

POTATO SCHOOL ALL DAY MEET

Over fifty farmers and potato growers attended the potato school at the Union high school on Saturday. This was a fine record considering the smelt fishing excitement and the ideal farming weather. Several of them came considerable distances from west of Portland, out across the Sandy, and from Corbett.

In the morning Professor Hislop of Oregon Agricultural College, gave a lecture on growing and soil conditions, followed by a discussion of the need of potato organization. He brought out also the need of better market standards to compete with conditions in California. Professor Hislop warned the growers that the Oregon tuber was losing out in the California market, in spite of the fact that Oregon stock is superior to that grown there. The Oregon potatoes are not properly sorted, packed and grown to stand up under competition. They arrive poorly packed in old sacks, with no two sacks of like quality. Apparently no attempt is made at a uniform grading.

After the noon recess M. B. McKay, potato specialist, gave an illustrated lecture on potato diseases and their treatment. He also touched on market requirements.

In the general discussion following the lectures many growers participated, among them F. N. Lasey and James Pounder of Corbett, C. H. Stone of Fairview, C. H. Johnson of Pleasant Home, James Burns of Beaver Bend, and J. E. Stansberry of Columbia Boulevard. Mr. Stansberry, state horticulture inspector, called the attention of the meeting to the need of a guarantee against California seed potatoes that are being shipped here at present. A resolution was passed and at the request of the growers, will be forwarded to the state board of horticulture by County Agent S. B. Hall. Here is the resolution:

Gresham, Ore., March 29, 1919. We the potato growers of Multnomah county assembled, fully realize the danger of the eelworm trouble as it exists in our neighboring states and also realize the danger of the introduction of this disease into this state by the bringing in of seed potatoes.

We wish at this time to request the State Board of Horticulture to investigate and establish such quarantine laws as will safeguard the potato industry in the state of Oregon.

Mr. Ringer, in charge of the bureau of markets in Portland urged the growers to get into communication with the bureau of markets in Washington, regarding the continued maintenance of that service in Portland. Owing to a lack of funds, congress having failed to make appropriation for the work, it is proposed to curtail this market report service and have only a central bureau in San Francisco. It was the sense of the meeting that the growers communicate with the Washington authorities at once.

POULTRY AND FRUIT ON DAMMEIER PLACE

Recent arrivals in Gresham are Dennis Taylor and I. S. Korsund and their families, who came here from Butte, Montana. Each has bought a part of the G. H. Dammeier place near the latter's residence.

Mr. Korsund, who plans to develop a modern poultry plant, has four acres on which a small house had already been built. This he is remodeling it for the family residence.

Mr. Taylor will specialize on small fruit on his seven acres. A new house is now under construction.

Suicide at Cottrell.

Martin Berg, a native of Norway, 52 years of age, committed suicide at his small holdings near Cottrell early this week. He lived a recluse on his little farm, raising a few chickens and working about the vicinity. W. A. Proctor for whom he worked cutting wood for about three years, is in charge of the funeral arrangements. No reason is known to the neighbors for Mr. Berg's act. He was highly esteemed in the community. The coroner of Clackamas county who held an inquest, said that the suicide had occurred at least a day before the body was discovered in a clearing to which Mr. Berg had taken his gun, discharging it with a toe. The bullet entered his brain killing him instantly.

Read by all—Outlook want ads.

SERVICE RECORDS MADE OF OREGON SOLDIERS

The teachers of the public schools, under the direction of the state historian, have distributed questionnaires to the homes in the community from which boys have gone for service in the army, navy and marines. The information sought is of a historical character and will become a part of the permanent records of the state.

The teachers have made an effort to reach every home from which there is a boy who has been or is still in the service, whether it was as a volunteer or through the draft. They were asked to send the blanks to the pupils to the families of the boys, where they were to be filled out either by the soldier or some member of the family and returned by March 28, but as there were many that were not returned the time has been extended until April 4. If there should be any one who has not received a blank, you can have one brought to you by notifying any one of the grade school children or phone Principal T. J. Skirvin.

ROMAIN SMITH SUCCUMBS AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

Romain Smith passed away last night at the home of his sister, Mrs. C. Merrill of hardening of the arteries. He has been in poor health for several months but was not confined to his bed until Tuesday. On Wednesday morning he suffered a stroke of paralysis, his death following last night.

Mr. Smith was born in New York March 18, 1851. He removed with his parents to Wisconsin when he was a child and lived there until twelve years ago, when he came to make his home with his sister, who is the only near relative. Mr. Smith was never married.

The funeral, which will be held at Carlson's undertaking chapel tomorrow at 2 o'clock, will be conducted by Rev. J. Montcalm Brown. Interment will be in the Merrill family plot in the Gresham cemetery.

