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POTATO MEETING A SUCCESS FROM EVERY STANDPOINT

First Meeting of Willamette Valley Growers Beneficial and Pleasing to All.

MORE THAN 200 ATEND

Afternoon Session Given Over to Lectures by Experts; E. E. Morrison Originator of Plan, Presides.

The opening session of the first big potato growers' meeting of the Willamette Valley which was held in Springfield yesterday through the efforts of Mayor E. E. Morrison, was given over to lectures by experts in the different branches of the industry.

The meeting which was held in the afternoon in the Bell theatre, generously donated for the occasion by W. J. White, was attended by fully 200 growers of the Valley and some outside points. It was presided over by Mr. Morrison, who for four years has been a dealer in and an advocate of pure seed and true to variety potatoes, and who has built the local industry up from an output of one carload the first year to 150 cars last season.

"It was great," said Mr. Morrison this morning, when asked what he thought of the meeting. It was the opinion of everybody who had anything to do with it that we couldn't have expected to have a better one. One splendid thing was that so many farmers were present; they had even left their work to come. The meeting was a success from every standpoint."

Purification of seed through either the tuber unit or hill selection method was advocated by J. E. Larson, extension specialist in agronomy, of the Oregon Agricultural college, who spoke on "Seed Selection and Certification." "We should not care so much for increased acreage as for producing selected stock," he said.

"It is just as important to have potatoes certified as livestock. In order to carry on the certification work this year, the O. A. C. extension department will serve the farmers on a basis of \$1.00 per acre. This will insure three inspections, one during blooming, one after the vines are dead and the other after the potatoes are in the bin. If the results stand certain tests, the growers will be given a certificate. Certified seed is worth from 25 cents to 50 cents more per 100 pounds than ordinary seed. The certification plan will encourage communities to work together and to plant the same varieties.

"In preparing seed for planting, tubers should be cut in four pieces full length. One plowing of the ground and with the free use of a 450 in the spring ought to be sufficient. The seed should be covered to a depth of about four inches, and should not be cultivated after blossoming except with the greatest care not to injure the roots. The seed should ordinarily be planted 15 inches apart, three and a half feet distant from the next row. The early planting should be done from the first to the middle of April; the late, in June. However, the grower should be governed by the particular season."

"Potato Diseases" was the second big consideration of the meeting. M. B. McKay, assistant plant pathologist of the Oregon Agricultural college and Experiment Station, described some of the common ones and prescribed cures.

There are about six serious diseases and a score of more or less serious ones, Mr. McKay said. In survey made by the extension department it was found that as high as 85 per cent of the potatoes were affected by disease.

Skin disease, one of the most prevalent kinds, can be controlled by treating the seed unless the soil is infected, it was said. Either a solution of one pint of formaldehyde to 30 gallons of water, or one of four ounces of mercuric chloride to 30 gallons of water, applied to the seed tubers before cutting, will control scab.

Bordeaux mixture (five pounds copper sulphate, five pounds lime, 50 gallons of water) should be used in spraying for organisms that affect the vines. The leaves should be

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B. K. COMPELLED TO CLOSE

Local Plant Has No Logs and Must Wait for Camps to Start.

The local Booth Kelly mill will be compelled to close down again sometime this afternoon, and to remain idle until the first of next week, at least or until logs are again available from the Camps above Wendling. Men have not worked in the camps for almost a month now, since they were compelled to close because of the heavy snowfall which continued almost all of the week of February 19. Although we have no evidence left of snow here, there has been another fall at the camps so that the snow is now some 30 inches deep there. However, it is hoped that work may be resumed the coming Monday.

The Wendling mill is also closed again, since the logs on hand have been used up. A few arrive at the local mill daily from the Coast camps but these are not enough to run on. It is expected that the planer will be kept running.

Want \$20,500 or Will Foreclose

P. M. McPherson and Wife Sue For Balance Alleged Due On Land Purchase.

Twenty thousand five hundred dollars is the amount of money involved in a recent suit begun by P. M. McPherson and wife against A. C. Barbour, T. Rosalyn Barbour, M. M. Peery, E. E. Kepner, W. M. Gott, James S. Gott, A. L. Johnson, and E. K. Ellsworth, and the First National Bank of Springfield. The plaintiffs claim that the aforesaid balance is due on the purchase of a tract of land in the McPherson addition to Springfield.

The McPhersons allege that on May 1, 1913, they sold to the defendants, Barbour, Peery and Kepner, certain tracts of land in Springfield for \$30,000, of which \$10,198 was paid at that time, and the remaining \$20,500 was to be paid on or before May 1, 1917, together with interest at 6 per cent, and that taxes and assessments should be paid by the defendants.

