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DEMONSTRATION TRAIN DRAWS BIG CROWD

1500 People Greet Train Exhibit Greatest Ever and Everybody Pleased

The Southern Pacific Farmers' demonstration train arrived at Central Point Tuesday morning at 8:15 and was greeted by fully 1500 people, a majority of whom were farmers, orchardists and others directly interested in the lectures and exhibits.

Dr. James Withycombe, director of the Oregon Experiment Station, Prof. C. R. Lewis of the Oregon Agricultural College and other experts on horticultural and agricultural subjects made short addresses after the people had been welcomed to the train by C. A. Malboeuf, district freight agent of the Southern Pacific Co., who was in charge of the train. Mr. Malboeuf was more than pleased with the reception accorded the train by the people of this locality and his short remarks were in a vein that showed the good feeling of his company towards the producers of the Central Point section.

Following the addresses the exhibit cars were thrown open and, as an advance guard of those interested in the new order of things which is being designed for the Rogue River valley and all of Oregon, 350 school children, in charge of their teachers, passed through the train and viewed the exhibits. Prof. F. F. Cooper, principal of the school, was commander-in-chief of this promising army, and the manner in which the force was handled reflects great credit on the discipline in our schools.

The Central Point Band was on hand when the train arrived and welcomed the visitors with inspiring music. The occasion was the maiden effort of the band boys in public, and their work shows most excellent progress for the short time in which they have been organized and practicing.

Every visitor to the cars was pleased with the exhibits and instructed by what they heard and saw, the only complaint being that the time was too short in which to see everything and to acquire the information along the special lines in which they are interested.

So great was the crowd and so densely packed were the cars with interested information seekers that when the scheduled time of departure arrived it was impossible for the train to leave, and so, by sheer force of demand, Central Point enjoyed an extra half hour of the treat.

The exhibit cars contain a complete display of equipment for the small farmer, the fruit grower, the poultryman, etc. An interesting and instructive feature of the exhibit was the pruning, grafting and spraying of fruit trees. Experts from the college demonstrated the most approved, scientific methods in pruning, grafting, budding, etc., while all kinds of spraying apparatus, frost fighting devices, etc., were on exhibition.

The poultry exhibit was particularly complete and interesting. Starting at one end of the car with an exhibit of incubators, from some of which the young chicks were being taken, the life of the barnyard fowl was followed to the end and even to an exhibit of dressed fowls ready for the market.

The train is by far the most complete in its equipment that has ever been assembled by any railroad company or other interest and its effect for good in the way of the adoption of more modern methods in the farm and orchard will be incalculable.

Before leaving Mr. Malboeuf expressed himself as being highly pleased with the interest shown here and he assured a representative of the Herald that when next a similar train visits this valley Central Point will be given a stop of not less than three hours. "This trip is largely in the nature of an experiment," said Mr. Malboeuf, "and when we make another trip I will know many things which I did not know when we started this time which will help make the project a still greater success."

It is expected that the Southern Pacific Company will operate similar trains twice a year and that Central Point will again be visited next Fall.

Following the departure of the demonstration train an irrigation meeting was held on the spot, at which Hon. R. G. Smith, of Grants Pass, addressed the people on the irrigation question from the standpoint of the Condon Water and Power company. A full report of this meeting will be found in another column of this impression.

Dr. E. Davis, dentist, is now permanently located in Central Point. Office over Hatfield's store.

GRATIFYING REPORTS Good News From All Over Oregon.

Portland, Oregon, March 22, 1909.
(Special Correspondence.)

Corvallis beat all records for enthusiasm when she inaugurated her progressive movement on St. Patrick's Day, with two bands playing, hundreds of school children marching, flags flying, banners waving, every place of business closed and a genuine old-time Fourth of July sentiment prevailing everywhere. On the lapel of every coat was a tag bearing the message "Be a Booster," while delivery wagons carried the same message in box-car letters. There was a card in every show window, and when the subscription paper was opened the banks led with \$390 each and in a few minutes \$3600 was subscribed and this means not less than a six thousand dollar fund.

John T. Burns, Secretary-Treasurer of the Dry Farming Congress, which will hold its fourth session in Billings, Montana, is making a tour of Oregon and delivered an address today to the business men of Portland at the Commercial Club.

Milton and Freewater are going some in an advertising way. They have raised a total sum of \$2580 for this purpose, Milton \$1680 and Freewater \$900. When they started out they hoped to be able to raise \$1,500.

Salem built 338 houses in 1908.

