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Farmer's Picnic a Success

Considerable more than 150 farmers and their families attended the annual farmer's picnic last Saturday at the fair grounds in Moro. The morning program as arranged by County Agent Calkins pleased all who were present for the part devoted to discussions, talks and questions on farm management.

After lunch those present visited the Experiment Farm, where Superintendent Stephens and his corps of efficient helpers tried hard to answer all the many and varied questions that were asked. It is difficult to state what particular part of the Experiment Farm work appealed most to the visitors as there is so many diversified experiments under way.

Probably the news that the Experiment Farm management has a new variety of spring wheat under cultivation that so far has demonstrated itself to be way ahead of Bart was a revelation to many.

To others the system of plots showing different methods of cultivation and farming, including the best to the most careless, was an object lesson in dry farming. These plots are laid off in series of ten for each month of the spring farm season and then each one of the ten, handled during its month, is worked in a different manner.

It may be interesting to know that this season the Experiment Farm has 1500 different varieties of wheat under cultivation divided among 450 common United States varieties, 75 Australian, 125 British India, 20 winter wheat, 20 spring wheat, 130 Turkey red, 400 early Bart and 50 miscellaneous. These are growing in rows, plots and fields. The rows are from selected heads and from the best of previous rows are gathered the seed for plots and fields.

In the county this year a large

number of the fields have been found to be infested with Striped Leaf Rust, more so than any year since 1915. The rust seems to be native to all the Pacific Coast and is a different wheat disease from the Black Stem Rust found commonly in the middle Western states. It is more commonly found on the Club and Fife wheat altho some varieties of Turkey red are susceptible. The Forty Fold, Bart and soft wheats are more resistant. It generally attacks the wheat in the milk stage and because of its unknown qualities the United States Department of Agriculture has placed an embargo on seed shipments to the middle Western states.

Another wheat disease found in the county this season is the powdery mildew. This attacks the leaf near the ground and is responsible for many fields showing a dried yellowish appearance of the foliage. There is no known method of treatment for the disease, altho with the coming of warm weather after a damp spring it soon disappears. It is also a common disease of berry bushes and roses.

Striped Rust was first found on the Pacific Coast by Dr. Raven, a Danish wheat authority who toured this country at the request of our government. It has been found on native grasses 50 miles from any wheat field. It is very destructive in Denmark where it has been known to kill fields of wheat for miles around where it was first noticed.

There are so many things of interest at the Experiment Farm that a visit will easily repay the time of anyone. Superintendent Stephens is never so happy as when showing and explaining the Farm to visitors.

Smaller Units Favored.

During the last two or three years the number of thrashing outfits sold to farm organizations has greatly increased, and the tendency at present is toward the formation of smaller harvesting units and the purchase of small outfits. This comes from the necessity for more economical use of labor and the advent of the farm tractor, the power for which can be well utilized to run a small machine.

There seems to be some difference of opinion on the subject of buns. The hairdresser informs us that they are going out, and the barber says there will be no more to be had after July 1st, but bakers say they are much in demand and will continue to be so.

Pure Bred Wheat.

Every farmer in Sherman county is interested in sowing the cleanest and best seed that he can possibly secure. One of the best ways of locating such seed is to examine the grain in the field. In order to expedite matters the Farm Bureau has arranged for one man in each school district to locate the clean grain fields in his district and report them to the County Agent. These fields will then be examined by Prof. G. R. Hyslop of Corvallis, who is certifying the seed wheat in the state. This will make it possible for farmers in Sherman county to secure the best seed available, as well as to establish a standard for surplus seed so that it can be sold outside the county, wherever there is a demand.

For Turkey or Marquis to pass the test there should not be to exceed one to one and one-half per cent of any other variety. In all the other varieties there should not be more than 2 1/2 per cent mixtures of other wheats.

If you have a grain field of wheat you will do only your part if you report it to the man who is locating the grain seed in your district. The names of these men appear below:

- Kent—L. Schadewitz, Jerry Wilson, L. W. Amick, J. J. Wiley.
- Grass Valley—Fred Stradley, T. M. Rolfe, E. M. Alley, E. R. Blaylock, Fred Cox, L. D. Eaton.
- Rufus—C. M. Kuypers.
- Wasco—W. B. Curry, V. H. Smith, J. T. Johnson, W. E. Howell, H. H. White, Herbert Root, J. M. Yocum.
- Klondike—A. B. Potter.
- Moro—A. H. Barnum, Claude Thompson, Hans Thompson, L. L. Peetz, Howard Belshee, J. L. Brackett.

The Price of Prunes

An indication of the profit made by the middleman in selling of prunes under the present system of sales is the statement in a letter received by a manager of a fruit growers' association from a resident of Spokane, that he paid 30 cents a pound for prunes in that city, and sent a sample of the kind for which he paid that sum.

The sample was about like those which are sold by the association for 10 cents a pound, indicating that the difference of 20 cents goes to the middleman or some place where it would not go if the prune growers of Oregon were organized.

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Visits Trout Lake Country

F. E. Fortner and brother, Fred R., of Wasco, took a pleasure drive last week end to Hood river, through the Hood River Valley, ferrying to White Salmon and then, via Glenwood to Goldendale, The Dalles and again into Sherman county.

Frank left Moro after business hours Saturday evening, driving to Wasco in his Hupmobile, where his brother climbed aboard, and then to Hood River where they spent the night. Early Sunday was given over to a drive through Hood River valley, a most beautiful sight to see says F. E., especially from Van Horn butte, where a view of the valley may be had that must be seen to be appreciated.

