

LAND SETTLEMENT IN STATE NETS \$650,374

During the first six months of the present year 214 families settled on farms in Oregon and invested \$650,374. That is the official record of the Land Settlement department of the Portland Chamber of Commerce whose work is co-ordinated with that of the State Chamber in serving those who wish to come to the state to engage in agricultural pursuits.

If a complete survey of all counties were taken, it would doubtless be found that the number of actual settlers is nearer the 1000 mark than the records show.

In its work of encouraging real farmers to come to Oregon to develop the farming area of the state and increase the upstate population response comes to the department from widely separated geographical points, according to W. G. Ide, who supervises the activities of this department of the development work.

From Java, in Dutch East India is coming a young Hollander to devote his sturdy efforts to irrigated lands in Oregon. At present manager of a sugar factory, Mr. Von Stietz will bring to his new farm home technical training in agriculture acquired in Holland, as well as practical experience which he will direct toward general farming with poultry as a specialty.

Inspired also with a desire to come to Oregon in the near future is German Bannert who now dwells in Chile. Accompanied by his family which includes 11 persons Mr. Bannert hopes to select lands in which he can make a substantial investment for farming purposes.

The success of the land settlement organization continues to justify its establishment. The committee has been in existence about two and one-half years, during which time between 1800 and 1900 families have been in existence about two and one-half years, the capital investment being in excess of \$5,000,000. During this time no complaints have been made by any of the settlers about being disappointed in what was offered through the land listing and appraisal system.

BOARDMAN

MRS. A. T. HERKIM, Correspondent.

Boardman organized a commercial club last week with S. H. Boardman president, A. E. Porter, vice-president, Lee Mead, secretary-treasurer. The board of directors is composed of the above officers with C. S. Calkins, T. E. Broyles and H. H. Weston. The membership is to consist of all on the project who are interested in the welfare of the community. The membership fee has been made low enough so that any one can join, being only one dollar a year. The general purpose of the organization is for community betterment. At present a good deal of attention will be given to the settlement question, endeavoring to secure settlers for the vacant places. The local organization will cooperate with the Land Settlement committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce. Boardman at one time had a live-wire commercial club which like many other organizations fell by the wayside, but no doubt this will flourish and much benefit will be derived. Let's all get behind the organization and work for the good of the project.

Mrs. A. Y. Humphrey perpetrated a very pleasant surprise for her husband July 14, in honor of his birthday. The guests had a most delightful evening and all enjoyed the ice cream and huge birthday cake which was trimmed with candles. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Richardson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Humphrey and son and Doyle Hubbell.

The members of the fair board met with the Irrigon members at that place Thursday evening. Plans were formulated for a bigger and better North Morrow County Fair than was ever given before. Details will be given later.

Mr. Glasgow of Irrigon has been quite ill so was unable to attend a meeting of the directors of the irrigation district.

A number of the local men have gone to the harvest fields to work. Ray and Ed Barlow, Mr. Bennett, who lives on Tom Miller's place, and others.

Mrs. Frank Cramer is pleased to have her sister, Mrs. James Glenn and husband of Sacramento here for a visit. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn are enroute to British Columbia by motor.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate Macomber have gone to Pilot Rock for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Calkins have a new granddaughter, born to their daughter, Mrs. Sylvester, July 16 at Lebanon. Mrs. Calkins and Alice will go down next week to see the new baby and visit a few days with relatives and friends.

Ethel Broyles was home from Pendleton where she has been attending Summer normal school.

Mrs. Bob Wilson and Mrs. Ray Brown chaperoned a group of young people Saturday night at Willow creek where they attended a dance.

O. H. Warner is having roofing put on the front and back porches of his house this week.

Walter Cahoon, a former Boardman resident now living at Ellensburg, Wn., has been quite ill with an attack of pleurisy. He was in the hospital for a time but is now home and improving.

Bob Mitchell reported a ripe watermelon July 15th. We thought this the first, but Ingaard Skoubo picked the first ripe melon July 3, and has found a great many since that time.