Claiming that interest due January 1, 1917, is overdue for more than 60 days, and that taxes for 1915, amounting to \$238.59 would have been delinquent if not paid by the plaintiffs on January 31, 1917, the plaintiffs elect to foreclose the contract. The court is accordingly asked to set a date before which the defendants shall complete their payments and receive their deed, with the proviso that should such payment be not made that the contract be declared void and all payments made be forfeited.

The defendants, Gott, Johnson and Ellsworth, are said to have purchased lots in the tract, with the understanding that deeds are to be issued by the plaintiffs under certain conditions, but that these conditions have not been met, and the plaintiffs ask that the claims of these defendants be declared subsequent to the plaintiff's lien.

The First National bank is a party to the suit for the reason that deeds for the property are in escrow there.

River Cuts Road; Lyons Repairs It

19 Loads of Rip-Rap are Hauled From City's Quarry Here to Judkins' Point.

Nineteen wagonloads of rip rap were hauled from the city's quarry at the hillside just south of the Booth Kelly mill on Tuesday and Wednesday. The gravel will be used to repair the damage the recent high water has wrought on the Springfield Eugene road between Judkins Point and Springfield. The work was done under the direction of B. F. Lyons, road supervisor of District 26, covering the territory between Eugene and Creswell.

Several charges of powder were used to break up the rock so that it could be handled. Mr. Lyons did the work at the quarry and George Vailier, Ace Knight, and Willis Warden, the latter with a county team, hauled the gravel and did the filling in along the Willamette.

The river has made more serious inroads this year than ever before, Mr. Lyons said. There has been considerable high water, and the recent heavy snowfall had something to do with the damage resulting.

IF S. P. HAD LOST SUIT, LINE WOULD BE DISMEMBERED

As it is, Recent Decision Leaves Southern and Central Pacific Properties Intact.

CAN OPERATE AS IN PAST

Natron Cut-off Line From Springfield to Klamath Falls Can Now Be Completed.

The decision in the government suit to unscramble the Southern Pacific and the Central Pacific companies, which was handed down last Saturday means that the properties of the companies involved will remain intact and that the heart will not be cut out of the Southern Pacific in Northern and Central California and that the company can continue to operate as heretofore.

If the Southern Pacific had lost this decision it could not have sent a train to Oregon over its own rails its lines in California, North of Stockton, would have been reduced to a collection of stub roads.

It would have meant the dismembering of the Southern Pacific line at Ashland and the Natron Cutoff line from Springfield to Klamath Falls. In July 1909, the contract was let by the Southern Pacific company for the building of the Natron Cutoff connecting Springfield with Klamath Falls and connecting up with the main line of the Southern Pacific at Weed. This line was ultimately to become the main line of the Southern Pacific company between Portland and San Francisco for the reason that the heavy grade over the Siskiyou mountains south of Ashland would be very materially reduced.

The building of this line was pushed rapidly forward until a point a few miles south of Oakridge was reached from this end and the line from Klamath Falls to Kirk was completed when the work was suspended leaving a distance of 120 miles yet to be completed.

During the year of 1913 the Southern Pacific company purchased its large holdings of land adjacent to Springfield at a cost of about \$100,000. This property was acquired for the purpose of building large railroad shops and terminal grounds but on account of the entanglements in which the railroad became involved this development work was suspended.

This decision of the government against the Southern Pacific company having resulted favorably to the railroad company means that this great development work as originally planned by the Southern Pacific company will in the near future be again undertaken and carried forward to completion.

Not since the Supreme Court of the United States compelled the Harriman interests to sell their 46 per cent of stock and withdraw from the control of the Southern Pacific has there been a decision of such far reaching import.

"STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!"

Pastor Ferris Invites City to A Special Service Friday Night.

There will be a popular service, at the Baptist church, Friday night at 8:00 o'clock. A popular prayer meeting. All members of cottage prayer meetings; every member of our church associate pastors, and their people, our neighbors and friends, are most cordially invited to attend and participate in this service. Yours for a blessing upon our church and city.

Pastor, W. N. FERRIS.

Will Go to Marcola.

Six University of Oregon boys and the University Y. M. C. A. secretary J. D. Foster, plan to make a deputation trip to Marcola on Friday, March 23, according to Mr. Foster, who was in Springfield Tuesday afternoon after having spent that day in Marcola making arrangements. The planned program is: Friday at 3:30, program at the high school; Friday evening basketball game with the high school team. Saturday, a hike; Saturday evening, a high school reception; and Sunday, church services and a boys' meeting.

SEVENTH GRADERS HAVE FINE DISPLAY OF WOOD WORK

Manual Training Boys Make Showing at Institute; Instructor Tells of Work.