Dinner was had at Glenwood and after that was a drive over a single track mountain road for possibly 15 miles, grades much more severe than Mosier hill, but all gotten over without mishap altho the bottom looked to be miles away. Good roads were found into Goldendale and The Dalles after leaving the mountains near Glenwood. Upon their return the speedometer showed a mileage of 248 road travel.

Special Term of Circuit Court

Judge Parker convened a special term of the circuit court last Saturday. The suit of C. A. Todd vs. W. F. Mahrt was tried with a jury of five, as follows: D. C. Wheat, F. L. Burnett, W. F. Jackson, L. D. Eaton, T. C. Lee. The suit was over a disputed account for harvesting and involved counter claims, Todd suing for \$462.80 and was awarded \$371.13.

A number of naturalization applications had been set for hearing, but none of the parties being present action was necessarily deferred.

The Railroad Crossings

In driving over a crossing be sure your way is clear. One miscalculation may cause your death. Stop, look and listen, be safe, don't take a chance as the cemeteries now have a much greater population of chance takers by about 100% than they should have. Be sure your car is in good condition as to oil supply, steering gear, running gear and brakes, so you will not stall on the track at a critical time.

Notice

From July 1 until September 25 I will be in Sherman county. All those wishing to take violin lessons will phone in or see me at Chautauqua. A summer course of ten weeks will be provided. Lizzie DeMoss Davis.

There are many more luxuries in France than in this country. Where anthracite coal is \$80 a ton, butter \$1.40 a pound, beefsteak \$1 and up, eggs \$1.60 a dozen and milk 20 cents a quart, these must all be reckoned as luxuries.

The wise people of the world are studying the question whether prices have risen or the value of currency has depreciated. But when we are buying a pair of shoes it is not the reason as much as the fact which disturbs us.

Church Announcements

Presbyterian—Moro. Sunday school, 10 a.m. Preaching and communion 11 a.m. Choir practice Monday, 8 p.m. Christian Endeavor 7:15 p.m. Union services at 8 p.m. Bible study and prayer service Wednesday, 8 p.m. at Methodist church.

At Monkland Sunday school, 2 p.m. Preaching and communion at 3 p.m. Elmer E. McVicker, Pastor.

Christian Science Society Services will be held in the church building on Main street at 11 o'clock. Subject—"Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Automatic Force?"

Testimonial services are held Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock. Sunday school in room at rear entrance of church at 11 a.m. Pupils up to the age 20 are welcome to these classes.

The reading room at the rear entrance to the church building is open every Friday from 2 until 4 p.m., where the Bible and all authorized Christian Science literature may be read, bought or borrowed.

The public is cordially invited to attend the church services and visit the reading room.

Teachers' Examinations.

Notice is hereby given that the County School Superintendent of Sherman county Ore., will hold the regular examination of applicants for state certificates at the Court house in Moro, Oregon, as follows:

Commencing Wednesday, June 25th, 1919, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, June 28th, 1919, at 4:00 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday forenoon—Writing (Penmanship), Music, U. S. History, Drawing.

Wednesday afternoon—Reading, Physiology, Manual Training, Composition, Domestic Science, Methods in Reading, Course of Study for Drawing, Methods in Arithmetic.

Thursday forenoon—Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography, Mechanical Drawing, Domestic Art, Course of Study for Domestic Art.

Thursday afternoon—Grammar, Geography, Stenography, American Literature, Physical Typewriting, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate.

Friday forenoon—Theory and Practice, Orthography, Physical Geography, English Literature, Chemistry.

Friday afternoon—School Law, Geology Algebra, Civil Government.

Saturday forenoon—Geometry, Botany.

Saturday afternoon—General History, Book-keeping.

E. R. Curfman, County School Superintendent.

Administrator's Notice.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County.

In the matter of the estate of William B. Torey, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County administrator of the estate of William B. Torey, deceased, and has duly qualified for said trust. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, duly verified and with the proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned administrator at his residence near Moro, or at the law office of J. B. Hofsford, in said city of Moro, county and state aforesaid, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Date of first publication this 30th day of May, 1919. L. L. PEETZ, Administrator of the estate of William B. Torey, deceased.

J. B. Hofsford, attorney for estate. Date of last publication June 27, 1919.

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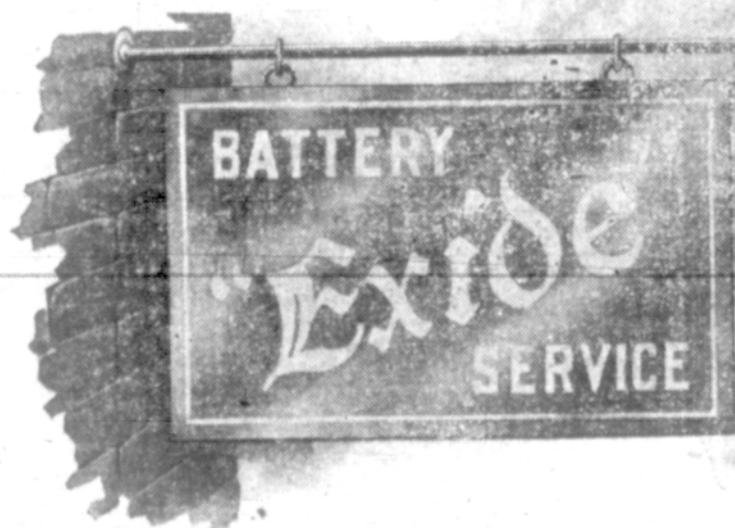
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