls the county and city superintendents of schools and members of the Commercial club joined in a public meeting to plan for the garden competition and for giving the idea special prominence at the fair next fall.

At Adams the commercial club and school directors have combined to introduce agricultural and industrial contests in the schools. A premium list was arranged and supervisors for the different branches of the competition named. A public meeting was held on Thursday afternoon.

The Baker commercial club made the subject a special order of business at its meeting Wednesday evening.

On Friday evening of Country Life Education Week the farmers of Sherman county gave a banquet to the merchants of Moro to which the business men of The Dalles and Portland were invited. Only Sherman county products were served at the dinner.

At Portland the committee on garden contests in the public schools arranged for two contests, one for early vegetables and one for the later varieties. A special exhibition will be held in the Armory on June 15-16, the last days of the Rose Festival.

### ELLIS MAY BE A CANDIDATE

Rumors That He Will Run for Congress Are Revived.

Stories that William R. Ellis, stand-pat veteran of Eastern Oregon republicanism may enter the race for the congressional nomination at the April primaries are being revived in political circles, following their death several weeks ago, says the Live Wire. Old line leaders, it is said, have held several conferences and Ellis has been considered. The name of Senator J. N. Burgess of Pilot Rock has been frequently mentioned as well, but it is doubtful whether he could be induced to accept.

George T. Cochran and Jerry Rusk of La Grande, N. J. Sinnott of The Dalles and Clinton E. Roosevelt of Pendleton are the only aspirants in the race at present. It is figured that these would so divide the vote that Ellis could obtain the nomination. Those close to Mr. Ellis, however, still deny that he intends entering the contest.

Some of the most familiar quotations from the Bible which are not to be found there upon research is "the lion lying down with the lamb." The spirit of the reference is correct enough, but turn up the passage in Isaiah and you will find: "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the fattening together." The popular mind has condensed the zoological miscellany, and to the incorrect version alliteration has no doubt contributed.—Exchange.

### BAND CONCERT WAS APPRECIATED

OPERA HOUSE CROWDED TO ITS CAPACITY SATURDAY NIGHT.

Band Showed Improvement Under Direction of Professor Edgar L. Smith.

To say that the creditable concert put up by the Athena Band at the opera house Saturday evening was a surprise to the Athena public, is putting it mildly. Every number was rendered with a proficiency that stamps Professor Edgar L. Smith as being an able leader and conductor, and the improvement he has made in the band as a musical organization was noticeable to all present.

Every chair in the opera house was occupied and the large audience was liberal with encore and applause. The band was assisted in the concert by Miss Verna Wilkinson and Miss Zelma DePeatt in vocal solos, Mr. John Braden with violin, and Miss Belle McIntyre in a piano solo. Miss Wil-

### Plucking Sheep.

The pure bred sheep in Shetland are not shorn, but plucked. The process takes place generally in June, when the fleece is "ripe" and the silky wool can be pulled off without pain. This is called "rooing" and is much less damaging to the young fiber than clipping with shears. The wool when thus handled retains its peculiar softness, so that any one of experience can tell whether the material of a knitted article has been plucked or shorn. It ripens first upon the neck and shoulders, so that sheep half plucked resemble in some sort a poodle that is clipped. We must suppose that hawser handling prevailed at one time, for we read that in 1610 the Scottish privy council spoke of the custom as still kept up "in some remote and uncivil places," and James I. wrote to tell them that it had been put down in Ireland under penalty of a fine. Upon this they passed an act on March 17, 1610, deploring the destruction of sheep thus caused and imposing similar fines on those who should persist in the practice.

### Cleanliness and Arsenic.

In Styria and Carinthia there is much arsenic eating among the peasants. The women take it to give themselves a good complexion and to make their hair fine and glossy. The men take it because they believe that it gives them wind in climbing in the chase after chamois. In Styria and Carinthia it is known that an arsenic eater can never be broken of the habit and that if arsenic be compulsorily kept from the eater death rapidly ensues. It is believed in the Tamar and this is perhaps true—that an arsenic worker is fit for no other work. He must remain at this occupation. Health and breath fall him at other employments. Eventually it may be that chronic arsenical poisoning ensues. But this may be stayed off, if not wholly prevented, by scrupulous cleanliness, by care taken not only to wash in the "changing house," but to bathe freely at home. As one of the foremen said to the writer, "Against arsenic the best antidote is soap taken externally."—Chambers' Journal.

### A Piscatorial Gunner.

The jaculator fish, the piscatorial gunner of the Javan lakes, uses his mouth as a squirt gun and is a marksman of no mean ability. Go to a small lake or pond filled with specimens of jaculators, place a stake or pole in the water with the end projecting from one to three feet above the surface, place a beetle or fly on top of the pole and wait developments. Soon the water will be swarming with finny gunners, each anxious for a shot at the tender morsel which the experimenter has placed in full view. Presently one comes to the surface, steadily observes his prey and measures the distance. Instantly he screws his mouth into the funniest shape imaginable, discharges a stream of water with precision equal to any sharpshooter and knocks the fly or beetle into the water, where he is instantly devoured by the successful Nimrod or some of his hungry horde. This sport may be kept up as long as the supply of beetles and flies holds out.

