

ROSE GROWERS ASKED TO ASSIST IN ROSE SHOW

The chairman of the rose committee reports that so far 110 growers have paid their membership fee of 50 cents due for one year in the rose society. This entitles them to exhibit at the coming rose show and compete for the silver cups, ten in number, valued at from \$10 to \$20.

Members of the rose society will be admitted free to the exhibit. In order to make the rose show a success there must be at least 300 members. Surely there are more than 300 citizens of Medford and vicinity who grow roses worthy of exhibition.

Membership in the society is 50 cents per annum. The annual meeting of the society takes place in October when officers are to be elected and plans made for next year's exhibit. Membership may be secured by application to Mr. C. E. Gates, treasurer of the society, whose secretary will issue the membership card upon payment of the annual dues.

One need not be a large grower of roses in order to become an exhibitor, as one of the largest cups is offered for the finest single rose grown in anyone's garden. If you have only one rose bush you can compete with the largest grower. All exhibits will be entered under the number on the membership card so no names of exhibitors will appear until after the awards are made. The judges will be from out of town and will be entirely disinterested.

In addition to the ten silver cups there will be prizes of cash orders for new rose bushes given by the four local nurseries payable in October when presented by the winners at the local banks.

The show will not be confined to roses, as any flowers will be accepted for exhibit from members of the society. If sufficiently large numbers of any one variety are received prizes will be given for these. There will be second prizes of books on rose culture.

The complete classification of roses and the rules under which the judging will be done will be published next week.

The prizes offered to the school children by the civic section of the Greater Medford club will not be awarded at the rose show, since, owing to the heavy frosts and the late spring there will not be a large enough number of the cuttings in bloom. Latest reports on the successful growing of the rose cuttings show that 70 per cent of them are growing.

A separate show will be held for the school children in August or September at which time the cash prizes will be given for the finest roses grown from the cuttings and from the rooted plants purchased by the children.

WILL REORGANIZE WABASH RAILROAD

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 21.—Plans for reorganization of the Wabash railroad, now in the hands of a federal receiver, were laid before a joint meeting today of the public service commission of Missouri, Ohio, Iowa, Illinois and Michigan.

The plans provide for a new stock issue of \$86,000,000. These shares are to be exchanged for the present preferred stock at par and for the present common stock at 88. Shares of outstanding stock exchanged for the new are to be assessed at \$20 each. This assessment is expected to yield \$18,480,000 cash, which, with \$11,900,000 expected to be obtained by the sale of \$14,000,000 in refunding bonds at 80, is expected to supply more than \$30,000,000 for the cash requirements of the road.

UNCLE SAM MAY BUILD PIPE LINE

INDEPENDENCE, Kans., May 21.—Kato Sells, commissioner of Indian affairs, and Lieutenant J. O. Richardson of the navy began here today the first of a series of hearings on the feasibility of the government constructing and operating an oil pipe line approximately 600 miles long from the mid-continent oil fields of Oklahoma to a convenient port on the Gulf of Mexico to supply the navy with its fuel oil.

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ANNUAL EXHIBIT OF PUBLIC SCHOOL WORK ON FRIDAY

This year the public schools are following the same plan carried out a year ago, and Friday morning each school building in the city will open its doors to every one, and all are most cordially invited to call any time during the day and inspect the pupils' work of the past nine months.

The work of each grade will be found in its respective room, and at the high school building the results of the year's work in manual training, domestic art and domestic science may be seen. The first department will use the hall space, the display of cooked foods will be found in the basement, and the underwear, fancy articles and dresses made by the high school girls will be exhibited in the sewing room on the first floor.

Only three of the senior girls have made their graduation dresses this year, but many pretty artistic dresses of all kinds of materials are the result of this year's work. The seventh and eighth grade sewing will be found in the grade rooms.

No regular course has been given this year in industrial art work below the seventh grade, but many of the teachers have put in one or more of the problems in their individual rooms, and so a small amount of this work is to be on exhibition in some of the rooms.

The drawing work shows up well, although less time has been given to it this year than for the three previous years, but the result of these other years is to be found in the way details have been studied and colors, charcoal, crayons and chalk applied.

It may be hard to believe that some of the seventh grade work is entirely the work of these boys and girls, but teachers and pupils know how they have worked to get such pleasing results. The penmanship work in the Washington building is well worth close critical examination.

