

LARGE AUDIENCE ATTEND EXERCISES

DEFENSE DAY PROGRAM REHEARSED AT PLAYHOUSE

Addresses By Steiwer and Gralapp Interspersed With Musical Numbers In Program For The Evening

A large and appreciative audience attended the Defense Day program at the Playhouse last Friday evening.

The opening number of the program was the singing of America by the audience followed by a prayer.

London Barnett followed Mr. Steiwer's address with a solo. Mr. Barnett has a well trained voice and scored a hit with his listeners.

Arnold Gralapp explained the meaning of defense day and the ideas and aims of the War Department by the inauguration of such a day.

The program was closed with a community sing. Miss Compton, teacher of music in the local high school, led the singing.

COLUMBIA RESIDENT DIES AT PASCO SUNDAY

Burial Is Made In That City Tuesday With Interment There

Mrs. Dan Parker passed away at the home of her sister in Pasco Sunday, where she had been for the past few weeks.

Members of the family had been called there several days previous by her serious condition.

Mrs. Parker was well and favorably known here and in Columbia where she was active in Neighborhood club work.

The funeral was held at Pasco Tuesday and burial was made in that city.

Reception For Teachers

The Community Club and Parent-Teacher Association will give a reception for the teachers of the school Friday evening, September 26, at 8 o'clock at the Hermiston high school.

Male Quartette, Messrs. Phipps, Waugaman, Barnett, Hamm.

Response by Mr. Day and Miss Brierly.

Rose Fairies Dance, Betty, Charlotte and Helen Ralph.

Vocal Solo—Miss Compton

Address—Mr. H. M. Schilling

Piano Solo—Elizabeth Straw

Vocal Solo—Miss Kitty Short

Refreshments will be served immediately after the program.

Sutherland's shipping prunes and pears to eastern and southern markets.

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

The first sales of 1924 Oregon hops of the late crop were made at 12 to 13 cents.

Native bred wild ducks are comparatively plentiful in waters of Umatilla county.

Bids for the construction of a \$100,000 junior high school in Astoria will be opened by the school board October 1.

J. E. Thompson, for the past 10 years chief auditor in the state industrial accident commission, died at the home of his mother in Salem.

Railroad service between Tillamook and Portland was halted by forest fires at Wakefield and Snark, about 38 miles from Tillamook.

More than 50 forest fires were started in the Umpqua national forest by a severe thunder storm. A heavy rain which followed extinguished the fires.

Chinook salmon eggs totaling 4,000,000 have been taken out for planting from the McKenzie river hatchery. Last year the record was 15,000,000 eggs.

A car of Oregon Wealthy apples was sold at auction at New York at \$3.25@3.50, averaging \$3.37 for extra fancy and \$2.90@3.50, averaging \$2.95 for fancy.

One of the army De Havilland airplanes used on forest patrol was badly wrecked at Eugene when it struck a fence at the edge of the municipal aviation field.

Half of the town of Sisters was destroyed by fire which started in the C. L. Gist hotel, apparently from a defective fuse. The loss was estimated at \$25,000.

Thirty boys of Polk county, who have been raising Jersey calves for exhibition at the state fair, will gather at Rickreaf September 19 and hold an amateur Jersey show.

The state highway commission at a meeting to be held in Portland September 25 will open bids for the construction of approximately 15 miles of new road and one bridge.

Hop crop estimates of Oregon are being revised upward as a result of the last surveys of the Willamette valley yards. Figures now place the 1924 crop at close to 50,000 bales.

Two large barns on Morris Koons' farm, 12 miles north of Eugene on the Pacific highway, together with a large quantity of hay and grain and some machinery, were destroyed by fire.

R. P. Bonham of Portland, district immigration inspector, was in Salem arranging for the deportation of eight inmates of the Oregon state penitentiary and eight patients at the state hospital.

Will H. Moore, state insurance commissioner, and W. A. Mullen, chief deputy in the department, have designed a sticker advertising fire prevention week, which is October 5 to 11, inclusive.

Between 50,000 and 55,000 pounds of hops belonging to G. R. Fish, near Springfield, were burned when fire leveled the hop house. Loss is about \$5000. Mr. Fish had just concluded his season's picking.

Portland was visited by about 100 collection agency representatives Monday and Tuesday, when the sixth annual convention of the Collection Agencies' association of Oregon was held at the Multnomah hotel.

Automatic train controls, to stop an engine if the engineer through sudden death or laxity runs past the warning block signals, are being installed on the O. W. R. & N. lines between Portland and The Dalles.

