

Environments of Community

Written by the Editor.

When this paper announced a few weeks ago that it was going to publish a combined Christmas and Booster edition, it was with the idea of giving the people a paper that would meet with instant favor and do justice to the advertiser and reader, and at the same time truthfully portray the wonderful possibilities of this section of Linn county.

This was the first section of the county settled by the pioneers began arriving by ox team back in the '40s, and those good old pioneer families are still represented by their immediate family. They recognized that the north forks of the Santiam, by which this section of the county is known, came as near being the Garden of Eden as could be found and pitched their tent and staked their fortunes here—and they have not regretted it. One need only to travel over this little valley to prove our statement. Here will be found well improved farms, stocked with purebred herds (the real blue ribbon winners), the best strains of laying poultry, and happy, contented farmers.

This is also one of the best dairy districts of the state, having a ready market for more than the present herds can furnish. The Henningsen people operate a condenser here that can handle all the milk that is produced, their plant is capable of handling six times the amount of business now coming to it. The Swift interests also maintain a buying station here for the purchase of milk and cream, produce, livestock and poultry. There is also a mutual or independent buying station, ready to take care of business coming to it. There is also a possibility of the Richardson Gap Cheese factory being remodeled and again put in operation. This opens another avenue for more milk with plenty of cheese fat.

The above is not all that is here for the convenience of the producer. The big flouring mill, known as the Pleasant Mill, is one of the best of its kind in the Willamette valley, being propelled by water power from Thomas creek, which runs through the city. This mill is capable of handling all the grain that can be raised here, and mills a flour under the Pleasant brand that is hard to beat for soft wheat flour. It also does a general milling business.

J. D. Densmore has just erected a feed mill and installed the necessary machinery for grinding all kinds of feed, and he is meeting with signal success. He is already compelled to run overtime to fill his orders. Mr. Densmore is also a stockbuyer and local representative of the Fisher Flouring Mills of Seattle.

Contrary to the beliefs of some people, there can be bought in Scio all that is necessary in the construction of a home, and this particular part of Scio's business opportunities is cared for by the Scio Logging & Lumber Co. This concern handles nothing but the best and have built up a nice trade in their line by honest dealing and fair prices. They also do all kinds of planing work, and guarantee the best of service and satisfaction. Then there is the planing mill of W. J. Chrony, who also is able

to take care of the wants of the people in the construction line. In this line there is no incentive to go away from home to get your building material and your needs for repairs.

The automobile business has grown to enormous proportions in the last few years, and this calls for service stations in most every nook and corner throughout the length and breadth of our fair land, and Scio is well taken care of in this particular. Of course there is a Ford garage here—what community would be alive and up-to-date without one?—and Fred T. Bilyeu is the operator and authorized sales agent for all Ford products and supplies. He has worked up a lucrative trade and enjoys the respect and confidence of the people hereabouts. Then there is the Scio Garage, which is well taken care of in this particular. Of course there is a Ford garage here—what community would be alive and up-to-date without one?—and Fred T. Bilyeu is the operator and authorized sales agent for all Ford products and supplies. He has worked up a lucrative trade and enjoys the respect and confidence of the people hereabouts. Then there is the Scio Garage, which is well taken care of in this particular. Of course there is a Ford garage here—what community would be alive and up-to-date without one?—and Fred T. Bilyeu is the operator and authorized sales agent for all Ford products and supplies. He has worked up a lucrative trade and enjoys the respect and confidence of the people hereabouts.

And our stores. This story would not be complete without some reference to the several stores located in Scio that are carrying large stocks of goods in order that the needs of the community may safely and quickly be met. The stocks carried by these stores total many thousands of dollars, and is therefore a convenience that perhaps is not fully appreciated by the buying public. These far-seeing men have made it easy for the public to get what they want at the time they want it, and at a reasonable price. The home merchant has problems to meet that are not made known to the public—only he and the individual customer know.

Wood is cheap and handy, and this is also a large factor in the upbuilding of the community. Just to the east of the city there are vast tracts of standing timber that are ripe for cutting, and some of it is over-ripe, and these tracts must soon be cut, and Scio is the logical center and trading point for the mills that in the near future will be humming on the lumber that will be cut from this standing timber. There is at present just one drawback to Scio—no railroad enters it, but there will be one when this vast timber is tapped. There is good county roads, however, and ingress and egress is easy. Nearly everybody owns an auto.

The city of Scio owns its water and light plants, and only this fall completed the power plant at Jordan, 10 miles east of the city, which will furnish adequate power for all kinds of business enterprises for years to come, as well as light the city and the homes of her citizens. This is an incentive to prospective business enterprises, because of the cheap power rates that can be obtained from the city for business purposes. Electricity is the motive behind nearly all successful enterprises, and this will prove true in the near future for this worth while community.

