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P. A. FRAKES ENTERTAINS

MODERN DAIRY BARN DEDICATED IN PRESENCE OF ONE THOUSAND PERSONS.

STEAMER AMERICA CHARTERED

Host to Carry Visitors From St. Helens to His Ranch at Scappoose.

(Special to the Mist).—The dedication of a \$5000 absolutely modern dairy farm barn at the ranch of P. A. Frakes, near Scappoose, last Friday evening, was the occasion for a genuine celebration, commemorating not only the founding of such a permanent and substantial improvement but recognizing the benefits which have come to the community through the fact of the residence here of such a worthy family for about a third of a century. Truly it was an occasion which the entire country-side delighted and joined in celebrating.

Nothing appeared to be overlooked that would in any way afford pleasure for the one thousand guests whose sole inspiration was to demonstrate to their good hosts the assurance that the opportunity to do honor to the occasion was duly appreciated.

Steamboats, launches and automobiles conveyed people from practically every nearby point in Oregon and Washington. Through the kindness of the owners, the popular steamer America took a capacity crowd from St. Helens. Several private parties went by launches and auto, the total number from St. Helens about 250. From several points along the slough parties of greater or smaller size were picked up. Steamers and launches from Portland brought another 250 people. From Kalama, Goble, Warron, Scappoose, Vancouver, Sauvie Island and other points people were present, until the whole number exceeded 1000, and not an incident occurred to mar the pleasure of the fest throng.

And, indeed, the anticipation of all these merrymakers were even exceeded by the elaborate preparations they found for their pleasure. The festivities began by the introduction of Rev. Mr. Youngson of Portland, who, in appropriate manner eulogized the good host and hostess. He told of their struggles in earlier life and referred fittingly to their abundant achievements and the sturdy character which had been the inspiring guide through all the more than a third of a century of unceasing toil and the splendid monument which had just been erected as a fitting evidence and crowning gratification to the owners and their vast throng of friends.

CAPT. SKIPPER'S WEATHER PREDICTIONS.

DIDN'T I TELL YA WE'D HAVE A WARM SUMMER? THIS THING GOT ME PLUM INSANE. WHO IS IT SOOTHES THE WINDOW'S PANE?



The terpsichorean features of the affair began with the genuine barn dance, the entire assemblage instantly taking up the inspiration and in a remarkably short time there was one mass of humanity gaily awaying to the inspiring strains of music, furnished by Toelle's five-piece orchestra from Portland.

The entire upper floor of the splendid new barn was utilized for this feature. It was splendidly lighted and elaborately decorated with evergreens, flags and bunting, among which were carefully and prominently arranged long cords bearing the hundreds of ribbons and other evidences of the perfection of the owners' herd of Holstein cattle, which had been awarded at expositions of national fame as well as at state and county fairs, where this splendid dairy herd had been on exhibition.

The manner in which the gay crowd was handled and the plans for their entertainment carried out was the occasion for many expressions of praise for Mr. and Mrs. Frakes and family. Punch was served throughout the evening on the dance floor, while on the lower floor refreshments of a more substantial nature were passed out in almost endless quantity.

It had been the intention of Mr. Frakes to dedicate the new barn on the 26th of this month, which will be the thirty-eighth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Frakes, but the immediate utilization of the barn for stowing hay and housing the stock, became imperative, but the glory of the occasion was in no wise lessened in the minds and hearts of the legion of friends.

The barn is one of the most modern in the Pacific Northwest. Its dimensions are 64x126 feet and is provided with every modern convenience for the proper care of the cattle as well as the sanitary handling of the product of the dairy herd. In its construction there were approximately 70,000 feet of lumber consumed, besides quantities of steel and concrete. It will house more than 100 head of stock, and hold the food for their winter keep.

Perhaps there is no more prominent dairy herd in the Pacific Northwest than the Lake Side Stock Farm, Holsteins. Representatives of this herd are to be found in practically every good Holstein herd all over the coast. The display of awards which Mr. Frakes holds from expositions, stock shows, state and county fairs, are abundant proof of these statements. And more substantial evidence than this is the manner in which the home of this herd has been improved and brought to a condition of perfection through the earning capacity of the cattle by reason of their high standard.