The Executive Committee of the Albany Commercial Club have determined to continue their advertising, and when one visits that city, which is now active and growing in the daytime and illuminated at night with hundreds of incandescent lights, it is easy to realize that advertising is a good investment.

Ashland is showing magnificent public spirit and is raising a vast sum of money for progressive purposes during the present month.

Dallas and Independence have determined to put old Polk County in the publicity parade.

The Western Hotel Reporter will issue a special Oregon Edition April 30. C. T. Colt, late of La Grande, is active as advertising director of the Roseburg Commercial Club.

Pendleton is circulating one of the most effective leaflets yet printed, in which special attention is given to the resources of the state in general.

One held a very successful "Cet Busy" gathering Saturday.

Ontario is enthusiastic over the prospect of early activity in the Malheur Irrigation Project, while La Grande is greatly encouraged over an enterprise of a similar nature.

"500,000 in 1912" is popular in Portland.

A Rag Tackling.

(Received too late for publication last week.)
Mrs. D. W. Bebee invited a number of her friends to call at her home Saturday, March 13th, and join in a "rag-tackling." All gathered and were comfortably seated around a huge pile of rags, when work was begun in good earnest. Those who have had the pleasure of meeting at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Bebee can imagine what a splendid time we all enjoyed—a flow of merriment from start to finish.

At high noon we were ushered into the dining room, where we found tables spread with a bounteous repast. At 3:30 p. m., the rags being all sewed, the task of weighing them began, after which prizes were awarded. A work basket was presented as first prize, to Mrs. Ottie. Mrs. Mary Head and Mrs. H. L. Gregory tied in their sewing for second prize, a china tooth pick holder, and had to draw straws. Mrs. Lee Watkins was awarded the booby prize, a knit doll. Those present were: Messdames Mary and Henry Head, Ottie, Kealher, McCulloch, H. Richardson, J. C. Wilson, M. Elliott, Chittenden, Kincaid, M. Hamenack, H. L. Gregory, B. Castor, Lewis, Samuels, Parker, James Grigsby, Messenger, Forbes, S. Grigsby, Maude Grigsby, S. T. Watkins, Lee Watkins, and Miss Alberta Stacy.

A TACKLER.

W. E. Whiteside is fitting up rooms in the old Pleasants hotel building for his own use as offices, where he will engage in the real estate and insurance business. Mr. Whiteside will have the best appointed and furnished offices in that line in the city.

SMITH TALKS ON WATER

Representative of Condon Company Outlines Irrigation District Plan.

Fully 1,500 people remained at the demonstration grounds after the departure of the Farmers' train Tuesday morning to listen to an address by Hon. R. G. Smith of Grants Pass, on the subject of irrigation.

Mr. Smith pointed out the great benefits to this valley which follow irrigation, as has already been demonstrated in many small sections of the valley. He advised the creation of an irrigation district, under the present laws of Oregon, and the issuance of water bonds by the district for the purpose of installing an irrigating system. He claimed, and quoted figures to prove that the cost to the land owners for such a system would be less than one per cent. of the enhanced value of the lands affected.

Mr. Smith spoke as a representative of the Condon W. and P. Co., which proposes to cover all of the lands in this section of the valley by a pumping plant from Rogue river at Gold Ray, at a nominal cost to the people.

The large crowd of farmers and orchardists present listened attentively to the address and many expressions of approval were heard.

The meeting Tuesday was only preliminary to the active campaign which the Condon Company expects to carry on in this district in the near future along practical irrigation lines.

An Editor's Appeal.

A Willamette valley editor makes the following appeal:

"This is the season for planting beets, 'tis also the printer's time of need. Sow radish seed, and lettuce, too, and pay the printer whatever is due. Go build yourself an onion bed, and remember the printer must be fed. Sow several rows of early peas, and pay for last year's paper, please. Dig up the earth 'round each strawberry vine, and if you want the Times, drop us a line. Plant some potatoes to put in the hash, and remember the printer is short on cash. Fix up a hill or so of beans, and with ye editor divide your means. Of water melons you'll need a patch,—the editor's pants need one to match. Pay up your subscription, then plant corn, you will raise a big, crop sure 'you're born.

Table Rockets.

K. A. Wykoff had a valuable horse to die last week from some unknown cause.

Verne Pendleton has recovered from an attack of the mumps.

The exercises of the literary society Friday evening were the best it has given.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Bissell left last week for Tacoma, Washington, to visit with relatives. They expect to go to their old home in Ohio before returning to Oregon, in September. We hope the old people will enjoy their outing and feel that their many friends will welcome them back to Oregon.

