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COMMUNITY MEET A SPLENDID SUCCESS

Over Five Hundred People, By Their Presence, Manifest Interest In Education

Whenever Scio undertakes to do things, our citizens go at it with so much zest and energy that the function may be written down beforehand as a success.

So when County School Superintendent Jackson arranged for an educational meet, last Saturday, he came over with the expectation that he would be greeted by a good crowd. Nor was he disappointed. The large auditorium at the school building was filled to its capacity, with a fair sized audience standing in the hall.

Owing to the exceedingly busy times with farmers, the attendance of the farmers themselves was rather smaller than it would have been at a less busy time, though many of them sent their women folk and children.

MORNING SESSION

The meet was called to order shortly after 10 a. m. by Superintendent Jackson. The audience sang "America," after which Prof. Colvin made a short address of welcome to the schools and visitors, also making announcement of the method of the noon luncheon, after which the contest for the various prizes by the different schools began.

A vocal solo by Miss Couey, of District 65, was rendered with fine effect.

Declamation by Bertha Pterny, of District 65, was well rendered, articulation very distinct. Declamation by Loris Shelton, District 95, was rendered in good style in a conversational tone. She seemed very much at home before the audience. Declamation, Lillie Sims, of District 95, nicely rendered, though her voice was scarcely heavy enough for the large room. The class drill and song by Miss Freeman's pupils was the school feature of the morning session. Each pupil carried a red, white and blue penant and the drill movement was in perfect time and produced a very fine effect. The vocal chorus concluding the drill was rendered with fine effect, showing very careful preparation on the part of the teacher.

Prof. Pittman, of Monmouth, delivered a very entertaining address on the subject "Dreams" which concluded the morning session.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was divided into three departments and as this editor could not be in three places at once, we confine our report to the Good Roads and Dairy department.

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Railroad Owned Steamships Can Not Use the Canal

Washington, April 12.—The interstate commerce commissioners have announced they will hold a hearing soon to determine the ownership of the steamships of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, which will be operated between San Francisco and Astoria. No date has yet been set for the hearing. That there is an issue over the ownership of the vessels was not known until the announcement of the hearing was made. The question arose over the vessels going through the canal. The canal act prohibits the railroad owned steamships using the waterway. It provides a heavy penalty for violation. It has been supposed that the Hill interests owned the vessels.

ROUTE OF ALASKA RAILROAD CHOSEN

Line to Connect Seward and Fairbanks
—The Work is to Be Begun
at Once

Washington, April 10.—The Seward Fairbanks route has been selected for the government railway in Alaska, Secretary Lane announced today. The property of the Alaska Northern Railway Co. from Seward over the first stage of the journey has been bought for \$1,150,000.

The government system, the statement adds, will include a 38-mile branch to tap the Matanuska coal fields. W. C. Edes is designated as chairman of the Alaskan engineering commission, which will build the road by the president's order. The estimated cost of the entire system is given at \$26,800,000. Congress provided not to exceed \$35,000,000.

Secretary Lane said construction work would be begun at once, and that probably 40 miles of the extension of the Alaska Northern from Ship Creek would be completed this year. Construction will be carried on under contract, individual contractors building separate units of roadway.

The interior department statement says in part:

"The route adopted is known as the Susitna route and extends from Seward on Resurrection Bay to Fairbanks on the Tanana river, a distance of 471 miles. This route includes the existing Alaska Northern railway, which runs from Seward through the Kenai Peninsula for a distance of 71 miles to Turnagain Arm.

The Clerks Office a Matrimonial Agency

The county clerk's office at Albany must be a sort of a matrimonial agency, at least W. J. Miller and Willard Marks found wives while holding that office. Now a third clerk in rotation has entered the ranks of the benedicts. County Clerk Rufus Russell was married Wednesday to Miss Goldie Jones of Shelburn. Of-course they will reside at Albany for a spell and, mayhap, longer if Rufus should succeed himself in office.

PRESIDENT WILSON WILL VISIT WEST

While Renomination Is Not Doubted,
Friends Discourage Premature
Launching of Boom

Washington, April 11.—President Wilson is planning to make his delayed trip to the San Francisco exposition as soon as foreign affairs permit. His advisors, it became known tonight, strongly desire that he shall make several speeches in different parts of the country before the opening of the next session of congress.

Just when the trip will be made still is uncertain. Secretary Daniels wants the president to go through the Panama Canal with him in July, but there has been no decision on this point and the Western journey is expected to be made later.

Friends of the president say the contemplated trip cannot be called a "campaign tour" and they are preventing as far as possible the formation of "Wilson clubs," to avoid even the appearance of starting a boom.

Although the political advisers of Mr. Wilson say privately that they have no doubt that he will be renominated, it was indicated tonight that there will be no formal launching of his candidacy, as such a step might embarrass him in carrying out the policies of his administration.

On the western trip the president is expected to explain the legislative programme he will lay before the next session, including conservation bills, the Philippine bill, the Colombian and Nicaraguan treaties, budget reform and probably senate cloture.