### The Air Mile.

The air mile is a unit of measurement that came into use with the advancement of aviation. We have the land mile and the sea mile, which is approximately one-seventh longer than the land mile of America. The nautical mile is often incorrectly called a knot, but a knot is a measure of both distance and time. It is correct to say that a vessel makes ten knots, but to say that she makes ten knots an hour is tautology. The air mile is measured differently from the land mile and the sea mile. It is a land mile minus the retardation of an adverse wind or plus the acceleration of a favoring wind. Thus an aviator could cover many air miles while hovering over a given point on the earth's surface.—Browning's Magazine.

### Watching Sponges Grow.

Outside the harbor of Sfax, Tunisia, in the shallow water of the clear Mediterranean, is situated a biological laboratory for the study of sponges. It is one of the most unique in the world and affords opportunity for observing the development of the sponge from tiny larva, so small that it can only be studied under a microscope until five years later it has developed into a perfect sponge.

### Busy.

"Loudley tells me he hasn't been so busy for years."

"Nonsense! That job he has is a cinch. He never has to work hard there."

"That's just it. He's been fired, and he's chasing around after another job now."—Exchange.

### Interrupted Repose.

"So you don't care for chess?"

"Not much. It's annoying to be awakened every time you drop into a nice nap merely to be told that it is your move."—Washington Star.

### For the Piano.

Quiet Spoken Customer—You keep everything for the piano, don't you?

Salesman—Yes sir. We do, sir.

Quiet Spoken Customer—Give me an extra.

### Head and Foot.

A chiroprapist merely wants to get a foothold in business, while the wig maker only wants to make a bald existence.—Kansas City Star.

### OFFICERS CAPTURE STEALER OF GRAIN

TRACE WAGON FROM GRANDVIEW OVER TO TOUCHET.

Investigation Puts Ed. Jones to Bed When Stolen Grain Is Found at His Place.

Another grain stealing case has been dug up in the section north of town and the thief is behind the bars in the county jail. The sheriff's office was notified that barley had been stolen from the warehouse at Grandview station Sunday night, and Sheriff Taylor came to Athena Monday morning and chartered a Ford automobile with Harry Alexander as driver, and accompanied by Deputy Jinks Taylor, left for an investigation.

The wagon tracks were followed and the peculiar hoofprints left by one of the horses took the officers down Gear Springs hill into the Walla Walla valley. The team took every turn to the west and north and finally the tracks were lost in the main road that leads from Touchet to Walla Walla.

The officers kept on to Touchet station where they began investigation with the result that they located the wagon in which the grain had been hauled, and finally the team.

The search led to the homestead of Ed Jones below Touchet, but he strenuously denied that he had taken the grain. It developed that he had borrowed the wagon, but claimed to have returned it to the owner Sunday evening, when in reality he brought it back on Monday morning. Jones also claimed that he and his wife spent Sunday evening at the home of a neighbor playing cards; but after a little sweating, the neighbor with whom Jones had framed up the story, came through with the information that the Joneses had not been at his home Sunday evening.

Finally six sacks of the barley were found under a haystack and the other sacks of the stolen grain were discovered buried in sand and covered with sagebrush. Wednesday morning Jones was in bed when the officers came back to his home and it was not long before Sheriff Taylor had the confession from him that he was the man and that he had taken 10 sacks of barley from the Grandview warehouse.

### Miss Kearney Delights Audience.

A most delightful intellectual feast was afforded the people of Athena Wednesday evening, when Miss Belle Kearney, the noted lecturer and traveler appeared before a fairly representative audience at Lodge Hall, her subject being "Russia." Not a few perhaps were at first disappointed in regard to the subject, having expected to hear her lecture on "Dixie Land," and knowing that the speaker could not fail to be at her best in speaking of her own native land; but when she launched out on the thrilling story of the depths of degradation, the history of intellectuality and all the piteous, heroic history of the intermediate strata of that wonderful people, there were none who regretted that she had chosen the subject of "Russia." Especially was the story of her visit to Count Tolstoi interesting in the extreme. With her pleasing personality, and her delightful Southern accent, Miss Kearney made a deep impression on her audience.

### Disease of Honey Bees.

The United States Department of Agriculture calls attention to the fact that American foul brood has been found to exist in Umatilla county. The department has no means of knowing how long the disease has existed in the region, but desires to notify bee keepers of the trouble and to suggest that, if not already informed concerning the disease, they inform themselves at once. Very frequently colonies of bees are destroyed by disease and the loss is attributed by the bee keeper to some other cause. Farmers' Bulletin No. 442, The Treatment of Bee Diseases gives a description of the brood diseases and methods of treatment. It will be sent free on request to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Attention is also called to the fact that the brood diseases do not at all injure honey for human consumption, so that there need be no fear on the part of purchasers of honey.

### Willard Memorial at M. E. Church.

Mrs. H. H. Hill, president of the local W. C. T. U., has arranged for memorial services in commemoration of Miss Francis Willard, for 20 years president of the W. C. T. U. Saturday, February 17, (tomorrow), is the date of meeting, which will be held in the parlors of the M. E. church beginning at 2:30 o'clock. An excellent program has been arranged and refreshments will be served and a collection taken for the benefit of the Willard Memorial Fund. A cordial invitation is extended to all.