

INFORMATION ON PREMIUMS IN NEW LIST

The twelfth annual premium list of the Multnomah county fair is ready and is being distributed where it will do the most good to all concerned. About 500 copies were given out at the farmers' picnic on Saturday and the mailing list is being made up.

The usual edition of 2500 copies was printed. It contains a list of all prizes offered by the fair association, amounting to more than \$6000. The sum of \$4500 is available this year for premiums, exclusive of the horse races, and it will all be given away.

Eight granges have reported that they will have exhibits this year and there are sure signs of an overflowing condition in the stock and poultry houses. Everything presages full departments and every preparation is being made for the best fair ever held in Multnomah county.

The floor space of machinery hall has nearly all been taken. The entire east side of the building will be occupied by Hessel's Machinery store of Gresham, the Parlin & Orendorf Plow Co., R. M. Wade & Co., and the J. C. Robinson Co., the last three firms all doing business in Portland. On the west side will be found the dairy supply firms of Monroe & Crisell, The Columbia Dairy Supply Co., and the Western Oregon Mill Company. There is still some room left on the west side of the hall which will be sold to the first who apply.

It has been decided to remodel the arrangement on the lower floor of the pavilion so as to accommodate all the displays of farm produce. The granges will be given a uniform space of 24 feet frontage. The center will be arranged with booths for commercial concessions and the floral exhibits will probably be put in the annex next to the art room. All the upper floor of the pavilion will be given over to the Domestic Science division and the industrial exhibits which will be placed by the schools of Portland and of Multnomah county.

There will be a canning demonstration again this year under the supervision of Miss Helen Cowgill of the O. A. C. There will be six prizes for this work the first being a free trip to the state fair. All the others will get a prize of \$5 each with ribbons designating the order in which they win.

Firms and individuals who advertise are finding the premium list disseminating a knowledge of their business. The book this year contains 92 separate ads of varying sizes. Stockholders of the fair are quick to appreciate the courtesy of those business men who patronize their institution and are in a favorable frame of mind to reciprocate.

The fair is going to be a big success this year for it will again have Campbell's American band with its inimitable music—in itself a sure drawing card. The Browning Amusement company has been signed up and will be here with its carnival attractions. There will be other features besides that are now being booked for fair week, and all together will make up an irresistible combination.

MOTORMAN'S REMAINS BURIED AT MT. SCOTT

The body of William Murray, motorman for the P. R. L. & P. company, who lost his life when a car crashed through a bridge at Estacada a few days ago, was recovered Sunday morning and taken to the undertaking parlors at Sellwood.

The body of Mr. Kinder, the conductor on the ill-fated car, was found the day of the wreck and interment was held in the Oregon City cemetery. It is reported that the wife of the dead motorman, William Murray, is seriously ill at her home. His remains were buried yesterday at Mount Scott cemetery.

Killed and Wounded.

Miss Betty Stevenson was instantly killed and Norman Phillips and Miss Ruth House dangerously wounded when a bomb exploded near their Y. M. C. A. motorcar behind the lines on the western front.

Loses Right Eye.

Rev. James Holburn, of Aylth, Perthshire, England, a Y. M. C. A. war work secretary, was dangerously wounded at the front during the recent drive. He lost his right eye.

VALUE OF SLOUGH LAND FOR CROPS

The reclaimed land along the Columbia which comes within the Peninsula Drainage District is proving its worth as agricultural land this year.

Within this project they have this year almost 200 acres of grain mostly wheat and oats, some barley. The wheat has been pronounced by many who have viewed it to be the best wheat in the county this year. Estimates as to its yield varying from 50 to 60 bushels per acre. The oat crop although hit heavily by the aphid is estimated to yield between 45 and 50 bushels per acre, and the barley is equally as promising. Considering the fact that the ground was prepared very poorly before this grain was planted and the adverse seasonal conditions which have prevailed, these yields are simply actual demonstrations of the value of this overflowed land when once reclaimed.