MANY ENROLLED IN CLASS

Pupils This Year Are More Enthusiastic Than Ever Before, Says J. F. Goddard, Teacher.

Not all of the parents and very few other folks are aware of the constructive work being done by boys of the seventh and eighth grades and the high school in the manual training department conducted by J. F. Goddard in the local schools. This branch of the school was brought to the public attention more clearly than before by the comprehensive project display made for the teachers' institute last Saturday.

The display articles, which were all made by the seventh graders, by the way, included laundry lists, spoon holders, game boards, bread boards, coat hangers, sleeve boards, broom holders, and simple boxes, every one of which is ready for use. The seventh grade class is: Henry Tomseth, William McCulloch, Lyle Wynd, George Gardner, Raymond Stump, Ray Weber, Lester Smith, Floyd Nolte, William Nickum, Wallace Halsey, William Wright, Roscoe Perkins, Lowell Sikes, Carl Bauer, and Jesse Larson.

In the eighth grade, comes projects like stained and polished gift boxes, combination stools and step ladders, foot stools, magazine racks, wall racks and tabourets. In the high school cabinet work is taken up mainly. High school students have now under construction, a mahogany piano bench, a light stand, and a mahogany table.

The shop at the Lincoln school, which is in a small building to one side of the school, accommodates 16 workmen at once. The work benches which were for the most part made by the grade boys, are fully equipped, that is, what one fellow lacks at his table may be reached for over to the next one. The shop is largely in the care of the pupils. Each one cleans off his own work bench after each period, and they take turns sweeping out at night. The whole building is 24 by 60 feet, with a drawing room, 22 by 24 feet. The latter is equipped with 16 individual drawing cabinets.

All classes spend the first 12 weeks at the beginning of the term in drawing. This gives a class instruction allows the pupil to get a purview of the year's work, and also permits of a discovery of what articles will be needed. After this instruction, the work is laid out in groups the boys gradually working up from squaring up mill plane pieces to constructing shaped models such as coat hangers and sleeve boards. In the eighth grade the subjects of stains and finishes are taken up also, and there is room for more originality in construction and design. In high school, cabinet work is introduced.

The cost of the course is much lower than would be supposed for the graders, about 75 cents a pupil a year while in high school, the cost varies as the projects differ. The school furnishes the material, charging the boys only for those articles which are useful. The pupils later plan to sell the articles made and repay the cost of materials.

"The classes this year are more enthusiastic than any I have had before," said Mr. Goddard, who has been in charge of the department for three years. "But there is little interest taken by outsiders, we have had only two or three visitors this year."

"The idea prevails that the course is pre-vocational; we do not in any sense assume to make it so," he explained. The object of this course is to produce a "thinking doer."

"The latch string is always outside the door to visitors at any time."

McKenzie Pass is 1917 Project.

According to advices from Washington, construction of roads in the national forests in Oregon this year is likely to be largely confined to the McKenzie Pass road over the Cascade mountains, as a trunk line reaching from the coast to eastern Oregon from Florence, via Springfield through to Baker.

CITY FATHERS ARE BUSY

Several Considerations Brought Up at Regular Session of Council.

The chief matters coming up before the city council at its regular monthly meeting held Monday night were the combining of the duties of street flusher, street commissioner and marshal in one office, the petition of two local pool room owners to operate on Sunday, and the report that the Fire and Water committee had decided to order a granite base for the city drinking fountain.

J. E. Edwards the present marshal and street commissioner, will have charge of the triple duties at a salary of \$85, beginning April 1.

T. C. Luckey and D. J. Hill, appeared before the council in person asking permission to operate the pool and billiard halls on Sunday. The matter was deferred for further consideration.

On behalf of the county, the street committee made application for some rock from the quarry to repair the road on West D street. Bills were allowed, and the bond of A. P. McKinziey, recently appointed treasurer, were approved. Mayor Morrison and Councilmen Peery, Coffin, and Weber were present.

Local Girl Weds a Montana Man

Miss Birdie L. Spencer and Orville Collins United in Marriage Yesterday.

by Mrs. Clara L. Childs.

Mr. Orville Collins of Gardner, Montana and Miss Birdie Spencer were united in marriage at high noon Wednesday March 14, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Spencer, Reverend M. F. Childs officiating.

The wedding was a very quiet affair there being only a few intimate friends present. The bride was very beautifully dressed in white with large bodice bouquet of violets. After the ceremony, the guests were invited to partake of a bountiful dinner prepared by the bride's mother and sister. The guests present were: Miss Floy Collins, niece of the groom; Miss Hazel Deane of Goshen; Frank Crawford, and a sister of the bride, Mrs. Ed Mabey and Mr. Mabey, and Rev. and Mrs. M. F. Childs. The young people went immediately to their home on Glenwood Avenue, which was in readiness for their homecoming.

