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SAMS VALLEY GRANGE HOLDS BIG ALL-DAY PICNIC IN GROVE

Last Saturday, as advertised, the Sam's Valley Grange held an all day picnic in a grove near their school house, and they concluded the day's events by giving a social dance in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheley and son Clarence, took the afternoon off and drove over to meet with these good people and become acquainted. We were too late for the bounteous spread of good things to eat, though one lady had fried an extra chicken for us. We will not be guilty of that kind of mistake a second time. We gained several news ideas and were much impressed by the interest taken by the people of the community in this organization.

The afternoon's program consisted of several speeches and musical numbers. In these talks one main idea predominated, and that was the vital and urgent need, so important to the farmer of today, of co-operative buying and marketing. As this is important to the farmer it is equally important to the business men, since we all depend on the agriculturist for our livelihood. If he fails, we fail. Why not, then, show ourselves more concerned at the welfare of the farmer and join with him in his enterprises, rather than selfishly giving our time and attention to business interests in the towns, as we seem to him in many instances to do?

The men had built a platform with a suitable covering for the piano and other furnishings. This was prettily decorated, we daresay, by the ladies. The program opened with the singing of "America," the program being read by Mrs. Dick Strauss, of Gold Hill.

C. E. Spence gave the first talk. He is State Market Agent and he drove down from Portland to be present at this meeting. Mr. Spence brought out several splendid thoughts, interspersed with humor. He spoke of the two main purposes as mentioned in the preamble to our Constitution, "to establish justice and promote the general welfare." He said it is the duty of the government to give all a square deal and if the farmers were united and organized and could go to congress unitedly, as other organizations do they would not be refused their requests.

Mr. Spence spoke of the great change in recent years of the attitude toward and the requirements of a farmer. Today a farmer must be a horticulturist a veterinarian, a judge of soils so that he can tell what crops land will produce to the best advantage, and must be a master of many other problems, which do not end when he has produced or when he has hauled to market. Economical production always will be a problem, but the producer should always get a little more than cost.

Mr. Spence doubted the independence which tradition has given the farmer. He said that the key-word to the situation is "co-operation." We must live it, think it, talk it, until we will practice it. He compared this thought to the story of a minister who, time after time preached on the "Golden Rule." Though it was an interesting sermon some of the members had grown tired of hearing it, so one of them ventured to inquire of this minister as to why he did not change the subject. His reply was, "I shall continue to talk of this until you people practice it."

Mr. Spence spoke further of the many modern improvements in schools, roads, etc., and said that we must have these things now in order to be comfortable, but these are bringing increased taxation. Our problem is to look for a system of taxation by which we may pay as we are able. The present system of property tax does not meet conditions and is often unfair. He thinks that the income tax is the fairest system at present that is able to fit modern conditions, and that it will not greatly affect industry as prop-

aganda put out by selfish interests infers.

Gerald Ward, a young man of Eagle Point, sang two popular songs which were well sung and appreciated.

Mr. Bowen was introduced next and he gave a brief but interesting talk. Mr. Bowen, we learn, is candidate for representative from Jackson county for the state legislature. We learn also, that he is a Democrat, which coincides with our belief politically. He is from the Enterprise Grange and his home is on Evans creek. Among other points he said: "Capital and labor go to Congress organized, to get what they want. So should the farmers." He brought out the idea that is being so much agitated at present in regard to the unnecessary number of officers, commissions, boards, law enforcement agencies, etc. These have increased from the time of Andrew Jackson until now, so that if something is not done to curb the increase there soon will be an official for every three or four persons, thus increasing taxes more than we are able to bear.

Mr. Bowen's talk was followed by C. H. Bailey of Roseburg, editor of the Oregon Grange Bulletin.

An important point in Mr. Bailey's talk was that of the need of defeating the Dennis Resolution, which will be before the voters this fall. If carried, this will prohibit the passing of an income tax law for many years and will eliminate the inheritance tax law, and will be collected by an increase of tax on our own farms. He said, "Vote 343 Yes." He spoke of the Sam's Valley Grange being only young and urged them not to be discouraged for they are one of the foundation stones of the State Grange which aided greatly in securing woman suffrage, the initiative and referendum, direct election of U. S. senators, prohibition, and others improvements. The State Grange has a Legislative Committee who stay at Salem during the 40 days session of the Legislature, to watch the interest of the farmers. Mr. Bailey closed by telling the people that if they wish information as to how their legislators vote to write him and he will be able to supply it.

Wesley McDonough gave an interesting reading entitled, "Down on the Farm." It pictured the boy on the farm, emphasizing the amount of work which is usually on hand for him to do.

