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A WELL TRAINED AND LUXURIANT GRAPEVINE

J. T. Donaldson is a careful, thorough gardener. He cultivates the little patches at home on an intensive plan, so as to make them produce all that they are capable of, and it is generally the best of stuff.

He showed a News representative one day last week, a grapevine which is, in part, the product of his care, which is a rather remarkable specimen. It was planted by Ira Nice before Mr. Donaldson came to Springfield. It froze down one severe winter, probably about seven years ago. Mr. Donaldson's care and training have brought it from a stub of a few feet to its present dimensions and productive capacity. It has been trained laterally, so that it does not reach a height of more than eight or ten feet anywhere, except where one of the main branches is climbing over the roofs of two out buildings in the corner of the lot. It separates into three main stocks within a few feet of the root. The parent stock measures about 14 feet from the root to the tip. The largest branch puts out about 10 feet from the root, and measures about 42 feet from the junction to the tip. The third branch puts out about 5 feet from the root, and measures about 34 feet from the junction to the tip. The longest stock runs southward. The others start northward, and one of them, from about the middle of its length is carried eastward. The most distant tips are from 80 to 90 feet apart. Mr. Donaldson cuts the branches back each year within a few inches of the main stock. He estimates that the vine will bear this year 500 pounds of grapes. The fruit is a blue grape, a little larger than the concord; he does not know of what variety.

Mr. Donaldson has a fine little patch of tall, thrifty garden corn, of a variety that he calls "Evergreen." He has been planting it ever since 1876 and he thinks he is justified in calling it "Donaldson's Evergreen." As it matures it does not harden, but continues fit for the table for a long season.

The Donaldson-Nice household is now enjoying the second crop from a small patch of everbearing strawberries set out by Ira Nice a little late last spring.

OREGON CONFERENCE CAMP MEETING

Ever since Dr. S. A. Danford came to Springfield as pastor, he has been laboring to establish a great Methodist camp meeting in this region. The outcome has been the securing of a campground at Cottage Grove and the establishment of what is intended to be a camp meeting for the Oregon conference. The first session opens today, and closes Sunday evening, August 21.

The daily schedule of services will be as follows: Morning prayer meeting, 6:00 a. m.; people's meeting, 9:00 a. m.; Bible reading service (exposition), 10:30 a. m.; preaching services, 2:30 and 8:00 p. m.

Liberal provisions are made for camping space, tents, supplies, meals and lodging. Those who have tents are asked to bring them.

Bishop Meade, of Denver, one of the great preachers of Methodism, will preach once each day. Bishop Shepard, of Portland, will preach several times. Dr. W. W. Youngson, superintendent of the Portland district, and Dr. E. E. Gilbert, superintendent of the Salem district, will have a service each day. Bishop Smith, of India, will be present Aug. 18th and 19th. Miss Marie Danielson of Fremont, Nebraska, a lady famous in this line of work, will have charge of young people's and children's work. She will be assisted by Mrs. S. A. Danford, Fred Canaday, who conducted a meeting here a year and a half ago, will have charge of the music. Dr. S. A. Danford, superintendent of this (Southern) district, will have general charge.

Campers and attendants can address C. E. Umphrey, Cottage Grove, for detailed advance information.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Torbet and son left yesterday for Reedsport, for a two weeks outing.

U. of O. LIBRARY AGAINST THE KU KLUX KLAN

A petition was filed in Springfield Sunday and Monday by Prof. J. E. Torbet, setting forth his efforts to extend the organization of the Ku Klux Klan in Oregon, the dangerous character and unlawful acts of the organization; petitioning the governor to employ his legal powers to the utmost to promptly suppress such unlawful operations as occasion might arise, and pledging the support of the petitioners to such exercise of power. It was signed by over one hundred persons, and forwarded to Gov. Olcott Monday noon.

The people of other localities in the state have been impressed in the same way concerning this matter, as several newspaper clippings coming into the hands of Prof. Torbet in the past few days show.

