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THE FARMERS INSTITUTE.

There is now a certainty that the farmers institute to be held in Jacksonville on Saturday, December 19, under the auspices of the State Agricultural College and the Jacksonville board of trade will be one of the most successful ever held in Oregon. Assurance is had from many of the leading farmers of the county that the attendance of interested in the fruit, dairy, stock and other farm industries will be very large, for the farmers are awakening up to the fact that to successfully meet the growing competition of this strenuous age that they must attain the highest degree of proficiency in their vocation and thus insure greater returns for a given amount of capital and labor invested in the production of their crops. Farmers are the least organized and profit less by each other's ideas and experiences than any other vocation, but the farmers are finding that its advantages for them to cooperate with each other as it to the lawyers, the doctors, the bankers, the railroadmen, who each meet to discuss means of bringing greater success to their business.

The farmers institute has come to be a permanent feature in the farm communities of the progressive states of the East and here in Oregon the demand for institutes is all that the State Agricultural College authorities can well supply instructors, and already this fall institutes have been held in more than twenty places in the state. The institute is to the farmer man what the agricultural college is to the farmer boy, a place where he can learn all best methods of modern, scientific farming wherein the brawn the only reliance of the old-time farmer, is made to bring double returns by the brains intelligently applied by the modern farmer. At the institute the farmer gains beside the technical instruction from the college professors and other talent, the ideas and experiences of his neighbors along lines in which he is most interested and which may save him much time and money and profitless endeavor. The live, up-to-date farmer is certain to attend institutes for he knows full well that while it will mean a lay lost from his farm work it will be to him the most profitably spent day of all the year.

The program for the institute to be held in Jacksonville on Saturday of next week will embrace a list of talent not exceeded by any other institute yet held in Oregon. Among the speakers will be several of the leading men of the state and of this county and the topics that they will discuss are all of special value and interest to the agricultural interests of Rogue River Valley.

The Speakers and their topics are as follows:

Dr. James Withycombe, director at the Oregon Agricultural College—"The Advantages of Soiling" and "The Care of the Dairy Cow."

Prof. F. L. Kent, dairy instructor at the Agricultural College—"Feeding the Dairy Cow," and "Use and Abuse of the Hand Separator."

Prof. A. B. Cordley, entomologist at the Agricultural College—"Fruit Pests," and "Some Rural School Problems."

Prof. A. L. Kinsley, chemist—"Assimilation of Nitrogen by Leguminous Plants," and "Chemistry of the Soil."

H. E. Lounsbury, of the Southern Pacific Company—"Unison of Interests of Railroads and of Farmers"

Hon. J. W. Bailey, state dairy and food commissioner—"Possibilities of Dairying in the Rogue River College."

Hon. A. H. Carson, commissioner third district state board of horticulture and the largest grape grower in Oregon—"The Grape Industry in the Rogue River Valley."

J. H. Stewart, of Medford—"Adaptability to Fruit of the Hill Lands of the Rogue River Valley."

S. W. Boyd, of Griffin Creek—"Hogs and Corn for Profit."

Hon. Miles Cantrall, of Applegate—"The Future of the Stock Industry of the Rogue River Valley."

Mrs. J. C. Pendleton, of Table Rock—"The Betterment of Home Life on the Farm."

Prof. E. E. Washburn, principal of the Jacksonville High School—"The Coming Farmer, Shall He be Educated?"

W. H. Gore, of the Ish Farm—"Is it Profitable for Farmers to put Money into Good Roads?"

Gus Newbury, Jacksonville—"Is it Profitable for Town Citizens to put Money into Good Roads?"

The address of welcome will be given by Hon. W. M. Colvig and responded to by Dr. James Withycombe. Interspersed in the program will be some fine musical selection, furnished under the direction of Mrs. Susie Neil, the well known music teacher, and Prof. E. E. Washburn principal of the Jacksonville High School.

As the plan is to have a full program and a live meeting every minute of which to be used to the best advantage, the exercises will begin promptly at 10 o'clock in the forenoon and 7:30 o'clock for the evening. One feature of the evening session will be a sketch of the work of Agricultural College, illustrated by stereopticon views, by Prof. Kent.

