

PREMIUMS FIXED FOR DISPLAYS

A new plan for awarding the grange premiums was adopted yesterday by the Board of Fair Directors on recommendation of President Lewis.

The grange exhibits will be judged as usual and the premiums will be awarded according to the number of points scored up to a possible 100, the lowest possible score being 60 points. The awards will be one dollar for each point—thus the premium for 100 points would be \$100.

As an incentive for competition an extra \$10 will be given the grange making the highest score, with \$5 to the second. To stimulate artistic arrangements another prize of \$10 will be given the grange which has the best arranged and most beautiful display.

The prizes will be awarded on a score card of 100 points as follows:

Vegetables and seeds, green and dried, 20 points.

Fruit, green and dried, 15 points.

Grain and grasses, sheaf and shelled, 20 points.

Household skill, 20 points.

Quality, 25 points.

All fancy work, pictures, paintings, quilts, etc., will be barred in the judging. The entry fee will be 10 per cent of the award, payable after the judging has been completed and awards made. Ribbons will be given as heretofore, blue being the color of first premium.

The fair this year will open on September 12th and end on the 16th. The admission fee was placed at one dollar for season tickets; twenty-five cents for single admission to adults; ten cents for children between the ages of eight and twelve.

Special features for the five days will be as follows:

Tuesday—Grange day, old settlers' day, foreigners' day.

Wednesday—Women's club day, Flower day, Automobile day, East Side Portland day.

Thursday—Portland day, transportation day, land products and manufacturers' day.

Friday—Gresham day—Portland Commercial club day, county fair day.

Saturday—Children's day, better hay day.

R. W. Gill, one of the board of directors, was elected secretary for this year.

The other work of the board on Monday was devoted to a revision of the premium list, all of which received attention except the domestic science, and juvenile divisions. Those departments will be revised by the president and the superintendents. Mr. Lewis will also hold conferences with some of the other division heads before the revision is complete.

In some of the divisions the premiums were increased slightly. In others they were reduced. The general tendency is toward a reduction, owing to the fact that the appropriations this year will be only \$2500, instead of \$4000 which was available last year.

The increases were allowed principally on larger displays and more varieties. For instance, there will be eighteen varieties of potatoes listed this year against eight last year. For apples and pears only two-layer boxes will be required instead of the usual four-layer boxes. There will be many other changes of a like nature.

The next regular meeting of the board will be held on the first Monday in May, although a special meeting may be held sooner.

Social at Rockwood.

There will be a basket social and program at the Rockwood grange hall, from 5 to 10 o'clock, Friday evening, March 10. Every lady is requested to bring a basket for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid. All welcome.

Chicken Supper.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Fairview Methodist church will give a chicken supper on March 11, from 5 to 8 o'clock, in the city hall. A social hour, including games and music will follow the supper. Admission free. Supper 25c.—Adv.

Money saving bargains—want ads.

DIRECTORS ARE NAMED BY G. F. G. A

By hard and persistent work on the part of a few the third attempt of the Gresham Fruit Growers' association to hold its annual meeting was made successful Monday. A large number of proxies were used and there was a majority of the shares represented. About 100 stockholders were present in person.

A plan to finance the business for this season was announced by President Davis and Manager Sterling. It will be necessary to raise at least \$5000 in cash from the stockholders or by the sale of more shares. It will then be necessary to raise as much more, or nearly so on loans.

From the first \$5000 the debts of the association will be paid: cans, sugar, crates, etc., will be bought. The remainder will be necessary to pay running expenses.

It was estimated that 15,000 cases of fruit could be put up at an average cost of \$3 per crate. For such a pack, approximately, the U. S. National bank of Portland will advance \$1.50 per case and take the fruit in a locked warehouse for security, releasing it as it is sold and return payments made.

D. E. Towle suggested that each stockholder pledge himself for as many more shares as he now owns and a large number agreed to the proposition, probably to the amount of \$1000. In addition, quite a number offered donations of ten dollars each to help the association along.