M'ELROY'S JAZZ BAND AGAIN SATURDAY NIGHT

Apothecary fine dance will be given at Masonic hall, Gresham, on Saturday night, April 5. The music will be furnished by McElroy's band, concerning which the following notice was given in the Helena Independent of March 22, 1918:

McElroy's jazz band of Portland at the Masonic temple last night and again tonight.

The band comes here from Helena, where for three nights they filled the auditorium with crowds numbering 2,000, and the Independent had this to say:

"Well, did they jazz?" Everybody jazzed. The big ones; the small ones; the short ones and the tall ones. They simply could not make their feet keep still when McElroy's Jazz-banders from Portland cut loose with that syncopated, rip, too, tooting melody at the auditorium last night.

"It was one grand jazz parade, the lively music and enjoyed by one of the largest crowds seen in the local auditorium for years."

Easter Egg Window.

As if this wonderful weather was not enough to lure us away from our work, Mrs. G. B. Belt has gone and dressed the window of her sweet shop with the loveliest array of Easter confections. We cannot tear ourselves away from those Easter nests of baby birds, and plump doves, and Brer Rabbit with his walking stick, and rosy babies.

April Fool!

Joe Peak, Burton Walrad and Lang Goodwin are doing a good bit of chortling over an All Fool's Day joke perpetrated by these three rascals on every woman member of the Hi school faculty on Tuesday. By dashing into the different classrooms and hurriedly announcing urgent telephone calls, they were able to corral all six of the women teachers in Principal Goodwin's office long enough to say "April fool!" to the breathless instructors.

That Night Watchman.

Matters seem to have reached the deadlock stage on the question of a night patrolman for the downtown district. The council insists that it will go no further than a fifty-fifty split on the salary. The business men say the council must do all or nothing.

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W. H. PAULHAMUS SEES GREAT POSSIBILITIES IN FRUIT CULTURE

Members of the Co-operative Berry Growers association motored to Portland Wednesday morning for a conference with W. H. Paulhamus, president of the Puyallup and Sumner Fruit Growers Canning company, the concern that has contracted for the fruit tonnage of the recently organized local association. Accompanying Mr. Paulhamus were his Oregon representative, W. R. Scott, O. W. Neely, a Puyallup grower, and C. W. Neely, transportation expert at the Washington plant.

That the party might get the eastern Multnomah situation at first hand an automobile tour of the Powell Valley was arranged by C. P. Tallman, president, and D. E. Towle, a director of the Co-operative Berry Growers, who accompanied the gentlemen on a trip out the Base Line road, over the Bluff road as far as Sandy and back to Gresham, where they were met by Karl A. Miller, of the Bank of Gresham, and Mrs. H. H. Eling, the Outlook representative. The entire party then repaired to the Congdon hotel for a well appointed luncheon.

Mr. Paulhamus likes Gresham. He sees unlimited possibilities for the fruit growing industry of eastern Multnomah and Clackamas. And what Mr. Paulhamus says is decidedly worth listening to. Past performances speak volumes for him. The record of his community building reads like a romance, but he is no romance. A sound business man, a tireless dynamic worker for the public welfare, a builder of paying business along constructive lines, his reputation is known throughout the northwest. And this broad valley of ours urges him on to greater endeavor. It contains square miles where Puyallup holds acres.

That Puyallup story will bear repeating. Starting several years ago in that fruit and berry country with a one-man plant and a few ambitious growers, Mr. Paulhamus went about among the people preaching "It is as important to market your tonnage at a profit as it is to grow it." A co-operative league of successful contented growers resulted. Of course it was not long until others heard of the satisfactory profits of this venture and Puyallup valley fruit and berry acreage began to grow scarce. Growers flocked in, and heeding the advice of the pilot of the ventures, planted a diversity of crops suited to the demands of the institution. Followed then another plant at Sumner to handle the increased product of the growing organization. Where at first there were a half dozen salaried employees there are now more than a score of men drawing salaries over eighteen hundred a year and hundreds of others finding steady work at the two plants. Puyallup fruit is known everywhere. The name itself stands for mutual benefit, for an honest profit shared by the people entitled to it—the producers.

Any number of things might be told of Mr. Paulhamus' attainments. As president of the Washington state senate he made a wonderful record, repeatedly sacrificing his own interests to the public good. His achievement as president of the western Washington Fair association is a story in itself. This fair at Puyallup enjoys as big gate receipts as the state fair at Yakima, and is infinitely more popular. He built it up from nothing. Wherever Mr. Paulhamus stands guard at the American side of the bridge over the Rhine at Coblenz, Germany—where some Yanks toted it—and where each day the German civilians curiously view it as they cross the structure.

