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BETTER FARMS WILL BUILD THE STATE

Further expression to the sentiment in favor of "earth education" that is so strong throughout Oregon today, will be given February 12, which has been made children's day in the Country Life movement.

Special programs will be arranged in the various schools, and in many towns and villages parades will be held by school children.

The idea to be worked out everywhere is that the movement to make better farms and to improve the farm homes of Oregon is a step that makes for the prosperity of all the people.

It is desired that Senate Bill 72, a measure before the Legislature to provide for extension work by the Oregon Agricultural College, be discussed by the pupils of the schools on February 12 and teachers and school boards are urged to make the necessary preparations.

This measure plans to extend the benefits of the Oregon Agricultural College to every county in Oregon. Co-operative demonstration farms will be one of the chief means used.

Senate Bill 72 asks that the state this year appropriate a sufficient amount to start this work on a satisfactory basis, the counties to share in the benefits also being expected to set aside funds to carry the project along.

It is only by such an arrangement that the government funds can be obtained to further demonstration farm work in this state. To get what it is entitled to in this direction, the state must show its interest by taking this movement up in earnest and all those who favor the development of Oregon's agricultural possibilities, its biggest asset, are behind the proposed measure.

At a recent meeting held in Portland, the Central Oregon Development League, which drafted the bill, the Oregon Development League, the State Bankers' Association, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Oregon Agricultural College, the livestock interests, the railroads and the business men of Portland were all represented and agreed that the need of the hour is agricultural extension that shall reach to every part of the state.

WASCO ORCHARDISTS FAVOR NEW LAW

At a recent meeting of the Wasco County Fruit Growers' Association, resolutions were adopted favoring the new horticultural bill framed by a committee of 19 at a meeting of the State Horticultural Society and now before the legislature.

There has been much fault found with those whose duty it was to look after and prevent or destroy horticultural pests and diseases and nearly all attempts on the part of those in authority have met with opposition.

A great many old and worthless orchards continue to spread infectious disease to other orchards. We believe that under and individual head, who would be solely responsible to the people, the owners of these infected trees could be convinced that it is for the good of all that such diseased orchards should be treated and destroyed.

The faults of the present laws are not, we believe, in the individual members, whose duty it is to enforce them, but in the system at present in vogue. We believe that power should be vested in an individual head and that the head be held responsible to his constituency and that if the life of his office depend upon his succeeding, it would prove more effectual than when vested in so many heads.

Under the present law the members of the board are not expected to make their living off the office they are appointed to, but from some other business. This fact, of itself, puts the sting of disappointment in the enforcement of the law, for to insist on the enforcement might touch the economic interest of the member of the board and to protect his own monetary welfare he becomes slack in the enforcement of the law.

Appointive power under the new law would be vested in the Governor of Oregon, the president of the state horticultural society and the horticulturist of the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis, instead of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer.

We believe that this change is of the greatest concern to fruit growers of our state and we ask you to support this bill in behalf of your own constituency. The said bill is that drawn up by the committee of nineteen members chosen by the state horticultural society of Oregon in convention assembled at Portland, November 22, 1912.—From Hood River News.

War Between Nature's Forces

On Saturday morning last, while the brisk Chinook zephyrs were robbing the hills of their pristine whiteness, and creating a sloppiness underfoot which even threatened the stability of Mosier's hard surfaced boulevards, one of the oddest yet most beautiful scenes ever witnessed by those who gazed was apparent on the north side of the Columbia River.

Just at the east end of the S. P. & S. trestle opposite Mosier, the melting snows on the hillside formed a stream which swept over the edge of the precipitous bluff in a foaming cataract, in an endeavor to attain its level. But the winds decreed otherwise. Ere the stream had descended half way the Chinook caught it broadside and hurled it back whence it came with a force which transformed the silvery cascade into a cloud of spray which, from the distance, resembled smoke. Up and up, then in a horizontal line, swept the spray, which finally succumbed in defeat, descending to earth again to reach the bosom of the Columbia by another route.

It was a titanic battle of the elements, a scene seldom witnessed, and worthy the magic touch of a painter's brush or the evidence obtained and preserved by the camera.

