

WANTS TO RENT LAND FOR GROWING SUGAR BEET CROP

The fact that practical men, experienced along the lines of gardening and growing root crops for stock feeding all lend their endorsement to the proposition of sugar beet growing in this valley, whether with or without the aid of water for irrigation gives assurance of the permanence of the industry here if the required acreage is secured to warrant the installation of the plant.

Perhaps there is no man of varied and extensive experience, in so many different districts, in this matter as T. B. Goodpasture, who has returned to this valley to again engage in gardening and fruit growing after an absence of several years in southern California. Mr. Goodpasture formerly operated in the "Stringtown district" south of Phoenix, and with signal success, having at one time obtained no less than 28 tons of carrots from one acre of land in Bear creek bottom, and that without the use of water. He also raised sugar beets as stock feed, and while he did not market them, hence did not keep account of the yield, is of the opinion that he obtained a much greater tonnage from beets than from carrots. He is of the opinion that very much of the Bear creek bottom soil will produce beets in paying quantities and of the highest sugar content without the use of water at any stage although he concedes the great advantage of water in increasing the yield. His experience in the red foothill fruit land convinces him also that until such time as water is available very satisfactory returns can be had from beets planted there, with adequate deep tillage. The fine condition in which beets leave the soil, after the crop is removed appeals to him particularly.

His recent experience in the southern California beet districts, especially that in the Bellefleur district, where he was for several years engaged in selling real estate, has made a beet bonner out of him to a "fare-you-well." He states that the holdings of Senator Clark of Montana in the Bellefleur district are annually rented and are in great demand at \$20 per annum per acre rental, for the purpose of raising sugar beets for the sugar factory. The senator's holdings amount to a great many thousand acres, and he withholds them from market, owing to the good rental he gets from the land because of the demand for beets by the factory. The fact that for year after year the land rents for this purpose to practical farmers should be guaranteed enough that sugar beet growing is profitable.

Even though he is himself farming rented land now, Mr. Goodpasture will sell all possible to sugar beets and is on the lookout today for a desirable tract of bottom land on long-time lease, and if he secures it, will sign up for a large tract, not only to encourage the enterprise, but because he knows it will be profitable to the grower. He fully realizes that the greatest benefit will result to the community at large, from the resultant activity in the labor market, the wood market, the lime market and above all in the fact that the installation of such a factory here will "start something to moving" locally.

ONLY ONE DAILY NEWSPAPER IN ASHLAND LIBRARY

ASHLAND, Jan. 18.—A recent library report of the past year reveals the fact that the institution has only one daily paper on its reading tables, and that a Portland sheet. It certainly ought to have the Mail Tribune for its wealth of late telegraph service and county news. This need will be investigated. The institution's figures for 1914 are interesting. Out of a total circulation of over 25,000 volumes during the year, only two books were lost. Receipts were \$3,081.56, and expenditures \$2,151.81, leaving a balance of nearly a thousand dollars on hand with which to enter 1915's activities. The tax levy in behalf of the library yields \$2,250.41. The number of volumes is 5,187. As showing the trend of literary taste prevailing hereabouts, for the time being at least, it is mentioned incidentally that the books most sought after during the past year related to sociological topics. Miss Blanche Hicks is librarian, and six other ladies are represented on the board of nine trustees.

Dual System Exposures

With dual systems of electric lighting in the same town, complications are bound to arise. A local barber, desiring to assume an impartial attitude towards both factions, lit his shop from current supplied by the Siskiyou annex to the Oregon-California plant, while his residence patronage went to the municipal system—or he supposed it did, inasmuch as he paid the house rates for months into the city coffers. When the local substation was destroyed here recently, both his shop and house illumination ceased instantly. Result, he had been connected up in both instances with one company. Some language was in order that is not to be measured in kilowatts. Exit the dual system as far as he is concerned, and enter official investigators who can't pass the buck from one to another any longer. In the meantime the party of the first part threatens to cut out both systems and fall back upon the full moon schedule until matters are adjusted.

Itinerary Service Quits

The local Itinerary service has been abandoned, following the example set by the S. P. motor. Cause assigned was too long a haul for a short nickel. The schedule proved a very attractive one especially for school ma'ams living a distance from their work.

The Shasta Limited, No. 12, northbound, now is in here at 1:50 a. m. and out at 1:55. This is a difference of 20 minutes from previous schedules. On interstate traffic an excess fare of \$5 is in effect here, in going to San Francisco from here, for instance, one does not have to pay the tariff from Portland to that city, as has been asserted. They simply put up \$5 extra to the ordinary from Ashland.

Locals and Personals

J. Keith, of San Francisco, head auditor of the S. P. lines, was in town Saturday on a trip north in a routine official capacity.

