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HOLDEN ON CORN SILOS AND ALFALFA

O-W. DEMONSTRATION TRAIN BROUGHT AGRICULTURISTS.

Experts Meet With Success and Encouragement Wherever They Speak.

A number of farmers and business men congregated at the O. W. R. & N. station Wednesday afternoon and listened to Prof. F. G. Holden, the famous Iowa corn and alfalfa expert, who delivered a splendid address which was devoted principally to the benefit derived from growing alfalfa and corn as a rotation crop in connection with wheat raising.

Prof. Holden illustrated his lecture by charts, which greatly assisted in securing intelligent conception of all details of his discourse by his audience.

Space forbids a detailed report of the lecture. Suffice it to say that



the manifold benefits of diversified farming including the raising of corn and alfalfa, building of silos and the keeping of hogs, cattle and dairy cows on the farm, was discussed in a most able and convincing manner.

Prof. Holden is director of the Iowa State Agricultural College at Ames, and has devoted a life's work to agricultural problems.

Literature was distributed to those present at the meeting, and the train left at 2:40 for Adams and Pendleton. C. L. Smith, agriculturist of the O. W. R. & N. company, who is with the demonstration train, says:

"I have not known in all my residence in the Pacific Northwest of greater interest being taken in matters pertaining to the farm. Our gospel of diversified farming is obtaining converts by the score and by the hundred. In the great wheat belt of the Palouse country we have been given assurance that the owners of large holdings are going to plant alfalfa and corn and that they favor crop rotation as advocated by us.

"Prof. Holden and his corps of assistants, 'Farmer' Foster of the State College, Professors Thom and Torrey, who have been with us on the trip, have had interested audiences everywhere. It is most gratifying to know that this condition exists. Men do not follow a speaker as they have followed us and as they have followed others to ask for further information unless they are vitally interested. Men do not plead with us to come again unless they believe we know something which will help them.

"The demonstration train and the teachings of men who are conversant with farm conditions have sounded the keynote of prosperity for the Pacific Northwest. This is diversified farming. This means alfalfa and corn, dairying, hog-raising, poultry farming and the fattening of beef for the markets.

"It is particularly gratifying to note the interest which is being taken in our Corn shows at Colfax and at Pendleton during the month of December. Our work thus far has been in Washington, and the show at Colfax is held for the states of Washington and Idaho. We are offering premiums in cash and agricultural implements to the value of more than \$2,500, but these are insignificant in comparison with the greater premiums that the men are giving themselves in growing corn for use as a matured crop or for silage.

"Our campaign for corn growing is not yet two years old. In its swaddling clothes it has taken on healthy proportions, and as it assumes greater proportions and larger yields it will be of a vane which cannot at present be estimated.

"The corn and alfalfa Demonstration train of the O. W. R. & N. company has accomplished much good thus far. It is only on the first leg of its journey. When its mission shall have ended and the men along the line of the route on which the train is operated in the state of Washington, Oregon and Idaho, have heard the

When the Big Guns Roared In War Game Near New York



Photos by American Press Association.

THE war game as recently played at the eastern entrance of Long Island sound showed that New York city was safe from the attacks of the mock enemy. The coast artillerymen stationed at Forts Wright, Terry and Michie succeeded in keeping the north Atlantic fleet from entering the sound. In the theoretical war the guns of the forts sank most of the battleships. These pictures show how the gunners worked on the big mortars at Fort Wright. The fire of the mortars proved most effectual.

message which is brought to them, and when the men who are now engaged in farming the great areas of land devoted to one crop shall have diversified their plantings, then, and not until then, will the real worth of the train be known.

"I am glad to be a part of this campaign. I want to congratulate the people of the Pacific Northwest that such a campaign was inaugurated, and to say that the methods which are being urged upon them are sure to be productive of results. They mean more people on the land, more homes, more churches, more schools, better roads and greater prosperity."

John Scott Mills, who is in charge of the train said: "The O. W. R. & N. corn and alfalfa demonstration train is meeting with success in every city visited, and in the surrounding country where speakers are sent by automobile, large audiences have been present and there are eager questioners for information along the line of diversified farming. This has taken hold of the people.