Richard Dingman was overcome with the heat last Saturday and was unable to work for a week. He resumed his work on the section Monday.

Mr. Beardsley, section foreman at Coyote, plans to move to Boardman soon. It is reported that he has rented the Blayden cottage.

L. C. Cooney, who is interested in some mines at Fields, Ore., down in Harney county, received word from his brother that they are cross cut-

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ting the tunnel and prospects are looking fine for a good strike. Mr. and Mrs. Cooney spent two winters there.

Mrs. Jack Gorham and Mrs. Earl Cramer motored to Hermiston Wednesday. Janet has been making frequent trips to the dentist to have a tooth treated that had become ulcerated.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Chambers and son Robert of Portland are expected this week for a visit at the home of Mrs. Chambers' sister, Mrs. R. C. Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Harve Wolfe visited Boardman and Irrigon friends Saturday. They are now located at Milwaukie for a time.

The Boardman project was visited Saturday by Mr. Gounoux, agricultural representative of the Union Pacific, and Mr. Foster, field man of the Land Settlement Committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce. They were shown about the project by Mr. Porter and Mr. Boardman. They are here in the interests of the land settlement work and visited the various farms and discussed matters with different ranchers who were anxious to dispose of their places. Mr. Foster explained the work of the committee, its functions and methods. He explained his plans to go to the middle west and east this fall and will interest prospective settlers in those sections. He stated that the hardest task the committee had was to sell Oregon to the Oregonians. He also said that while every farmer might be asking the question, "How can I sell my place?" he should ask himself two more questions: first, "Where would I go to better myself?" and secondly, "What would I do if I sold?" The questions are not pointless and are worthy of deep cogitation.

The Grange held an interesting session Saturday night at the school house with a large attendance. The lecture hour was of especial interest as outside speakers were heard. First Mr. Swayze of the Hermiston bank was given the opportunity to explain the necessity of making the 50c monthly service charge, a policy which they adopted this month. He explained that of the 1,024 depositors one-third of whom carried a balance of less than \$10, and of course these accounts would not cover expense for postage, check books, etc., and in order to protect themselves it was necessary to make this charge. He mentioned that if not more than four checks were issued during the month, the service charge would not be made and asked that if there was any one who did not understand this question to come to him personally as the bank was very anxious that it should lose no depositor because of a misunderstanding.

A piano solo was given by Margaret Smith followed by a talk by Mr. Foster who stated that Oregon has only eight people to the square mile and a third of this population was in Multnomah county and one-half in the Willamette valley. He stated that the Portland commission was endeavoring to bring more settlers to Oregon. Mr. Foster was sent last year to Ashland where he met all incoming tourists. He asked what this particular community was doing to interest outsiders. He said he saw no signs along the way telling passing tourists what we have to offer, no invitations to stop and look over the project. Mr. Foster expressed the willingness of the Portland chairman to cooperate with the settlers here.

A piano duet by Linda Hango and her teacher, Mrs. Lee Mead, was greatly enjoyed. Mr. Gounoux then spoke and among other things said that he could tell the farmers how to beat the 50c service charge at the bank. Some good dairy cows, a few hundred good hens, a brood sow would eliminate the need for the service charge for the bank account would never be less than the required \$50. He stated that he was very much like the negro who said the chicken was the usefulest animal. We can eat her before she's born or after she's dead. He mentioned the opportunities here and spoke of the fine corn raised this year on the Porter ranch and suggested that it might be the beginning of a splendid strain of seed corn.

A piano solo was then played by Alice Calkins. Last on the program was a short talk by Fred Steiwer, nominee for U. S. senator of the republican party. Mr. Steiwer did not discuss campaign issues but gave a general talk and spent his time more in getting acquainted than in active campaigning. He spoke of the opportunities of this project, touching briefly on the development of the Umatilla Rapids project and sketched some of the history of the project for the benefit of the Portland visitors, speaking from the viewpoint of an eastern Oregon man.

Luncheon was then served to all the visitors in the cafeteria.

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