her hearers that at the close of the meeting she was heartily congratulated by the professors and by many persons of the audience.

Prof. Cordley spoke on "Rural School Problems," advocating the betterment of the country schools as nine out of ten of the boys and girls of the farm were unable to get an education other than that had in these schools. As a first condition tothe improvement of the country schools they should be consolidaied when ever possible, for the one room ungraded school could not advance the scholars as the farmer's education of today required and the central graded school, where book-keeping and the other advanced studies could be taught, would give the educated farmer, who would be the successful farmer of the future.

Another song was given by the High School chorus and then a lecture, illustrated by stereoptican views, was given by Prof, Kent, in which the work of the Agricultural College was fully explained. This was followed by views of fine stock explained by Dr. Withycombe, showing all the best types of highbred cattle, horses, sheep, goats and hogs, the lecture closing with views of a model farm house and the home of "Farmer Slack."

A motion for a vote of thanks, made by Mr. Nunan, on behalf of the Jacksonville board of trade, was carried with a hearty, unanimous vote, that expressed the deep appreciation the citizens of Jacksonville have for Dr. Withycombe, Prof. Cordley, Prof. Kent, Prof. Knisely, Hon. J. W. Baily, Hon. A. H Carson, Mr. H. E, Lounsbury, and to Mr. W. E. Coman, general passenger agent for Southern Pacific, and to Hon. J. H. Stewart, Mrs. J. C. Pendleton, S. W. Boyd, W. H. Gore Hon. Miles Cantrall, Hon. W. M. Colvig and Prof. E. E. Washburn for their work in making the Jacksonville farmers inititute the splendid success that it was. This closed the exercise for the evening and the first first farmers institute ever held in Jackson county, but it certainly will not be the last for so well pleased were all who attended that whenever it is possible for the State Agricultural college to hold another institute in Jacksonville the farmers will be out in force and fill to overflowing the largest hall in town.

POSSIBILITIES FOR DAIRYING IN ROGUE RIVER VALLEY—HON. J. W. BAILEY.

When any one wishes to engage in any business enterprise, he first studies the conditions to learn if they are favorable to the particular business in which he proposes to engage, and especially is this true of dairying, for without favorable conditions it is hard for him to compete with those who have all the conditions in their favor. The conditions that are favorable to dairying are a mild climate, soil that will produce a great abundance of forage plants such as corn, clover, vetch, alfalfa etc. so that the farmer can grow all or nearly all of the feed consumed by his dairy herd. The next and perhaps the most important of all is that of markets and the means of getting dairy products to the markets. Now we will first take up the question of climate. Not that butter and cheese cannot be produced in almost any climate but as it takes a certain amount of feed to keep up the animal fat in the body, it can be readily seen that a mild climate is to be preferred to one that is cold and rigorous. From what I have seen of the climate of Rogue River valley, and I have been here nearly every month of the year, I believe it to be an ideal one, reaching neither the extreme of heat nor cold. So that as far as the climate of this valley is concerned, I feel that I can safely say that there is none better.

Next we come to the question of the soil and the possibilities of its productions, and while I have not had the opportunity to go over your valley as extensively as I would like to do what I have seen of it impresses me with the idea that a good part of it at least is very rich and capable of returning to the farmer large returns for his labor. I have seen in this valley in this past season a splendid crop of corn grow on land upon which there was practically not a drop of water fell from the time it was planted until the day it was harvested. The same can be said of alfalfa, the dairyman's best friend. I, find that at present very little is known about vetch, but I am satisfied that it will do well in this valley. But with three or four crops of alfalfa a year and corn for silo, to say nothing about clover and other forage plants, it would seem that there would be no question but what this valley is favored in that respect.

The next important question is that of a market. In this respect the whole state of Oregon has been particularly favored, for the past year, in fact for the past few years, the Oregon dairyman has received more for his dairy products than have those whose conditions are more favorable. I find upon investigation that butter has sold in the Portland market about 7½ cts. above the Eastern markets and there is that difference at this time. The consequence is that there are large quantities of the Eastern products in our markets that should be supplied by the dairyman here. He has Portland and the other cities on the north and San Francisco on the south that are always in the market for the best of every thing and the S. P. R. R. has shown a disposition to do all in its power to help along the dairy industry of the state and as favorable rates have been given along its lines as seem consistent with good business policy. Now with all the conditions favorable for dairying in this valley, there are other reasons why the farmer shoud take up the business. In the first place it is a safe business and one that the farmer takes less chances than in almost any other farm venture for he calculates to a certainty to what the result will be. With all the modern appliances he can test and weigh his milk so that he may know each day what his cows are doing and whether it is a paying or a losing proposition. To illustrate, if a man has a cow that will give thirty pounds of milk a day and that milk will show by the Babcick test that it contains 4 per cent of butter fat and add to that about 15 per cent over-run and you have 1.4 pounds of butter and at the present price of 30 cts. a lb. means $.42 a day or $12.60 a month. With the same careful study you can tell to a cent what the cost of feed is that the cow consumes while producing the amount of butter fat and the difference between the amount sold and the value of the feed will represent the profit. The skim milk, when used to raise calves and pigs will fully pay for the work of caring for the dairy. Of coarse it will take time and good judgment to build up a herd of cows that will show a profit each and every day in the year, but as I have said with the knowledge that one has and what he can obtain from our agricultural colleges and other sources, it can be done.

Another reason why it pays to go into the dairy business is that it is a cash proposition. Any one that has a good herd of dairy cows never has to ask or obtain credit from any source. He has cash from his business every day in the year and does not have to tell the man from whom he buys his groceries and other necessaries of life that he will pay him when he harvests his crop of grain, which often never coms, or his hired man that he will pay him when he sells his steers or his lambs which often have to be thrown on the market at a loss or with a profit so small that it is not worth mentioning. But a well managed dairy never fails to bring the cash just as it is needed and this makes happy homes and contented wives, sons and daughters. Five hundred dollars distributed every month during that time will bring more happiness and solid comfort than twice that amount received after a hard and uncertain year's work. Another reason, and perhaps the best reason of all, why it pays to dairy is the building up of the farm, instead of impoverishing it as does wheat growing

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