All five buildings will be open from 9 in the morning until 5:30 in the evening, Friday, May 22, and the teachers will be present to welcome all visitors and answer all questions regarding the work.

Harry Ling has returned from a business trip to the country.

MAIL CARRIERS ORDERED TO REPORT FIRES IN FORESTS

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 21.—The post office department has just reported, in the current postal guide supplement, the instructions through which rural carriers are to report forest fires to the proper authorities during the coming season. These instructions were first issued in May, 1912, and during the past two years the co-operation has resulted in the detection and suppression of many fires.

State and federal forest officers will make a special effort this year to get even more value out of the service than has been obtained heretofore. The usual procedure has been obtained heretofore. The usual procedure has been for the state fire wardens or federal forest officers to send to the postmasters lists of local wardens and patrolmen, with their addresses and telephone numbers. These lists are given to the carriers with instructions to report forest fires to men whose names appear thereon, or to other responsible persons. This year a special effort will be made to follow up the sending out of the lists by having the patrolmen and wardens meet the carriers personally and to take the initiative in arranging such meetings, and also to map out a plan of action to be followed.

AMERICANS LOSERS IN BRITISH TOURNEY

SANDWICH, May 21.—Charles W. Evans, Jr., of Chicago and Harold Weber of Toledo, O., the only remaining Americans in the contest for the British amateur golf championship, were both defeated today. Evans lost to C. B. McFarlane, a Scotch player, four up and two to play, and Weber was beaten by Captain Cecil K. Hutchinson of the Royal and Ancient club, St. Andrews, six up and four to play.

Harold Hipton, the title holder, was out of the contest today by Edward Blackwell of St. Andrews, Scotland, who beat him by two up and one to play in the fourth round.

ADMINISTRATION IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH MEDIATION MEET

WASHINGTON, May 21.—President Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan were in direct communication early today with Mexican mediation negotiations at Niagara Falls, Ont.

As soon as the president reached the executive offices after breakfast, Secretary Bryan arrived. The special telegraph wire connecting the white house with headquarters of the American commissioners was working and several messages are said to have been exchanged between the president and Commissioners Lamar and Lehmann.

"Things at the mediation conference are progressing smoothly," Mr. Bryan declared.

When the president and Mr. Bryan began their conference there were several communications from the American commissioners which arrived over night. These messages, it was reported, set forth outlines of procedure suggested by the mediators and also some preliminary ideas on which may be based first interchange of peace proposals.

TEDDY SPENDS DAY VISITING NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 21.—Colonel Roosevelt arrived in town today to spend his first day in New York for seven months. There was no one with him but the chauffeur in the automobile that left Oyster Bay at 8:20. This first day in the city he desired to be alone, the colonel said. Accordingly he would give out no information as to just how he would spend his time or where he would be.

He did say, however, that he expected to spend a great part of the day buying clothes for his son's wedding. When the task of "toggling himself out" was finished, he planned to see his publishers, meet a number of progressive leaders and visit the American Museum of Natural History.

Late in the afternoon he intended to go to his editorial offices. He proposed to journey back to Oyster Bay at 4:30.

HOW TO SEED LAWNS AND WHAT VARIETIES TO USE

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 21.—Even though the lawn has not been seeded during the early spring, it is well worth while to apply seed to it later. This, however, should not be done during a drought. All lawns should have some application of seed in the spring that they may be appear well during the rest of the season, according to the U. S. department of agriculture's landscape gardener.

The best and most widely used mixture for seeding a lawn is one of Kentucky blue grass and red top, equal parts by weight. On absolutely bare soil a pound of seed should be sown to every 200 square feet. Only one-fourth of that amount is necessary on moderately good lawns. Only the very best seed should be used. Seed that is furnished by a reliable seedman is likely to be good. Thin places should be heavily seeded, and when there are considerable areas almost without grass, it is advisable to sow white clover seed in addition to the mixture already recommended.

Poor preparation of the soil is much more often the cause for poor results than the quality of seed. Where the surface of the ground is not loosened up and well pulverized so that the grass seeds may come in contact with the soil, the best of seed will not germinate. There should also be plenty of vegetable matter (humus) in the ground for the seed to give the best results.

The U. S. department of agriculture has a Farmers' Bulletin No. 494 entitled "Lawn Soils and Lawns," which gives general information on the care and preparation of lawns, and which is sent free to any one who applies for it.

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