Prize Money Received

From the Farm Bureau section of the Sunday Albany Democrat, we clip the following: "The Scio Sheep Club was organized April 19, 1921, with five members. Mr. Orville Gilkey, one of Scio's best farmers, was selected as leader. All club members started with purebred stock. A judging tour was held in this community, and all club members in the north end of the county were present.

"Specialists were secured from the college to help the youngsters fit and get the sheep ready to show. All the sheep in this club are Shropshires, and so the work was beneficial to all. Prof. H. A. Lindgren gave one full day. Sheep from this club were exhibited at the county and state fairs. The two boys exhibiting both won a trip to the boys

and girls club summer school next year.

"The club also exhibited at the Pacific International and won first and second prizes.

"The club is increasing in size for the coming year."

Horse Nearly Drowns

Charles Pietka tried to ford the creek at the old ford near the mill last Thursday afternoon and did not stop to think how deep and swift the current might be, but just as a precaution he got off of his wagon and onto the back of his grey mare. In fording, the other animal fell, and was under water for a few seconds before he could regain his footing. Now Charly thinks its a good policy to go a few blocks around and cross at the bridge.

At Ninety-Three

In what is locally known as the "Bilyeu Den," near Scio, Linn county, lives Nancy Bilyeu, who was born in Tennessee, November 10, 1828. She has resided at her present home 68 years, or more than an average lifetime. She was the mother of 14 children, of whom nine are now living. She has 31 grandchildren, 46 great-grand-children and 11 great-great-grand-children—97 living descendants in all.

She was born when John Quincy Addams was president of the United States. At the time of her birth Andrew Jackson, a great Tennessean had just been named for presidency by popular vote.

The total vote of the United States cast in that election was 1,556,328. The population of the country as given by the census a little more than a year later was 12,866,000.

It was not until four years later that Morse conceived the idea of the electric telegraph. It was not until May 24, 1848, that the famous telegram, "What hath God wrought?" was sent over the wires, the first message of its kind in history and one that worked a marvel in the world of communication.

The first photograph had not been taken in America when Mrs. Bilyeu was born. She was born in November and in the January following the locomotive "America," the first one in this country arrived from England.

A life that began back when the United States was only in its beginnings, that passed over the deserts and plains through a six months' journey 68 years ago, and that here took up and carried on the work of the pioneers, is a career extraordinary.—Oregon Journal, Nov. 23.

Weed Seed

A Chicago professor is to be credited with the biggest "bull" in years.

He deliberately got himself in bad with all womankind.

And what we want to know is, 1. Is he color blind? or, 2. Was he talking for exercise?

The Blondes in his class were red with anger. The White Brunettes turned crimson, and the red-headed girls had to be held down or the "prof" would have become extinct. He is already obsolescent.

Yes, sir, he deliberately said "African dames is more classy than you 'jazz babes' can ever hope to be. You 'goils' are fair lookers, all the same it takes an Iggorote or a wild Liberian dame to show the stuff."

Can you get next to a thing like that? A high professor, also a married man, saying a thing like that to a roomful of girls?

When the Chicago river and Lake Michigan were so handy. And guns so cheap. Myomy.

"I'll bet a drink of hair tonic to a free lunch sandwich his wife divorces him within six weeks. But he was a brave man all the same. Yes, sir—reebob, he was you know."

Farmers Week Dec. 26-31

Farmers week at O. A. C. has been scheduled for December 26-31. Seven winter short courses in latest farm practices developed by the experiment station will run as follows:

Two weeks course in fruit and vegetable growing, Dec. 3-17.

Four weeks course in beekeeping, Jan. 30-Feb. 25.

Four weeks course in grain grading, Jan. 9-21.

Eleven weeks course in tractor me-

"SCIO" MEANS PEACE

Written by RILEY SHELTON, of Scio

Prior to 1847 there were four settlers in the forks of the Santiam Country near where Scio was in 1856 located. The Donation locators prior to 1847 were John J. Crabtree, wife, and 13 children; Frederick Thomas, wife, and 10 children; Nathaniel G. McDonald, wife, and eight children, one settler being a bachelor, Horace M. Brown. In the fall of 1847 many settlers arrived, most all from Missouri, being the families of Cyrus Shelton, Bilyeu, Curtis, and other families. In 1851 and 1852 many other settlers arrived from various states, Elijah F. McKinney and wife taking up their Donation Land Claim of 320 acres. On the north portion of this claim is where the city of Scio is situated. Mr. McKinney in October 1855 deeded 128 acres of his claim, being all the land he owned on the north side of Thomas Creek, to William McKinney and Henry Turner, of the firm of McKinney & Turner. This firm built the first flouring mill in Scio, and in 1856 the same firm platted and laid out the original town site of Scio into town lots. In a short time E. E. Wheeler platted and laid out Wheeler's Addition into lots and blocks on the South side of Thomas Creek on the east side of Main Street, and William Bilyeu platted and laid out Bilyeu's Addition on the south side of Thomas Creek on the west side of Main Street. James Curl had the first store. Later Howe and Atwater conducted a store at the

