

TOPICS SCHEDULED ARLINGTON MEET

Discussions Begin February 11, To Include Topics of Great Interest.

Arlington, Ore.—The completed program of the Columbia Basin Wheat conference here February 11-13 has just been announced by C. B. Cox, Heppner, president of the eastern Oregon wheat league, and G. R. Hyslop, secretary of the conference and representative of the state college extension service, the two organizations sponsoring the meeting.

Eleven counties comprising the eastern Oregon wheat belt will take part in the considerations which will follow somewhat the plan of the Moro conference three years ago where the wheat league was launched. More consideration will be given transportation, credit and legislation, however, and several national authorities on these subjects are to speak and assist in committee deliberations. One of these is V. N. Valgren, specialist in rural finance and farm insurance from the federal bureau of agricultural economics at Washington, D. C. Senator Fred Steiwer is also arranging for a government specialist on river transportation to attend.

Mayor L. L. Montague of this city has headed a committee on arrangements here and reports that plenty of comfortable rooms to care for a large number of delegates are listed. The condensed program follows:

Monday, February 11
Morning Session—9:00, Registration, call to order, outline of conference. "The Federal Outlook Report on Wheat," F. L. Ballard, extension service. Discussion led by John Withycombe, Arlington. "Vitalizing Crop Reporting and Market News Service," W. A. Schoenfeldt, Portland. Discussion led by W. W. Harrah, Pendleton.
Afternoon Session—"Protein Testing," D. D. Hill, O. S. A. C.; Committee meetings. "Morning Glory Control," D. C. Smith, O. S. A. C.; Discussion led by W. A. Holt, Pendleton.

Evening—"A Critical Analysis of Farm Relief Plans," Dr. Milton N. Nelson, O. S. A. C. Discussion by A. R. Shumway, Milton, and S. H. Thompson, Pendleton.

Tuesday, February 12
Morning—Committee sessions. "Grain Grading Progress in the Pacific Northwest," B. W. Whitlock, Portland. "River Development Progress," R. R. Richards, The Dalles. "Development of Columbia River as a Commercial Asset," W. B. Dodson, Portland. Discussion by Marshall N. Dana, Portland.
Afternoon—"Federal Warehouse Act and Grain Storage," E. J. Murphy, U. S. D. A., Portland. Committee meetings. "A Wheat Improvement Program for the Northwest," James T. Jardine.

Evening—Committee sessions.
Wednesday, February 13
Morning—Committee reports. "Financing Through Intermediate Credit Bank," Ward M. Buckles, Spokane. Discussion by J. K. Hill, Pendleton. "Growing Crop Insurance," Dr. V. N. Valgren, Washington, D. C.

Afternoon—Committee reports. Election of officers. Banquet in evening. Adjournment.
Phillip Murtha was in town Wednesday from the ranch Northwest of Athena. The Murtha family were confined to their home for several days on account of having influenza, but all have recovered. Sunday, Mr. Murtha rigged up eight mules to a drag and attempted to push a road out to the highway. After several hours work in which the mules were down part of the time, he had gone only a little over one mile and called the job off.

21 Years Ago

February 7, 1908

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Jackson, January 27, 1908, a son.

A marriage license has been issued to William McBean and Miss Caroline Allen, both of this county.

Clarence La Brasche, while still very weak from his illness, is much better and is on the road to recovery.

Attorney S. F. Wilson returned Tuesday evening from a professional visit to North Powder and La Grande.

Wm. Harden, of the Athena hotel, returned Sunday from a visit with his son, Jasper Harden and wife at their farm near Helix.

John Peebler came up from Pendleton Tuesday. Mr. Peebler's Pendleton friends are urging him to accept the nomination for county recorder.

The Preston-Parton Mill is grinding out a big consignment of flour for the Oriental trade. An order for 10,000 barrels of flour was received the other day.

Mrs. M. L. Watts and daughter, Vernita, left today for Walla Walla, where they will take the excursion train for California. Mr. Watts accompanied them to Walla Walla.