A Mrs. Haak of Eagle Point, gave a splendid talk. Mrs. Haak is a Granger through and through and she rightly occupies the office of County Deputy, because of the interest she holds in the subject.

Mrs. Haak told of the conditions which brought about the first organization of farmers. It was after the Civil War in 1866 where in the South all industrial conditions were shattered and the farmers were "down and out" and so discouraged that they had lost all interest in making an effort for advancement. A man by the name of O. H. Kelley was sent by the government to study conditions in the South. When there was seemingly no future outlook Mr. Kelley succeeded in getting six men to organize the Grange. It soon began to build up and grow because they worked together. Some of these became too much interested in politics and for a time merged into political parties but nevertheless, they laid the foundation for the great body of Grangers existing today. She said, "The Grange should keep out of politics."

Mrs. Haak also mentioned the thought brought out by Mr. Spence in regard to the great success of the Danes as farmers, as they are so well organized that they are practically the dictators. Their prosperity reflects on the business men and industries. Commission men do not exist, but their own men go and find markets. Observation of farming in Germany, Belgium and France

show that the farmers are practically serfs. They work long hours and there is a bare living for old and young.

Mrs. Haak spoke of the fact that farmers in general do not know a great deal of the Grange and that those who do know must go out and carry the message to them, so that they will start thinking of the values to be derived.

The program was finished by a few remarks by Mr. Sparks of the Wimer Grange. The lateness of the hour caused these remarks to be brief, but in general he corroborated the ideas emphasized by the others.

The holding of a meeting of this kind at a time of the year when everyone is so busy, speaks for the ambition of the community.

May the Sam's Valley Grange live long and prosper.

POWER COMPANY STOCK AGAIN ADVANCES IN PRICE

San Francisco, August 9.—Great Western Power company of California Six Per Cent Preferred Stock advanced another point Saturday, now selling at \$97 per share.

The California Oregon Power Company's Six Per Cent Preferred Stock is selling rapidly in Southern Oregon and Northern California, at the price announced during the latter part of May. More than fifteen hundred shares of Copco's investment offering have been purchased by investors in the Copco field of operations during the past few weeks.

Convenient terms of payment for the Copco security are still open, and purchases are being made both for cash and upon installments. All members of the Copco organization and banks throughout Southern Oregon and Northern California are handling subscriptions of local investors. Investors everywhere are taking early advantage of the opportunity to participate in the California Oregon Power Company's attractive security offering while it can still be purchased for the price announced when first offered.

GOLD BRICK WORTH \$1229.02 REFINED FROM 30 TONS

A gold brick was in circulation Wednesday and the owner of the brick was not the least bit anxious to part with his property. In this case the brick was real and it represented over twelve hundred dollars in gold, though in size it was no larger than an ordinary cake of laundry soap. The gold brick, which weighed approximately 65 ounces is the result of a five day test run of ore from the Wade and Johnson mine that is located near Fruitdale on the outskirts of Grants Pass. About thirty tons of ore was transported from the property to the stamp mill at Rogue River and it was from this tonnage the gold brick was plated and refined.

The mine now being operated by Johnson and C. E. Wade has only recently been undergoing development, though the original ledge was discovered several years ago. The ore body which is included in several large veins, has been blocked out until approximately forty thousand tons are available. The test run just completed was for the purpose of testing the milling qualities of the ore and the advisability of installing machinery for recovery purposes.

As a result of the test which has proven so successful, Mr. Johnson states that his company will install a thirty ton ball mill, and oil flotation system and other modern mining machinery on the property at once. An engineer is at work at present surveying the ground for the installation of the machinery.—Southern Oregon Spokesman.

A number of young people drove to Grants Pass last Friday night, where the traveling representatives of the L. A. Bible Institute gave a musical and religious program at the Baptist church. Those composing the crowd were Florence and Lorna Hamrick, Edson Randall, Mildred and Bernice Burger, Coy and Buster Brown and Maynard Putney.

BUSINESS BLOCK, CENTRAL POINT THREATENED BY FIRE

A block in the business district in Central Point, was threatened by fire Sunday evening about 8 o'clock when a car caught fire in the Central Garage.

The car, a Star, was owned by Martin Naught, and was afire when the blaze was discovered by Donald Faber, who was passing in front of the garage. The flames leaped to the roof of the building, burning a

small portion before the fire was brought under control.

After quenching the fire with 100 gallons of chemicals from the new fire truck, water was played on the roof of the adjoining building to prevent any sparks from igniting a new blaze.

The quick action of the volunteer fire department and the use of the chemicals saved the building and possibly several others.

