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Notes From DeMoss Springs.

B. F. Peetz has a fine colt occupying a stall in his new barn. John DeMoss had his leg hurt by a horse falling with him while running stock.

Mrs. Beemer's sister, from Condon, is making her an extended visit.

Albert Pentacost is doing some summer following for Mrs. L. D. Davis.

The DeMoss store has just received a shipment of sugar, get a sack before it goes higher.

George DeMoss came in on the Saturday train from Portland to attend the meeting of the executive committee of the Picnic Association, returning Sunday.

P. W. Davis, advance man for the DeMoss Entertainers, is expected home soon.

News Notes from Kent.

Edited by Viola Bennett.

Pauline Davis and Lurlin Smith were on the sick list last week.

A party of eleven from Kent visited the German school last Wednesday evening and report a good program and sumptuous supper.

Those who did not miss a day during the past school term were Lyle Hogue, Velma Boardman, Harold Howell, Merritt Wattles, Viola, Loretta, Roy, and Richard Bennett.

Rev. Saunders will preach at Wilcox Sunday afternoon, after which a lunch will be served by the ladies.

Miss June Blue, from Baker county, is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. R. Curfman.

Mrs. Andersen, from Pendleton is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A.S. Johnson.

B. F. Ireland left Tuesday for Roseburg, as delegate to I.O.O.F. grand lodge.

L. J. Gates, George Whitter, Louis Schadewitz sr., and Mr. Beck returned Monday evening from their fishing trip. They report a large catch.

Mr. Beck, from Portland, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. L.J. Gates.

School closed the 17th.

Dr. Freeze the Eye Specialist will make regular trips to Moro each month during 1916. Call Moro Hotel.

THE EXPERIMENT FARM.

Comment of an Out-of-the-County Visitor Regarding our Farm.

"What I do not know about farming and the results being secured from experimentation at the Moro station would fill a very large book, but I do know that what I saw at the station this morning was a revelation and a genuine pleasure. Three hundred and twenty acres divided into as many plots, with each showing grain or forage crops of different variety and in different stages of growth as a result of different seeding or different cultivation, certainly is some sight to the novice; and it seems to me that it ought to be more interesting, and highly enlightening, to the farmer, who can see here the solution of many of his problems. Since being in Moro several have expressed their strong confidence in the value of the work at the station and say that the farmers generally are accepting and profiting greatly from the experiments. It is a pleasure to know this, for the idea in all college co-operation is service of the highest type, to the largest number and at the least cost."

This was the statement of N. R. Moore, regent of O.A.C. who came over from The Dalles last night with County Agent Chase to see the work of the station here. As secretary of the Board, Mr. Moore is visiting all of the Eastern Oregon stations, and incidentally looking over the newspaper situation. Owner and editor of a Corvallis daily the past seven years, he sold a few months ago and now looks like he is hankering to get back into game. His long stay at Corvallis and his year's service on the Board has given him opportunity to know O.A.C. intimately, and in speaking of the work there is warm in his praise of the sincere effort of the management to render the state the most effective service possible. The aim is to turn out young men and women well equipped for a good start in the practical affairs of life. 327 will get their diplomas June 6th, 1917 were enrolled for the full year, and a total of 3177 when the winter short course and summer school student are included. Sherman county sent eight, Wasco nineteen, Hood River twenty, Morrow nine, Union thirty-five, and so on. Graduates placed last year made more than \$70,000 in salaries this year.

Mr. Moore thinks that if all the people of the state could visit the institution and inspect its work, as the work and note the earnestness of the effort to serve to the best purpose, they would be as enthusiastic as many of the state's splendid citizens who attend the winter short courses year after year.

Slavery in England. Slavery existed in England without any mitigating features worth speaking of until the time of the wars of the roses. Bracton, the famous lawyer of the time of Henry VIII, informs us that the condition of slaves was fearful. It was indeed slavery, pure and simple. All the goods a slave acquired belonged to his master, who could take them from him whenever he pleased; the slave having no redress at law; hence the impossibility of a man's purchasing his own freedom. The only hope for the slave was to try to get into one of the walled towns, when he became free, the townsmen granting him liberty on the condition of his helping them fight the nobles.

A Wet Spot. With an annual rainfall exceeding 600 inches, southern Assam is the world's wettest region.

SUMMARY OF THE OREGON NEWS

The Rapid Reader's Review of Recent Reports Rewritten

Labor Commissioner Hoff left Sunday for Indiana, Illinois, New York, Connecticut and other eastern states to make a study of factory regulations and methods of inspection.

Revived interest in mines and lumbering is making labor so scarce in Baker that employment agencies are delayed from two to three days on an average in filling contracts.

Aroused over what they term "extravagant and unnecessary expenditure of the general road funds by the county court," about 200 taxpayers of Polk county have formed a taxpayers' league.

The outstanding event of the week in the women's circles in Oregon is the fifth annual convention of the Oregon grand chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood, which opened Tuesday at Portland.

Fifteen seniors in the school of pharmacy of the Oregon Agricultural college, who recently took the state board of pharmacy examinations, passed and are now regularly qualified pharmacists.