These are a few facts which are not appreciated by the public. That with a development of this district now organized along the Columbia river, that the agricultural production of Multnomah county will be increased by 50 per cent, that the income from the taxes to Multnomah county will be increased by better than \$40,000 per year, and that food production in the state of Oregon can probably not be increased any quicker or at less expense than it can by the speedy development of these projects. When these and a few more facts of importance become thoroughly realized by the people some of the parties living outside of the districts who have been blocking and delaying this development for reasons which need not be mentioned will receive due credit for having hampered and delayed increased food production during the hour of greatest need.

S. B. HALL.

MOVIE PICTURES SEND LABOR TO THE FARMS

Nearly every motion-picture theater in the country is enlisted in the campaign of the United States Employment Service of the Department of Labor to supply labor to the farms. The estimated total patronage of these theaters is about 69,000,000 persons.

Eleven of the largest motion-picture manufacturers are co-operating with the Farm Service division in its drive for maximum food production. These film producers are releasing to their subscribers—the theaters—moving-picture "trailers," calling on all those who possibly can do so to volunteer with the Employment Service for harvest work and other forms of emergency farm labor.

Three sample trailers, each about 25 feet long and running on the screen for about one minute, are sent to each film-manufacturing company weekly, the company selecting one to go with its current releases. Through their national association the manufacturers work as a unit in distributing the trailers, releasing them among their subscribers so there can be no overlapping.

INVESTIGATING THE MILK PRODUCTION

At the request of the Milk Commission of the City of Portland, County Agents N. C. Jamison, D. C. Howard, and Mr. Westover, of the Dairy Department, and myself reported to the Commission on the dairy situation in the county immediately tributary to Portland on June 21st. Our reports resulted in the milk commission requesting us to make investigations as to the cost of production of milk within our three respective counties. On June 25th after several days of gathering data, we, assisted by Prof. B. M. Brandt, formulated a report as to the cost of milk production at the present time. We also met in conference with Prof. H. B. Hastings, acting economist for the milk commission.—County Agent S. B. Hall.

Baptism of Fire.

Mary O. Clark of Boston, a Y. M. C. A. canteen worker, was under shell fire for seven hours in the Toul sector, in a refuge trench with the soldiers. She showed a fine courageous spirit.

Shows Bravery.

LeRoy Corbin of New York, a Y. M. C. A. war work secretary in Italy has been twice decorated for bravery in taking supplies forward under fire.

Tailoring

For men and women—cleaning, pressing and repairing done well. Peter Lenard, Powell street.

WHOLE COUNTY ENJOYED THE FARMERS' PICNIC--SPORTING EVENTS AND OTHER INCIDENTS

A thousand grangers and another thousand of their friends made up the crowd that attended the farmers' picnic and grange field day at the Multnomah county fair grounds on Saturday last. It was an ideal day after the showers of the few days previous and the whole community made it a holiday.

Every number on the published program was carried out except the pony races. The musical and literary parts were listened to with rapt attention, the address by Dr. F. Burgette Short being a masterful effort along the lines of patriotism and democracy for which the allied nations are now at war.

Several of the granges had prepared special stunts, all of which were entertaining. While all were exceedingly good and some of them were very funny it was conceded that Pleasant Valley grange carried off the greatest honors in its representation of the spirit of the war. A number of the nations were represented by girls in costume, embodying the idea of a united people in a great cause. Gresham grange had a comedy scene of McGinty at the bottom of the sea, while Fairview had but a single representative in the person of D. S. Dunbar who sang a patriotic parody on "Old Black Joe." Multnomah grange had a stuffed figure of the kaiser and proceeded to swat him with patriotic placards and a final knockout that laid him full length across the stage. Russellville contented itself with a song by a quartet.

An extra large number of concessions did a thriving business and the Red Cross women of Gresham sold coffee to the thirsty people during the noon hour. They cleaned up ten dollars which went to the Red Cross fund.