REWARD IS OFFERED FOR MARKED SALMON

\$1,000 in rewards is offered by the Oregon Fish commission for the reporting of marked salmon caught by fishermen in the various streams of Oregon. For each marked fish that is caught by fishermen, one dollar is paid.

When reporting the capture, fishermen are to report the kind of fish, the date of capture, the size and weight and the sex.

This reward is offered by the Oregon fish commission to check on the fish that are liberated each year.

The salmon are marked by clipped fins.—American, Myrtle Point.

HOME GIRL MARRIED

Miss Gertrude Wiley, who the past year taught in one of the San Jose, California, schools, was married last Tuesday evening in Medford to Mr. R. J. Jackson, of Santa Clara.

Miss Wiley grew to womanhood in Central Point, and has many friends who wish her and Mr. Jackson many years of contentment.

Mr. Jackson is connected with the Guarantee Building and Loan association, of San Jose in which city their home will be.

NEW HOME UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Dick Hay and Fred Hesselgrave have the contract, and have started the construction of a new bungalow, 52x30 1/2 feet, for Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Alexander, on their lots in the east part of town.

This house will contain 6 rooms, 2 porches, 2 bath-rooms, closets, a hall 12x14, built in furniture and will be strictly modern.

The roomy garage has already been built and painted.

The house now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Alexander has been sold to the son-in-law, Fred Hesselgrave.

HUNTING DATES GIVEN FOR OPENING SEASON

Deer hunting season for western Oregon will be open this year on September 10 and run through till October 20. The bag limit is two male deer for the season.

The Chinese pheasant season extends from October 17 to 24, but the season will be closed in Lincoln county, Tillamook county, Clatsop and Curry counties.

For native pheasants, blue or ruffed grouse the season is from October 15 to 31, except in the above named counties where the season is closed. The bag limit in these birds is four in one day or eight in seven consecutive days or two female Chinese pheasants in seven days.

There will be no open season on quail.

The open season for ducks and geese runs from October 1 to January 15, bag limit 25 ducks in one day or eight geese in one day; not over 30 birds in seven consecutive days.

Open season on bear all the year except in Josephine and Jackson counties.

Mrs. E. C. Faber and family enjoyed a visit last week from Mrs. Lou Peters and daughter Almyra, of Sioux City, Iowa. They were on their way from Pomona, California, to Vancouver, Washington. The families were formerly acquainted in the state of Ohio.

TWO MEN BLASTING FISHWAY ON ROGUE

Blasting of a fishway over Ramey falls, at Whiskey creek, on the lower Rogue is now in progress and the work will be completed in 20 days. Fred Merrill, deputy game warden in this district, William Hadley, in charge of fishways in the state, and Walter Browne, of Medford, have returned from the lower river where two men were put at work. Several more will be sent down immediately.

The falls were holding back the larger steelheads, Mr. Merrill reports, the smaller ones being able to negotiate them. He believes that there will be an increase of the larger steelheads in the upper river as soon as the work is completed. It is believed that the blasting will cost about \$400, most of which was given by Medford sportsmen.

NEW ROAD TO RIM OF LAKE PLANNED

Like the passing of the "Old Guard" the old road from Government Camp to the rim of Crater Lake will pass out of use next year, according to prediction of engineers.

Boiling radiators have been the style for a long time on this bane of the timid motorist because of the 10 per cent grades. The altitude also makes the boiling point of water lower.

A few cars have made the tough climb on high and the big pull has stood as a real test of mettle in automobiles.

The new road will have a maximum grade of five per cent and its curves will be much wider than the old one.

According to geometry the shortest distance between two points is a straight line. The distance to the top will remain the same and the new road will be several miles longer than the old one. A crew of workmen are now at work on the new route and it will probably be in condition for travel next season.—Jackson County News.

LEAVES FOR LONG BEACH

Rev. I. G. Shaw left today with the minister of the Christian church of Roseburg, for Long Beach, California, to be in attendance at the Local Church Life Institute, in session there from August 23 to 27.

This meeting is similar to a convention and is one of the three of its kind that will be held in the U. S. this year.

Mr. Shaw expects to be back for regular church services on Sunday, August 29.

CLOSED OUT

The Faber sale, which has been going on for some time past, closed its doors last Tuesday night.

This sale offered many exceptional buys and the people of the valley took advantage of this fact, by giving it their liberal patronage.

Mrs. Faber and the two sons have conducted the business during the absence of Mr. Faber.

The many friends of Vernon McGruder will be sorry to hear that he was badly injured in an automobile collision near San Jose, California, recently, sustaining bad bruises on the head, and one arm badly crushed. The doctors say he will not be fully recovered for several months. He is in a hospital in San Jose.