Hop and prune-picking operations in Marion and Polk counties are nearing an end. The short picking season this year was due, it was said to the favorable weather, which has permitted work without interruption.

A successor to R. B. Goodin, superintendent of the Oregon employment institution for the adult blind in Portland, who died last week, probably will not be considered until the next regular meeting of the state board of control.

The September estimate of pear production gives the total crop of the United States as about the same as 1923, but shows a general reduction for the Pacific coast states. The Oregon crop is estimated at 1,153,000 bushels against 1,540,000 bushels last year.

Just why pine squirrels should be seeking lower altitudes and forsaking their mountain haunts is a question raised by S. H. Walker of Umatilla county. Ordinarily, the little animals remain far back in the hills, but this year they have come down on the farms. Porcupine and skunks have also come down out of the mountains to a greater extent than ever before.

Grants Pass—Grape crop estimated at 20,000 lugs.

COREY SAYS WRONG INFORMATION GIVEN

CHAIRMAN OF COMMISSION SETS FORTH FACTS IN LETTER

Rates on Farm Products Within the State Have Been Reduced By Public Service Commission

We are in receipt of a letter from H. H. Corey, chairman of the Public Service Commission of Oregon in regard to the recent rate controversy. Below is Mr. Corey's letter:

The following information is furnished to correct the misinformation broadcasted by the misinformed.

Rates on farm products within the state have been reduced by the Public Service Commission's order now before the Circuit Court in Marion county. Should the modified order be upheld as non-discriminatory by said court, the rates on hay, Hermiton, for example, to Tillamook, will be reduced from 37 1-2 cents to 28 cents, or \$1.90 per ton.

The distance commodity rate prescribed by this commission reduced the rate on hay, Hermiton to Portland from 21 1-2 cents to 20 1-2 cents. Point to point commodity rates in accordance with this commission's order, are yet to be established where movements of commodities are sufficient to justify such reductions. For example, the rates between Hermiton and Portland, or Hermiton and Hood River, are yet to be established.

Our order removes the arbitrary heretofore existing on the Pilot Rock branch, reducing the rate on grain from Pilot Rock to Portland 2 1-2 cents per hundred, and allowing the shippers on said branch the same rate on their grain to Portland as exists from equidistant points on the main line.

The Interstate Commerce Commission having fixed the grain rates from Pendleton to Portland in the Columbia River Basin case, this Commission is powerless to change said rate.

Very respectfully, H. H. Corey, Chairman.

U. OF O. APPLICANTS FOR ENTRANCE ARE NUMEROUS

Applicants for entrance into the University of Oregon are coming in at the rate of 100 a week, according to an announcement made by Carlton E. Spencer, university registrar.

Up to date the number granted entrance exceeds the number at the same time last year by about 20 per cent. "All indications are that the enrollment of new students this fall will far exceed any previous year," Mr. Spencer said. Thursday and Friday September 25 and 26, are set for the registration days, although entering students are expected to take physical examinations on Monday, September 22.

Grants Pass—A one and one-half acre farm at Green's Creek has sold \$785.85 berry crop; total income from place estimated at \$1,000 for the year.

Roseburg—City buys additional fire equipment.

WOMAN KNOCKED DOWN BY CAR

Mrs. W. W. Felthouse Receives Injuries But None are Serious

Last Sunday morning while crossing the highway at the Inland Empire Lumber Co., Mrs. W. W. Felthouse was hit by a car and knocked unconscious. Mr. Felthouse, who was with his wife at the time of the accident, stated that they saw the car approaching but for some unaccountable reason Mrs. Felthouse started to cross the highway in front of the car. J. M. Pace and D. D. Follett were occupants of the car. Mrs. Felthouse's injuries are not serious.

Community Club Hold Meeting

The Community Club held its regular meeting Sept. 16 at the library. The club voted that all dues paid from this date by new members should give them paid up membership until January 1926. The club desires all women who are interested to become members. The dues are fifty cents a year.

Mrs. Curtis Dyer read an unusually interesting paper on Food and Shelter for Birds, dwelling particularly on the economic value of birds, in destroying insects and rodents.

Mrs. Dyer told her audience that through painstaking investigations the Department of Agriculture has estimated the annual loss to the farmer of this country from the attacks of insect and rodent pests alone amounts to about a billion dollars. Also that birds constitute the principal check upon the insects and rodents, as well as the weeds and therefore every effort should be made to protect them, if only from a purely selfish motive.