"The present train is the eleventh one operated by the O. W. and interest grows with each train sent out. Prof. Holden, Prof. C. L. Smith, the members of the faculty of the State College and other speakers and demonstrators who accompany the train are all practical men, and they impress their hearers with their knowledge of the land and with the crops thereon which will render cultivation a profit.

"I am convinced that the trip made by our train through the Island Empire will result in large areas being planted to corn and alfalfa. Whatever we go we are pried with questions concerning our Corn Show. It is the contention of our traffic officials that within ten years the corn crop of Washington will be as large as the wheat crop. This means much to the people of the Pacific Northwest.

"Again, corn in conjunction with alfalfa means a balanced ration, and every man who is engaged in dairying, hog-raising or fattening beef for market knows what a balanced ration means.

"We are going to continue to operate these trains and we are going to endeavor to induce more people to engage in diversified farming. We favor crop rotation for this means soil conservation. We are trying to be helpful to the man on the land. The services of our Agriculturists, the services of our writers, our literature on different subjects pertaining to the farm are at the disposal of the public.

"As we proceed on our journey interest increases, speakers are more in demand and questions more frequent. This is pleasing to the management of the O. W. R. & N., gratifying to Professor Holden, and to every man who has the interests of the Pacific Northwest at heart, and who realizes that agriculture is the greatest present industry and will be the most lasting of all industries."

Father Awarded Children.

Judge Phelps has given D. C. Baker the custody of his two minor children. When a decree for divorce was granted, the mother was given custody of the children, but it transpires that she sent them to relatives in Missouri, who shortly returned them to the father. He has them in the Stubbinsfield Home at Walla Walla, where they are having good care, but the mother, who resides in Wyoming, now wishes them returned to her.

THREE FEDERAL JUDGES DECLARE MEDFORD RAILWAY RATE ACT VOID

The so-called Medford rate bill, which was adopted by the people under the initiative on November 5, 1912, and which made sweeping changes in freight rates in the state, has been declared unconstitutional and void in a decision by Judges Wolverton and Bean, of the United States District Court in Portland, and Judge Gilbert, of the United States Court of Appeals in San Francisco, before whom, sitting en banc, it was argued a little more than seven months ago.

The decision was announced Monday in an opinion written and delivered from the bench by Judge Wolverton. All three judges fully concurred in every aspect of the decision. Judge Wolverton said:

"Almost immediately after its passage the measure became a target for traffic men and shippers all over the state. It was declared that if permitted to become effective the law would put many roads out of business, and that in order to live, the other roads would have to raise rates generally on shipments of carloads or more.

"The measure has been generally referred to as the 'Medford' rate bill because of charges that it was prepared and placed on the ballot in the selfish interests of Medford merchants. Frank H. McCune was its author.

"Appended to by railroad men and shippers for relief against what it was declared would be a disaster to the state if permitted to go into effect, the Federal Court granted a temporary injunction against the operation of the act shortly after its passage. The court directs that the injunction be made permanent, in yesterday's decision."

Judge Wolverton's opinion is couched in times in its reference to the act and its framing.

"We think that the act is not only violative of the just rights of the carrier," it says in one place, "to manage his own affairs and exercise his

own judgment respecting the spread between carload and less than carload rates, so long as he keeps within the bounds of reasonable maximum rates, and does not discriminate between persons and localities, but it would compel him in many instances to accept unreasonably low rates, in order to comply with its provisions and avoid criminal prosecution."

Another passage reads: "As to classification, the first three sections of the act are irreconcilable and wholly incongruous. . . The law cannot be enforced without doing injustice to the carriers, which is tantamount to taking property without due process of law." "Indeed, the act would seem to defeat itself," is still another comment by the court, in which all three judges concurred.

Married in Jail.

Charles Albert Wahl and Mrs. Fannie Florence Smith of Echo, had the unique experience of being married in the county jail at Walla Walla Tuesday, according to a dispatch from the garden city. They obtained a license after other offices had closed and there was no one to act as witnesses, though they had secured Justice McKinney to perform the ceremony. Some one thought of the county jail, where there is always somebody on duty and there they went. W. D. Paul and Jailor W. J. Honeycutt acted as witnesses.

Freewater Wins Prize.

In addition to winning the first prize including the O. W. R. & N. cup for the best display of fruit at the Walla Walla fair, a Freewater youngster also took home the "better babies" honors. She was Muriel Robertson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Robertson.

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