Clyde Malone, local manager of the Oregon-California Power Co., went to Yreka, Saturday, on important business connected with the big corporation.

Forbes Robertson and company, one of the biggest amusement attractions on the road, passed through Sunday afternoon, headed for Portland.

Billy Briggs has relinquished reportorial duties on the Tidings and will follow in his father's footsteps in practice of the law. His successor is Lynn Mowat, who was on the bright students in a recent graduating class of the local high school. Lynn is also a general all-round athlete of ability. His inclination is to take up journalism as a permanent employment, and his new line of work will fit him for these duties.

Mrs. Louis Hilly, wife of a popular conductor on the S. P., left early in the week to join her daughter Lillian in San Francisco. Mother and daughter will tour California, going as far south as San Diego, returning to San Francisco in time for the exposition. Mrs. Hilly will not return home until March.

JUDGE M'PHERSON OF IOWA DEAD

RED OAK, Iowa, Jan. 18.—The funeral for Smith McPherson, judge of the United States court for the southern district of Iowa, who died last night, will be held at the home here Wednesday afternoon, according to plans announced today.

CITY COUNCIL OF ASHLAND DEBATES HIGHWAY GRADES

ASHLAND, Jan. 18.—Ejection and dejection created consternation at the city hall last Friday evening. The council met in special adjourned session, a fair number of guests being present. Without intimation, the mayor proposed an executive session. There is only one exit to city hall, although that opens outward, as by law provided. In the mad scramble to get out, the city attorney barely saved his wig and overcoat. In the stampede Attorney Briggs, C. W. Root, City Engineer Walker, Water Commissioner Hosler and several others got caught between the chief of police on the one hand and the outer railing around the council cage on the other, and were ejected. It was a close call, and executive session assumes ought to be placed on the second-story windows of the city edifice, at least on the west side.

Pacific Highway Engineer Kittredge was also present, but he wisely kept his seat in order to avoid the rush. The proceedings being secret, it is not known definitely whether he participated in the deliberations or not. In the absence of information to the contrary, it is presumed that he did. The crowd present evidently expected to listen to salacious details concerning bonds and highways, but got left.

The interminable discussion over Pacific highway matters to the west of Ashland goes on apace, especially in regard to the missing link near Eagle Mills. L. W. Root, resident engineer on the retired list, disavows any credit for the "loop-the-loop" plan which he classifies as an idiosyncrasy in an attempt to eliminate Parkham hill. Both local papers quote the plan as "an invention which is attributed to the engineering experience of Mr. Root," whereas that gentleman classifies the loop project as a delusion and a snare. At the same time he admits plans are feasible other than those laid down by the highway engineer.

The main contention is to eliminate a railway crossing at grade. Just imagine the big interurban car, carrying from a dozen to thirty passengers, stalled on the S. P. right of way in that locality in the face of an approaching locomotive of the compound Mallet type.

Farnham hill does not, however, enjoy all the notoriety. True Hill, east of town, is looming up as another problem, though no railroad complications are connected with it, the question being a matter of grade. The average citizen is led to exclaim, "Why in Sam Hill can't these matters be settled?" The reply is, they can be, and moreover will be in due season to the satisfaction of most everybody concerned. It takes time.

TROOPS ORDERED FROM MEXICAN LINE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Secretary Garrison ordered today Batteries A, B and C, of the Fifth Field Artillery, which were sent to Naco, Ariz., to stop Mexicans from firing into American territory, to return at once to Fort Hill, Okla. All troops at Naco except one squadron of the Tenth cavalry have been ordered to Douglas, Ariz., opposite Agua Prieta, Mexico.

LEO FRANK'S APPEAL IN SUPREME COURT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The habeas corpus appeal of Leo M. Frank, convicted of the murder of Mary Phagan, the Atlanta, Ga., factory girl, was docketed today in the supreme court. The state of Georgia may now at any time move to have it advanced for early hearing. Without such action it will not be reached in the regular course of business for nearly 18 months.

HEARING ON LITERACY TEST NEXT FRIDAY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—President Wilson has set aside three hours next Friday for a public hearing on the literacy test provisions of the immigration bill recently passed by congress and which was received today at the white house. The hearing will be held in the east room where President Taft held a hearing before vetoing a similar bill.

ASHLAND GIRLS ORGANIZE UPPER ROGUE HIKERS CLUB

ASHLAND, Jan. 18.—Scorning any records made by the local branch of the Oregon Girls' Trail club, an organization which confines its outings to the good old summer time and for pleasure purposes only, and whose chief official merely ranks no higher than regent of the Daughters of the Stranded Tourists—the Upper Rogue Hikers is the latest feature here in the development of practical pedestrianism. Its membership limit is twenty, and eight are already enrolled.