While the newlyweds were sitting before the open fire enjoying their first evening at home, suddenly, there came an ear splitting report of a gun followed immediately by a din of cow bells, tooting of horns and various other beautiful (?) and deafening noises. The youngsters seemed bent on giving the young couple a hilarious welcome. When Mr. and Mrs. Collins had enjoyed quite enough of their inharmonious music the groom then opened the door and invited the crowd inside and set out a large dishpan of candy and a boiler of pop corn and said, "Help yourselves every one." After the crowd had satisfied themselves with the treat they returned to their homes to await the "next time."

Honor Guard Girls Outline Schedule

Springfield Organization Elects Officers and Plans Classes and Military Drill.

A meeting of the local organization of the Girls' National Honor Guard was held at the high school on Tuesday at four o'clock. Miss Lucille Dunn of Eugene conducted the meeting. The organization here will work in cooperation with the one in Eugene.

A schedule for work was outlined as follows: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and on Saturday morning study classes will be held. On Thursday night between seven and eight o'clock the girls will receive military training at the armory in Eugene. The study classes will not be more than one and one half hours in length; and in all probability, will be only one hour in length during the school session.

A tax of 25 cents per year will be levied on each member of the Guard, as a national tax. This money will be used to defray expenses; such as correspondence, notices, etc. Each organization is self-supporting.

At the meeting held Tuesday the

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BIG BANQUET AND MANY GOOD TALKS END SPUD MEETING

Nearly All Speakers Urge Cooperation Between Farmers and Businessmen.

150 PRESENT AT DINNER

M. M. Peery, Toastmaster, Says Would Have Better Spent Money in Aiding Farmers Than "Boosting."

"Ladies and gentlemen; I think you will agree with me when I say that if the money spent in what we have been pleased to term 'boosting' had been spent in helping the farmer to solve his problems and in finding a profitable market for his product we would have been vastly better off."

"We are the guests this evening of a fellow townsman whose activity is very largely responsible for putting one industry on its feet and helping to solve the problems of growing and marketing the product, making the industry safer and more profitable for those engaged in it, and I take pleasure in introducing our worthy mayor, Mr. E. E. Morrison."

The foregoing is in part the introductory speech with which M. M. Peery, toastmaster, opened the evening's talks after the sumptuous "potato" banquet, which was the beginning of the wind up of the first big meeting of Willamette Valley potato growers yesterday.

About 150 people enjoyed the banquet, which was held in the Woodmen hall, beginning at 7:15. The meal, the menu of which follows, was prepared and served by the Willing Workers of the Christian church: bread and butter, pickles, mashed potatoes, baked beans, spaghetti and tomatoes, cold sliced ham, jelly, potato salad, potato cake, and canned pears. The tables were decorated with daffodils stuck in potatoes. The meal was served simply, there being no courses.

While Mr. Morrison stated that he was much encouraged in the work he has been doing along the line of promoting pure seed and true to variety potatoes, he also looks for still greater things. "We have a wonderful future if we only cooperate and all join in pushing the work along," he said. At the end of his talk, the Mayor complimented the ladies upon the excellent spread.

O. B. Kessey, cashier of the Commercial State bank, also urged cooperation. "Regardless of how meritorious a work may be, it cannot amount to anything, unless a certain amount of energy is put behind it," he said.

"The potato industry in this community has taken its place as second among the industries," he continued. "The great increase in bank deposits in the past six months is due largely to the potato industry."

The farmer was urged to stay on the farm, where he has a "gold mine," by C. D. Rorer, president of the Bank of Commerce of Eugene. W. T. Gordon, of the First National bank of Eugene, also spoke briefly.

Frank Jenkins, president of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce, spoke briefly on the need of markets for the Lane county potatoes, declaring that production would take care of itself if good markets were secured.

M. C. Bressler, who said he did not come to tell the farmers of the Willamette Valley how to raise potatoes, urged cooperation between the producers and the business men. "With the farmers cooperating with the businessmen, the farming industry and the stock industry will develop the same as the potato industry has." He also spoke of the potato industry being second in the community, (lumbering comes first) and attributed this to the efforts of Mr. Morrison.

"We are not canning potatoes, but may be able to develop something along that line at some future time," announced J. O. Holt, manager of the Eugene Fruit growers' cannery who declared that the country between here and British Columbia raises the best vegetables in the United States and hence should become the greatest vegetable canning center.

C. M. McAllister, of the Portland Union Stockyards, urged that each farmer raise some livestock. He said the present high prices for hogs are

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