A CURIOUS COURT

It is Held Annually When France Pays Tribute to Spain.

PRICE OF AN ANCIENT PEACE.

More Than Five Centuries Three Calves Are Still Humbly Presented Each Year to the Haughty Descendants of the Victorious Spaniards.

Every year there takes place in the Pyrenean highlands a remarkable fete. It is held at the boundary stone of San Martin, which separates the French valley Baroton from the Spanish valley of Roncal. Every year the representatives of the French peasants assemble there in order to pay the Spaniards a tribute, which consists of three calves of the same age and the same color, and the delivery of the calves is accompanied by ceremonies which sufficiently indicate that the old inhabitants of the Roncal valley were once victorious over their neighbors.

At 9 o'clock in the morning the mayors of the various villages in the Baroton valley, bravely adorned with their blue, white and red scarfs of office march up to the boundary stone. In front of the column walks a lad, with a pike, from the point of which flutters a little white pennon as a gage of peace. The three calves are dragged in the rear of the procession at the end of long ropes. Calves and scarfs take up their position by the stone and await the arrival of the Spaniards.

They are soon visible in the distance. In front walks a man clad in sheepskins, who waves a red pennon at the end of a pike as a sign of war. Behind him walks the alcaide of Isaba, the principal village in the valley of Roncal, and following him come the alcaldes of the other villages, their staffs of office in their hands. The bulk of the procession consists of shepherds, stern looking fellows armed with old sabers and matchlocks.

The alcaide of Isaba is all glories to behold in a long black garb fastened by gold buttons, a tall white tuft, tight fitting knee breeches, red silk stockings and buckled shoes. A sombrero covers his head, and in his hands he holds the staff adorned with silver knobs, the emblem in Spain of magisterial dignity.

As soon as the Spaniards reach the rendezvous the alcaide of Isaba steps to the front and addresses them in solemn ceremonial style:

"Are you come to pay tribute and swear friendship according to old custom and tradition?"

"That is the reason of our coming," answer the French.

Then the two standard bearers approach the boundary stone and lay their pikes crosswise upon it. After a few moments the Spaniard takes his up again, sticks it into French soil and then places it as before on the stone. On the cross formed by the two shafts the representatives of the two valleys swear to keep the peace with loyal mind.

Then follows the delivery of the three calves to the Spaniards. They are examined by a veterinary surgeon and accepted, after which all present take up their stations under a shady oak, and, following the example of the good St. Louis of France and Alfonso the Wise of Spain, the alcaide of Isaba throws himself among the garbled roots of the oak and proceeds to act as a magistrate.

Shepherds and neatherds pass before him and prefer their international complaints. The judge listens to both sides, bids them bring forward their witnesses and delivers judgment without delay, inflicting a fine on one, awarding compensation to another, punishing one and affording satisfaction to his victim.

After all the quarrels are settled the alcaide undertakes the appointment of the pasture guardians for both valleys, so that he enjoys even greater authority in the township of Baroton than the president of the republic himself. Finally, they all betake themselves to Spanish soil, where a Homeric feast is set out, and till late in the night the banquet goes on, the descendants of the old warlike mountain peoples drinking together in brotherly unity in commemoration of the conclusion of the peace of 1375 and the installation of the above ceremonies.

About 300 years after this treaty had been made the French began to refuse to pay the tribute, but after some negotiations they consented to continue it. In more modern times they tried to get the tribute commuted to a sum of money, but the Spaniards declined, and agreed to forego the firing of guns in the direction of France as being a wound to French honour proper.—London Spectator.

Hard Luck.

Maud-Beatrix has lost twenty pounds lately—her new gowns are perfect successes, her sweetheart proposed to her last night, her rich uncle died yesterday and left her a million, and now she has to go to his funeral today and try to look sad.—Harper's Bazar.

Making Antiques.

An expert cabinetmaker can take a new piece of furniture and make it look as if it was 200 years old—and so can the average small boy.—Chicago News.

Hasn't Seen Made.

"Do you give your wife all the money she wants?" "There isn't that much."—Washington Star.

Every man is occasionally what he ought to be perpetually.—Dr. Johnson.

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W. F. LARAWAY Hood River U. S. A.

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