Rev. Guy F. Phelps, Methodist pastor at Roseburg, well known here, presented a similar petition to his congregation last Sunday, and it was unanimously adopted and forwarded to the governor.

FINGER CRUSHED

S. M. Goddard had the first finger of his left hand badly crushed last Thursday, while working on the highway near Crow. He and his son Clairborne were shifting a large rock on a Fresno scraper, and the rock suddenly settled back and caught the finger.

The doctor pressed the parts of the crushed bone into shape and bound it. An X-ray examination, made afterwards showed the parts perfectly in place; and the doctor thinks he can save not only the finger, but the use of the joint. Mr. Goddard reports for examination every day, to guard against infection.

J. R. HAYDEN MOVING

J. R. Hayden, who, for a number of years, has owned a ranch on the Mohawk river, below Donna, has traded the ranch to N. J. Bryant for a store at Franklin. Mr. Hayden did a considerable dairying business for several years, but lately his health had seemed to demand a change. He is a capable business man, of varied experience, and a man of unusual intelligence, and with a cultured family. They will be missed in the community they are leaving. Mr. Hayden has engaged in the work of the ministry in the M. E. church, South, for several years past, and served the churches near Yarnell and Franklin for about two years as pastor. He is a versatile man.

Ice cream and cake will be served Friday night in the park at the corner of Main and 2nd streets by members of Mrs. Bernice Van Valzah's Sunday school class of the First Methodist church. Proceeds from the social will go toward church work of the class. A number of other entertainments in the form of socials and, perhaps, a play are on a social program being worked out by the class for the fall and winter months. An invitation is extended to all to attend the social.

The Springfield Mill and Grain Co. report that new wheat is coming in pretty lively now. The acreage is about the same as last year. The fall wheat did not do well, because the prolonged fall rains prevented sowing in proper season, but there is a fine crop of spring wheat.

Mrs. Ed Ninnis left for Seattle Tuesday evening. After visiting a daughter there, she expects to leave for Juneau, Alaska, about the 20th. Mr. Ninnis and their two sons are there. Mrs. Ninnis was to stay behind until after Elroy's graduation, but she was called to California in May by the sickness of a sister.

C. A. Arwhart and A. P. McKinsey and their families and Mrs. James Withrow, the mother of the two ladies made up a party that left here in two cars last Thursday, for a trip to occupy about two weeks; taking in Portland, Seaside and Tillamook; the beach resorts being the principal objectives. Mrs. Williams, of Portland, another daughter of Mrs. Withrow's, who had been visiting here, accompanied them.

TOWN AND VICINITY

American Legion Band will give a concert at the park Friday evening, August 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Petterson returned Saturday after spending a week at Newport.

Ice cream social at the park Friday night.

James Karhan was in town yesterday from his ranch near Hendricks Bridge. He says he planted a considerable quantity of potatoes this season, they are looking well and he has prospect of getting a good price for them.

Cyr's sedan Jitney, Phone 11.

Dance Friday night, Steven's Hall. You'll see the greatest gamble in the world in "Without Limit," at the Bell, Saturday, Aug. 13th.

Dr. S. Ralph Dippel, dentist, Springfield, Oregon.

Mrs. F. B. Hamlin returned, the first of this week, from a two weeks visit with relatives in Portland.

Come to the ice cream social at the park Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Moshier went to Kitson Springs, last week for an outing of about two weeks.

Troop 9, Boy Scouts, of Salem, came up Monday in a special car, packed to its utmost capacity, and went up to Oakridge for the annual summer camp, a season of about two weeks. They were under the escort of F. G. Lewis, traveling agent, traffic department, of the Southern Pacific company.

Dance Friday night, Steven's Hall. Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Weddle returned to their home in east Springfield last Saturday, from a three weeks stay at London Springs.

Springfield Taxi Service, Phone 2. A. E. Senseney returned, yesterday morning, from a stay of three or four weeks at McCredie Springs. He was at work in the shop yesterday. He reports that he is greatly improved, is gaining strength rapidly, but not regaining his lost flesh very fast yet.