Senator Chamberlain has prepared an amendment which he will urge to the agricultural appropriation bill, setting aside \$200,000 for boring experimental wells for irrigation in central and eastern Oregon.

An offer was received from the Linen Thread company, of New York city, by the state board of control, in which the company agreed to buy all of the state's product of dressed linen flax for 42 cents a pound.

Jeremiah Nunan, 77 years old, a pioneer of southern Oregon and for 45 years a merchant of Jacksonville, widely known throughout the state, committed suicide at the home of his son near Jacksonville.

Dr. W. B. Henneburger, federal stock inspector of Walla Walla, has been detailed to clean up sheep scabies in Grant and Malheur counties. He will work in co-operation with State Veterinarian Lytle.

Miss Mariel Saling of Pendleton was elected queen of the 1916 Rose Festival at Portland. The total vote cast for Miss Saling was 7,482,026, or 4,234,715 more than her nearest competitor, Miss Hendrickson, of Portland.

Two hundred and ninety-five accidents of which two were fatal, were reported to the state industrial accident commission during the past week. I. O. LeBlanc, Portland, employed in a metal works, and George Carlson, logger, of MTH City, were killed.

It is now settled that Molalla will have a sugar factory next year. Test plantings are being made with sugar beets and the Oregon-Utah Sugar company has assured the place a factory if the beets test a sufficient per cent of sugar and enough acreage can be signed up to grow the beets.

Representative Hawley has nominated for appointment to cadetship at the United States military academy at West Point, Richard C. Babbitt, of Oregon Agricultural college, with Robert F. Pelouze, of Eagle Point, as first alternate, and Burnice R. Nelson, of McMinnville, as second alternate.

The body of Ella May Harris, normal school graduate and teacher, whose disappearance puzzled the Portland authorities since May 8, was found floating in the back waters of Columbia slough near the intersection of the Vancouver suburban car bridge and the wagon bridge over the slough.

The state public service commission has denied the petition of the Home Telephone & Telegraph company of southern Oregon for an increase of telephone rates at Medford, Jacksonville, Gold Hill and Rogue River, with the exception of farmer party line switching charges, which are ordered slightly increased.

Declaring that the parties to the contract of franchise between a city and a public utility are the only ones who can change it, Circuit Judge Galway set aside an order of the public service commission raising rates of the Western Telephone company in Woodburn. The decision is based on the home rule amendment of the state laws.

In the Willamette valley and adjacent foothill country of the coast slope where moisture and soil conditions are right for the production of flax, it is estimated that there are from 3,000,000 to 5,000,000 acres of land available for its culture, according to a report issued by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, of the department of commerce, Washington, D. C.

The United States reclamation office at Hermiston has received public notice of the opening of the lands of the west extension which is ordered by the secretary of the interior to take place at 9 o'clock, June 14. Twenty-five homestead tracts will then be subject to entry and water right applications will become receivable for about 2000 acres of railroad and other lands.

Representatives of the federal office of markets and the extension division of the Oregon Agricultural college are preparing to carry on a vigorous organization campaign among the fruitgrowers of Oregon to improve marketing methods and to build up a system of organized effort along marketing lines, according to a plan worked out by the federal office of markets for the needs of the northwest and already widely adopted in the fruit districts of Washington and Idaho.

His Threat. Creditor (to tailor)—I'll have no more darning. If you don't stop it I'll order another suit.—Fitzgond's Blotter.

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Moro High-School Notes.

Edited by Marie Morrison and George Hasen

The Senior Class Day program was held in the M. E. church last Tuesday evening. The program consisted of songs, music, orations, class history, class will, class prophecy and class poem. The public was cordially invited to attend.

The Baccalaureate sermon was held in the Hope Presbyterian church last Sunday evening. Rev. H. H. Hubbell, of Pendleton, occupied the pulpit. The sermon was an exceptionally good one and if the Senior class and all the others present put into practical use some of the things Rev. Hubbell said, they will get along better. A large crowd was present and all enjoyed the sermon. We wish to thank our many friends for taking so great an interest in our school work as they do and have done.

The Junior girls entertained the Senior class at a breakfast given at the home of Lois Schaeffer Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock. The table was very artistically decorated with the class flower, "white rose buds," and green ribbons. In the center of the table stood a large vase of roses and from this center-piece extended green ribbon to each plate and at the end of each ribbon a rose was tied. The girls had very neat menus printed for the occasion. After the breakfast a Toast was given by each one, as topics had been assigned beforehand. Mr. Dunton acted as toastmaster. Neale Freeman gave a very interesting talk on the subject, "Love." He divided the subject into two divisions, instantaneous love, and love at first sight or puppy-love. He dealt the subject great justice.

Three Men.

When H. B. Rogers was in the prime of his power, says a New York writer, he formed a "friendship partnership" with Mark Twain and Thomas Brackett Reed and took personal charge of their affairs, looking after them as he would a couple of children. It was great fun for all three, and especially Rogers. Neither Clemens nor Reed had any sense for business. The big ex-speaker came to New York a poor man. Five years later he died suddenly, and his estate assayed over \$600,000. He probably had no idea what he was worth at any stage. Rogers made as much or more money for Clemens.

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