

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

TWO FREE COURSES.

Lectures on Agriculture and Dairying at Corvallis College.

Corvallis — Immediately following the winter holidays the Oregon Agricultural college will give free of charge two popular short courses of instruction—one in agriculture, the other in dairying. These courses consist chiefly of lectures by specialists from the faculty and from abroad, combined with work in the laboratories, where students have access to the apparatus of the college and experiment station. The lectures are designed for busy men and women who desire to advance with this progressive age but cannot avail themselves of the full four years' course of instruction; hence the courses of lectures will come at the most convenient season of the year for combining pleasure and recreation with profitable study.

The instruction, which is simple, is adapted to the literary attainments of all; hence no educational test is required for admission to either of the courses. The course in agriculture will begin January 9 and continue 10 days. Some of the subjects to be discussed are: "Horticulture," "Plant Breeding," "Bacteriology," "Chemical Elements," "How Plants Work," "Budding of Plants Based Upon Plant Culture," "How to Conserve the Fertility of the Soil," "Drainage," "Soil Moisture," "Rose Culture," "Veterinary Surgery," "Rotation of Crops," "Roadmaking," "Fertilization and How to Make the Old Farm Pay."

The course in dairying will commence January 21, and continue eight weeks. Students will meet for work six days of the week. The mornings will be devoted to practical work in dairy rooms; two days will be devoted to butter making; two days to cheese making, and two days will be spent in the dairy laboratories. In the afternoon of the days, except those devoted to cheese making, lectures will occupy two or three hours. There will be no fees except the breakage deposit of \$3.

School for Defective Youth.

Pendleton—State Senator C. J. Smith and two others of the hold over legislative committee visited the Washington school for defective youth at Vancouver and will recommend that one be established in this state. Other matters decided upon by the committee was that the health board should have more authority than hitherto, so as to be able to enforce regulations made, instead of recommending that they be carried out. Typhoid fever was made a quarantine disease instead of being reported, as hitherto.

Corner on Wallows Wool.

Enterprise—R. C. Mays, who is buying wool in this county for the S. Koshland company, has closed contracts for over 500,000 pounds more wool. This makes about three-fourths of the total wool clip of this county, including 1,000,000 pounds which he has already purchased. The total wool clip is estimated at 2,000,000 pounds. With 16-cent wool and the prospect of a substantial rise in cattle, good times are prophesied for the people of this county next year.

To Collect Salmon Eggs.

Albany—C. Wallich, superintendent of the Clackamas fish hatchery, has gone to the Yaquina coast in search of a suitable place for a collector station for steelhead and silverside salmon eggs. Manager Edwin Stone stated that there are a number of places on the Yaquina river which are suited to such purposes, and it is likely a station will be established there.

Coming Events.

Inland Empire Sunday School institute, Pendleton, Ore., January 30.
Oregon State Horticultural society, Portland, January 10-11.
National American Woman Suffrage association, Portland, June 22-28.
Lewis and Clark Centennial exposition, Portland, June 1 October 15.

New Plant for Imperial.

Sumpter—As soon as General Manager Sibley, of the Imperial group, returns from the East, more extensive operations will be carried on. The installation of a larger hoisting plant is one of the first improvements to be made.

New Sawmill at Lacombe.

Lacombe—The new sawmill at Lacombe is almost completed. It will be one of the largest and best equipped in Linn county, with a capacity of 20,000 feet of lumber per day.

DEEPEN THE WILLAMETTE.

Commercial Club Wants More Open River During Entire Year.

Albany—The Albany Commercial club at a recent session discussed the question of an open river between Albany and Portland the year round, instead of a few months each year, as prevails at present, and decided to memorialize congress for an open river. A committee was appointed to take charge of the work and impress upon the Oregon congressional delegation the necessity of an open river.

Captain A. B. Graham, of Portland, one of the managers of the Oregon City Transportation company, which operates boats on the Upper Willamette, addressed the meeting regarding the improvements that are necessary to make the Willamette navigable by good sized boats all the year. He emphasized the necessity of dredging the upper river to remove some of the bars that are the greatest hindrance to navigation, of building revetments opposite Albany, Corvallis and Independence; to keep the river in its channel and deepen the same, and in general indorsed the recommendations of Major Langfitt, who recently examined the river on behalf of the government and whose recommendations are now embodied in the river and harbor appropriation bill pending before congress. It was further recommended that the War department be encouraged to purchase the locks at Oregon City, thus removing that obstruction to upper river traffic. These locks add 50 cents per ton to freight rates between all lower and upper river points.

The club appointed a committee consisting of F. J. Miller, Dr. W. H. Davis and E. D. Cusick to confer with like committees from the Commercial clubs of Salem, Independence and Corvallis, and to draft resolutions favoring the immediate improvement of the river, according to the recommendations of Major Langfitt, and to secure a visit to the upper river from Senator J. H. Mitchell and Congressman Binger Hermann during their stay in Portland.

Tin Pan Changes Hands.

Grants Pass—An important mining sale has just been consummated here in the exchange of the Tin Pan mine, of Galls creek. It was sold by Willis Kremar and H. C. Reed to A. A. Taubeneck and associates, of Allegheny, Pa. The consideration is \$10,000 cash. The Tin Pan is one of the most promising of the Galls creek district properties, and is well developed. The ore of the Tin Pan is remarkable by reason of the large percentage of lead and silver carried, which with the gold brings the values up to \$25 and \$30 a ton.

Ex-Sheriff to Poorhouse.

Hillsboro—Ex-Sheriff W. D. Bradford, who a week ago was stricken with paralysis, has been removed to the county poor farm, where he is to be cared for. He served as sheriff two terms and was a popular official, but sickness in his family and the death of his wife, a few years ago, have ruined him financially. His condition is not improved, and fears are entertained for his recovery.

Two Gold Bricks.

Cottage Grove—F. J. Hard returned from Bohemia and brought with him two gold bricks, the result of the recent clean-up from the ten-stamp mill that is in operation at the Vesuvius mine. Mr. Hard says the plant is working to the company's satisfaction, and the mill is kept running day and night. This is the second clean-up from that new plant since it started a short time ago.

Another Livestock Delegate.

Salem—Another delegate, in the person of O. G. Andrews, of Linn county, has been appointed by Governor Chamberlain to attend the convention of the National Livestock association, to be held at Denver, Colo., January 10 to 13, 1905.

Sinking Main Shaft.

Sumpter—Columbia company is now sinking the main shaft, which is down 60 feet below the 700-foot level. Ore for the mill is being stoped from the upper works, and enough is in sight to insure an indefinite run.

THE MARKETS.

Wheat — Portland — Walla Walla, 85c; bluestem, 88@89c; valley, 87c. Tacoma—Bluestem, 88c; club, 85c.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, 32c.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 25@27½c.
Hops—Choice, 29@30c; prime, 27@28c.
Wool—Valley, 19@20c; Eastern Oregon, 10@17c; mohair, 25@26c.

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