Our community was greatly shocked by the sudden death of Mr. F. A. Green which occurred Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Sunday morning Mr. Green was feeling as well as usual and was preparing to go to Sunday school when he was stricken with heart failure and passed away before Mrs. Green realized it was not a fainting spell. Mr. Green has been a resident of Table Rock for about a year, coming here from Chicago and taking charge of a farm owned by his son, F. S. Green, of Portland. He took an active part in church and Sunday School work and in all that made for the betterment of the community socially, morally and religiously. He was a native of Michigan and in his fifty-ninth year. The interment was in the Central Point cemetery, where he was laid to rest Tuesday in the presence of his Sunday-school and a large gathering of friends. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his bereaved widow and four small children.

Mr. F. S. Green reached here Monday from Portland in answer to a message notifying him of his father's death.

G. E. Obenchain left an egg at this office Tuesday that beats the record so far heard from. It is the product of a Plymouth Rock hen and measures 3 inches one way and 5 1/2 the other. George says the egg is no freak so far as that particular hen is concerned, as she lays a mate to this egg every working day.

BAND MAKES INITIAL BOW

Pleases Large Crowd at Demonstration Train and Irrigation Meeting

The Rogue River Band, Central Point's latest musical organization, made its initial appearance Tuesday morning, when the band greeted the demonstration train and assisted with the entertainment of the crowds at the irrigation meeting which followed. Everybody was delighted with the excellent program rendered and many compliments were passed on the band and their proficient leader, A. W. Moon, who has been teaching the boys for only two or three months.

In appreciation of the band's part in the irrigation meeting, Dr. C. R. Ray made a liberal donation to the band fund, which was also materially augmented by a voluntary contribution from citizens.

The band is one of our best assets as a boosting proposition and the citizens are giving the organization every encouragement in their good work.

Double Wedding.

A double wedding was solemnized last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Gorden of Beagle, when Miss Clara Gorden and Mr. C. E. Wilhite and Miss Bessie Gorden and Mr. E. M. Chase were united in marriage, the ceremony being performed by Rev. T. M. Jones of this city.

The brides are the charming daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Gorden and the grooms are two of the best known and most prosperous young farmers of the Antioch country.

The wedding took place at high noon, after which a most tempting wedding dinner was served. The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. N. McDowell, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wilhite, E. L. Glass, Miss Millie Gorden, Mrs. E. Maule, Mrs. James Pritchard, Roy L. Maule, Miss Blanche Maule, Mattie Gorden, Miss Eleanor Maule, Myra Askew, and Mrs. T. M. Jones.

Painful Accident.

Harry Griffiths, who is employed at the Snowy Butte orchards, sustained some painful injuries at noon Tuesday while practicing on a horizontal bar at the orchard. While performing a difficult feat at rapid rate, his grip gave way and he was dashed to the ground, landing on his forehead and nose. He was painfully bruised about the head and had the thumb and first finger of his left hand dislocated. Dr. Anderson attended to his injuries which are not of a serious nature, beyond laying him off for a few days.

CRATER LAKE APPRO- PRIATION ALLOWED

County Court Yields to Popular Demand—Road Should Go Thro' C. P.

At a special session of the County Court at Jacksonville yesterday afternoon an order was made allowing the \$50,000 appropriation for the Crater Lake wagon road.

While Judge Neil has always favored the appropriation, the two commissioners were disposed to hold the matter up, but strong petitions from heavy tax-payers in all parts of the county convinced them that the people wanted the road built.

This action makes available the \$100,000 appropriation made by the state at the last session of the legislature and assures the road from this valley to the lake.

The road will start from Medford and come to Central Point, from where it will leave the main valley and follow Rogue river to the lake. It will be one of the most beautiful scenic routes in the United States traversed by a similar boulevard and will attract thousands of tourists yearly.

Central Point sent in a strong petition to the Court praying for the appropriation.

Miss Josephine Deffry Coming.

Miss Josephine Deffry and her clever company will open a three nights' engagement at the opera house Monday evening, March 29th. The company is appearing at Medford this week and the Mail and Tribune both speak in highest terms of the company and consider them the best company that has appeared in Medford in a long while. The management guarantee the attraction and also desire to call special attention to the wardrobe worn by the ladies of the company.

The company will open in the society drama "A Wicked Woman," and the prices for this engagement will be 25, 35 and 50 cents. Reserved seats on sale at usual place.

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