President Told of Good Roads Hopes

Members of the U. S. Good Roads Association from the south and west, called upon President Coolidge to tell of their hopes and aims. He was urged to attend the national convention at Alberquerque, New Mexico this year and meet personally President Obregon of Mexico who has accepted.

CECIL NEWS ITEMS

H. O. Ely and Bert Palmateer, prominent farmers of the Morgan district, and several other leading lights of that town made a hurried call in Cecil on Sunday on their return from the Odd Fellows convention which they attended while in Pendleton on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomson and sons and Mrs. Wm. Beymer of Heppner, who had been visiting in the Rose City, spent a few hours with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hynd at Butterby Flats when they returned to Heppner on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pettyjohn and twin sons of Morgan, were calling on Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Krebs and twin sons on Monday at the Last Camp, and no need to say a lively time was enjoyed by all the wee boys.

C. D. Sennett of Portland arrived at the Willows a few days ago and will visit with his son-in-law, Melville Logan, for a few weeks before leaving for his annual trip to his gold mine at Helena, Montana.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hynd of Butterby Flats and Mr. and Mrs. Oral Henriksen and daughters of Ewing, and Geo. Krebs of the Last Camp were all visiting at the county seat during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. May of Lone Star ranch left for The Dalles on Wednesday. Mr. May, who has been ailing for some time, will be under the care of his doctor for some weeks.

Mrs. R. A. Thompson and children of Heppner were visiting with Mrs. Geo. Krebs at the Last Camp Sunday while R. A. was among his men at the Shepherds' Rest.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. R. U. Tyler on the arrival of a fine bouncing boy on Feb. 27th. Dr. McMurdo of Heppner was in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Farnsworth have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Farnsworth for a few days before returning to their ranch near Monument.

Will Thomson of Los Angeles visited his old friends in Cecil on Monday before leaving for Heppner where he will spend a short time with his brothers.

C. Henriksen of Portland, accompanied by his son Peter of Walla Walla, made a short stay in Cecil on Sunday before leaving for Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett and party of friends spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Funk before leaving for their homes in Wasco.

Wilfred Cecil, who has been working for J. W. Osborn at Fairview ranch for a short time, left on Saturday for Heppner.

Mrs. John Gray and children of Shady Dell were visiting with Mrs. Geo. Hardesty at Morgan on Saturday.

Mrs. Jack Hynd and daughter, Miss Annie and niece, Mrs. Roy Scott, were calling on Mrs. Geo. Krebs Monday.

Mrs. Geo. Krebs and sons, accompanied by Miss Annie C. Lowe, were calling at Butterby Flats on Friday.

Mrs. J. C. Kelsay and friends from Grass Valley were calling in Cecil vicinity on Friday.

E. Balcomb, the obliging postmaster of Morgan, was calling in Cecil on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McEntire of Killarney were visitors in Arlington on Saturday.

R. W. Morse, county agent, was calling on the farmers on Willow on Friday.

HOME POINTERS.

(O. A. C. Home Economics Dept.)

Boil cabbage in an uncovered kettle taking care to have the kitchen window open a few inches both top and bottom, and the odor will be very slight.

Celery tops make a very ornamental garnish, and are delicious when chopped up in salad. They may also be dried and rubbed to a powder, to be saved for use in seasoning soups and stews.

A wire hair brush is the best implement for removing thread and hairs from the brush of the carpet sweeper.

Prevent cheese from moulding by wrapping it in a cloth wrung from vinegar. Repeat as often as the cloth becomes dry.

The chocolate which is usually wasted by sticking to the container in which it is melted can be saved by greasing the pan thoroughly before putting in the chocolate.

Keep an apple in the cake box to keep the cake from drying, changing it whenever it becomes withered or shows signs of decay.

To remove chocolate stains from fabrics soak for half an hour in strong cold borax water, pour boiling water through the stain, and wash in the usual manner. Sponge with chloroform when the stains are on non-washable fabrics.

COUNTY UNIT PLAN SUCCESS IN CROOK

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tention to the exterior of the buildings—surfacing and painting.

In the future we will continue to make improvements in the fences, barns, and water supply. In other words, we have organized our work so as to do some specific line of improvement each summer.

So far, we have spoken mostly of the physical side of the work. Nevertheless we have been just as keen to bring the educational side of the schools up to a higher standard. In the early stages of the new plan, we worked out a county course of study to correlate with the state course of study. Time and space will allow mention of only one brance—Reading. However, I will say that we have prepared systematic outlines for review in nearly all the upper grade subjects in connection with the graded course.

In reading, we are working on the basis that if the child learns to read and interpret all in the first four grades he will be able to take care of himself in the succeeding grades. In harmony with that thought we are getting wonderful results with the following assignment:

First Grade: Phonic work, two primers and five first readers.
Second Grade: Review phonics, one first reader, seven second readers.
Third Grade: Apply phonics, five third readers.
Fourth Grade: Review phonics, five fourth readers.