RHINE HUNS STUDY YANK CULTURE



Germany has not only learned that she has no monopoly on "kultur" but is now studying at first hand a bit of the American brand each day. A cast of Raphael Peyer's U. S. Marine statue

interests himself one may expect results.

Very well, then. Grow more strawberries—the Marshall strawberry, a heavy cropper and excellent for jam, advises Mr. Paulhamus. Strawberry jam and fruit juices are just beginning to come into their own in these prohibition states. Sugar and jam mean nerve strength and heat. They are replacing the liquor appetite. Fruit juices are being featured in the soft drink parlors. The demand for them is exceeding the supply. And our soldier is returning with the jam habit firmly fixed. They want their jam. So growers, diversify your crops. Take the advice of a man who knows, and set out at least an acre each of strawberries, loganberries, raspberries, red and black currants. Plant a full line; keep some hens and a pig or two. Oh, yes, do not overlook the damson plum. It's a winner.

And keep farm records, says Mr. Paulhamus. He didn't; but he expects to from this day forward. The income tax taught him a lesson in farm efficiency. No more guessing for him. This time the stubs in his check book saved his life; but next time he will have a record of his farm business. He expects to know which cow is earning her feed in milk flow and which hen is laying his breakfast eggs.

As announced in Tuesday's Outlook the Puyallup firm will handle the berry tonnage of the local growers. In addition to the small fruits mentioned they are prepared to handle an unlimited amount of strawberries, Munger blackcaps, loganberries, currants, gooseberries, Damson plums, Montmorency (pie) cherries, Royal Anns, Italian prunes, string beans and other fruit and vegetables. The entire output will be cold processed in barrels and placed in cold storage. The necessary equipment will consist of ample warehouse facilities, barrels, very little machinery, but lots of labor. This will be welcome news to many persons who have expressed the opinion that there would be no cannery in Gresham this summer and therefore no employment.

The action of the Gresham cannery people in shipping out most of their equipment has been the cause of no small amount of apprehension in certain quarters lately. It has been stated that the local cannery lease held by the Rupert company was for sale. Following a conference with the Berry Growers association at the Bank of Gresham during the afternoon Mr. Paulhamus announced that his concern would buy out the Rupert plant if it could be purchased at a figure within reason.

W. R. Scott, Oregon representative of the Puyallup company, announced that his firm was in the market for all the fruit and vegetables grown here. What they do not barrel they will assist in selling to the highest cash market.

Grade Pupils to Debate.

The literary society of Gresham grade school held their weekly debate and exercises this afternoon. County Superintendent Alderson found them highly edifying and entertaining. Two weeks from today the pupils will debate the county unit, or rural school consolidation question.

Spotlights and electric horns. C. E. Osburn & Co.

ALL IN READINESS FOR SOLDIERS SAILORS

All is in readiness for the soldiers' and sailors' banquet and reception tonight. Food and more food has arrived at grange hall today. R. S. Clark of Hope Gardens sent in a five gallon freezer of ice cream.

Three Japanese called on the decorating committee this afternoon, asking that they be allowed to assist in some way with the celebration. They left a check for \$20 from the Japanese association of farmers of Troutdale to be used toward the expenses of the Welcome Home demonstration.

The reception committee has arranged for the parade to Masonic hall, where front seats have been reserved for the soldiers. They will leave grange hall at quarter of eight, that they may be in their seats for the program, which starts on the minute of 8 o'clock. Principal Goodwin will run his program through in record time. There will not be a dull minute. Lieut. George W. Schantlin has been selected to make the response to greetings on behalf of the returned soldiers. One more song, "Home Again," has been added to the community sing in charge of Prof. Tom G. Taylor.

The council has appropriated funds for music and light refreshments for the dancing after 11 o'clock. A three-piece orchestra consisting of piano, violin and drums, has been engaged for the evening by the committee composed of John Cannon, W. R. Burke, and Mrs. Jas. Elkington, who will be assisted by a list of patronesses and young ladies of Gresham and vicinity.

"THE LUCKY THIRTEEN" PIG CLUB HOLDS MEETING

"The Lucky Thirteen" is the name chosen by the 13th pig club to be organized in connection with the Industrial Club work in this end of the county. They intend to demonstrate the fallacy of the old superstition concerning the number 13.

The club is made up of boys from districts 8 and 16, under the leadership of J. R. Cavanaugh, an experienced pig breeder. The members are Cyril Baker, Eugene Wellings, Donald Grant, Gerald Anderson and John Fleming. The officers are the first three named, who are president, vice president and secretary, respectively. They held their monthly meeting with the vice president last Saturday afternoon and at the close of the meeting Mrs. Wellings served cake and loganberry juice.

Insane Man at Withrow's.