The Californians assert with much positiveness that their grapes are the largest, the handsomest the juiciest and best flavored of any grown on this Coast. As a matter of fact their assertions have about as much basis for truth as would the claims of the Italians that their big thick skinned, gourd-like grapes have the flavor and would make the quality of wine that is produced from the grapes of the Rhenish provinces of Germany, Switzerland and France. Grapes are not of tropical origin and while they will grow to great size in hot countries they are not so juicy nor of so delicate flavor as are grapes grown in temperate latitudes. Rogue River Valley has more nearly the climate conditions for producing a perfect grape than has any other Valley of the Pacific Coast and that it is the natural home of the grape is proven by the healthy, luxuriant growth of the wild grapes that are found here. The peculiar granite formation from which the soil was formed is doubtless another factor is giving the special excellence to Rogue River grapes. That Rogue River grapes excell California grapes for wine making has been proven in a series of experience made by C. H. Sampson, a vineyardist of Grants Pass. The yield of juice for grapes in California according to statistics runs from 120 to 150 per ton, this giving at the most 1200 pounds of juice and 800 pounds of pomace. From 124 pounds of grapes Mr. Sampson secured 99 pounds of juice which would give almost 1600 pounds of juice per ton for the Rogue River grapes as against 1200 pounds for the California grapes.

The Sentinel had occasion to mention the fact last week that the Jackson creek breakwater was in danger of being damaged by the first big freshet in the creek and that a channel for the creek should not be left along the side of it as is now

the case. This suggestion met the approval of nearly every tax payer of Jacksonville, many of whom think that the breakwater was an unnecessary expense and that a third of the \$700 put into bulkheads would have been more economical and made a permanent protection to the town. But T. J. Kenney, chairman of the street committee under whose direction the plans were drawn and the contract let for building the breakwater and for the material furnished without bids took exceptions to the statement of the Sentinel and to emphasize his dislike of the pernicious habit of newspapers commenting on any matter wherein a public official and the taxpayers were concerned he stopped his subscription to the Sentinel. Mr. Kenney would have stopped his advertisement too but he was spared that painful task by the fact that he is down on newspapers and never advertises with them. This is a dreadful loss to the Sentinel, but this paper will survive the shock and will be on deck to make some remarks on the extravagant manner in which the taxpayers money is spent under the management of T. J. Kenney, chairman of the street committee of the Jacksonville town council.

The Sentinel publishes in another column the full text of the bill that Congressman Brownlow of Tennessee, will introduce at the present session of congress providing for government aid in building good roads by the various states and territories. There is quite as much justice and public policy in the general government assisting the farmers in their road building as there is in the government aiding railroad men to construct their lines or to dig out rivers and canals for the steamboat men, or to improve harbors and maintain lighthouse service and life saving crews for the benefit of sailors. The plan proposed by Congressman Brownlow would not produce a dependent spirit in the farmers and cause them to sit down and wait for Uncle Sam to build their roads, but on the contrary it would but stimulate the farmers to greater exertion in road building for it but offers a premium to good road building by taking a part of the burden from their shoulders. Before the era of railroads

the general government put a great deal of money into highways and it is quite likely that road building will again become a part of the government work in developing the capabilities and resources of the country.

Eternal Vigilance is the price of — a thrifty, live and growing town. It's the city whose citizens are continually planning and working for some new industry or improvement, that forges steadily ahead. At the present rate of growth and development Newberg should have twenty-five hundred people within three years. — Newberg Graphic.

The residents of Yaquina Valley are working on a proposition to secure a belt line railroad for their Valley, their project being similar in scope to the proposed belt line that someday will be built from Gold Ray around the foot hills by way of Jacksonville to Ashland.

The sale of the Sturgis mine on Forest creek for \$35,000 in cash, and not "wind" that enters into so many mining transactions, can not but have a beneficent influence on mining interests in this section. The public has been regaled with so many "fish story" mining deals that the industry has been placed under a serious handicap and investors have been forced into an unwarranted conservatism in their dealings in mining properties that the commercial wealth of Southern Oregon does not justify.

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