The equipment is short skirts, heavy walking shoes, alpenstocks and skis. Hunting and fishing licenses may be permitted in season. The ration is one solitary substantial sandwich per member per hike, and this relish is not of the Nabisco variety, either. Requisites for admission are either adult age or the arrival at years of discretion.

The initial jaunt has just been taken, participated in by Mesdames Teresa Hilly, who is president; Fannie Blalock, vice-president; Bertha Winter secretary; Caroline Schuerman, Beret Kramer, Lizzie Bush, Amy Enders and Lilla Purnacker, belonging to the rank and file.

The start was from the Blalock home, 111 B street, at 2:35 p. m. Friday, January 15. The course was down Oak street, crossing Bear creek at the municipal shuttles, thence westerly to the covered bridge near Eagle Mills, the home stretch being over the Pacific highway. Distance, five miles. The hikers arrived home at 4:57 the same afternoon. Time, two hours and twenty-two minutes by a duly accredited bracelet chronometer. This phenomenal record included a five-minute stop for lunch at Eagle Mills terminal.

Two members were penalized on this initial trip—Carrie Schuerman for exceeding the speed limit on a particularly fine piece of road over the Waite tract, and another member for secreting an orange in the lunch kit. Her name is withheld on account of family and friends.

The party rendezvoused at Louis Schuewin's market and were weighed individually. Vital statistics reveal the lightest at 105 pounds heaviest, 195; average 137. The one exception in the party who refused to face the scales had her weight arbitrarily fixed at 135 pounds; aggregate, 1090 pounds, live weight. Age, indeterminate; height, from 5 feet 4 to 5 feet 10; complexion, 5 brunettes, 3 blondes, the latter being a trifle chapped. Nativity, two Oregonians as against six from other states.

These hikes afield will be taken every Friday, rain or shine. Talent and Medford will be invaded and perhaps Medford, on a pedestrian wager. The mothers and aunts of the party propose to set the pace for the daughters and pieces of the Oregon Trail club.

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HELLO GIRL'S MISTAKE CAUSES AUSTRIAN PANIC

GENOA, via Paris, Jan. 18.—"A false alarm of an Italian invasion was spread in Trentino by the mistake of a telephone girl," says a Venice dispatch to the newspaper Zecola Xis. "She reported that Italian troops were marching toward Sappada, one of the easiest points for invading Trentino. The authorities never questioned the truth of the report. All night long roads were blown up and troops were rushed toward Sappada. In the morning all was ready for the invaders, but there was no sign of them. The telephone girl is being prosecuted."

'THE SPOILERS' AT PAGE THEATRE TONIGHT

W. N. Selig, who has visualized Rex Beach's famous novel, "The Spoilers," will present this most marvelous picture at the Page theatre for a brief engagement of two days, starting on Monday, January 18. This wonderful picture requires two hours for exhibition, and those who wish to retain the continuity of the story should arrange their affairs so as to be in their seats at the following time: 7:30 and 9:30 p. m. This stupendous production has been playing to capacity houses throughout the universe. In San Francisco the crowds were so enormous that it became necessary to open the doors at 9:30 in the morning. Therefore the management of

WOODMEN OF WORLD INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

At a regular meeting held Wednesday night, January 13, the following officers were installed by Medford Camp, No. 96, Woodmen of the World, for the ensuing term: W. E. Norris, consul commander; G. W. Cherry, advisor lieutenant; C. C. Hoover, banker; W. B. Jackson, clerk; J. M. Dodge, escort; E. C. Keyest, watchman; A. M. Berdan, sentry; J. H. Atwell, manager. The W. O. W. orchestra entertained with several splendid selections and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The theater considered it necessary to start the exhibition of this picture at noon each day.

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THIRD OUTBREAK OF QUAIL DISEASE

WASHINGTON, D. C. Jan. 18.—The third known outbreak of quail disease has been discovered by the Bureau of Animal Industry in quail sent for examination for the National Zoological Park. These birds were received a few days ago from two of the principal importers in widely separated parts of the country. Most of the quail now on the market are imported from Mexico and are entered at the port of Brownsville, Texas. Under these circumstances all outstanding permits have been cancelled and further importations suspended for this season.

Quail disease, a highly infectious malady, to which all our native quail are apparently subject, was discovered in 1907 and was traced to a number of states. A second outbreak occurred in 1912, but was checked through the suspension of importation of birds from Mexico from which most of the supply of birds was drawn. Last year practically no birds were imported from Mexico and no quail disease was reported.

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