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PORTLAND NEWS LETTER

Irrigation Congress will Aid State Development—New Perennial Clover Discovered in Tillamook County

Portland, Or., Jan. 23 (Special).—A permanent state organization that will have considerable influence on Oregon affairs is promised through the formation of the Oregon Irrigation Congress, which has been called for February 19, 20 and 21 in the convention hall of the Portland Commercial Club. All interested in irrigation are urged to attend and suggestions will be welcomed. The purpose of the congress is to have an effective organization to deal with irrigation questions and to secure the rights Oregon feels itself entitled to from the Federal Government. Indications are that there will be a large attendance from all parts of the state. Government officials and irrigation experts from all parts of the state will be invited and the proposed organization promises to make itself very useful to Oregon in the work of future development.

A conference held at the Oregon Agricultural College on Monday of this week between the different interests that are working for agricultural education in the state schools resulted in partially outlining the course of study. Livestock men of Portland have made arrangements to send out an expert hog raiser over the state to interest boys in raising hogs. This will be a part of the agricultural work of the schools and contests will be arranged, the winners in the various classes meeting in a county contest and the winners of these, in turn, will exhibit at the State Fair.

An Oregon hop farm has been sold for \$130,000. This was the well known Krebs farm near Independence, consisting of 400 acres of excellent hop land, together with all necessary equipment. The buyers, an English company will continue raising hops on the tract.

La Grande business men have been getting better acquainted with their state by participating in a special excursion that took them all over the main railway lines of Western and Southern Oregon. The excursionists chartered a special car and traveled in comfort, being entertained at the principal points along their journey.

What is probably the largest mobilization of troops ever undertaken in this country in time of peace will be that in the Klamath Basin the coming summer. United States regulars and state militia forces are to be gathered for maneuvers. The ground selected for the big camp is about 50 miles north of Klamath Falls, near the Klamath Indian reservation and convenient to the Crater Lake National Park and the Cascade Forest Reserve.

A new perennial clover of the alsike species is reported from Tillamook county where it was first discovered. Experiments are being made with it and it is claimed it yields enormous tonnage to the acre, while it grows the year round. The clover has no seed, bloom or sex and is propagated by cutting up the plant and sowing the pieces. The department of agriculture will make an investigation of the new plant.

Sealed Bids

Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned for 30 cords of sound, live, second growth fir, 4 feet long, and 10 cords of grub oak 4 feet long; all wood to be delivered on the public school grounds at Scio by August 1, 1912.

Bids must be in the hands of the clerk by 1 p. m., February 1, 1912. The board of directors reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

J. F. WESELY, Clerk.

HOW THE GERMANS WORK.

Long Hours and Lots of Eating Seem to Be the Rule.

In an article on "The German at Home" in the World's Work the author, J. H. Collins, states that in comparison with the Englishman the German business man works abominably long hours. He and his clerks are at work at 8 in the morning.

"At 9:30 everybody in the factory or warehouse ceases work for fifteen minutes to eat a bit of bread and butter, brought in the pocket. At noon two hours are allowed to go back home for a hearty dinner. In the afternoon is another stop for tea or coffee, after which everybody works through till 8 in the evening, so that the German business people are catching trams for home and supper about the time English people are going to the theaters.

"Even in retail shops and in factories the pause, or 'powza,' as it is called in German, is rigidly observed. Workmen stop in the morning and afternoon for bread and beer, served from their canteens, and every retail shop, large or small, has a place where clerks can warm and eat food.

"The German has a vast assortment of quaint beliefs about his stomach. Food must be put into it cautiously six or more times a day, and his strict ideas as to what may be done to the stomach and what may not lead him to condemn our three simple meals. His stomach guides him in selecting a wife, and his general state after marriage is the latter's rating of efficiency. Stomach governs a German's business ways, too, for just as he and his staff are getting on with the day's work under a good head of steam the whole machine is stopped for a 'powza' and laboriously steamed up again after each snack, with the outcome that no more real work is done usually than in our shorter day.