There is about \$2000 in subscriptions outstanding yet, of which it is estimated that \$1600 can be collected. Another effort will be made to raise the remainder needed from the stockholders and others by the sale of as much of the remaining 7999 shares yet in the treasury as possible.

Persistent efforts will be made to raise the money in that way, after which there will be no trouble in carrying on the business, getting completely out of debt and paying a dividend of perhaps 6 per cent on the capital stock.

The election for five directors resulted as follows:

H. E. Davis, D. E. Towle, James Sterling, O. W. Tarr and F. A. Lehman. An organization was effected in the afternoon when H. E. Davis was re-elected president; James Elkington was re-elected secretary of the board of directors. The election of a manager was postponed.

The board of directors is holding a meeting today for the purpose of furthering the plans to raise the necessary funds to insure the continuation of cannery work for this season.

EUREANK DAY AND HIS WORK

Today is Burbank Day. The schools of the state are celebrating the anniversary of the birth of the "Wizard of Plant Life." At the library may be found several interesting books about this famous man and his wonderful work. Among them is "The Wonder Workers" in which Burbank is called the "Flower Magician." Another book has the title "Scientific Aspects of Luther Burbank's Work." This story of the great man's work reads like a romance.

A book by Burbank himself, "The Training of the Human Plant" is one which parents and teachers will find valuable.

The library has a collection of seed catalogues from the leading seed houses which may be consulted at any time. The current numbers of the Better Fruit and Garden Magazines contain excellent hints on gardening.

Cordwood in Demand.

Cordwood dealers are still doing a good business in supplying the demand for fuel. Winter supplies were so nearly exhausted during January that many were without stovewood when the storm broke. Practically all the stock on hand has been sold and dealers are now hauling newly cut wood, both dead and green. A carload from Bull Run was sold out quickly, besides all that can be hauled in from the surrounding country.

INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTION PLANS ON GRESHAM FARM

An article in the Outlook last week, referring to an industrial school on the Albert Cleveland farm near Gresham, conveyed the idea that the institution was to be for wards of the juvenile court.

That idea was erroneous, yet the Portland papers said the same thing through a misunderstanding of the plans of the association which will open the school under the supervision of H. E. Fairchild.

The school is to be for boys only, and all boys of good character may attend. However, they will be taken on three month's probation, yet may come from anywhere in Oregon. The institution is not to be a reformatory, but a preparatory school where the students will be given a thorough training in agricultural pursuits. Eventually it is intended to prepare the way to give them a college education.

The lease on the Cleveland farm is for two years with the privilege of five. Before the end of the five years, perhaps at the end of two years, it is expected that the school will move elsewhere. An option has been taken on 1000 acres in another part of the state which may be taken over if all plans succeed.

The courses to be inaugurated here comprise everything pertaining to the farm and nothing else. Trades will not be taught at first, perhaps not at all. The Cleveland farm, with its 60 acres of tillable land will be cultivated for hay, grain, potatoes and small garden stuff, and the whole farm will be cultivated.

Mr. Fairchild will be in charge assisted by a few others at first, the staff of instructors to be increased gradually, as needed. No high salaried teachers will be employed and the officers of the association will give their time for nothing. It is to be a philanthropic institution in every sense of the word, but not a charity.

The Cleveland farm house is being put in readiness for the accommodation of the first dozen students. It will be in charge of Mrs. Phillips and daughter as housekeepers. A son of Mrs. Phillips will be the superintendent. When more room is needed other buildings will be provided.

Mr. Fairchild has the financial backing of a number of the wealthiest people of Portland, but will not refuse assistance from anyone. He suggests that those who are inclined may subscribe to an endowment fund, providing a room for one or more students.

DEMONSTRATION WORK STARTED

County Agriculturist S. B. Hall is busy now getting some demonstrations started with farmers in different parts of the county. At present he is outlining and making plans to determine the value of lime on our various types of soils. Some sections have been found where the acidity of the soil seems so great that difficulty has been met with in securing a stand of clover. This condition seems to exist mostly upon the heavier types of soils which have a clay underlayer which prevents quick drainage.