Several otherwise staid members of society and the grange indulged in the sport of "knocking the babies down." One of the amusing and exciting features of the game was a contest between Judge Stapleton and D. C. Lewis, a candidate for state representative, the loser to pay for the game. Lewis led off with three balls and hit two babies. Judge Stapleton countered with a tie and there being no winner the contest was continued. Lewis led off first again with triplets to his credit. Our George came to the scratch again and tallied three.

Then the excitement was at its highest pitch. In the third round Lewis won and George squared things.

MILKING MACHINES ARE COMING INTO USE

The milking machine is taking its part nobly in the war emergency and is liberating a large number of men for over-seas fighting or other war work. Like the silo the use of milking machines have had many knockers and as a knock can be heard ten times as far as a boost it takes many successfully operated machines to overcome the sentiment created by one which has not proven satisfactory, although it may not have been the fault of the machine.

That the milking machine is a profitable labor saving device is now generally conceded in practically every dairy section. There are a few in use in this county now and are proving themselves well. Mr. J. Luscher has been using his machine four years and is well satisfied. Mr. H. G. Mullenhoff and Mr. Theodore Brugger have been operating machines for several months and have nothing only praise for them. There have been other machines placed of late and a number of dairymen are figuring on them at the present time.

STATE MASTER SPENCE AT COLUMBIA GRANGE

C. E. Spence, master of the Oregon state grange, has accepted an invitation to be with Columbia grange at its regular monthly meeting, Saturday next, August 3. The afternoon meeting will be open to the public and all are invited to attend.

History Repeats Itself.

Hub—Any callers today, dear?
Wife—Only the Floods—quite informal—just ran in to escape the shower.
Hub—I see: "the rains descended and the Floods came."

Try a want ad. Phone 701.

by paying for the game. It was nothing less than was expected, for the legislature is always knocking the judiciary.

After the program had been finished the remainder of the afternoon was devoted to the advertised sporting events. In these the greatest honors again went to Pleasant Valley grange. The results were as follows:

Fat men's race, 50 yards. Year's subscription to Outlook, won by John Mickelson of Russellville grange.

Boys' race, under 18 years, 50 yards. Necktie, donated by Samuel Rosenblat, Portland, won by Harold Lyman of Gresham.

Boys' race, under 12 years, 50 yards. Pocket knife, donated by Strawbridge Hardware company, Portland, won by Ralph Baker.

Girls' race, under 18 years, 50 yards. Umbrella, donated by E. W. Aylsworth, Gresham, won by Francis Jones.

Free for all race, 100 yards. Baseball mit, donated by L. L. Kidder Hardware company, Gresham, won by Ralph Williams of Pleasant Valley grange.

Sack race. Pocket knife, donated by Lents Hardware company, Lents, won by Melvin Brugger of Gresham.

Shoe scramble. Baseball glove, donated by Mt. Scott Drug company, Lents, won by Alden Miller of Gresham.

Chicken race. Chicken, donated by S. B. Hall, won by Glen Dallas.

Tug of war. Lemon pies and cake, donated by Mrs. Ida Burgess and Mrs. J. C. Duke, won by John Chitwood's team consisting of Will Donley, Earl Townsend, George Dallas, Earl Smith, Cleveland Bliss and C. Stone.

Tug of war for women. Box of candy, donated by T. P. Campbell, won by Hattie Adkins' team consisting of Thelma Sunderland, Anna Allshouse, Alice Welbes, Clara Larsson, Anna Lynch and Julia Mikelson.

The annual Staples cup grange relay race. Cup presented by Staples, the Jeweler, won for the second time by team from Pleasant Valley grange, and is now the property of the grange. The four runners were Will Donley, Albert Troge, L. Stradley and Cleveland Bliss.

The sale of concessions and advertising more than paid all expenses of the occasion, leaving a small balance which will be turned into the treasury of Pomona grange and help to pay for a \$50 liberty bond which has been authorized by the grange.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE AT FARMERS' PICNIC

John S. Smith, the democratic candidate for congress from Multnomah county, was a visitor to Gresham last Saturday. He is going to try for McArthur's seat in the house of representatives and was putting in full time while here, chaperoned by A. W. Cauthorne of the Oregon Journal, the big democratic daily of Portland.

