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PORTLAND NEWS LETTER

Country Life Week will Spread New Educational Work Over Oregon—Hill to Attend Portland Rose Planting

Portland, Ore., Jan. 30, (Special)—Country Life week in Oregon has been fixed for February 5-10, when country school superintendents and commercial bodies will meet together in each part of the state to formulate the scheme of Country Life Education to be followed by Oregon schools. Much is hoped from this new departure in the State's educational system and the allied influence behind the movement are such as to insure its success. State bankers, the commercial bodies, the state educational authorities, Portland livestock interests and the Oregon Agricultural College are working toward the same end and during Country Life week, it is hoped to interest business men generally in the work. The following week the plan will be presented to pupils in the schools and contests in gardening, general agriculture, domestic science, hog and poultry raising and manual work instituted. A splendid list of prizes for children producing the best products in all these lines is being collected. The young farmers will first exhibit their crops in their own communities, next in the county contests, and then the prize winners will meet in competition at the State Fair at Salem next fall. Bulletins on the various agricultural subjects will be issued under the auspices of the Oregon Agricultural College to serve as text books in the various farming classes in the schools throughout the state.

Oregon Coast Artillery companies will hold the annual maneuvers at Fort Stevens for ten days next summer, beginning August 15th. Both the regular troops stationed at the fortifications on the Coast and the National Guard force will participate. Coast defense will naturally be the object of the maneuvers.

James J. Hill has been invited to attend Portland's official Rose-Planting on Washington's Birthday, as the chief guest of honor. The Rose-Planting will take place in one of the parks of the city and boys and girls will set the rose bushes in the ground, while some church dignitary will conduct the ceremonial of blessing the roses.

Dates were arranged the past week for the state convention of the Oregon branch of the American mining congress which will be held in Baker next June 6, 7 and 8. This promises to be a big convention of mining men with splendid exhibits of ores and mining machinery.

Extension of the Chicago & North-west Railway to Portland and the Oregon coast is being prophesied, the report having for its basis plans said to be now working out under the direction of William A. Gardner, President of the road who is visiting the Northwest. The line is expected to come to Portland from near Lewiston over the Northern Pacific and North Bank tracks and it is believed it is involved in the struggle for entrance into the Coos Bay territory, where contending influences are fighting for rights-of-way.

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. WESLEY, Clerk.

PEELING PEARLS.

A Delicate Operation That May Make or Lose Big Money.

A pearl that is clouded or spotted or off color may sometimes be "peeled." A layer may be taken off as is the layer of an onion. If the layer beneath, as sometimes happens, is of beautiful luster the pearl is worth many times more than before it was peeled, in spite of the fact that it is smaller.

Pearls do not always retain the color that they have when taken from the shell. Some of the pearls become cloudy. There was a celebrated pearl of extraordinary size found in a Wabash river mussel, and the color was entrancing. Buyers bid for it, and two buyers combined their assets and paid \$3,000 for the beautiful gem. They hurried to Maiden lane, in New York, with their find and demanded, on first sight, \$30,000 for it. There were no takers, although the pearl was a wonderful one to look at.

A day or two passed and suddenly one of the owners discovered a shade on the surface that startled him. Pearl experts who had been looking at it nodded their heads wisely. As it dried out the tint and luster changed. The owners put it in a vial full of water and left it there for thirty days. When they looked at it again they were sadder and wiser men. The pearl was covered with little snowflake spots.

Panic stricken, they searched for a buyer. They received bids of about \$500, and finally a pearl speculator paid them \$1,500 for it. They were out \$1,500, their time and traveling expenses. The speculator knew that the pearl was worth little with the freckles on it, but he gambled that when a layer or two of the outer skin had been taken off he would have a pearl of permanent luster. Whether he won or lost he did not divulge.

A pearl has the hardness of limestone, and a sharp knife or three cornered file is used to peel it. It takes good eyesight, a hard thumb to hold the gem and the "nerve" and skill that will permit one to give just the right pressure and no more. If the point should slip through the first skin and scratch the inner and the inner skin were lustrous the mark would ruin the value. A pearl is always smaller after peeling, of course. The risk is taken on pearls of large size and no luster or with spotted surfaces. Big money has been made, big money has been lost in peeling pearls. It is the great gamble of the pearl broker.—Harper's Weekly.