The lime demonstrations will be conducted with the farmers who are willing to co-operate. Samples of soil will be tested to determine the amount of acidity and lime will be applied to a portion of the field and the crops planted. At harvesting time the crop will be measured or weighed, both on the limed plot and the unlimed ground to determine the actual benefit which has been divided in dollars and cents per acre. As Hall says a scientific practice that will not give a net return in cash is not a science for any farmer to follow and the only way that we have of finding out is by actual trials on our own ground under our own climatic conditions. Practices which will give returns on one soil may fail entirely on others.

A number of other demonstrations will be taken up in season, such as cultural methods, seed selection, potato-dipping and spraying, and many others.

"The wages of sin is publicity," says an eastern essayist, and it sometimes reaches the dignity of a salary.

If you are following a beauty editor's advice don't ever ask to see her; you might be disappointed.

CO-OPERATION BY DAIRYMEN IS A SUCCESS

A co-operative creamery has been established by four dairymen on the Columbia slough, who are following the identical plans outlined and attempted four years ago by more than fifty of the milk producers of eastern Multnomah.

The organization came about more from the force of circumstances than from any thought of starting in the business, but it has been running for more than a month and is already a success.

It is not on the magnificent scale that the dreamers of four years ago contemplated, but in its small size lies its strength. The four dairymen are J. W. Townsend, Fred H. Crane, E. G. Wilkes and Paul Fisher. They are pooling their own milk supply and are now buying from four others. They will incorporate next week, as they are satisfied with the results, and will then be able to extend their business as circumstances may warrant.

Their organization came about through the failure of the Wholesome dairy at Montavilla, which was owing them for milk supplied during the three last months of last year. They simply took the business over and continued right along, and are getting what is due them as well as a better price for their products than they did before.

In addition to the plant at Montavilla they have three delivery routes, one of which is operated with a Ford motor car. The other two routes employ two-horse teams. They make their deliveries in the afternoon. Five men are employed at present, one of whom is manager, one a bookkeeper, and the three drivers. In addition they employ a motor truck to take the milk from the farms to the creamery.

There milk routes are all on the East side, and the prices charged are \$2.75 per quart if paid in advance, or \$3 if collected at the end of the month. The milk and cream is all delivered in bottles and each driver is checked both out and in by the bookkeeper, thus assuring full returns. The only possible loss will be in the infrequent failure to collect the money at the end of each month.

The business has already increased beyond expectations and it will continue to grow, in which event the product of others will be bought for distribution.

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"Each student will be given a certain amount of stock or poultry to care for which he will be responsible for. The students will be given different kinds of work to do, according to his age, strength, and adaptability. They will be taught to keep accurate account of all transactions connected with farm life.

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The institution is strictly non-sectarian, and it is not a detention home or reformatory. Boys entering the school must be healthy in mind and body.

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EMBROIDERY CLUB TAKES NAME PRISCILLA

The young ladies' Embroidery club was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Gorsage, Monday evening, by Miss Hazel Cartan and Miss Vaughn McCormick. The evening was spent in doing needlework. Light refreshments were served.

The club has organized and elected the following officers: president, Miss Hazel Cartan; vice president, Miss Inez Lusted; secretary, treasurer, Miss Esther Elford. The name Priscilla has been chosen for the club, which has as its object the study of needlework, and embroidery. They will hold meetings every other Wednesday evening.

BUYS DAIRY FARM NEAR AMBOY, WASH.

J. O. Downing has sold his 20-acre farm one-half mile southeast of Gresham to Charles Soderquist and in turn has bought an 80-acre tract near Amboy, Washington, from Ben A. Curtis.

The Amboy farm is under lease for two years, but Mr. Downing will receive the rent for that time, after which he expects to go upon it and start a dairy. He will move on the Joseph Gist farm near the Powell Valley schoolhouse in a short time, where he will engage in farming this year.

