

State Superintendent L. R. Alderman has addressed a letter to the boys and girls of Oregon who have decided to grow some garden produce, raise some chickens, or pigs, or sew, cook or carpenter for their local fairs or the state fair, in connection with the great state wide series of agricultural and industrial contests this year.

"Perhaps you would like to hear what the schools in the other counties are doing. You may easily guess this from the fact that there are to be over 85 children's fairs. By county the number already reported to my office is as follows: Baker 1, Benton 1, Clackamas 10, Clatsop 1, Columbia 2, Coos and Curry 1, Crook 2, Douglas 6, Gilliam 1, Grant 1, Harney 1, Hood River 1, Jackson 1, Josephine 1, Klamath 1, Lake 1, Lane 7, Lincoln 1, Linn 3, Malheur 1, Marion 2, Morrow 1, Multnomah 2, Polk 1, Sherman 1, Tillamook 2, Umatilla 7, Union 7, Wallowa 1, Wasco 1, Washington 3, Wheeler 3, Yamhill 1.

MAKING GOOD ROADS.

H. S. Heyne, one of the road supervisors who came down to Albany to hear Sam Hill and hear how to make good roads, in the Lebanon Advance gives his own views on the subject in the following interesting manner: "I do not know all about it, but here are the essentials for making good roads. First, money and that in plenty. Second, plenty of road machinery—rock crusher, concrete mixer, bituminous, steam roller, steam engine and lots of other road tools. But the most essential of all is, that we become of one mind and all put our shoulders to the wheel. The problem is not so great as some of us may think.

PAYING A SECOND TIME.

Editor Democrat—The Oregon Power Co., (the M. Hyllesby Co.), are now lowering their mains and putting the into the proper depth required for the paving of streets, which should have been done in the start, and are breaking the connections into their mains, that the citizens have paid for, and are compelling them to pay for them again, which is unfair and unjust. The citizens of Albany should not stand for it in any such a manner, and should positively refuse to pay for their connections to the mains a second time.

A CITIZEN AND PROPERTY OWNER.

Rev. White went to Portland to meet some of the ministers of the church, in the city, on their way to Seattle to attend the annual assembly of the church to convene there this year, perhaps securing one of them to preach here a sermon or two.

The political pot has boiled fiercely this week. In fact there has been a hot old time in the country. One Teddy Roosevelt, and one Bill Taft, according to the street parlance, have been having it. It has reached the name calling, with prospects of an upper cut or two when the opportunity offers. The week ends with Mr. Roosevelt decidedly in the front of the race, though there is a difference of opinion as to the number of inches of space. The gain has been tremendous.

The writer of these thoughts will always look back with satisfaction on whatever he has done to help down the influence of the liquor octopus, and, as well whatever he has done to help build up character. Building up whatever is worthy and tearing down whatever is bad, is certainly a privilege, whatever business one is in in life.

THE 4TH

To Be Made a Double Celebration.

Two big shows under one canvas, one commemorating the birthday of American independence, the other commemorating the formal entry of the Oregon Electric railway into the Hub City, was the plan proposed and tentatively agreed upon at a mass meeting held in the Commercial Club rooms last evening.

The plan of making the 4th of July the date for the formal entry of the Oregon Electric to Albany is meeting with favor among the business men, in fact it is understood that the Commercial Club had a plan on foot for celebrating this event at some future time, and, it is contended by the friends of the idea, that a joint celebration will mean no little saving to the business men.

Prof. Kent, of O. A. C., returned on the early train from Roseburg, where he had been to attend the state grange. He was up until 11 o'clock, and when he left the grange was deep in arguments over proposed legislation. It was a mistake that a resolution was passed against the West road bill. The committee had not yet reported. It is known though that the grange is opposed to it.

G. W. Wright, senior warden of this city, and D. S. Young, herald, of Newport, left for Pendleton, to attend the grand lodge of Odd Fellows, to convene there next week. John Robson, of this city, will also attend.

E. A. Thompson, of the shingle mill, went to Corvallis, on shingle business. He has some good customers there. The Thompson shingle can't be beaten anywhere, and Albany people particularly should see that this splendid Albany made product is on their houses.

Rev. F. G. Knotts left up the C. & E. for Fox Valley, where he will conduct services tomorrow. Mrs. Seymour Washburn, of Lebanon, went to Portland, where she will be joined tonight by Mr. Washburn, for a short visit.

BY THE MIDDLE OF SUMMER

According to a Eugene Paper O. E. Trains to Reach Albany.

Eugene Guard:—J. C. Daries, right-of-way agent of the Oregon Electric Railway company, is in the city closing up odds and ends on the right-of-way between Albany and Eugene. To a reporter this forenoon he said that the entire right-of-way between the cities named is secured, with the exception of getting a very few small pieces of land for sidings and station grounds.