The Athena Truck company has received two carloads of North Powder ice. The shipment, consisting of 90 tons, is packed away in the company's ice house, near the O. R. & N. tracks.

Miss Wavel Michael, who came up from Portland and visited at the home of her uncle, J. T. King last week, will enter the Normal school at Weston for the remainder of the school year.

Mr. Rogers, a recent arrival from Idaho, has purchased the A. H. Johnson property on Hunt Avenue, with his family is now occupying the same. The price paid for the cottage was \$600.

Mangy cayuses are reported to be running at large on the Umatilla Indian reservation. The matter has been brought to the attention of Dr. S. W. McClure, of the government bureau of animal industry.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Smith went to Spokane the first of the week where they were guests of friends. Mr. Smith intends going to Wenatchee, Washington, before returning home. He may invest in fruit land in that vicinity.

Mrs. Newell, state organizer for the Women of Woodcraft, met with Athena Circle No. 10 Tuesday evening and gave a very instructive talk on the work of the order. Refreshments were served and a social hour spent after the business session.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Kirk remembered several of their Athena friends this week by sending them a generous supply of California oranges from Los Angeles. Each winter Mr. and Mrs. Kirk send a consignment of oranges to friends here and the fruit is always appreciated.

Three pupils out of four in Athena's 8th grade examination were successful in procuring diplomas. They were Ralph Gillis, Katie Hendrickson and Ross Maloney. This is said to have been an especially severe test, only 14 out of 39 having passed the examinations. Miss Zillah Yerra, of Umatilla secured the highest average, with 93 8-9 per cent.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Finley left for their home in Pullman, Tuesday, after several days visit with various friends in this city and vicinity. They were guests at the home of Chas. Betts, O. H. Rhodes, Henry Koepke and others here. Mr. and Mrs. Finley also visited their daughter, Mrs. Al Carden in Pendleton, last week.

Wm. Winship's experience with inflammatory rheumatism during this changeable weather is not the most pleasant. A day or two ago Dr. Heisley had him up, walking around the room. Then there was a change for the worse, in spite of all that could be done. Some years ago he had had his share of this disease. He was unable to walk without crutches for two years.

Sharpness of Shark's Teeth Accounted For

The proverbial sharpness of a serpent's tooth is declared to be wrong; it should have been a shark's tooth. Not only is the shark's asserted to be the sharpest tooth in the world, it appears also to be both the sharpest and the hardest of all animal substances.

One can even use the cutting surface of a shark's tooth, says O. W. Barrett of the Department of Agriculture of Porto Rico, to scratch glass as glaziers scratch it with a diamond.

Shark's teeth are now collected, says Mr. Barrett in describing in the Scientific Monthly of New York city, the growing commercial importance of the shark-fishing industry, and are used for watch fobs and other jewelry, for which purpose their extreme hardness is declared to make them especially suitable.

This hardness is due, the Porto Rican expert reports, to the fact that shark teeth are unique in the world in being composed of almost pure enamel, without the softer inner portions, which make human teeth, for example, so subject to decay.

In many ancient rocks of the earth geologists find millions of scattered teeth from ancient representatives of the shark family.

Even millions of years ago sharks evidently had such hard and indestructible teeth that even when all other bones and body parts decayed the teeth lasted and were preserved in the rocks.

PATRONS GETTING EXTENDED SERVICE

Operators Will Give You the Time of Day On Request.

Beginning February 1st the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company started giving the time of day, according to announcement by J. A. Murray, manager for the company in this district.

To obtain this service, Mr. Murray explained, telephone patrons simply have to signal the operator in the regular manner and ask, "What time is it?" or words to that effect, when the operator queries, "Number please?"

No charge will be made for the service, it was pointed out, except from public or coin box telephones where the charge will be the same as that regularly made for a call.

The giving of the time is in connection with a general plan, started February 1st, of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company to give that service wherever it operates in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California and Nevada. In larger cities, such as Portland and Seattle where there is more than one central office, patrons will call or dial Thorndike 8900 for the time. Here, however, there will be no special number to call—simply ask the operator.

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