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PLEASANT HOME

Revival meetings are to be held at the Pleasant Home Methodist church beginning Thursday evening, December 21. They will be in charge of the Rev. G. C. Berreman and the Rev. E. G. Ranton and will continue for two or three weeks. The Rev. Ranton will have charge of the musical part of the programs and will accompany the music with his violin. The new song books presented to the church by H. W. Stroug will be used. The Rev. and Mrs. Ranton will remain in Pleasant Home during the meetings as guests of the Rev. and Mrs. Berreman. A special meeting will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the Methodist church to practice songs for the revival. The choir and everyone interested is urged to be present. A special Christmas program will be given next Sunday evening, December 24, at the Pleasant Home Methodist church at 8 o'clock. The program will be given in the next issue.

MULTNOMAH GRANGE TO MEET SATURDAY

Multnomah grange will meet next Saturday, December 23. The election of officers will be held for both the juvenile and subordinate granges. At the last meeting of the grange, Mrs. Geo. Alder, the lecturer, announced a "Hash" program for this time and this will be carried out. Each granger is to come prepared to take part in the program. Those who fail to do it will be fined and the proceeds will go to the woman's work committee. The contributions to the program, however, will be more welcome than the fine so it is hoped everyone will come prepared.

CEDAR AND VICTORY

Mr. and Mrs. Al. Stafford and family and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hayden and family were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Alder last Sunday. The dinner was in honor of Geo. Alder whose birthday was the following day.

Friends and neighbors will be sorry to hear of the death of Wm. Metzker, brother of Mrs. Geo. Alder, who passed away near Sacramento, California, on Thanksgiving day. He was known here as he made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Alder for several years. His five children were with him when he passed away. Death was caused by a chronic disorder from which he had suffered for years.

COTTRELL

The bazaar at the community church on Friday evening was well attended and a great success in spite of the snow and cold. A good program was much enjoyed by all. Among the interesting features of the evening was the entertainment by Books Hogan, who gave a reading and Scotch song. The net proceeds of the evening were \$82, which is very gratifying to those who have worked for the success of the affair.

Sunday school and church services will be held at the usual hours next Sunday and will include the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, which will be taken twice each month. A Christmas tree and program will be conducted at the church on Sunday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock. All are invited.

POWELL VALLEY

The Rev. J. Truedson left last Saturday for Mayger, Oregon, and occupied the pulpit there Sunday. He returned home Monday. Hokan Truedson was expected to reach home from Corvallis last Saturday afternoon to spend a two weeks' vacation with his parents and family.

FAIRVIEW

At the Smith Memorial Presbyterian church next Sunday the usual services will be held. The pastor, the Rev. E. R. D. Hollensted, will preach on the subject "The Christmas Gospel." In the evening, at 7:30 o'clock, the Sunday school will give its annual Christmas program, to which all are invited.

The following farm reminders were sent from the Oregon Agricultural College experiment stations and contain some useful information which applies to farm work at this season of the year:

Furrows plowed through fields of fall grain, vetch and other crops to allow surface water to run off will save much of the crop from drowning out. This practice is especially valuable on low, flat, heavy or white lands. Cutting off late growth on alfalfa in the Willamette valley is a good practice. Alfalfa appears not to be troubled with stem rot where little growth is left.



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Potato Grading Is Discussed

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has taken over the potato starch factory in Gresham and expects to help the farmers by utilizing cull potatoes. The potatoes will be made into starch, flour and face powder.

As the business is a new one, Mr. Eilerman does not yet know how much his company can afford to pay for potatoes but the farmers will be given as good a price as possible. The company only expects to make a small profit. For the present, the price has been placed at 25 cents for 100 pounds, but if the company does well, the farmer may get even more.

During the noon hour, a hot lunch was served by the Parent-Teacher association, the proceeds of which were to go toward a fund for the installing of a fountain at the Damascus school.

The afternoon was partially taken up with reports from Damascus Farm Bureau members. Walter Ramser, potato project leader of Damascus Farm Bureau, spoke on bin inspection and other inspections held during seed certification work. The community field inspection was held in June by Mr. Holt. The seed was inspected in the bins before being planted and then several times in the field. The third inspection was for seed certification. Inspection was held by Professor Hyslop. Thirty farmers went on the tour and nine different fields were visited. The fourth and last inspection was held and a number of fields passed. E. E. Schwedler has one-half an acre of Pride of Multnomah seed that passed and Oran Lingle has 3 1/2 acres of American Wonder potatoes that also passed.

Raise the Best Is Urged.
One of the main purposes of observing potato day was to encourage the planting of certified seed in preference to just any kind. Proper grading was also emphasized by Mr. Jackman who also added, "If potatoes were all graded well, enough would be left to net the grower a good price. It is better to sell 100 pounds for \$1.75 than 125 or 150 pounds for 60 cents a bushel."