Birds are a benefit to health by destroying germ carrying mosquitoes. Five hundred mosquitoes have been found in the stomach of a single night hawk. The killdeer consumes hundreds of the larvae of mosquitoes.

Mrs. Dyer gave a list of the trees and shrubs which are attractive to birds, including choke cherry, wild rose, sumac and elderberry, all of which we may obtain from the river. One writer has said, "If there is room for but one tree in the garden, let that tree be a mulberry." She named also red cedar, flowering dogwood, mountain ash and flowering crab apple. For vines Virginia creeper, wild grape and honeysuckle are favorites of birds. Hummingbirds are attracted by the red flowers of the canna, salvia and hollyhock. The cosmos and sunflower are well liked also.

Following this paper there were two-minute talks on nature study by Mrs. H. M. Schilling and Mrs. J. W. Campbell. Mrs. C. W. Kellogg read W. L. Finley's story of the Hummingbird. The club voted to subscribe for Nature Magazine for the library.

Mrs. E. P. Dodd read a very good paper on the difficult subject, "International Relations."

Rev. Young Attending Conference

Rev. Henry Young left Sunday evening for the annual M. E. conference at Medford. He will be able to report paid in full. This is the first time in several years that the local church has met its budget. The church, business men and community are to be congratulated for their cooperation and appreciation of what churches mean to communities.

BIG RABBIT DRIVE COUNTED SUCCESSFUL

HUNDREDS OF THE LONG EARED PESTS ANNIHILATED

Four Drives Held During The Day and Lunch Served By The Club Ladies

Probably two hundred men, women boys and girls took part in the big rabbit drive held Sunday last on the west side of the Umatilla river. The first drive started at about 11 o'clock from the J. N. Prindle ranch. Two corrals for the drive had been provided and after driving to the first of these a circle was made and another area driven over. In both these drives many rabbits were killed trying to get through the lines, but many also got safely away, but at the correls a veritable slaughter was made.

After a big lunch and coffee served by the ladies of the U Go I Go club, who sponsored the drive, a start was made on two other drives that netted about as many rabbits as in the forenoon.

It is estimated that between 1200 and 1500 rabbits were killed during the day. The day was very warm and a couple of the participants were partly overcome by the heat. Several women were in the lines, and he it said to their credit, that they performed as well as the men. It is stated that another drive will be arranged for shortly after the Dairy and Hog show dates, in the same vicinity.

FEDERAL INSPECTION AT SHIPPING POINT GEWS

Federal inspection of fruits and vegetables at point of origin, is growing in importance, according to a recent report of the Secretary of Agriculture. By bringing the lesson of proper grading and standardization home to the growers it is steepest production methods will be profoundly affected in many districts. This work was authorized by an amended law, the amendment being "Or offered for interstate shipment." In the first year ending June 23 a total of 72,000 shipping point inspections were made by Federal inspectors under control of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and 28,169 at receiving markets. In the year just ended, June 1924, shipping point inspections increased to 127,354 with 29,282 at receiving points. When this service is fully developed it is estimated it will demand the services of thousands of inspectors each year. Another important advantage of this method is the sale of products en route to market on Federal inspection without 24 to 48 hours from time of loading, thus making it possible to gauge the market requirements before too late to save losses.

Roseburg to get natatorium, gymnasium and auditorium to cost \$100,000.

Marshfield—City finds Brewster valley an adequate water supply for Coos bay cities.

Astoria—Cranberry crop of Clatsop county expected to reach 400 to 500 bushels to acre.

Ode to The China Pheasant

Written for the Anti-Gun Club By Mrs. F. B. Fenwick

Here's an ode to the china, that grim sea of hate,

Twixt the farm and the gun club, the devil's own mate.

How the hunters adore him, with all of his sin:

But the weary old "hayseed" loses his grin.

As he strolls down the trail where the china has been.

Alas for the melons he hoed with such care;

For the law armored china has beaten him there.

He tightens his belt and goes on to the corn.

Which he filled with high hopes in the young dewy morn.

But there too, the china had finished the job.

And left for the farmer the stark naked cob.

He has ruled the grapes and the strawberries too.

Of what he has missed not one thing meets our view.

He has scratched up the turnips and bit all the spuds.

Peeked into the squashes, and then mused the duds.

We loaned to the scarecrow, to keep him at bay;

The duds we shall need on our cold "rainy day."

We bubble and simmer down under the vest.

