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Communications sent in on Various Subjects

D. W. MATTHEWS DISCUSSES THE ADVANTAGES OF THE RURAL MAIL DELIVERY.

He Urges the Patrons to Do All They Can to Show Their Appreciation of the New Departure and Thinks It One of the Greatest Benefits to Farmers.

Editor Statesman:

It seems to me that it would be exceedingly appropriate for some person who is enjoying the benefits and great advantages of the Rural Mail, to say something commendatory of it. And being one of the "grangers" residing within the vicinity of Salem, who is enjoying the advantages of the Rural Mail, I shall endeavor to say something in commendation of it and show my appreciation of its advantages.

I regard its inauguration by the Republican party as being second only in importance to the people, to the great homestead law enacted by that grand old party, and which has resulted in the settling up of our vast public domain from ocean to ocean, and the creation of thousands of happy homes. What a great advantage it is to people residing on a Rural Mail Route to have their mail daily brought to their door and, as it were, though they may live several miles from town, to have a postoffice at their door.

We should show our appreciation of the advantages of the Rural Mail by providing nicely painted mail boxes, in which to have our mail deposited, and mount them on nicely painted posts, located conveniently for the carrier. It will make the mail box appear more attractive and prove an aid to the carrier to prevent errors in distribution, should your name be nicely inscribed upon the box. The cost of a well constructed, nicely painted mail box will be about one dollar, and it will last for many years if kept properly painted, which should be done about once a year. Some of us who are now enjoying the privileges of the Rural Mail, "without money and without price," formerly paid \$2 per year for a small box at the postoffice and then had to go two or three times to get our mail, and we did not complain at this. Salem enjoys the distinction of having more Mail Routes leading out from it than any other town on the Pacific coast, which certainly speaks well for the intelligence and enterprise of the people of Salem and vicinity.

There was some objection at first to the Rural Mail on the part of business men, at the towns where it was established, on the plea that it would be an injury to business, as people would not come to town to trade as often as they formerly did; but this prejudice has passed away, as it has been fully demonstrated that people trade about the same, anyway, whether they come seldom or often.

It is a fact that farms along the line of the Rural Mail have been enhanced considerably in value by the establishment of that service. I dare say there is not an individual today who is enjoying the privileges of the Rural Mail who would have it withdrawn for any reasonable sum of money.

We should treat the carriers kindly and not be too willing to find fault with them for any little omission or error, but show them that we appreciate their efforts to render good service. Should some of us fruit growers, who reside along their lines, occasionally drop a big "red apple" into our mail boxes for them, no doubt they would thoroughly appreciate the kindness. We are glad to know that the salaries of the carriers will soon be increased to something near the compensation that they should receive for the hardships and exposures that they have to undergo, especially during the winter season.

If the great Republican party had not done thousands of deeds to immortalize itself, this one act of inaugurating the Rural Mail should immortalize it. Respectfully

D. W. MATTHEWS, Salem, Or., February 11, 1902.

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COMMISSIONERS IN SESSION

Vacancies Filled in the Precinct Election Boards

NO PROTESTS RECEIVED AGAINST THE APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE COURT.

The County Judge Ordered to Advertise for Fuel for the Court House—A Few Bills Paid During the Adjourned Term Held Yesterday.

(From Thursday's Statesman.)

The Marion county commissioners court held a brief session yesterday morning pursuant to adjournment, principally for the purpose of hearing objections to the appointment of judges and clerks of election for the several precincts in the county.

There being no objections filed the following appointments were made to fill vacancies caused by persons heretofore appointed being non-residents: R. W. Craig, clerk, Macleay, vice J. B. Craig, a non-resident; Jesse T. Bennett, judge of Mehama precinct, vice Joseph Cox; G. J. Moisan, judge of Gervais precinct, vice J. C. Siegmund; A. J. Miesler, clerk of Aurora precinct, vice R. L. Reed; John Elmer, clerk, vice Thomas Palmer; E. E. Settemier, judge, vice Ed. Johnson, and Fred Schwab, judge, vice A. B. Schwab, of Mt. Angel precinct, and W. E. Her, clerk of Butteville precinct, vice G. A. Ehlert.

It was ordered that the county judge be directed to advertise for bids for such wood as the county needs for the present year.

The following claims were also allowed and warrants ordered to issue in payment of same:

County Court and Commissioners Account.

Hofer Bros. \$27.50
Wm. Milley 22.50
Statesman Pub. Co. 26.43
I. C. Needham 17.88
Clark & Buchanan 62.00

Current Expenses
Pacific States Telph. & Tel. Co. \$ 1.15
Road and Highway.
W. J. Culver. \$ 4.65

LIST OF TEACHERS

TAKING THE QUARTERLY EXAMINATIONS HERE.

Fifty-two Applicants for Certificates, the Majority of Them Residing in Salem—Supt. E. T. Moores Assisted by Miss Carrie Bradshaw and Prof. A. W. Mize.

The quarterly teachers' examinations for state, county and primary certificates began in this city yesterday morning, in the council chamber of the city hall, conducted by County School Supt. E. T. Moores, assisted by Miss Carrie Bradshaw and A. W. Mize. Fifty-two teachers and prospective teachers are taking the examinations the majority of which reside in Salem. The examinations will continue for three days; the studies embraced in yesterday's examinations for the different papers, follow:
State—Penmanship, history, spelling, algebra, reading and school law.
County—Penmanship, history, orthography and reading.
Primary—Penmanship, orthography, reading and arithmetic.
A list of the teachers taking the examinations for the different certificates and their respective residences is given, as follows:

County Certificates.