W. A. Holt and S. B. Hall, county agents of the two counties, each brought a sack of potatoes with him to the meeting. One sack was the best that could be purchased at a grocery store and the other was just an ordinary sack. The first contained only about one per cent of inferior grade while the other contained about 40 per cent of culls which were ill-shaped, had rotten ends or were crooked.

Mr. Jackman in his afternoon address, spoke on potato grading.

Potato grading is being taken up by the different states, but this state did not make grading a requirement until just recently when a United States and Oregon grade has been established. At the present time Oregon has a reputation of having poorly graded potatoes. It has been necessary for individual farmers to establish a reputation for having reliable grade. The reason for this lack in this state was that the farmers had not yet gone into the business of raising and marketing potatoes extensively. Now, however, the mile stone has been passed and more will be expected from Oregon farmers in the future. It is also up to them to "produce the goods".

A little might be said in regard to potato grading. The requirements are not as definite as wheat grading. The most uniform grade is secured when a potato association is formed and a warehouse supplied where the farmers can bring their potatoes to get them graded and have the culls returned. There are two grades of potatoes recognized in Oregon and they are the best grade or Grade No. 1 and the fancy grade.

Oregon U. S. Grade No. 1. This grade shall consist of sound potatoes of similar varietal characteristics, which are practically free from dirt or other foreign matter, frost injury, sunburn, second growth, cuts, scabs, blight, dry rot and damage caused by disease, insects or mechanical means. The minimum diameter of potatoes of the round varieties shall be one and seven-eighths inches and of potatoes of the long varieties one and three-fourths inches. In order to allow for variations incident to commercial grading and handling five per centum by weight of any lot may be under the prescribed size, and in addition three per centum by weight of any such lot may be below the remaining requirements of this grade.

Red and white potatoes must not be mixed and sold as one variety. More potatoes are probably graded out by second growth than from any other cause. Small nobs may be broken off. A tolerance of five per cent is allowed in grading. Not more than two per cent of soft end rot is allowed.

The fancy grade is ruled by the same requirements as the No. 1 grade except the size varies. In this grade the minimum diameter of the round varieties shall be two and one-fourth inches and of the long variety shall be three and one-half inches and the maximum length shall not exceed inches.

S. B. Hall when called upon for a talk, spoke on the possibilities in raising seed potatoes. He said the grower must wake up, quit growing potatoes or raise a better quality. It will be impossible to compete with Idaho or Yakima potatoes because of the larger yields and because they are easier to raise there on account of the irrigation conditions, etc. The production here is 100 sacks to the acre while there it is from 200 to 600. Most of the potatoes grown in Willamette valley go to California for seed. Oregon's potatoes have to be re-graded there. In order to secure and hold this trade it is necessary to grow better potatoes and sort better.

Mr. Hall investigated conditions in California several years ago. The grower must find out what California needs and what variety is most popular there and then grow them carefully from certified seed. The investigation showed that 75 per cent of the California growers want Burbanks, and the remaining 25 per cent is divided between 15 different varieties. The largest demand is for low topped Burbanks. The grower here must consider the other man. He should not try to cheat by giving inferior quality. The name of the variety, of the grower and his address should be placed on a label and fastened to each sack shipped. Only one variety of potato should be grown on each farm.

W. A. Holt in an address told how the community surrounding Damascus has led other communities in potato-



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toes by taking an interest in the market. A satisfied customer will always come back. Quality also brings the price. Mr. Holt spoke favorably on a marketing association owned and operated by the farmer. It is the way of accomplishing things but, in order to make a success of it, it is necessary to have a good manager who is entirely responsible. The directors must lighten the burden and help shoulder the difficulties. Membership and loyalty to the association is important. Mr. Holt admitted that California is the market to enter to but reminded his hearers that the farmers here are not taking advantage of it. He then ended his talk by announcing a stump burning demonstration to take place in January on some land between Boring and the Bluff road. The prize won by Oran Lingle this year is worthy of mention. He planted 3 1/2 acres and rogued out his patch several times. He entered an exhibit at the Northwest Potato show which was held at Spokane from November 21-24. He competed against 29 other growers. It was necessary to score 900 points in the class in which he entered, in order to get first prize. None of the 29 scored that high. The highest score was 888. Mr. Lingle secured 875 points out of a possible 1000 and won third prize on his 29 pounds of potatoes. It was expected to have a mechanical power potato grader for demonstration purposes at the meeting. It was the intention of securing it through Will Hessel of Gresham but Mr. Hessel was unable to get one. He found there was only one in the state. He expects to be able to secure one in about six weeks or two months. The Odd Fellows are to build a \$200,000 temple in Portland. The new Chapman school in Portland is to be absolutely fireproof.

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