Mountain Shadows.

The peak of Tenerife projects a huge shadow stretching over fifty miles across the ocean and partly eclipsing the adjoining islands. Exaggerated shadows of immense size are commonly seen in many other places. On the Harz mountains the so called "Specter of the Brocken" consists of the gigantic shadows of mountain climbers thrown on the clouds. The same phenomenon occurs on the summit of Pambamarca, in Peru. On the tops of Alpine peaks and on the summit of Ben Lomond, in Scotland, mists in one case and rarefied air in the other cause similar optical illusions. The same causes produce also colored shadows varying at each hour of the day and traceable to the dispersion of the solar rays.

His Vain Neglect.

The first parents were leaving the garden together when Eve suddenly stepped behind Adam. "Age before beauty," she remarked, with more truth than modesty.

"Huh!" muttered Adam, with a boastfulness that was surprising. "If that order had been followed when the serpent was interviewed I bet we wouldn't be walking out now!"—Puck.

India's Garrison.

India is garrisoned by 318,000 men, whose duty it is to protect a territory of 1,773,000 square miles.

Local Brevities

Miss Rose Soucek is in Salem now. Mrs. Henry Shelton is on the sick list this week.

New caps for men and boys at Wesley & Cain's.

J. J. Barnes of Stayton was in Scio last week.

Take note of our free picture offer in this issue.

Mrs. V. J. Philipps and little son visited Scio people last week.

A beautiful selection of valentines and cards at Peery's Pill Shop.

Luther Perkins of Dryad, Wash. spent a few days in Scio last week.

Mrs. Winnie Vaughn of eastern Oregon is visiting Scio people again.

John Sticha paid Scio his regular weekly visit Saturday and Sunday.

New spring goods arriving every day now at Wesley & Cain's.

G. S. Warwick who has been in the east some time has returned to Scio.

Eulela Cyrus of Thomas returned home Monday after visiting friends in town.

Mrs. Emma Cyrus and Miss Ora Weddle have gone to Portland to learn the new millinery styles for spring.

Those who attended the mask ball given last Friday night at Wesley-Cain Hall report a very enjoyable time.

Mrs. Nelle Gunsauls and Miss Dolly Daley were over from Lebanon several days the last of the week visiting home folks.

The Lebanon Express is agitating vigorously for the adoption of a paving program. It says Lebanon's streets were never in as bad condition as now.

We now have in stock the Petaluma Incubators, which is considered the best machine on the market. Do not fail to see us before you buy.—Chas. Wesley.

Services will be held at St. Bernard's Catholic church next Sunday at 10 a. m. Father Hampson will officiate and preach. Special music will be rendered by the choir and the new organ will be heard for the first time. The public is cordially invited.

A. E. Edwards was called over from Lebanon last Friday on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Edwards, who was threatened with pneumonia. She was considerably improved Sunday, however, and Mr. Edwards returned to Lebanon that evening.

The Charles family who have been living in Mrs. Griffin's house the past few weeks, moved Friday to the L. W. Pomeroy house recently vacated by Duggers. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shelton have taken up their residence at the Mrs. Griffin place.

At the Fair meeting held last Saturday the following directors were elected: Dr. A. G. Prill, A. P. Hirona, C. Middlestadt, J. A. Bilyeu, Mr. MacDonald, Roy V. Shelton, secretary, and E. D. Myers, treasurer. The dates for holding the fair this year have not yet been fixed.

A company to bore for oil in Linn county is being formed in this city, says the Oregonian. Several Albany men are interested in the venture and will soon incorporate a company to be known as the Linn County Oil Company. The promoters of the venture have not yet definitely selected the place where they will begin operations but have several places in view where experts believe oil can be found.

Albany's paved street area, which has been extended every summer since the first street paving was laid four years ago, will be increased this summer, according to plans of the city council. The council is now considering the adoption of resolutions calling for the paving of Sixth and Seventh streets between Calpola and Baker streets and is also discussing the feasibility of paving some other thoroughfares.—Oregonian.

School Notes

The second semester of school opened Monday.

There were very few failures the first semester.

Dr. Bennett who has been engaged to give the commencement address has been very low with pneumonia for a week.

Geo. French expects to leave for California in a couple of weeks to make his home there.