In the fifth grade, as they are beginning to take up other subjects which require extensvie reading, we require only two readers, and follow the requirements of the State Course of Study in the other grades.

We ask the parents to purchase the books required by the state course. The additional books are purchased by the central board and loaned to the children. By this method we know that all the children will have the books in their hands on the day assigned to begin a new reader.

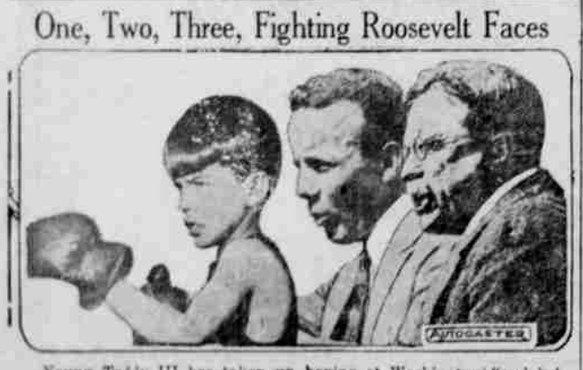
Under the County Unit plan all schools begin the same day, just as all schools would do in a city system. The county course makes the same monthly assignment for all schools, so that should a child move from one part of the county to another there would be no embarassment on account of subject matter already covered.

We cannot have good schools without good teachers. Under this plan the central board has the opportunity to make an extensive research into the qualifications of new appointees. It has been the practice of the superintendent to make many more visitations than would be possible under the old plan. The teachers are required at the end of each month to fill out a form designating the work covered during the month. The excellent beginning already made plainly indicates that the rank and file of the teaching force is far superior to the old haphazard method of selecting whomsoever came along. The schools show it; the uniform zeal to follow the state and county course shows it.

In conclusion it might be truthfully said that the county unit plan of school administration has, during the past years, proved itself a decided success.

What is the matter? There has not been in sight for more than a month a single starving nation for us to save. This will never do.

One, Two, Three, Fighting Roosevelt Faces



Young Teddy III has taken up boxing at Washington "and he's a chip," says the instructor. Arranged here with photos of daddy Theo. II and grand-daddy T. R. he runs true to form.

NEWS LETTER FROM THE MARKET AGENT

What happens to a country, state or private business that buys more than it sells? Anyone can answer this question. Now face this one:

In one year this country sold $27,536,000 of dairy products and in the same period bought $36,000,000. We bought of other countries over eight and a half millions of dollars more than we sold. Was there a dollar's worth of this $36,000,000 stock we bought that could not have been produced at home?

Of hides we sold $4,805,000 and we bought $118,917,000, yet the hides the farmer has to sell are hardly worth bringing to market because of the low price, while shoes and all leather goods bring the highest prices.

Eggs, we sell eight and a half million dollars' worth abroad and then buy back six and a half million dollars' worth, and thousands of henneries have been forced to quit business during the last three years.

And so on, a long schedule could be quoted. What a ridiculous system, what needless waste, work, expense and middle profits—shipping our so-called "surplus stocks" to Europe and bringing back about as much of the same stocks.

"Over-production," we hear of this condition on every hand. Perhaps it is under-consumption caused by the high expense of joy-riding our products to Europe and bringing like ones home again. But be it either, would it not be a good idea to so increase the tariff on these products that imports cannot come in here and take the markets away from American farmers?

There is a vast difference between the living and wage standards of the United States and every country of Europe, Asia and Africa. Since the war the differences have increased. This country simply cannot compete with other nations and their low production costs. The present tariff schedules are of little effect in keeping out products that undersell us.

The tariff on beef is 3 cents per pound. Of what benefit is that to the Oregon stockmen who are going broke every day? The tariff on eggs is 8 cents, yet almost $7,000,000 of Chinese and other foreign products get by and help to put the poultryman out of business. Suppose that the $36,000,000 worth of dairy products that are brought in here to compete with American farmers did not come in? Would not there be a market for $36,000,000 more of the dairy products of Americans?

The absurdity of shipping millions of dollars worth of our agricultural products abroad each year to get rid of our "surplus" and then bringing back nearly the same amount of like cheap European products, should be apparent to anyone who will study export and import schedules.

What American agriculture needs now is protection against the foreign countries that can beat us in the cost of production, and elimination of much of the legion of middle interests and profiteers between the farm and the retail store. The middle man has no interest in that all crops are marketed. He is far more interested in having the supply greater than the demand, so that he can use the condition to break the price to the producer. He doesn't want this country to absorb "over-production," he doesn't want the demand for any commodity exhausted. He plays both ends against the producer and consumer.

With foreign agricultural products shut out and the middle man squeezed out, both the producer and consumer would greatly benefit.

CUT FLOWERS.

We take orders for flowersr any time of the year and forward all such orders direct to city florists to be filled at market prices from such flowers as are available and of course have to take such flowers as are to be had at the prevailing prices. We charge our patrons no commission; only phone, mail, express and cartage as the case may be. Often we can phone several orders at once and bunch expenses and cartage as well as boxing charges with quite a saving to our patrons. But we do not quote definite prices on flowers as we can not foretell exact market conditions.