Truly, Mr. and Mrs. Frakes are to be congratulated upon the splendid degree of success they have achieved in their life work, evidencing the true sturdiness of the pioneer determination. In their successes their legion of friends are deriving an almost equal degree of satisfaction and comfort and extend best wishes for many years of prosperous and contented home life.

"SUNBONNETS."

Thursday, July 29, at the city hall, the Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church will present the well-known farce, "Sunbonnets," for the benefit of the church treasury. The play is a laughable dramatization of life in a New England village and presents many humorous situations and much mirth-provoking dialogue. Special music has been provided and an evening of fun is guaranteed to all who attend.

The cast of characters is as follows: Mrs. Butterfield, Mrs. Huba Blakelley; Charline, her daughter, Ella Hattan; Mrs. DuBois, Mrs. Ella George; Mildred, her daughter, Edrie LaBare; Miss Tryphena Sanford, Miss Anne Ketel; Mrs. Pheelan, Mrs. Evelyn Allen; Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Della Sutherland; Mrs. Tibbets, Mrs. Louise Baker; Mrs. Pendleton, Mrs. Florence Lawen; Miss Malvina Spiney, Miss Minnie Dolehal; Mrs. Cannon, Mrs. Effie Brown.



(1)—New Barn, Just Dedicated, costing \$5000. (2)—Herd of Holstein Cattle, valued at \$25,000. (3)—Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frakes. (4)—The Frakes Family; from left to right they are: Mr. George Frakes, Mrs. P. A. Frakes, Mr. P. A. Frakes and Mrs. McLaughlan, their daughter.

FAVOR CREAMERY

SEVERAL DAIRYMEN PRESENT AT MEETING OF COMMERCIAL CLUB—GIVE VIEWS.

On Organizing Creamery and Cheese Factory—Important Points Are Brought Out.

At the meeting of the Commercial Club last Thursday night, which was attended by a number of enthusiastic and wide-awake dairymen of this section, the question of establishing a creamery, a cheese factory or a condenser was thoroughly discussed from every point of view.

The only thing to mar the evening's enthusiasm was the lack of attendance of St. Helens business men, there being a number of professional men present, a mighty few business men and as many or more farmers than all the balance.

However, after covering the subject by discussion for an hour or more, it was determined by the meeting to have the secretary secure information from several co-operative creameries in this section of the state as to their methods of organizing, marketing their products, etc., and to report this information at the meeting to be held Friday, July 30, at the city hall by experts from the O. A. C., when there will be present men who have had experience in the matters, and with the aid of this in-

formation will be able to produce something tangible to work with.

It seemed to be the general opinion of those present and especially the dairymen, that the only manner in which a creamery could be successfully maintained would be through a co-operative company among the dairymen themselves, who would secure an expert to have charge of the creamery.

The point was brought out in the discussions that with a creamery the farmer would receive the benefit of the skimmed milk for his calves and pigs, whereas with the cheese factory, he would not. This alone means a great deal to not only the farmer himself, but to all those who are dependent upon him for his product.

Every business man and citizen of St. Helens should be present at the meeting on Friday, July 30, as well as every farmer in this section. Not only will actual demonstrations be made of value to the dairyman, but the same of horticulture and domestic science.

COMMERCIAL CLUB'S NEW ROOMS

City Council Grants Permission to Club to Use Former Rooms Occupied by Firemen.

The ball is rolling; keep it going. Secretary Sonneland of the Commercial Club, was present at the meeting of the City Council Tuesday night

and placed before them the proposition of the city giving the Commercial Club permission to furnish the City club room in the City hall, and use it in the future for the club chambers, a reading room, etc. The council readily gave their consent to the movement.

Other matters were brought before the council at the adjourned session. A communication from the volunteer firemen, stating a meeting had been held and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: L. E. Allen, chief; B. Cooley, president; F. Morgus, treasurer; H. F. Peterson, secretary. A warrant for \$100 was ordered drawn in favor of the company.

In the matter of sewer assessments in Sewer District No. 2, notices will be served on those who are delinquent with their assessments.

The city marshal was instructed to see that every automobile in the city was licensed.

Parties owning properties in the city, both business and residence, not properly connected with sewer drains, have been instructed to have them put in sanitary condition.

FARMERS INSTITUTE.