Salem—C. J. Carlton, Alice McDougal, Rose Bowerman, Leila Hastie, Orpha Eisenhart, Grace Billinger, Jessie B. Wood, Mollie Campbell, Jessie Campbell, Zella Jones, Anna G. Dickinson, Emma Hull, Geo. S. Race, Bertha G. Clark and Alta E. Savage.
Silverton—Fannie Montgomery, Harvey Hobart and Edith Bursell.
Woodburn—Ora McCraw and Pearl Adkins.

Aurora—Bertha Marks and Frank Schwander.

Hubbard—George Murdock and Edgar Blosser.

Lincoln—A. A. Ray.

Scotts Mills—F. L. Skirvin.

Stayton—Pearl Kress.

King—Dorothy Geer.

Brooks—Lillian Jones.

Buena Vista—Sophia Geary Shives.

Rosedale—Jessie M. Cade.

Turner—Mabel Wilson.

Hull—Anna Winter.

State Certificates.

Salem—Nellie Colby, Louella James Good, Lillie Timm, Ada G. Dayton, Sylvia E. Metcalf, Alma Gover, Rose B. Coleman and Miriam Hetrick.

Monmouth—Harry H. Belt, Curtis Stringer, May Dean, Jennie Dean and Clara Kirkpatrick.

Stayton—Frank E. Morton, Ella I. Bennett and Cora M. Sullivan.

Woodburn—Katie M. Storts.

Primary Certificates.

Salem—Rose B. Coleman.

INTERESTED IN OREGON.—Dr. James Withycombe, of the State Agricultural College, at Corvallis, has returned from an extended trip to the East, says the Portland Telegram.

While in Washington he had several conferences with Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, who appeared to be much interested in Oregon. Mr. Wilson expressed the opinion that some means for Government control of grazing lands would have to be

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formed for their preservation. He informed Dr. Withycombe that the Department would continue the experiments with grasses in this state for the purpose of reclaiming arid wastes and restoring the overgrazed ranges.

ONE LICENSE.—A marriage license was issued yesterday afternoon to Mr. William P. Sheridan and Miss Anna M. Wolf, John Wolf signing the affidavit as witness.

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J. H. BELYEY,
Snohomish, Wash, Sept. 27, 1901.
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Editor Homestead:

Please find enclosed \$1 for my subscription to the Homestead. I am very much pleased with your paper. There is so much valuable information contained in it.
J. A. ROGERS,
Freewater, Or., Sept. 20, 1901.

Editor Homestead:

I like the Homestead very much—couldn't very well do without it. The articles written and reports from different sections or parts of the country, published every week, are knowledge which is to be gotten from no other source, if intelligently applied.
L. S. ALLEN,
Ridgefield, Wash., Aug. 15, 1901.

Editor Homestead:

Enclosed find postoffice order for one dollar for one year's subscription to your valuable paper. I would be lost without it. Yours truly,
E. J. BONDISHIRE,
Thatcher, Or., Nov. 11, 1901.

Editor Homestead:

I am much pleased with the Homestead and Statesman; believe them equal to any papers on this coast, if not better. I remain, yours respectfully,
L. CHAVEN,
Galesville, Or., Nov. 12, 1901.

Editor Homestead:

Please find enclosed \$1.75 for my subscription to the Homestead and Statesman. I am much pleased with the Homestead. There is much valuable information contained in it. Wishing you success.
MRS. C. M. HIXBY,
Bakely, Or., Nov. 2, 1901.

Frank Strong, of Myrtle Point, Coos county, Oregon, sends two new subscriptions to the Homestead and says: "I like the Homestead very much; could not get along without it."

A renewal from H. C. Jackson, of Shedd, Oregon, has the following encouraging words added thereto: "I

like the Homestead as well as ever and would not like to be without it. Wishing you success."

J. D. Martin, of Vancouver, Washington, says he "likes the Homestead splendidly."

Wm. P. Stewart, of Snohomish, Washington, wishes the Homestead great success.

W. E. Williams, of Outlook, Washington, thinks "the Homestead is o. k."

"I like the Pacific Homestead fine and think it is the best farm paper I have taken," says G. A. Goerig, of Woodland, Or.

J. W. Keller, of Waterloo, Oregon, says: "Find enclosed \$1 for one year's subscription to the Homestead. Having recently come here from Hanford, California, have failed to get several copies of your excellent paper, and have missed them very much."

"I am well pleased with the paper," writes D. B. Farley, of Monroe, Oregon, ditto G. C. Berger, of Avon, Washington.

Frank Collins, of Auburn, Washington, says: "We like your farm paper very much, better than any farm paper we have ever taken."

G. W. Templeton, of Marysville, Washington, thinks "the Pacific Homestead is o. k."

James Lauder, of Tacoma, Washington, expresses himself in this way: "Would not be without your paper for ten times its price."

F. P. Lahale, of Seeglers, Oregon, says: "Would not be without your paper any longer, never missed anything so much."

J. M. Fisher, of Weiser, Idaho, in renewing his subscription to the Homestead says he "is well pleased with the paper."

W. D. Patch, of Weiser, Idaho, takes several farm papers, "but likes the Homestead best of all."

Dr. A. Skipton, of Payette, Idaho, likes the Homestead very much and thinks "any one interested in farming should take it."

Charles Coyle, owning a big wheat and stock ranch two miles west of Walla Walla, says "the Pacific Homestead is the best paper on farming I ever read."

R. B. McNeal, having a beautiful farm seven miles west of Walla Walla, on Walla Walla river, is going into dairying and diversified farming. He praises the Homestead by saying "just what I need."

The paper of all papers to send to your Eastern friends, for it gives a more thorough insight than any other publication into the farming and industrial conditions of the Northwest.