Patrons of Mrs. Nora Withrow's cafe received quite a thrill Wednesday evening when an eccentric old gentleman entered the establishment, placed his hat and jumper in a barrel back of the counter and proceeded to make himself comfortable for the night.

When it became evident that he intended to stay indefinitely, Mrs. Withrow quietly summoned Deputy Sheriff Squires and Constable Metzger, who persuaded their charge to the basement of the town hall where he was bedded for the night. He was without funds or suitable clothing, and told a weird tale of his travels. It developed that he had been an inmate of an insane asylum for two years, having been dismissed as cured three weeks ago. He requested medical attention.

Otto Magnuson Dead.

Otto Magnuson, a retired farmer of Gresham, who has made his home here for the last seven years, passed away peacefully at the family home yesterday with the immediate members of the family about his bedside. Funeral arrangements are in charge of J. E. Metzger and will take place on Monday from the Baptist church with the Rev. Ware and Rev. Wm. L. Hawkinson officiating. An obituary will follow in Tuesday's Outlook.

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Improved farm of 32 acres, modern 10-room house, garage, gas, 3 miles from Portland city limits. Very fine land, all planted. Will sell all or 12 acres. This land can be subdivided into 5- or 10-acre tracts. This is a bargain. Facing on Section Line road, corner of Barker road, across from school. Phone Tabor 3937.

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VERN WALKER, LIFE IN SIBERIA

The following interesting letter was received recently by Mrs. Carl Dahl from her brother, Vern Walker, who is serving with the A. E. F. in Siberia:

Vladivostok, Siberia.

March 15, 1919.

Dearest Sister:—Your letter of February 15 reached me O. K.

I am on a patrol this week at the depot. We make the town boat, the water front and adjacent streets. There are two Japanese, two Canadians, a Czech and myself.

The Canadians will be replaced next month by Imperial troops. I can not find out when we will be relieved.

The allies have taken over the Trans-Siberian railroad here and will send troop five thousand miles into this country to guard it. However, I feel like we will be relieved by enlisted men as soon as possible.

There are going to be great opportunities here for men with money. Fortunes will be made in some businesses during the next five years, (the time required for allied railroad control.)

The allies are doing a great constructive thing for Russia by taking over the railroad. Bolshevism will adjust itself. They are ignorant people wanting democracy. When the allies commence constructive guidance and assistance the rest will adjust itself.

I have been on military police duty all winter. I see in an Oregonian where one of the boys returning from France says, The M. P.'s and the "Y" men won the war. The M. P.'s went over the top and the "Y" men threw over a chocolate bar.

M. P.'s are universally hated, however we have a splendid major here and we are the best protection the men have. Many intoxicated soldiers would have frozen to death had we not been on the job. Personally I have not arrested a man. I find I get by, by putting the boys in a drouski (a Russian taxi) or an automobile and sending them to the Casarinas (barracks). I try to help the boys out of trouble. They have found it out and appreciate it.

There are many refugees here, so much poverty and misery and filth among the poor. You would have to see our depot to realize what I am telling you.

I was out with a couple of Canadian captains showing them the city last night.

I must close and return to the barracks for "chow."

With love and best wishes,

VERNE.
Address me V. G. Walker, Provost Guard, A. E. F. Siberia, via San Francisco, California.

COMMERCIAL FERTILIZERS USED ON GARDEN SOILS

Constantly increasing scarcity of stable manure available for vegetable gardens is becoming very apparent at this time of year, when many gardeners, especially those in small towns, are beginning to figure on spring soil preparation, says A. G. Bouquet, professor of vegetable gardening. In view of the inability to get manure, he offers the following suggestions on the use of commercial fertilizers on vegetable land:

A commercial fertilizer containing 3 per cent nitrogen, 7 or 8 per cent phosphoric acid and 2 to 3 per cent potash, may profitably be broadcast over the garden in the spring at the rate of 6 to 8 pounds to the square rod. This should lightly be harrowed into the soil.

Nitrate of soda is particularly useful for such plants as lettuce, cabbage, cauliflower, onions and celery, grown for their leafy parts. The normal application is at the rate of about one pound to the square rod. Sometimes it is more economical to apply to the plants in the row, one-half to one ounce for each plant. None should be allowed to stand on the leaves, as it will burn them.

Hardwood ashes, 40 to 50 pounds to the square rod, may be harrowed in the spring. If too much is used it may make the soil alkali and almost worthless. Lime and some available potash are added to the soil in the ashes.

Poultry manure is valuable for certain leafy vegetables, but is highly concentrated and will readily burn. It should be mixed with 3 or 4 times its bulk of soil in the form of compost, or spread very thinly over the ground and harrowed in.

It is stated that a year ago there were 1,325 inmates at the Detroit infirmary. After a year of prohibition the number is 625.

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