same place where the Masonic Cemetery is situated south of Scio. Mr. Woods had a store north of Scio on the Donation Claim of Preston Munkers; later moving his store to Scio. Turrer & McKinney had the first store in Scio, selling same to E. E. Wheeler. William McKinney sold his interest in Scio to Henry Turner, his partner. Turner sold the flour mill to Irvine and Morris. E. E. Wheeler was first postmaster. Fred Hill had the first drug store. Ed Grimes built and opened the first hotel. Jacob Boice, in 1859 or 1860, taught the first school in Scio. Dr. Boice was the first doctor. A Mr. Grant taught the first school in the forks of the Santiam. In 1858 the Christian Church denomination built the first church building. Abraham Osborn Sr. had the first blacksmith shop. Peter Bilyeu had the first livery stable. A Mr. Gilkerson had the first harness shop.

Scio was named by Matilda McKinney, wife of said William McKinney, and she said the definition of the name was peace. Mrs. McKinney was the mother of a large family of sons and daughters, she having departed this life in this present year, was a good Christian Pioneer, administering many noble and kind acts to many pioneer families. We acknowledge the goodness of this noble woman and thank her in the naming of this beautiful city on the clear waters of Thomas Creek.

HELP YOUR LOCAL PAPER

Don't make fun of your local paper. It has possibilities of being as good as any in the country—and remember that it reflects the community in which it is published, and it is the one product that goes to far places bearing the town trade mark. It deserves the best you can give of active support and sympathetic understanding.

Give the editor news, whether it benefits you or not.

Don't ask him to print it on the front page and just the exact way you handed it in.

Don't worry lest the editor makes too much money. If he's prosperous, he'll be foolish enough to give his community a better paper; that's an editor's ambition—that's why he engages in the publicity business.

Tell him when he has a good payer. You are willing to congratulate your preacher on a good sermon, and your merchant on an attractive window display. The editor is no less grateful for a word of praise.

Make it a point to visit the print shop and learn of its difficulties and complexities. At least that will give you a more charitable attitude. The paper should not be the product of the editor solely, but of all those who are interested in it as friends, contributors, readers or advertisers.—Southland Farmer.

Running Overtime Now

In September J. D. Densmore announced his intention of erecting a feed mill in Scio, the third one of its type south of Portland in Oregon. It was then plans were made and blueprints furnished by a firm of Portland engineers, which were unsatisfactory and had to be changed before building could be started.

Finally, about the 10th of October, nearly a month later than was planned, construction was started. Much slower than was expected, but steady work put the mill in readiness for use just at the time the flood came, but the mill was not damaged. When the power was turned on after the repairing of the lines from Jordan, the motor under the floor hummed its tune and every wheel and part of the mill functioned properly. Orders are already in excess of the mill's output.

chanics, Jan. 2-March 18.

Eleven weeks course in dairy manufacture, Jan. 2-March 18.

Eleven weeks course in general agriculture, Jan. 2-March 18.

Five months dairy herdsman course, Jan. 2-June 10.

The homemakers conference will not be held in connection with farmers week, but will receive special attention during the week beginning March 30.

O. A. C. EARLY REMINDERS

Wheat from frosted fields is being held in considerable amounts by farmers in the mountain districts of Oregon. This badly pinched and damaged grain is worth more for feed than anything else, as it will sell only on sample grade and normally bring less than its value as feed on the ranch.

Deterioration of the spray outfit is often greater in winter than during the active season, finds the department of horticulture. This loss can be avoided by cleaning the machine thoroughly and oiling all unpainted surfaces before storing. All worn or broken parts should be either repaired or replaced before spring.

Announce Freight Slash

Some of the important reductions for westbound articles included in the Southern Pacific announcement of freight rates are dry goods, iron and steel, tin plate, glucose products, machinery, refrigerators, pitch, turpentine, rosin, glass, vehicles, furniture, paint, beverages, cash registers, coal, canned goods, linoleum, drugs and soap. The important east-bound articles include borax, vegetables, hops, kapoc, lumber, coffee, grape syrup, pickled fish, infusorial earth, feldspar, paper, flour and nuts.

Advises received by the Southern Pacific company from the east indicate that the 10 per cent reduction in rates on agricultural products recently announced by the Association of Railroad Executives, will not become effective before Jan. 1, 1922. According to the Southern Pacific freight department the effective date of the reduction on farm products will be set at least ten days or two weeks before the reduction actually becomes effective. Prompt announcement will then be given to the public.