Mr. Smith is at present chief deputy in the office of Milton Miller, U. S. Internal revenue collector. He is well informed and is considered an authority on war taxes and revenues. He was at one time a member of the legislature from Linn county.

It may turn out to be an interesting contest that he will put up for election as he is aggressive and is gaining the support of many prohibitionists who are dissatisfied with the trend of certain phases of national legislation on that subject. He promises to visit Gresham again and get better acquainted.

MACHINE GUNS AND OTHER THINGS NEEDED

Pleasant Valley, which is a settlement out the road east a bit, has everything needed for a home guard but uniforms, arms, machine gun, ammunition and other equipment. It has 100 men ready to enlist, and it should be somebody's business to see that they get those things.—Oregonian.

J. G. Mast is enlarging his store-room and making other improvements at the office of Jones Lumber Company. The interior of the rooms are receiving a fresh coat of paint.

The vetch crop of the Willamette Valley is a total failure. What are you going to do for seed next year?

NO MORE INDEMNITY FOR CONDEMNED COWS

The following letter was received by one of the local veterinarians and should be carefully noted before any stock are condemned.

"Beginning with the 15th of July we will discontinue paying indemnity money for cattle slaughtered on account of their having tuberculosis and horses slaughtered on account of their being infected with glanders. Our funds are now practically exhausted and this step will be necessary.

"Kindly advise all owners whom you make tests for that it will be absolutely impossible for us to pay any further indemnity money. Should they desire to have their cattle slaughtered they can go ahead and do so and receive such amounts as the County is able to pay them and we will then lay their claims before the deficiency Claims committee at the time of the meeting of the State Legislature and it is possible they will appropriate funds to cover this indemnity. We cannot, however, guarantee or in any way say this will be done. All will depend upon the view the next deficiency Claims committee of the State Legislature may take."

SEED IS TAKEN FROM CRAW OF WILD DUCK

Seed taken from the craw of a wild duck several years ago was planted on hill land in the vicinity of Marshfield. The resulting plants grew luxuriantly. A sample of the seed has been received at the Oregon Agricultural College and a request made by the owner of the plants who failed to sign his name, that it be examined and identified.

The plant is a species of buckwheat, but is not the kind commonly known commercially, according to Miss Helen M. Gilkey, assistant professor of botany. Tartarian buckwheat, India wheat and duckwheat, it is variously called, and is distinguished from the common species in having rough grains small inconspicuous flowers, and decidedly arrow-shaped leaves. The only places in the United States in which it is known to have been grown extensively are two states of the Atlantic coast.

VALUE OF WATER TO FRUIT IMPORTANT

Water plays an important part in the development of fruit.

Few fruit raisers understand the effects of too much water, too little water or irregularity in the supply of moisture upon the activities of the tree, while most growers fail entirely to appreciate the relation of water supply to abnormalities in the development of the crop and to the occurrence of such so-called physiologic diseases as "bitter-pit" and "cork" points out H. P. Barss of O. A. C., commissioner for the west, war emergency board of American plant pathologists. An article on "The Abuse of Water on Fruit Trees" by D. F. Fisher, may be had on request from the office of fruit disease investigations bureau of plant industry, Washington, D. C., or from Professor Barss, who has a limited supply.

W. A. EATCHEL IS NOW COUNTY ROADMASTER

John B. Yeon sent his written resignation as county roadmaster to the board of county commissioners on Wednesday of last week, and on motion of Commissioner Holman Mr. W. A. Eatchel was nominated and elected to fill the position.

The change calls for no increase in the county road payroll. Mr. Eatchel has been in the county employ and assumes the duties of roadmaster without extra pay. Mr. Holman says that he believes there will be a reduction to the taxpayers in the construction and maintenance cost of the county roads, as well as in the administrative expense of the road department.

The county is installing labor-saving road machinery. During the war period work on the roads will be confined to general utility work and necessary repairs.