Bro. Morris who is conducting services at the Christian church, gave a very interesting talk to the high school and grammar grades Tuesday morning. He was formerly a teacher.

There were but three cases of tardiness in the entire school during the past month.

The average attendance for the whole school was 93.4 per cent.

There is getting to be entirely too much smoking on the part of several boys. It seems that some of the local dealers have been selling tobacco to minors in open disregard of the law. Several dealers in other parts of the state have recently been heavily fined for selling tobacco to minors, but it is hoped such action will not have to be taken here.

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures of funds obtained from the series of school entertainments: Receipts—Trevette \$3.00, Upson 1st \$5.05, Upson 2nd \$3.00, Art Exhibit \$4.85, Candy Sale \$7.48, Kirk \$3.00, total \$26.38. Expenditures to date—School board \$3.00, library repairs \$1.35, library books \$4.35, total \$8.70, balance on hand to be expended for books \$17.68.

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DO YOU PLAY CHESS

There is some talk of organizing a chess club if enough persons who are interested in the game can be found. It is intended to arrange a series of five games between each pair of players and as a score will be kept by percent as is done in league baseball. So far as is now known there are no expert chess players in town, so anyone who knows the moves of the game will be qualified to play. If you are interested in the game please leave your name at the News office so that it may be learned just who in town understands chess.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

J. M. Morris, the minister of the Scio Christian church, is holding a series of meetings. He is an experienced evangelist and has large resources of methods and Scriptures at command.

His chart and chalk talks attract and hold profound attention. The audiences are growing and the interest is deepening. All the people are invited to come. Those who attend once will desire to come again.

ENTERTAINED

Mrs. F. L. Jones entertained the Ladies Sewing Club last Thursday. Being a genial hostess the afternoon was very pleasantly spent. A dainty luncheon of cake, pickles and coffee was served.

The ladies met today with Mrs. A. G. Prill.

"THEY GOTTA QUIT KICKIN' MY DAWG AROUND."

(Missouri's proposed state anthem seems likely to be swallowed up by the famous "dawg" song, which is rapidly becoming epidemic. The other night the Portland Telegram published the story telling how the Kansas City bankers rose as one man and chanted the melody from the first stanza to the last. The complete words are here given.)

Wunst me'n Lem Briggs 'n ole Bill Brown

Tuk a load of cawn to town:
An' ol' Jim—dawg, the ornery cuss—
He jes' natchelly follered us.

CHORUS—

Every time I come to town,
The boys keep a kickin' my dawg aroun'
Makes no difference if he is a houn';
They gotta quit kickin' my dawg aroun'.

As we driv past Sam Johnson's sto'
Passel o' yaps kem out the do';
When Jim he stops to smell a box,
They shied at him a bunch o' rocks.

CHORUS—

They tied a tin can on his tail,
An' run him a-past the county jail,
'N that plumb natchelly makes me sore,
'N Lem he cussed 'n Bill he swore.

CHORUS—

Me'n Lem Briggs 'n ol' Bill Brown,
We lost no time in a-jumpin' down,
An' we wiped them ducks up on the groun'
For kickin' my ol' dawg aroun'.

CHORUS—

Folks say a dawg kaint hold no grudge,
But wunst when I got too much budge,
Them town ducks tried to do me up,
But they didn't count on ol' Jim—pup.

CHORUS—

Jim seed his duty thar and then,
An' he lit into them gentlemen,
An' he shore mussed up th' cote house square.

With rags 'n meat 'n hide 'n hair.

CHORUS—

Note—Try this on your lawn mower,
to the tune of Ta Ra Ra Boom De A.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

Whereas death has removed from our midst our esteemed and worthy brother, James Freeman, and we his bereaved prothers wish to tender this last tribute of love and respect to our departed brother, therefore

Be it Resolved, by Dierdorff Lodge No. 54, I. O. O. F., in regular convention assembled, that in the death of our departed brother Dierdorff Lodge has lost a most worthy member, Linn county a loyal citizen and his family a devoted brother.

Resolved, that our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days, that a copy of these resolutions be furnished to the bereaved family, with whom we deeply sympathize, a like copy to Dierdorff Lodge No. 54 I. O. O. F., for kind attention, sympathy and help in the burial of our brother, and a copy to the Santiam News for publication.

J. F. OUPOR,
Committee: O. W. ALEXANDER,
F. G. CARY.

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