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OUR PORTLAND LETTER.

Important Association of Agricultural Colleges—Importance of the Douglas Fir—State Dairy Convention.

Portland, Ore., December 14th 1908.
One of the most important gatherings to be held on the Pacific Coast during 1909 will be the convention in Portland of the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations, brought here through the instrumentality of President W. J. Kerr, of the Oregon Agricultural College. The American Association of University Presidents, the American Association of Farmers, Institute Workers, the Agronomic Society and the Association of Agricultural Chemists always hold their conventions at the same place and time as the Association of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations, and will therefore be here also. Delegates to these meetings comprise college and university presidents, directors of experiment stations, experts in the different bureaus of the Department of Agriculture, and other specialists, and an attendance of between 1200 and 1500 is expected. An extended visit to the A-Y-P Exposition is included in their schedule. The exact date of the convention will be announced soon.

J. E. Defebaugh, editor of the "American Lumberman" of Chicago, who has bestowed such marked praise on Douglas fir, has the following to say editorially in the current issue of the "Lumberman": The Pacific Northwest makes a wonderful appeal to every visitor. It is a land of living waters, of golden soil, of mineral wealth beyond comprehension, of forests which will bless mankind when other lands are desolate; a land of mountain, plain and valley, of a people great in intellect, energy, endurance, and kindness, in this golden Northwest, in a climate without the harshness of the North or the enervating softness of the South, these people are building an empire. They have harnessed the streams for power, or, pouring them over the plains, have produced fruitful fields and gardens; they are wresting from the earth its mineral wealth, they are converting the forests into forms of utility and beauty; they are building schools and colleges; the Bible vision of every man dwelling under own vine and fig tree is realized here, where his every bodily need and intellectual want may be gratified. The natural wealth of the country is great and great are its achievements, but better than all this are the people themselves—a chosen race—growing in numbers and in all the accomplishments and graces which make a people mutually useful and happy.

The convention of the Oregon State Dairy Association at Salem, last week, was the most successful ever held by that body. Washington and California were represented in both attendance and exhibits. The grand prize for the best display of dairy products was awarded to F. A. Schubinger of Salem, for an exhibit comprising 26 varieties of cheese. The Douglas Creamery Co. of Roseburg won first award for highest scoring creamery butter, F. G.

Mattke of Sweet Home, for highest scoring dairy butter, and T. J. Ballantyne, of Hobsonville, for highest scoring cheese. The dairymen pledged a fund of \$150 per month for the employment of an expert to bring dairy conditions throughout the state up to the highest possible standard. An appropriation of \$6000 will be asked from the legislature. President F. L. Kent of Corvallis was re-elected, with Carl Abrams, of Salem, Secretary. The time of next year's meeting will be chosen to harmonize with the date selected by the Washington Dairymen, who meet at Chehalis this week. Hon. C. L. Mitchel, of the Dairy Division, U. S. Department of Agriculture, is in Chehalis for this meeting.

HOARD'S DAIRYMAN.

Among agricultural journals there is one that every farmer keeping cows should not neglect to subscribe for. We refer to Hoard's Dairyman. It is a journal that is broad in its scope, being unlike any other agricultural journal in the thorough and practical manner in which it deals with all farm problems that concern the farmer keeping cows. This journal has a lively interest and practical knowledge of all things about the farm which plainly shows that its editors are daily in the farm atmosphere and confronted with the same questions to solve in the practical handling of a farm that are before every farmer handling cows. From reading the paper we learn that it has its own dairy farm of 200 acres, that is stocked with a herd of good dairy cows, and the whole management of this farm is directly under the editorial supervision. This keeps the editors in touch with farm conditions so that they know the subjects that the farmer wants discussed and they know what they are talking about when they discuss them. In dozens of ways Hoard's Dairyman will appeal to one as coming closer to farm life and farm business than any other journal we have seen. It gets right up close to you and talks good hard farm sense, about the soils and crops and how best to handle them; talks about the cows and their breeding, and gives special attention to feeds and feeding. It does not have a prejudice for some one breed, but talks for the dairy cow wherever she is found; talks about the barn and its arrangement, and in fact gives a fund of good sound practical information on questions of interest to the farmer who keeps cows, few or many. Hoard's Dairyman tells you the things you want to know in a way that will interest you. We notice it has no fashion plates, puzzles or cheap stories, it is all business. It is published at Fort Atkinson, Wis., and has stood as the leading dairy authority of the country for many years. There are many in this community that will want to take this journal, so we have secured a clubbing rate that enables us to offer a year's subscription to THE SANTIAM NEWS and Hoard's Dairyman both for \$2.00. Regular subscription price of Hoard's Dairyman is \$1.00 per year. If you desire a sample copy send for it.

THE VOICE OF THE GRANGE.

It is only natural that the granges should defend the initiative and refer-

endum, the primary law and the right of the people through Statement No. 1 to choose the senator. These are original reforms in the advocacy of which the granges were the pioneers. They helped to make the sentiment that made the passage of these laws possible. The discussion and study of social and economic questions is one of the purposes for which the grange was organized. In these discussions the members become widely informed and thoroughly schooled in the issues of the day. Their viewpoint is that very important one of how country life and state life is affected by policies at issue. Their conclusions are safe conclusions because the inspiration for them is from the soil and from nature. They are conclusions unwarped by the play of politics or motives of self. They have nothing to gain, but all to lose by a political system that politicians prize. The ordinary politician is in politics not for the good of the state, but for his own profit. He lives by it and one of the means of profit to him is to be able to use the vote and influence of the farmer. If he can use them for a system of legislative holdups, senatorial deadlocks, convention frame-ups and legislation only by a legislature, he can secure for himself soft jobs, public snags and a good income with little work. This is the incentive behind the present effort to destroy in Oregon the initiative and referendum, the primary law and the popular choice of senator. In resisting the attempt the farmer, the business man and all others are simply protecting themselves. Extravagant legislation incident to senatorial deadlocks, the taxpayer has to pay for. The jobs and snags out of which the politicians profit, he has to pay for. They all go to increase his burden of taxes already far more burdensome than they ought to be. The McMinnville grange understands this and that is why it resists. That is why its members protest and why other granges have protested. It is a fight in defense of the home against assault made on it in the effort to restore a wicked and discarded system of government. There is not a man in Oregon, not even among the politicians themselves, but know the granges are right in their protests and deadly in the accuracy of their conclusions.—Oregon Journal.

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