"Five years after a German clerk is hired he will appear before his employer, click his heels together, bow deeply and call attention to the fact that he has been there five years. Does he expect an increase of salary? Not at all! This is merely the German respect for length of service. By doing so he politely intimates that he thinks he must be of some use in the place or he wouldn't be there. At the end of ten years, fifteen years and twenty years the same reminder is given, until, when the twenty-fifth anniversary comes round, the boss is looked to for a handsome jubilee dinner."

Bacon's Essays in French.

Bacon's "Essays" have a special title to fame. This work was the first of any importance to be translated from English into French. The translation proved a great success. In his preface to the third edition Baudouin, the translator, complains that "at least four editions of this work would have been sold by now if the booksellers had not hampered its sale by their unwillingness to place it before the public." Still, the fact that three editions were called for within five years shows that the essays were heartily appreciated by French readers. The first French version of Shakespeare appeared in 1776, over 150 years after the translation of Bacon.—London Chronicle.

The first scientific thinker was Thales of Miletus, born about 636 B. C. He was the first to attempt a logical solution of material phenomena, without resorting to mythological representations. In other words, Thales was the first man, so far as we know, to try to find out the actual truth concerning the world we live in, its origin, constitution and destiny.

Courting.

There are innumerable methods of courting, but the best method is to be rich.—Frank Richardson.

MUCH MOOTED TAX QUESTION AGAIN

Editor Santiam News:—

Mr. "Taxpayer" comes again. His letter was mostly scoring their supervisor. He will notice I was defending the court. I only stated the court had been square with us, Dist. 25, in giving us our choice for supervisor year after year, and that it is hard to believe they refuse to do the same for Dist. 16. Taxpayer says if what I say is true it only adds evidence that the court does not treat all districts alike. Can't see it Mr. Taxpayer. You are off. Here is the way of it: If what I said is true, and it is, it is evident the court is willing to give a square deal to the point of perfection in the matter of appointing road supervisors. In effect we appoint him ourselves. That is government by the people—a grand thing! It is incredible that the court would not do as much for Dist. 16, except probably in case the Dist. is so measurably as to not vote a single mill special road tax. Taxpayer asks if I can see any difference in voting for the man and petitioning for him. Yes, a big difference between signing a petition and casting a secret, private ballot; everybody knows that. Taxpayer makes several insinuations that my motives are irrelevant and therefore only reflect on himself. He is however, I judge by the general tone of his letter, not a bad citizen. He just wants to make a roar.

I am not supervisor, have no political stand-in. I could not recognize a single one of the court in the broad light of high noon. But I reiterate, in the important matter of appointment of supervisor, the court has been honorable with Dist. 25 and I cannot yet believe they refuse to be so with others.

I am inclined to think Taxpayer unjustified in grumbling about their supervisor. I am told on good authority he is the best in Linn county.

JORDANITE.

THE ART EXHIBIT

Most everyone in Scio took advantage of the opportunity last week to view copies of masterpieces of the world's famous painters. This Art Exhibit was held in the assembly room of the High School and was a unique and interesting entertainment.

Not the least enjoyable part of the Art Exhibit was the social feature, as everyone seemed bent on enjoying themselves and seeing that everybody else did the same. The writer has frequently heard the remark the past few weeks that the people of "scio are the most hospitable of any on earth, and it is not hard to believe.

Taken as a whole the exhibit was a success from every point of view, and the committee in charge deserves great credit for the manner in which they looked after the pleasure and comfort of those who attended.

The High School orchestra made its initial appearance Friday night and gives promise of furnishing first class music for public gatherings in a short time.

Enough money was taken in during the exhibit to pay all expenses and leave a small balance left over for the school fund.

Curious Church Notices.

Here are two notices copied from the church door in a small village in Wales: "This is to give notice that no person is to be buried in this churchyard but those living in the parish. Those who wish to be buried are desired to apply to me, William Jones, parish clerk." "The churchwardens will hold their quarterly meetings once in six weeks, instead of half yearly as formerly."—Cardiff Western Mail.

