

BRANCH LEAGUE FOR R. R. VALLEY

Association, Planned at Winter Short Course Session at O. A. C. to Promote Experimenting Among Rangers, to Have Local Representation.

The initiatory meeting of the Rogue River Valley branch of the Oregon Agricultural Experimental League was held in the University club rooms Saturday afternoon. Enthusiastic talks, concerning the movement were made by Leonard Carpenter, the president of the state organization, Stanton Griffith, its secretary and Professor P. J. O'Gara.

President Carpenter showed the great efficiency in service that a live organization of this kind is capable of doing for the Rogue River Valley. In brief, he said that although the state and federal officials are experimenting to the limit of their power to ascertain the facts relative to such subjects as crop rotation, darning, fertilizing of orchards, cover crops, and what certain varieties thrive best in given districts, they are not able to make rapid inroads upon the gigantic task confronting them. The opportunity for service of new organization is in the number of experiments that can be made in the many different lines of farming. Mr. Carpenter classed the farmer with the manufacturer on the grounds that he is a food producer. He showed that while other lines of manufacturing had reduced their business to a science, making efficiency supreme farming is still in a chaotic state due to the ignorance of the true conditions governing its varied branches. Each district, he said, should stick to the culture of those fruits, cereals, vegetables or whatever they may be which can best be grown under its particular conditions. What these specific crops are, he said, can only be found by extensive experimenting.

Mr. Carpenter vouchsafed that an active branch of the league formed in this valley would in time gather statistics which would show the cost of producing each crop under every kind of condition. He emphasized the fact that there is no reason for lack of harmony in the exchange of ideas between growers in the same state for if a better grade of fruit were produced the reputation that variety would bring to the state would increase the profits of every other grower of the variety.

Stanton Griffith, the secretary of the league, followed Mr. Carpenter with a short address concerning the history of the league from its inception. During the winter short course session at the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis the two hundred or more practical fruit growers who were in attendance conceived the idea of the immense benefit that organized experimenting, being carried on simultaneously by farmers in all districts would be to the state.

Professor O'Gara assured the organization of his hearty co-operation and spoke briefly of the extent of the work of experimental leagues in other states. New York, he said, has a league of 75,000 and has enlisted, through a prize system, the co-operation of the school children in the making of experiments. In Nebraska he stated the yield of corn was increased one third as the result of experiments in the selection of seeds by the league there.

Any orchardist interested in experimental work may become a member of the Oregon agricultural experimental league.

SEATS FOR "FRA" ARE GOING FAST

The advance sale of seats for the performance of "Fra Diavola" is given at the Medford opera house next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings under the auspices of the local lodge of the B. P. O. E., is progressing rapidly. Almost every member of the lodge has disposed of all the tickets assigned him and several have returned for "more."

The seats are to be procured from any member of the order or at Haskin's drug store. The performance will be given by an amateur cast which, in many previous performances, has given a showing that to strangers visiting the city who happened to drop in to their show was hard to make believe came from amateurs but professionals.

ASHLAND WINS IN FINAL BASKET BALL MATCH

The Ashland high school team defeated the local high school team in a basket ball game played in Ashland last night by a score of 55 to 1. The game is the last which the local team will play in outside of town this season.

NO DEATHS ON HARRIMAN LINES

Carry 49,491,000 Persons in Safety—Report for 1910 Received by Local Agents Show No Fatalities. 17,960 Miles Covered.

Installation of safety devices and the block signal system are cited for the record of the Harriman railroads in carrying 49,491,000 passengers in 1910 without sacrificing a single life.

The report was compiled in the office of Julius Kruttschnitt, director of maintenance and operation, Chicago. It covered the business of the Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and affiliated roads, a total of 17,960 miles. The total number of passengers carried on a mile basis is 3,000,000,000.

The Harriman system carried 10 per cent of the estimated 1910 passenger traffic. The figures for most of the other railroads have not yet been compiled by the government, but in 1909 the number of passengers carried was 29,000,000,000. The figures for 1910, it is said, will not exceed a billion more.

Many other railroads have gone through a year without a fatality to any of its passengers, but it is said that no system has made this record for such a large total of passengers.

Results on the Harriman lines are ascribed to a campaign waged by the management for years to reduce accidents. The Harriman system now has more miles of automatic block signal protection than any other system in the world. Mr. Kruttschnitt has directed special attention to the accident problem, and began several years ago to bring about a reduction by giving complete publicity to all forms of accidents and their investigation, which it is believed, spurred officers and employees to greater efforts to safeguard lives.