Will Arrive Soon.

Coming, March 23, 1900 baby chicks. Hatched just the right time for winter layers. Order early, they will go fast. White Knoll Poultry Farm, Troutdale. Phone 434. tf

Thousands of farmers use Lowe Brothers Standard barn paint for painting their barns, silos, fences and outbuildings. It is the most economical barn paint on the market. Ask for color cards at our store. Metzger Bros.—Adv.

Leap year dance in Orient Grange hall, March 11. Supper 50c, dancing 75c. Beers' orchestra. Good time assured.

If you could get a steak at ten cents a pound you'd be in luck, but it would be tough luck.

CHURCHMAN WANTS CHOIR IN AUDIENCE

By L. H. WELLS.
PORTLAND, March 7.—Special.—

That the trained choir of singers, says an eastern essayist, and it some-regulated churches on the platform with the preacher should be dispensed with and distributed throughout the congregation and not be permitted to attract attention from the sermon, was the contention of Aaron M. Bray in his paper read before the convention of the Friends church delegates in the Sunnyside Friends church. "Public Worship" was the subject of the paper by Mr. Bray, who pointed out that important feature of church services was the sermon and not the music. The choir, he said, often attracted more attention than the preacher, and hence he would have the singers down in the audience, and not along side the preacher. Mr. Bray wanted good singing, but wanted it in the congregation. However, it was evident that this view was not generally approved by the delegates.

H. L. Cox said in his paper on "The Pastor in His Study," that the price of success of a pastor was hard work, and that no lazy man could succeed or retain the respect of the business men of the congregation. "The Pastor in His Pulpit" and "The Pastor Among His Flock" were papers by C. L. Whitlock and C. O. Whitley respectively.

Dr. W. P. White, of Albany, spoke last night on "Israel." Today the Sunday school convention will be held. Rev. W. H. Boody will lecture tonight.

The Rebekah convention of District No. 1, of Multnomah county, held its annual meeting Tuesday and Tuesday night with Myrtle lodge No. 156, Myrtle Park station, the attendance numbering more than 300 members, the meeting being a "school of lodge work."

In the forenoon the Grand Secretary Mrs. A. Cosper, Grand Treasurer A. Jacobs, Grand Warden Mrs. Lancaster and Past President Mrs. Charlotte Woodman received the honors of the order. Mrs. Etta Montgomery was elected chairman of the convention. Mountain View lodge team exemplified the degree work in a most beautiful manner, all members of the team doing their part. Other teams exemplified portions of the degree work. The teams were appropriately attired in regalia. In the evening Deputy Grand Master Henry Westbrook delivered the principal address. Other grand officers present were Grand Patriarch Robert Andrews, Past Grand Patriarch T. W. Steward, Past Grand Master W. A. Wheeler, who made short talks.

One was transported in mind back 100 years to the old colonial days at the Washington party given by the Ladies' Auxiliary in the Sellwood Y. M. C. A. Wednesday afternoon, where nearly 70 women had gathered. Decorations were made of national colors. Many of the ladies present were dressed in colonial attire, including wide hoops and long powdered curls. Mrs. A. R. McLenn wore a white silk shawl more than 100 years old, beautifully embroidered. Mrs. Peter Hume wore a black shawl fully 100 years old. Others wore colonial trinkets that had been brought forth from trunks and garrets that had adorned the grandmothers. A musical program was rendered. Mrs. Myrtle Glenn rendered piano selections and Mrs. Dorothy Munsen, of the Gilespie School of Expression, gave readings. Miss Lillian Ward furnished the vocal solos. The guests were welcomed by Mesdames A. R. McLean, F. H. Hayes, J. D. Rice, W. H. Beard, E. C. Enell, Roy Back and E. E. Cumpson. Refreshments were served by Mesdames J. W. Caldwell, Gilbert Charters, E. P. Charters, J. B. Renner, Cline Caldwell, J. W. Standley, F. Noid, Mrs. W. D. Palmer.

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