Your orders always given our careful attention and we believe we usually save our patrons some expense.

Yours for courteous service,
CASE FURNITURE CO.

SEED WHEAT—For sale, at my ranch, Eight Mile, at $1.00 per bu., 90 sacks Hard Federation certified seed wheat. L. REDDING.

Johnny McIntire was down from the Skinner ranch on Friday. He is just getting over a siege of grip which has had the entire family on the sick list for a week or more.

A 7½-pound daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Littlepage, who reside near Hartman, on Thursday, February 28, Dr. Johnston attending.

The Teapot Shrug

Bascom Slemp, Secretary to the President, was happy as he came from the Senate committee grilling into Naval oil leases. Slemp said he advised Fall and McLean to "make a clean breast" when he saw them in Florida.

POLITICAL SIDELIGHTS.

WALTER A. RICHARDSON announces in this issue that he will be a candidate at the coming primaries for county clerk, subject to the will of the democratic voters. Mr. Richardson is not likely to have any opposition in his own party and will receive the nomination. To date Gay M. Anderson is the only republican aspirant and no one else seems anxious to get into the fray. Judge Campbell may yet be induced to stand for reelection, and he is being strongly urged to get into the running, his friends contending that he has made a worthy record and should be rewarded by another term. Just what he may decide to do has not yet developed. Mr. Renge will not likely have any opposition for the democratic nomination, and should Judge Campbell get in the race, the contest for the republican honors will lay between him and G. A. Bleakman of Hardman. Mr. Bleakman served for four years on the court, is conversant with the duties, and we imagine that the race between him and Mr. Campbell would be close enough to be interesting and perhaps about all the excitement that we will have in the local political situation.

BUSINESS MEN AID WHEAT EXPORT BILL

Wednesday's Oregonian.

Portland business interests, which have formerly given the McNary-Haugen bill for relief of the wheat growers a perfunctory support only, rallied strongly to the measure yesterday and at once set under way a determined drive to bring the whole west to the support of the proposal and thereby aid grain producers of the country.

The decision followed a two-day meeting that ended yesterday afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce. Portland business men gathered to meet the group of eastern Oregon wheat raisers who form the directorate of the Oregon export commission formed in connection with the bill. F. B. Ingels of Dufur, vice-president, headed the visitors, who met with 50 representative men of affairs of this city. F. E. Andrews, president of the chamber, presided.

A strong committee, with Edward Ehrman chairman, was named to direct a strong, aggressive drive thruout the west for the McNary-Haugen bill. Other members are O. W. Meilke, Nathan Strauss, O. C. Calhoun, Julius Meier, Edward Neustadter, Frank Kerr, John Gill, Ralph Brackett, George Lawrence, Jr., George Young and P. C. Patterson.

Strong Arguments Presented.

In presenting their case to the chamber delegation, the wheat men numbering a score, made a very strong argument. They said that unless some ray of hope lightens the skies for the grain farmers, they will leave the farms this summer and fall in great numbers and seek employment in other occupations.

Bankers in the group said many have already pulled up stakes and were turning their farms over to the mortgage companies that held claims against them. Wheat farmers, it was said, were going deeper into debt and the outlook was of the gloomiest.

It was declared the McNary-Haugen bill was the only hope that promised practical relief and that it was supported by the farm interests of the country. The appeal was made to the chamber and to Portland, it was said, because other means of enlisting aid had been tried and there remained the request for Portland, if interested in state development, as it must be in its own interest, to come to the aid of the farmer on a practical basis.

Business Men Pledge Aid.

Business men who had felt, hitherto, that the problem did not affect them directly were convinced otherwise and promised to do everything possible in support of the relief measure.

It was directed at the meeting that General Manager Dodson at once telegraph Senator McNary advising him of the large meeting and its decision to put on an aggressive drive for farmer aid and that three Portland business men desire to visit Washington in behalf of the bill and asking the most opportune time for the showing they wish to make.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

Mayor Bert Mason of Ione was doing business here on Monday. He was accompanied to the city by P. P. Hassler, editor of the Independent.

Sam Clark will leave this week for Medford and other points in Southern Oregon, where he expects to visit for awhile with old-time friends.

FOR SALE—Registered Duroc-Jersey boar. Also some White Leghorn cockerels, Hansen's 260-egg strain. A. G. PIEPER, Lexington, Ore.

Mrs. J. H. Cox has been quite ill at her home in this city during the past week. At last reports she was slightly improved.

John T. Kirk was in town from his Willow creek place, and reports that lambing is on there, with all conditions ideal.

For Sale—Portable typewriter, good as new; a bargain. Phone 734, or call at Gazette-Times office.

Job for Kiss

Margaretta Pratt, 17, of Kansas City, (Mo.) High School, dared her teacher, E. E. Damon, to kiss her. He did, lightly, she says, and—lost his job.