In 1903-1904 the number of accidents on the Union Pacific was 29 for 1,000,000 locomotive miles. On the Pacific system of the Southern Pacific the number of accidents per 1,000,000 locomotive miles was reduced from 29.5 to 10.5 in the same time.

JOHNSON CAR TRAIN IN FRISCO ROCK PILE

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—Champion Jack Johnson will be given an opportunity to train for his next battle on the rock pile. The big smoke will be arrested some time today on a second charge of having violated the speed law and it is generally believed Police Judge Weller will give him a jail sentence.

Patrolman William Colner, who arrested the negro several weeks ago for automobile speeding, yesterday afternoon pulled his watch on a machine driven by Johnson. According to Colner, the fighter was making 30 miles an hour. The officer called to him to stop, but the order was disregarded.

Colner left for Johnson's quarters at the beach this afternoon to take the negro into custody.

Johnson is now at liberty on bail following an appeal from Police Judge Colton's sentence of a \$100 fine or ten days in jail.

MADAME SHERRY COMING TO MEDFORD THEATRE SOON

The one big, overwhelming musical success of the decade is "Madame Sherry." Its music has enraptured the globe and its bright and original comedy is leaving a rail of wholesome hearty laughter wherever the production has been presented. Not only New York and Chicago have found it the most enjoyable performance of many years, but in every city where it is seen the metropolitan verdict is unanimous and approved. "Every Little Movement" the song theme of the piece is the biggest song hit of a generation, and there are 20 other first-class musical numbers in the production which are popular. Cost, music, comedy and production all tower head and shoulders above any similar performance offered the playgoers in a long time, as will be seen when the piece appears at the Medford theatre soon.

POCAHONTAS COUNCIL RECEIVES A SURPRISE

The members of the Pocahontas council, an auxiliary to the order of Red Men, received a delightful surprise Friday evening at the close of their meeting in the new I. O. O. F. building when the trustees of the lodge served a sumptuous banquet in their honor. The feast was heartily enjoyed by all.

WHITE SLAVERS ARE CAPTURED

Federal Marshall Takes Prisoners—Two Women at Lakeview Charged With Immoral Traffic and Brings Them to Portland.

Deputy United States Marshall T. E. Hammersley passed through Medford yesterday with two women prisoners who are going to Portland where they are to be held under federal charges. The women were Bell Marshall and Marie Reed. The former is charged with the very serious offense of being a "white slaver" while the other woman is being taken along for safe keeping as a witness.

These arrests are the outcome of the strenuous efforts by the federal authorities to stamp out the abominable practice.

In the complaint which was filed some time ago in Portland the charge is made that Bell Marshall induced the Reed girl to move from Seattle to Lakeview. The testimony submitted at that time showed that the Marshall woman was one of a gang of "white slavers" which had to flee from Seattle when the late change in the administration was made there when Mayor Gill was ousted by recall and that she took with her for immoral purposes the younger woman and headed for Lakeview.

Both the women were placed under bail of \$4500 by the authorities, and as they could not raise this amount they will be taken to Portland where they will have to remain in jail until the case is finally settled in the federal court.

HARRISON NOMINATED BY CHICAGO DEMOCRATS

CHICAGO, March 4.—Carter H. Harrison has undisputed title to the democratic nomination for mayor as a result of the official canvass of the primary vote. With the official tabulation practically completed, Harrison showed a net gain of 25 votes over Edward F. Dunne, who insisted the canvass would return him the nominee.

Roger Sullivan, democratic committeeman, and other democratic leaders who opposed Harrison in the primary, declared today there is no question as to his nomination.

MRS. SMITH TO BE INTERRED TODAY

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Smith, who died at her home here last Thursday, will be buried this afternoon in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. The funeral service will be held at 3:30 in the Weeks and McGowan company's chapel.

Haskins for Health.

TALK VISION VS. MENTAL STATUS

By Dr. Rickert, Medford, Ore.

Collegiate statistics show a marked increase in the development of myopia, or shortsightedness, in school children as they advance to the higher classes, and he offers an explanation that in the lower grades 14 per cent of the children, while 58.5 per cent prevail in the university.

It is essential to know, however, that most children who are considered backward—not to say mentally abnormal—are suffering from some asthenic condition, some imbalance of the muscles of the eye, very often combined with an error of refraction, which, if corrected, would in most instances block a very decided improvement in their mental status.

Exercises together should have special training which will enable them to determine whether or not a child's eyes are normal, and if found defective the condition should be reported to the parents or guardian of the child, who in turn should seek the advice of a competent ophthalmologist. I am here qualified to serve your condition, possibly.

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