MAY 22 SET FOR GOOD ROADS DAY

County Court Has Assurances From All
Communities That it Will Be
Great Success

May 22 has been set aside as Good Roads Day for Linn county by the county court, according to an announcement made today.

This is the same day that was observed last year.

The designation of a good roads day this year is in keeping with the plan outlined by the county court last year to encourage as much volunteer road work as possible.

"We have gone as far as we can by taxation," is the slogan in Linn county.

Good roads day last year was a thorough success and that the county court's plan was thoroughly appreciated by the people of the county was evident. The court has received many compliments on its policy, which has attracted statewide attention. Recently Judge McKnight was invited to give an address before a convention of county courts at the Oregon Agricultural

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Auto Owners Warned Not to Use Old License

Although it has been over three months since 1914 auto licenses were supposed to be replaced with new numbers, many car owners are taking chances of arrest by using the old plates. Sheriff Bodine says that there are several people in the county who persist in neglecting to get new licenses, and gives warning that the law must be complied with. The penalty is a fine of \$50 or imprisonment for 25 days for the first offense.

A reasonable length of time, 30 days in Portland, for instance is given to the owners in which to secure their new tags, but Sheriff Bodine says he thinks all limits are passed and will proceed to arrest the next offender he discovers.

RUSSIANS REGARD WAR AS BLESSING

Savings in Month Equal Yearly Average
Before Hostilities, Says the
Finance Minister

Petrograd, April 12.—The opinion was expressed today by Pierre L. Bark, Russian Minister of France, that, economically considered, the war has been a blessing to the people of this country.

Discussing the financial and social aspects of the conflict in an interview with the Associated Press, M. Bark said:

"Notwithstanding the depressing and paralyzing effect of the war, the Russian peasant class is more prosperous than at any previous time in the history of the country. By virtue of the allowance made by the government to the families of soldiers, which exceeds the earning power of the soldiers, the total income of these families is greater than in times of peace."

"What about vodka?" was asked of the Minister.

"It is the prohibition of the sale of vodka which is primarily responsible for the ameliorated condition of the peasant," he responded. "The sieve through which all the available earnings formerly disappeared has now been closed and the money is spent for necessities or saved for future wants."

"Before the war the average yearly savings deposited amounted to from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000, while in January alone about \$30,000,000 was deposited."

Britain to Control Rum

London, April 13.—The Evening Chronicle, which is in close touch with the Cabinet, says the government is considering a plan for complete state control of the wholesale and retail trade in the domestic supply of alcohol.

The plan, the newspaper adds, involves a state monopoly in the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors.

Tuesday night a hard frost occurred in this vicinity, but a convenient fog came on which, probably, mitigated all damage to fruit and early gardens.

THE RANKS OF THE PYTHIAN KNIGHTHOOD

To Be Conferred at Crater Lake, the
Wonderland of the West, in
Month of August

Talisman lodge No. 31, of Medford, assisted by Granite No. 23, Thermopylae No. 50, and Klamath No. 99, will confer the Ranks of Knighthood upon a large class of candidates at Crater Lake during the month of August.

Leaving Medford on Tuesday, August 17, by automobile, the party will reach Crater Lake in the afternoon, when tents will be erected and camp pitched, named after our Supreme Chancellor, Brig. S. Young, the evening meal will be prepared consisting, besides other good things, of mountain trout and venison secured in nature's wilds. After dinner, the Medford company of the Uniform Rank will render the authorized drama, "The Lesson of Friendship" followed by addresses of the Grand officers and visiting Knights interspersed with choice musical selections.

On Wednesday, on Wizard island two miles from the mainland, and at an elevation of 6800 feet, amidst the most wonderful scenery on the

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Another Step Forward

Last Friday P. H. MacDonald, Carl Cyrus and Roe Shelton went over to Albany and drove back a new Studebaker, combined freight and passenger auto bus. The bus is to be placed on the Scio-Munkers mail and passenger line and replaces the heretofore hack line. Mr. Shelton deserves the commendation of the traveling public in thus placing an up-to-date passenger vehicle on the line, which adds much to the comfort and convenience of the traveling public.

Mr. Shelton expects to make side trips with his new auto bus between train hours and on Sundays whenever and wherever the party employing him wishes to go. He deserves a liberal patronage.

A Grave on Main Street

Everyone is aware that business has been dull in Scio for the past two months. But no one suspected that one of our leading business men would attempt to turn Main street into a grave yard.

Last Thursday E. C. Peery put Shorty to work in front of his store digging a hole that looked much like a grave. It was about 4x6 feet and about five feet deep, just grave proportions. The burrial occurred Friday. Several of us endeavored to persuade Peery that he should be the corpse. But he would not stand for it, but substituted a gasoline tank with all modern fixtures. Now any auto can be driven up alongside of the walk and have its tank filled in a jiffy. If there is anything modern and up-to-date, Peery will have it.

An expert in silos and silage says the last week in May is the best time to plant corn for silage.