Business Man Dies.

J. A. Maxwell Adams, a Glasgow business man who went to France for the British Y. M. C. A. met his death when struck by a fragment of a German shell.

Baseball in France.

Indoor baseball played outdoors is proving a popular diversion among French soldiers since it was introduced by the Y. M. C. A.

LETTER FROM GRESHAM BOY IS CHEERFUL

Following are extracts of letters recently received from John Honey. They were written under dates of June 15 and 21:

Received a bunch of Literary Digests and Posts about three days ago, and have been so busy reading them that I've neglected writing. I was surely hungry for news expressed in United States talk. It seems as though finally war preparations were going ahead smoothly. Now that the hot air and superfluous talk has been worked off, I hope we will soon be able to see some concrete results.

We're all as proud as peacocks in this section now, for we received a citation from our division for our work during the attack. No individual citations, but we can paint the Croix de Guerre (War Cross) on our cars. Just some of the gold lace of war, but mighty satisfactory, just the same. The civilized world owes a priceless debt to this wily blue polli.

Our section has had some close calls, but as usual, have gotten off scot free. After a gas attack, the men keep coming in for 48 hours afterward, the bad cases first, and then those that were not affected at first. A shell lit about 10 feet in front of our L's car, but the "eclat" all went forward, only two pieces hitting the car. One piece went through the cushion on which he was sitting, but didn't touch him. One other car had a big piece taken out of the body, but the driver didn't know it had happened until he got back.

One of our cars brought in an escaped English prisoner this morning, who had been captured the last of May. Said that they, the English, had been asked again and again if they were Americans. When they said "no" the Boches said they were lucky, for short shift was being given American prisoners. Said the Americans were prolonging the war, and therefore the treatment. I'm sorry that they do not realize that the Americans are not prolonging the war, but are going to be in strong at the finish. If that fact was known to the people as well as to their leaders, the war might have a sudden ending.

We're living in tents out in the woods. Too bad we can't enjoy it as a camping trip, instead of an incident of war. It would be lots more fun, but probably not as interesting.

Permissions, which had been stopped temporarily for about a month, have started again today. I am in about the second bunch that goes, I believe. We all have to go down to Aix-les-Bains, near Switzerland; from all reports, it's a splendid place.

Go on service for 24 hours at 6 to-night so am going to try to get a few hours sleep before then.

VOLUNTEERS FOR ARMY UNDER 18 NOT WANTED

The minimum age limit for voluntary enlistment in the United States is fixed by Congress at 18 years. There have been so many applications for releases from the Army of boys under this age who have enlisted that Adj. Gen. Henry P. McCain has issued the following circular letter:

"The large number of applications received from parents and guardians for the discharge of minors under 18 years of age, inclosing satisfactory evidence that the soldier is under this age, indicates the necessity of more care on the part of recruiting officers in order to avoid unnecessary expense to the Government and annoyance to troops in the field in the subsequent discharge of such men, and to avoid placing a blot for life on the record of a boy whose offense of misstatement of his age arises usually from a patriotic desire to serve his country.

"Hereafter no applicant under the registration age will be accepted or enlisted until he has proven to the complete satisfaction of the recruiting officer that he has reached the age of 18 years. The proof required will be (a) birth certificate, baptismal record, or school certificate, or, in case (a) is not available, (b) affidavit of parent or of guardianship."

THE WEBB WORM AND HOW TO CONTROL IT

This worm is making itself very much in evidence at the present time and immediate steps should be taken to destroy their nests.

They live in webbs on several kinds of trees and especially fruit trees. They live within these webbs but keep enlarging the webbs until they will sometimes enclose a whole branch. These webbs can be removed and burned or destroyed by the use of a torch. Sometimes they are successfully controlled by spraying with a standard solution of Arsenate of Lead. They should have attention now while they are just starting.

Carco spray for maggot on cabbage, beets, turnips, radishes, etc. All sizes at L. L. Kidder Hdw. Co.