STATE GRANGE WILL MEET IN ALBANY IN 1913

The Oregon State Grange yesterday passed a resolution against the consolidation of the O. A. C. and U. O. schools. They will not favor anything that will in any way cripple the efficiency of the colleges of the state.

A resolution was passed in favor of equal suffrage. It is striking, as follows: "Whereas, the social relations of the family and state have from the beginning of the history of the human race shown man and woman throughout of different spheres of activity and frequently of different viewpoint to be essentially necessary in the social, economical and intellectual welfare of the home, the community, and the state; and whereas, the evidence of examples shown by trial in other states proves that women are not only entitled to participate in the political duties of the state, but they have shown themselves to exhibit an interest and judgment of the equal of their brothers; therefore

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PASSED THE 8TH GRADE

Besides those at Albany, heretofore given, the following passed the eighth grade examination: Tangent—Bryan Emerson, Harold Scott, John Mehring, Daisy Slate, Florence Jenks, Mildred Taggart, Loren Luper, Clinton Tisdale, Harry Mehring.

Albany, 19—Aloise Kemp. Harrisburg, 47—Mary Peterson. Near Halsey—Earl Slevoigh. South Brownsville—Arthur Byrne, Baye Bolin, Rupert Leonard, Charles McCoy, Rupert Bailey, Carl Williams, Arthur Gonlard, Nettie Crabtree, Florence Holloway.

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MISFITS.

Can't stop Teddy. Clark is forging ahead, a sprinter. Fine weather for trips into the country. Everybody says that it is hard to bend an old tree.

Lebanon will have the strawberries, fully ripe this year, all right. Bishop Scadding thinks Portland has no conscience. That hits it. Now for a vacuum cleaner that will deodorize the minds of some people.

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C. H. NEWS.

Circuit court:—The trials of the two cases B. L. Rominger agt. J. C. Neil, injunction, and O. E. R. R. agt. N. H. Jones were completed and taken under advisement.

Three divorces were granted: Jessie G. Kelsey agt. Cassie L. Kelsey, Mary A. Booth agt. John W. Booth and Jessie Wolz agt. Fred Wolz. The case of the Lebanon Lumber Co. agt. Arabelle D. Leonard, is on trial, with a large number of witnesses on the stand.

Probate:—Will of Christian Voss filed. All property left to wife, during life, title to terminate upon marriage, after death or then to go to children share and share alike.

New suit:—Martha Alice Bell agt. Sarah Campbell, partition. McFadden & Clark, and Weatherford & Weatherford, attorneys.

In estate of Mary F. Rhodes, Nellie R. Myers was appointed administrator. Estimated value of estate \$380.

Deeds recorded:—J. D. Gaines to Earl Gaines, one-half acre. \$10. N. M. Newport to C. W. Kinder, 40 acres.

Contract for sale of tract by Santiam Fruit Colony to W. H. Wroughton. New suit:—Crandall Bros. agt. F. M. Gatts. Foreclosure lien. N. M. Newport, attorney.

Marriage license:—Wm. Dobokovsky, 29, and Anna Vloch, 25, Crabbtree; Freeman Argetinger, 21, Hoover, and Effie Swink, 17, Waterloo.

Deeds recorded:—Samuel F. Oliver to Victor F. Oliver, 6 1/2 acres. \$1. Joseph Lehn to Leah B. Rutledge, 33 acres. \$1. Rosa A. Oliver to Victor A. Oliver, 30 acres. \$1.

DECORATION DAY ANNOUNCEMENT

In accordance with a well established custom we as a people observe Decoration Day. It is fitting that we strew flowers once a year over the graves of our kindred. There are those buried in our cemeteries whose kindred have died, or have moved to remote places. We should perform a neighbor's duty by remembering these graves also, and no grave should be passed by in our decorations. The soldiers of the Civil War have taken it upon themselves for years to decorate not only the graves of their comrades, but also those of Mexican war veterans and Indian war veterans, and we fondly hope that the Spanish war veterans and a patriotic people will not forget us when we are all gone.

Commander McPherson Post. JOHN CATLIN, Adjutant. The Flanders Demonstration.

The big demonstration of Flanders cars by the expert employed by Barrett Brothers is attracting unusual attention, over seventy-five people attending the demonstration yesterday afternoon.

The owners of cars have taken advantage of the unusual opportunity offered by Barrett Brothers and are regular attendants at the demonstration. The expert explains the various parts of the machine, pointing out its virtues and giving instruction as to the proper method of running and caring for the car. Remember the name and dates, Barrett Bros., May 16th, 17th and 18th.

DR. M. H. ELLIS Physician and Surgeon Albany, Oregon. Calls made in city and country. Phone, Main 38.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been by the County Court of Linn County, Oregon, duly appointed administratrix of the estate of Henry W. Settlemire, deceased, late of Tangent, Linn County, Oregon. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned at Tangent, Oregon, within six months from this date duly verified as by law required.