Probably Lost His Case.

Lawyer.—My client painted a picture of this young lady, your honor, and she claims it does not do her justice.

Judge.—Does not do her justice, did you say?

"Yes, your honor, and she was foolish enough to think she could get it by bringing the case before you."—Yonkers Statesman.

THE FUNNY PUFFER.

A Fish That Blows Itself Up Into a Firm Round Ball.

The funniest little fellow in salt water is the puffer or swell fish. Fishermen call him the blowfish.

When he is swimming around at ease with nothing to alarm him he looks queer enough, for the skin of his abdomen is all loose and wrinkled, and he has such a funny little tail and such ridiculous little fins and such a big, three cornered head that he looks entirely absurd. His mouth, instead of being big and gaping, as most fish mouths are, is only a tiny round hole at the end of a pointed, conical snout. Out of this circular mouth protrude his teeth, like those of a rabbit.

He would be about as homely a fish as could be made if it were not for the beautiful orange and yellow and silver colorings that play all over him.

But queer as he looks when he is at ease it is only when he is frightened or excited that he becomes funny. If he is hooked, for instance, he comes to the surface grinding those protruding teeth so that the sound can be heard a good many feet away. And then as soon as the hand touches him he begins to grunt hoarsely, and with each grunt he swells a bit till within a few moments he has puffed himself so full of air that he is quite round and firm like a ball. So thoroughly does he distend himself with air that when the fishermen hurl him at the water with all their force, as they often do, he will bounce just like a rubber ball.

If he is dropped into the water after blowing himself full of air he floats on it as lightly as a thistle-down, and he will stay that way until he has assured himself that danger has gone by. He does the same when pursued by other fish. And as he floats almost entirely out of water, with only a little bit of his hard, spiny body sunk under the surface, very few fish can hurt him once he is inflated.

A Philanthropist.

Modern advertising can cope even with the etiquette of courts. A London journal tells us that a young American woman wished to be presented at the court of the king of Saxony. The high officials, having inquired into her social standing at home, objected. They represented to her that the king could scarcely receive the daughter of a retail bootmaker. The young woman cabled home and told her father the situation. The next morning she received his answer: "Can't call it selling. Practically giving them away. See advertisement."

That solved the difficulty. She was presented as the daughter of an eminent philanthropist.

Of Course He Knows Her.

"Now, old man, make yourself comfortable and let's talk over the good old times. We haven't seen each other since we were boys together. I told you I was married, didn't I? By the way, did you ever live in Painesville?"

"Yes, I lived there three years."

"Ever meet Miss Katish?"

"Ha, ha! Why, I was engaged to her! But that's nothing. All the fellows in my crowd were engaged to her at one time or another. I see you've lived in Painesville. Why did you ask about her in particular? Come, confess."

"Why, I—er—I married her."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Wife Beaters in Germany.

Wife beaters in Germany are not sent to jail, but are arrested on leaving work on Saturdays and detained in prison till the time for resumption of labor on Mondays. While the offender is thus serving his time his earnings are handed to his wife and family.

Shellac In Chinese Works of Art.

By softening shellac with heat it may be drawn out and twisted into almost white sticks and of a fine silky luster. Extreme beauty is given to Chinese works of art by the use of shellac. Some of them are very ancient and of great value. They are chiefly chowchow boxes, tea basins or other small objects made of wood or metal. They are covered with a coat of shellac, colored with vermilion, and while the layer of shellac is soft and pliable it is molded and shaped into beautiful patterns. Some of these works thus ornamented are so rare and beautiful that even in China they cost fabulous sums.

How He Found Out.

"Mr. Chairman," shouted one of the delegates to the convention, "I move that the nominating speeches be limited to one minute each!"

"Second the motion!" yelled a dozen others.

A storm of protest arose, but the chairman put the motion.

It was lost by a vote of 47 to 45.

"I merely wished to find out, Mr. Chairman," explained the delegate who had made the motion, "how many ambitious orators there are in this convention. There are forty-seven."—Chicago Tribune.

