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S. Benson has given Hood River county an additional \$10,000 with which to pave the first mile of Columbia river highway in that county leading from the Multnomah county line. This will bring the paved road close to Cascade Locks.

Because of the strike of long-shoremen at different Pacific coast ports, thirty-six of the largest lumber yards on San Francisco bay are closed because of the refusal of lumber yard employees to handle lumber cargoes loaded by other than union men.

Until August, the Columbia river highway will be closed to through travel during the hours of 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. five days in the week and on Saturdays from 6 a. m. to 3 p. m. The highway will be open Sundays and holidays. This to prevent interference with the contractors paving the highway.

Farmer's Annual Picnic.

The state and federal Experiment Farm and its corps of assistants kept open house Tuesday of this week and entertained approximately 300 vitally interested farmers in the many and varied experiments progressing with grains, tillage and forage crops.

It was arranged to divide the day between the several Farmer's Union of this county and the Experiment Farm by combining the annual farmer's picnic and the annual inspection of the station by those most able to profit from the work being done by the station.

Because of the cold, rainy day the attendance from Sherman county was below the attendance of any other year, but this was made up by the large number of farmers who attended from Wasco county in company with County Agricultural Agent Chase.

The most interesting experiments from the point of utility is that of tillage and grain growing, and next is undoubtedly the growing of alfalfa, judging from the number of questions asked Supt. Stephens after each little talk through a megaphone which enabled each of the large crowd to distinctly understand all that was said.

A number considered a tillage experiment of Turkey red wheat, showing ten different degrees of cultivation; varying from simple plowing to thorough cultivation and from early plowing and cultivation to late by months as the most important. Apparently the best looking grain was that on which only plowing had been done or else a once harrowing. The other fields had more grain and a better stand but had been caught by frost and hot weather. Upon close observation it was seen that the poorer cultivated sections had less wheat and the heads were materially shorter. Mr. Stephens said that in four years experiments

the better cultivated sections had always yielded more grain and had great deal less proportion of yellow berries. He also said that the Experiment Farm could prove by figures that for each week cultivation was neglected after the first of April the farmer lost from 1½ to 2 bushels of wheat.

The station has several fields of alfalfa under different degrees of cultivation and methods of seeding. Mr. Stephens said that it has been found by him that alfalfa should not be sown broadcast to secure best results. His experience has so far shown that plant rows three feet apart and plants two feet distant is the best. There were sections under alfalfa that were from eight inches to six feet space between rows. The Baltic variety had impressed Mr. Stephens as being best adapted to a country such as Sherman county, although he had other varieties that seemed to be about as good and as yet he had not fully determined from experiments being conducted which variety might ultimately be considered best. The Baltic variety this year was yielding a ton and a half to the acre on one cutting, the second crop was considered negligible. Seeding could be done with a grain drill and cultivation by disc harrow.

Other crops growing at the station are field peas, barley, rye, potatoes, oats in several different varieties as well as other varieties of wheat than has been mentioned. The only proper way to see the work of the Experiment Farm is to have some one connected with the work explain the different treatment given each section, as sometimes the best possible results are derived from an apparent failure. We know from experience that Mr. Stephens or anyone connected with the station will be only too willing to fully explain any feature of the work at any time anyone should call who is interested in the growth of better crops.

A feature of the afternoon was a demonstration of weeders and slickers. Among those tried was a new machine for this county called the Cheney Revolving Rod Weeder, made in Cheney, Washington. The claims made for this machine are that it will work more successfully under difficult conditions, such as long stubble or large weeds, than other machines. The tests were made in ground that was free from both weeds and trash, yet several good farmers were decidedly of the opinion that the machine would make good all claims for it. Tests will be made at different times during the season to prove the ability of the machine to work in large weeds. Geo. W. Hansell is local representative of the company. An important feature of the machine is the depth controlled by lever and the revolving rod operating backward by chain drive from the axle.

The Grant Monument.

A monument to Gen. Grant at the national capital, authorized by Congress fourteen years ago, is going forward, but so slowly that public attention is not often directed to it. Yet in imposing features it will rank next to the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial.

So far the pedestal has been built, and the bronze artillery group put in place. It shows a field battery going into action. The cavalry group, representing a charge, has been received and will soon be in position. Two other groups are included in the design, and an equestrian statue of Grant will be the central feature.

The 94th anniversary of Grant's birth occurred April 27. It is a date to be held in remembrance by every admirer of the genius of common sense, of steadfast patriotism, of unpretending modesty coupled with great deeds, of many qualities, and a fundamentally kind heart.

Peculiar Auto Accident.

E. A. Wood, a former resident of Sherman county and now a business man of Brewster, Wash., was in an unusual auto accident last week. He, with three others and the owner of the car, had the lights go out on a mountain grade at a curve. The car left the road and went five hundred feet down the mountain, turning over five times. Woods and two others jumped as it left the road; another was thrown out on the first turn over and the driver and owner was thrown out in the third revolution. No one, says the Spokane Review, received a bruise and the car was not damaged, except a broken wheel.

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Whereas, Mrs. Harford has sacrificed the comforts of home and family to come these many miles to lend us the help of her years of experience and has offered us many valuable suggestions for use in our several local unions; and

Whereas, We have been most hospitably received and entertained by the Grass Valley W. C. T. U., the pastor and people of the Baptist church; and

Whereas, The brewers of Oregon are seeking to re-establish the brewery industry in our state; this institute pledges its support of all measures necessary to defeat this movement or any other movement that would render invalid our prohibition law; and be it therefore

Resolved, That these resolutions of appreciation be spread upon the minutes of this institute and be published in the columns of the Sherman County Observer and Grass Valley Journal.

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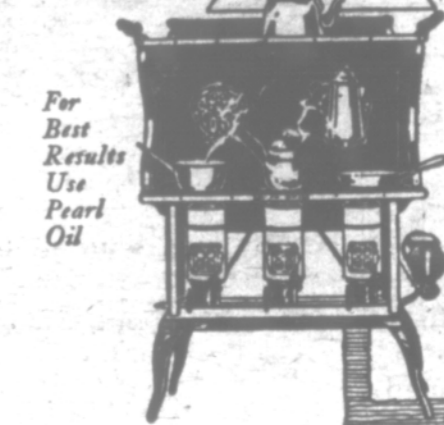
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