"The Magnificent Brute," an exciting Northwoods melodrama visually recounted amid settings of awe-inspiring beauty, Wednesday, August 17, at Bell.

E. B. Metcalf returned home from the hospital in Eugene Sunday. He is gaining strength, but rather slowly. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hafner a girl, yesterday morning. Seven pounds.

Just a bit of Irish dew (with a kick in it), "Made in Heaven," at Bell, Sunday August 14th. Come early before the supply is exhausted.

A constitutional amendment, providing for a bond issue of fifteen million dollars for a soldiers' bonus, was adopted at a special election in Missouri last week.

Guy LaFollette, recent owner of the Prieville paper, and family passed through Springfield the first part of the week.

Dr. S. Ralph Dippel, dentist, Springfield, Oregon.

Mrs. Stubblefield and daughter Lenore, of Enterprise, were visitors this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Powers left Monday for Newport and Seaside.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Murphy expect to leave Sunday for Newport on their vacation. They will join Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Mitchell, of Salem, parents of Mrs. Murphy, at Corvallis. They are making the trip by automobile.

Dance Friday night, Steven's Hall. The Methodist Sunday school held a picnic at Hendricks park yesterday afternoon, winding up with a supper in the evening.

Extra picture at Bell, Wednesday, August 17th. Frank Mayo in a Northwoods picture "The Magnificent Brute;" Art Accord in a western, "Fighting Actor;" and Snub Pollard in a knockout comedy, "Fellow Citizens."

The completion of the contract made by the city for the putting in of cement sidewalks where they seemed to be worst needed, and the tearing up of a lot more that were just as bad, and which property owners were going to replace themselves, some time serve to emphasize the evident fact that there are a lot more of walks that are just as bad, most of them really dangerous—a mile or two of them, no doubt—that need to be replaced, not only for convenience, but for the safety of pedestrians.

PUTTING IN HIS OWN IRRIGATION PLANT

William Clark, whose 30 acre fruit and garden farm we mentioned a few weeks ago, has put in and now has in operation an irrigation plant, which he thinks will almost double the productive capacity of his farm. He has built a flume, which is carried in such a course as to serve nearly all of his cultivated ground. He has installed a 3 inch Byron-Jackson pump operated by a 5 horse power Hercules engine. The water is pumped into the flume, and distributed from convenient points by means of a 6 inch canvas hose, made especially for Mr. Clark's use. By the use of a 90 foot hose, and selecting high points of distribution, the furrows in nearly all of his vegetable plots can be filled and nearly all of his plants reached.

Mr. Clark is planning to put in one improvement after another until he has one of the finest fruit and vegetable farms in this region.

POPULAR SWIMMIN' HOLE

A certain point on the Coast Fork, not far from the Coast Fork school house, has become a popular resort, not only for the people living in that vicinity, but for the people of the nearby villages, and even as far as Springfield. There is a grassy plot on the bank, and a body of quiet water of suitable depth on the farther side of the stream.

Last Friday evening, a number of Springfield families, with several other individuals making up a party of thirty or more, went around by way of Goshen to this point, and enjoyed a pleasant season. Usually, these parties, after sporting in the water awhile, such of them as can enjoy such sport, spread such eatables as they have taken along, and enjoy a lunch together on the grassy bank.

FALL CREEK MILL TOTALLY DESTROYED

The sawmill of the Lane County Lumber Co., near Fall Creek, was totally destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon, the fire starting about 4 o'clock. W. J. Lachy, the owner, who recently purchased the C. E. Fischer residence, in this city, was engaged in conversation with Capt. F. B. Hamlin when a telephone message informing him that his mill was on fire; and he jumped into his car and rushed to the scene.

The mill was not in operation, and the cause of the fire unknown. The loss is estimated at \$25,000, partially covered by insurance.