Nautical.

Two naval officers were talking about their wives. "What a dear little craft your wife is!" said one. "Dear and little, did you say?" asked the other. "She is dear all right, but there is nothing little about her. Why, she is the biggest revenue cutter I have ever seen!"

The Seeing Eye.

I know a man who has lived on one farm half a century. He sleeps in the room in which he was born. He knows every rod of his farm in the dark. Yet his lambs and his pigs, the velvet roll of new sprouting wheat, the procession of the seasons, the apple trees he planted and has watched for years—all are new to him each day. I have seen him stand and look at his sheep as if he were a city man long shut out from such sights. A sunset or a sunrise is to him a miracle new performed each day. That man has the seeing eye.—Detroit News.

Not What He Expected.

"Darling," he murmured, "whatever induced you to care for a fellow like me?"

"I really don't know, George," she replied. "Pa has threatened to send me to a brain specialist."—Boston Transcript.

Old Time Vintners.

In the city of London at the time of King John every vintner was required to hang outside his shop an iron vessel with pegs marking the different quantities sold.

Easy Prediction.

"I have often predicted that my wife's hair would be nice and curly at night," said the clever one. "How did I know? Why, I saw it in the morning papers."

Every man has a right to judge one individual only, and that is himself.

Identified Himself.

The great tenor Mario once had to give a free exhibition of his magnificent vocal power in court in order to gain freedom for himself. He had been arrested in Madrid in mistake for a mischievous political agitator and in vain proclaimed his identity to the powers that be. Finally he was told that if he really was the famous singer his voice was a certain means of convincing the court of the truth of his claim. For seven or eight minutes Mario held all within hearing spellbound, and he was then allowed to take his departure, with profuse apologies for his arrest and detention.

A Small Likeness.

Blinks (who has given Jinks a cigar)—You'll find, old chap, that is something like a cigar. Jinks (after a few puffs)—By Jove, there is a slight resemblance. What is it?—Royal Magazine.

GIRLS WILL VISIT EAST

Twenty Farmer Girls will Form Oregon Publicity Party for Pacific Northwest

Twenty farmer girls representing as many counties in Oregon will constitute the Oregon Girls Publicity Party conducted personally by Philip S. Bates, publisher of the Pacific Northwest, accompanied by chaperon and Associated Press representatives.

The party goes first class in every respect, in their private car attached to the best trains run on the roads used, and a tour of the eastern states is made for the purpose of advertising the resources in those sections of Oregon.

Many receptions are held in the party and upon another president received the party at the White House.

The girls are required to do the press represents country about their respective, and to distribute literature to the same.

Phil Bates is the originator of the Oregon Girls Publicity Party conducted three other trips. The fund to be made up by personal call on the citizens and farmers progressive and interested in the betterment of their towns and country.

Santiam News and Semi-Weekly Journal \$2 per year.

DUGGERS SAY GOOD-BYE

Just as we are leaving Scio to establish a residence elsewhere we desire to express our sincere regard and good wishes for Scio and the many good people of the town and vicinity. Our association with you covers a period of more than fifteen years, during which time we have formed many close friendships which will last as long as life. We have enjoyed and deeply appreciated your sympathy and assistance in time of trouble, and for which we shall ever feel grateful. A kinder and more sympathetic people cannot be found, no matter where one goes.

We earnestly hope and expect that Scio's greatest prosperity is yet in the future. We most earnestly desire that all business enterprises now established may continue to prosper and that your Fair may grow better and more extensive with each recurring year. Your school should continue to enlarge and become more valuable to the boys and girls of the community. To accomplish this end requires a harmony of effort.

Eventually Scio will be placed upon the railroad map from whence real development will be dated; for with railroad connection numerous enterprises will be established. But as before stated, a union of earnest effort on the part of all is absolutely necessary.

However, we must not become tiresome, so will conclude with again expressing our good wishes to one and all. Also to all of our Scio friends the latch string of our Lebanon home hangeth out.

Very sincerely,
MR. AND MRS. T. L. DUGGER.

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