

CONTRACT LET FOR ROAD'S FIRST UNIT

December 31 to See Work Completed on Gales Creek & Wilson River Line.

Evening Telegram, Portland.

Contracts for the construction of the first 10-mile unit of the Gales Creek & Wilson River Railroad, the shortest line between Portland and navigable tidewater at Tillamook, have been let and work will begin May 15. I. J. Rosten and Arthur Porter have been awarded the clearing and grading; the Interstate Bridge Company, the bridge work, and W. D. Haley, the furnishing of materials. In the near future contracts will be let for the second unit of 12 miles. It is the intention to have the 50 miles of line completed before the end of 1917, announced John Pearson, president of the new railway company, this morning at his office in the Spalding building.

Arrangements have been made for trackage rights over the United Railways line, a unit of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle line, to give entrance to Portland and also Forest Grove. Construction will begin at Wilkesboro, 27 miles west of Portland, the end of the United Railways line, which will make the distance by rail from this city to Tillamook less than 80 miles.

With completion of the new line it will be possible to deliver at shipyards on tidewater and in and near Portland the long timbers required in ship construction. It will be a standard railway, built to carry the big timber of the Coast range, of which there is approximately 15,000,000,000 feet tributary to the Gales Creek & Wilson River road as located. One of the direct effects of the new line will be the erection of a large capacity sawmill in Gales Creek valley, where extra large dimension stuff will be worked up.

Besides President Pearson, O. M.

Clark, Ralph E. Williams, E. Z. Ferguson and Jesse Stearns, all identified with large holdings of timber, are active in the new company. Mr. Pearson reports that other large interests have come into the project and that ample funds are available to carry the road to completion this season, despite the shortage of labor.

The company's plans were originally announced five weeks ago.

Where He Slept.

Mrs. Smith—My husband is always complaining of the church bells waking him up Sunday mornings.

Mrs. Brown—Is that so?

"Why, don't the church bells ever wake your husband up?"

"Oh, no. They never ring after he gets to church."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The Irish Jig.

The jig is peculiar to Ireland, having been danced there from time immemorial. Thence it spread to Italy, the Italian musicians copying the old Irish national music. Even the English country dances are founded on the Irish national one, and the hornpipe, which is merely a variety of the jig, has been not inaptly described as the national dance of England.

AGRICULTURAL NOTES

By R. C. Jones, County Agricultural Agent.

Use Lime to Increase Yield.

Is it too late to materially increase our national food supply this spring?

Not if our farmers in the eastern half of the country will promptly resort to the use of the cheapest and quickest known energy for speeding up national production of foodstuffs, namely, lime.

Prices of most commercial fertilizers at present are high. Potash is almost unobtainable. Only by most scrupulous conservation of stable manure, and an increased use of legumes as green manure, and of ground rock phosphate, can the commercial fertilizer be met, even temporarily. There remains one thing, however, that may be done to increase yields, which costs no more now than it did before. It may safely be said, I believe, that if all sources of artificial chemical fertilizers failed, our total farm output in many sections could not only be maintained, but even increased for a considerable time simply by the application of lime to acreage that now are low in yield or lying fallow because they are too sour to grow profitable crops. Lime and should be put on all sour land. By a plentiful use of lime can, figuratively speaking, make our "war bread" of stones.

There is perhaps no considerable section of the United States without some local supply of limestone, marl, or oyster shells. Ground limestone for direct application to the soil costs, delivered on the nearest siding, from \$1 per ton up, depending on the length of the haul. If crushed limestone is not available, burned lime, either ground or hydrated for agricultural use, or the ordinary lump lime carried by all dealers in building materials, may be used in emergency, though lime in this form is frequently more expensive. On the other hand, if burned or hydrated lime is used the application should be less than one-half of those of ground limestone.

Thus there is available for almost every farmer, at nominal cost, in spite of war conditions, a material which for the time being, may avail to increase our agricultural output enormously. The initial returns from the application of lime to sour land are sometimes remarkable. An investment in limestone often pays a dividend of a hundred per cent or more the first year, if care is taken at the same time to maintain the organic content of the soil.

It is the duty of American farmers, in this national crisis, to make the most of this, our cheapest and most easily available agency for speeding up production. War or no war, a carload of crushed limestone where needed is always money in the farmers' pocket at the end of the crop year. And a carload of limestone, judiciously used by each farmer whose land is too acid, will augment our supply of breadstuffs by a surprising number of millions of bushels. —Hoard's Dairyman.—Carl Vrooman, assistant secretary of agriculture.

Swat the Rooster

When the spring breeding season is over there is no good reason for

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keeping a male fowl with a flock of chickens, in fact, he should not be tolerated at all unless separate from the hens.