The council is beginning to feel constrained to move for the putting in of these others. That means that the owners are likely to feel it soon.

Beatrice Green, a daughter of Thos. Green, of Coburg, who had been visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Geo. Ditto, for several days, was playing with two other little girls on roller skates, on the pavement on A street, yesterday evening, and fell and broke her left arm. She was taken to Coburg at once.

The concrete work on the upper walls of the new school house, including the elevated portion of the west front, was finished Tuesday. The excavation for the furnace and sewer and water pipes was done last week and the first of this week. The work of the plumbers and gas fitters is moving along well. The raising of the rafters commenced the first of this week.

The United Artisans of Springfield will hold a picnic Wednesday evening, August 17, from 5:30 to 9:00 o'clock at the auto camp ground. If you are an Artisan and live in or near Springfield bring your lunch and join us.

Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Tower, of Hart, Michigan, passed through Springfield the early part of this week on their way to California. They left Hart on May 4 and have been visiting with friends and relatives along the road also taking in the sights, having spent a week at Yellowstone park. They expect to remain in California where they will engage in evangelistic work. While here they were guests at the home of Geo. W. Perkins.

NOTES FROM THE AUTO CAMP GROUND

There were not so many tourists on the camp Tuesday night as some other nights, but their accounts afforded some pleasing variations, and some matters of special personal interest to the visitor. Two parties: one a man and wife and two children, from La Center, Washington, the other a man and wife from Portland; had been to Southern California, stayed a while, and were so far on their way back. Both found it too hot for them, especially in the regions of Fresno and Sacramento. The La Center party had rented out a 60 acre farm and were traveling for the benefit of a boy's health. Neither of these parties thought they should like to live in a country that was destitute of wood and shade.

Another middle aged couple had been living for many years about Anaheim, California. They expected to go on to Portland, and take either a southern or a northern route to the Yellowstone Park; and from there to Kansas City, and on into southern Missouri.

A party which has been here for about three weeks has evidently been acting as advance agents for a number of friends. They have praised the camp here, and they seem to have praised it to their friends, several parties of whom have come, halted awhile and gone on since they came. They were looking for another party from Seattle about this time.

It seems that time occasionally hangs heavy on even a tourist's hands, especially when he isn't touring. Twice a visitor has found a lone man—not alone in his travels—playing some kind of a solitaire card game on one of the camp tables.

One lady camper thought the Ashland camp, near the hot springs, the finest she knew. Another camper, a man, thought Ashland entirely too artificial. To his mind, the Grants Pass camp is the "boss;" Commodious, the ground a little rough, but none the worse for that, he thought.

The Dalles man mentioned above said the question of levying a tax on automobiles for camp privileges, in imitation of some of the larger towns, was discussed by The Dalles chamber of commerce at its last meeting, and decided in the negative, on the ground that it would create an unfriendly feeling.

A party of four, traveling in two cars and occupying two tents, came in some time in the middle of last week, and were expecting to stay until the last of the week. They were from Seattle, had traveled as far south as Sacramento valley, and had turned back on account of the heat. They expected to take it leisurely on their way back, make some side trips and be out until school time. Another car of their party had left them here.

A family party of nine or ten, which, according to the head of the party, included one family and one extra man, had come from Oklahoma, by way of northeastern Oregon. They were looking for a situation where they would have a good school for the children and good hunting grounds for the two men within forty or fifty miles. The woman's part in the game probably, was to keep the children in trim for school, which would be enough for her. They had picked out Springfield on the map, as a place that would probably serve both objects. But since they had come into this region somebody had persuaded the men that Grants Pass would give them access to a better hunting range. The school, apparently, was a secondary consideration.

FARMERS' EXCHANGE TO CLOSE OUT

M. Glickman, who recently purchased the Farmers' Exchange stock, is putting on a sale. The object is to reduce the stock as rapidly as possible, and clear it out altogether. Springfield is likely to have one less business house soon, unless some party should see his opportunity in purchasing the reduced stock.