For we know we're the goat as has long been confessed.

We give him our gardens and give him our fruit.

And fat him up fine for the Nimrods to shoot.

And if a stray bullet should slaughter a cow,

'Tis a small thing to "holler about" anyhow.

The game wardens warn us of the prison and fine.

If once we should dare on his carcass to dine.

But we gaze on the wrecks of our hopes and our pains.

And with grim satisfaction we munch the remains.

And should the game lovers once venture our way

We have all clubbed together to see that they stay.

On the safe public highway, nor venture to pass.

Over one tiny blade of "old corn-tassels" grass.

We too can get warrants and trespassers fine.

And we don't have to post every fence with a sign.

The peace loving farmer is forced to the fray.

For the china must go if the farmer would stay.

He looks on the flag that unfurls to the breeze.

And then at the game warden skulking at ease.

In the cool restful shade of his hand planted trees.

He thinks of vain toil in the sweltering sun.

He thinks of the license he pays on his gun.

He mops off his forehead and murmurs by heck.

LEAGUE DISCUSSES ARBITRATION PACT

Treaty Calls For General and Mutual Assistance to Maintain Peace.

Geneva.—Interest Tuesday in Geneva centered in a meeting of a sub-committee of the disarmament commission of the League of Nations assembly, at which Foreign Minister Benes of Czechoslovakia was to have presented his draft pact of arbitration and security.

The draft contains the outlines of a document which, in the form of a resolution, protocol or treaty, is to form the basis for the convocation of a disarmament conference after it has been signed or ratified by enough powers to assure that security without which any disarmament conference, it is felt, would be doomed to failure.

On two occasions the negotiations over the agreement to outlaw war threatened proceedings Monday, but owing to the patience of both the British and French delegates they were resumed after temporary interruption and an accord was finally attained.

The final draft does not mention Great Britain or any other power, but is in the nature of a pact of general and mutual assistance and makes clear that each member of the league will contribute the force at its disposal, either economic or military, for the general maintenance of peace.

The draft does not partake of the nature of a Franco-British alliance in any sense, but is entirely a protocol of mutual assistance affecting all the members of the league. Nevertheless, the fact that Great Britain and France have reached an accord is expected to go a long way to securing the general approval of the powers.

CANADIAN MERCHANTS URGE BORDER GUARDS

Vancouver, B. C.—Merchants and manufacturers of western Canada are endeavoring to have the Royal Canadian mounted police placed on customs guard along the border of Canada.

Smuggling of millions of dollars' worth of silks, automobile parts, tobacco, narcotics, jewelry and other goods bearing high duties, has aroused the interests that are suffering most.

Some of the manufacturers are trying to get the government to enter into an agreement with the United States whereby mounted police officers will be stationed on the border and prevent smuggling goods into Canada and at the same time assist the United States by preventing liquor moving out of Canada into American territory.

LEGION IN ANNUAL SESSION

Ovation Is Given When Commander Quinn Embraces Confederate Chief.

St. Paul, Minn.—With military precision, the annual convention of the American Legion got under way here Monday, perfected organization, listened to several prominent speakers and launched into the real business of the five-day gathering.

Addresses of welcome on behalf of the city and state, greetings from the G. A. R. and United Confederate Veterans, a message from President Coolidge and a gripping, solemn tribute to the late Woodrow Wilson were included in the activities of the opening session.

John R. Quinn, national commander, in his address pointed to legion achievements of the past year; reports of several committees and an address by General Frank T. Hines, director of the veterans' bureau, who told the veterans the bureau "had been cleaned up."

One happening on the speakers' platform brought ringing cheers from the legionnaires. That was when Commander Quinn clasped in his arms General W. B. Haldeman of Louisville, commander-in-chief of the confederate veterans, and Judge Eli Torrance, Minneapolis, representing the G. A. R.

Railroads Protest Against Valuations.

Washington, D. C.—Nineteen railroads on which the interstate commerce commission has fixed aggregate tentative final value of \$584,376,206, claim an aggregate value of \$1,044,877,904, or 80 per cent in excess of the final value found by the commission, according to Eugene W. Reed, special valuation counsel of the National Association of Railroad and Utilities Commissioners.

Paris O. K.'s Herriot Program.

Rambouillet, France.—The French cabinet approved Premier Herriot's program at the Geneva league of nations meeting, including his speeches. The minister of finance presented an economy program for balancing the budget.

Nahalem—Work on new concrete highway paving to begin at once.

A Guilty Conscience



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