It has been clearly demonstrated that the production and general condition of a flock is better when there is no male bird around, and also sterile eggs have better keeping qualities than fertile ones, and where one is packing eggs, and we urge everyone to pack eggs this year, this improved keeping quality is of a great deal of importance. The present high price of grain makes it impractical to keep the rooster, and from a practical, economical standpoint at this time of the year he will make better potpie than anything else. Therefore, in keeping with the national plan of food conservation we urge you to "swat the rooster."

Why Not Keep Bees?

With the wonderful abundance of flowers in this locality all through the summer, we have often wondered why there were not more bees in this country; for these little workers could be made a source of a great deal of pleasure and profit.

Of course we would not recommend them for the windy portions of the county, but in the sheltered localities we see no reason why they should not be raised, especially as it is so easy to get a start, and we urge their trial. We would be glad to furnish further information to anyone interested.

Feeding Table Scraps To the Poultry Flock

During the present year of high priced feed it is quite likely that the small flock will receive greater quantities of table scraps than ever before, writes J. R. Kessler in the Country Gentleman. But table scraps must be fed with judgment, for they are usually very rich and if fed in too great quantities are sure to bring about bowel disorders.

The only safe way to feed such material is to watch the dropping boards of the poultry house and at the first sign of disorders to stop the table scraps entirely for a few days.

There are three things that can be done to avoid bowel disorders from feeding table scraps—first, drain all water from the material and feed as dry as possible; second, see that the scraps are not sour when fed and that the allowance given the fowls is consumed at once so it will not become sour from lying about; third, keep a hopper of charcoal before the birds all the time so they may eat of it at will. The charcoal will correct the majority of slight disorders and is particularly necessary when table refuse is fed regularly.

When a large quantity of the material is had it will be found a good plan to do away with all mash mixtures, both dry and wet, and to feed the table scraps once a day at noon in place of the mash, allowing grain in the usual quantities morning and night.

To keep the scraps from being sloppy when fed it is a good plan to mix in a little dry wheat bran or alfalfa meal to absorb the excess moisture.

PRESENTING THE BEST.

It is seldom that a person appears at his best. He is awkward, uncouth, careless or slouchy. For some reason or other he hides or suppresses the graces of which he is capable. If it were not so and every man and woman allowed the divinity within them to shine out society would be a heaven. One sometimes meets a man or woman who puts her beautiful nature into word and deed, but there are not many such people. There are indeed some whose very presence seems like a blessing. They turn a dark world into a bright one. There is a harmony in their lives that one lingers long to enjoy. The good Lord created men to be happier and nobler than they are, and it is within them to be so, but another influence sneaked into creation and undermined that beautiful capacity, so that it often happens that people come nearer being devils than angels. But it need not be so. It ought not to be so. Man transgresses the laws of life if he is not the best he can be. The purpose to be so is a virtue of itself.—Ohio State Journal.

Love One Another.

How beautifully is it ordered that, as many thousands work for one, so must every individual bring his labor to make the whole. The highest is not to despise the lowest nor the lowest to envy the highest. Each must live in all and by all. Who will not work neither shall he eat. So God has ordered that men, being in need of each other, should learn to love each other and bear each other's burdens.—G. A. Sala.

The Greatest Man.

The greatest man is he who chooses the right with invincible resolution, who resists the sorest temptations from within and without, who bears the heaviest burdens cheerfully, who is calmest in storms, most fearless under menace and frowns and whose reliance on truth, on virtue, on God, is most unflinching.—William Ellery Channing.

Hospitality.

Hospitality must be for service and not for show or it pulls down the host. The brave soul rates itself too high to value itself by the splendor of its table and its draperies. It gives what it hath and all it hath, but its own majesty can lend a better grace to banquets and fair water than belongs to grand city feasts.—Emerson.

THE FUTURE.

The worst is yet to come.
So wall the doubters gloom.
But here's the better view:
"My best I've yet to do."
The worst some always fear
Tomorrow holds no cheer,
Yet farther on life's lane
Are joys you shall attain.
Go forward bravely then
And play your part as men,
For this is ever true:
"Our best we've yet to do."

Volcanoes in the United States.

More than a quarter of the active volcanoes of the world are on United States soil, according to the Popular Science Monthly. We have the distinction of possessing about sixty volcanoes in Alaska and in the Aleutian islands just off the coast. In the western United States, in the Philippines and in the Hawaiian Islands we have nearly as many more, making over a hundred volcanoes that we possess (not that we place any value upon their possession). There are but 417 throughout the entire globe.

Willful Waste Brings Woeful Want.



DON'T spend as you go. Don't scatter your dollars. Plan to set aside a certain sum for the bank. None can tell when a business reverse, loss of position or siege of illness will overtake him. You'll find that in adversity your bankbook is your best friend. We offer every banking facility. Call on us and we'll be glad to explain our system.

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