Invitation Extended to Every Dairyman, Fruitgrower of Columbia County by Commercial Club.

There will be held in St. Helens, on Friday, July 30, special lectures by demonstrators from the Oregon Agricultural college on horticulture, dairying and domestic science. These lectures will be held in the city hall of St. Helens, under the auspices of the St. Helens Commercial Club, and brought about by the efforts of Mr. Chas. D. White of the Columbia River Canning & Produce Co.

The lectures will begin promptly at 2 o'clock p. m., commencing with a lecture and demonstration on horticulture, followed by domestic science. In the evening at 8 o'clock, dairying will be taken up.

We desire the whole people of this section to avail themselves of this educational opportunity and assure you a most agreeable time.

There will be a rest room fitted up comfortably for ladies and children in the club room of the city hall. ST. HELENS COMMERCIAL CLUB, S. R. SONNELAND, Secy.

MICHIGAN DAY.

Picnic to Be Held on August 26, at Yankton—Annual Event.

The Michigan Day annual picnic will be held this year on Thursday, August 26, at Yankton, according to President G. R. Hyde, president of the day and "we expect every Wolverine in the county and his friend to be there on that day. We are making elaborate preparations to accommodate a large crowd, and everything is to be as comfortable as possible. Auto buses will meet all passenger trains at Houlton and make the trip to Yankton."

Besides the old fashioned table dinner, which has proven such a success in the past, where the festive board is spread with every kind of morsel intended to tickle the palate of man, there will be prominent speakers and amusements of various kinds.

IMPROVEMENTS AT CANNERY

With the completion of the new addition at the cannery by the Columbia River Canning & Produce company, they have installed machinery with a capacity of turning out more canned products, the trial run being made Tuesday afternoon. The machinery is of automatic design and turns the product out sealed in any sized can, ready for market without the aid of man further than to keep the machine in operation.

Mr. Rosasco, manager of the company, is very much pleased with the outlook, stating that it was necessary to install this larger machinery to enable them to handle all the produce and fruit which they are getting.

DEVELOPING OREGON LANDS

SOLUTION FOUND TO THE PROBLEM OF CLEARING LOGGED-OFF LANDS CHEAPLY.

JUNIOR AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

And Trades School for Boys May be Established Between St. Helens and Rainier—Colony at Goble.

The problem of settling Oregon's logged-off lands is one that has been calling for a solution for a long time. Settlers refuse nowadays to go onto a block of such land with the idea of clearing it single handed, and until it is cleared, it is useless for farming purposes.

As a matter of fact, the clearing of land is an engineering problem, and it was by treating it as such that the solution was found. Two engineers took the matter in hand some time ago and spent some \$20,000 and a year's time solving this problem. But the important thing is that they did solve it.

Their efforts were successful, but this result was attained at a time when capital for investment was scarce. They were able to cut the usual cost of land clearing in two, but immensely valuable as this was to Oregon, moneyed men could not be interested to a large enough extent, in time of financial stress, to go into the wholesale clearing of land on which the engineers had planned.

Now they have combined forces with a Portland colonization concern, and have a plan for the use of their improved clearing methods, in co-operation with actual settlers. Instead of a man buying a piece of stump land, and carving himself out a farm from amongst the stumps, he joins his small capital and his labor, with that of twenty other men, who co-operate with the clearing concern. All work together until the whole block is cleared, when each man gets the acreage he arranged for, all ready for the plow.

One such colony is now in operation near Goble, and others are being arranged for. Any community that desires to have its adjoining stump land settled up, can have a colony started without expense to themselves.

This plan for the development of our idle lands appears practical, effective and easy to finance.

Several other colonies in the district between Portland and Astoria are being arranged. Mr. G. Wynn Wilson of Portland, is figuring with a Portland association for the establishment of a Junior Agricultural college and Trades School for boys. The plan calls for the clearing of about a thousand acres. The site has not definitely been determined, but will likely be between St. Helens and Rainier.

EGG CRATES BY PARCEL POST

Uncle Sam tells us that after September the first, he will be prepared to handle a box of apples or a crate of eggs by parcel post, the former limit of 72 inches for the combined length and girth of parcels to be raised to 84 inches at that time. The weight limit will remain the same.

THE HIGH COURT OF CRITICISM

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