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TWO HUNDRED FARMERS LEARN OF ADVANCED FARM METHODS

Eighth Annual Wheat Convention at W. S. C. Provides Mine of Information—Many Problems Considered

Exceeding in interest any former session, the eighth annual convention of the Grain Growers, Shippers and Millers association, which was held at the State College Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, was a great success in the matter of results accomplished. Fully 200 farmers, shippers and millers from all parts of the state were in attendance at the sessions of the convention and the keen interest of the visitors in things pertaining to better farming and marketing of their produce was manifested by the whole-hearted way in which they took part in the discussions which invariably followed the talks of the experts.

Many samples of grains raised on the experiment station farm and the sub-station at Ritzville were on display during the sessions of the convention and these attracted wide attention, especially the hybrid wheat and barley, the result of many years of experimentation on the state farm. These exhibits will be sent to the National Corn Show at Dallas, Texas, early in February and can not fail to attract attention toward the far West as a grain section.

Bulk Handling of Grain

The convention was called to order at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon by J. M. Reid of Pullman, president of the association. Professor O. L. Waller delivered the address of welcome in the absence of President Bryan. After turning over the key to the college buildings, laboratories and experiment station to the visitors, Professor Waller took up the subject of the bulk system of handling grain, for which he is a booster. His discussion struck a responsive chord and his facts and figures concerning grain elevators were well received.

Louis Delivuk of Quincy, whose subject was "Handling of Grain," ridiculed the sack method and advanced figures to prove the cost advantage in favor of the bulk system. Mr. Delivuk stated that in 1910 the farmers of the state of Washington received 19 cents per bushel less for their wheat than the general average of the entire United States, and in 1911 the general average was 15 cents higher than the price received by Washington farmers. The speaker blamed the high cost of sacks to farmers of the Pacific Northwest for the difference. Sixteen elevators for the handling of grain in bulk were built in the state during the past year by Farmers Union companies.

L. C. Crow, state president of the Farmers Union, also spoke in behalf of the bulk system, and C. L. Smith of Portland dealt with "Summer Fallowing to Conserve Moisture," in an interesting and instructive talk.

Tuesday Evening Session

One of the most instructive talks of the entire convention was that of J. H. Perkins of Olympia, state commissioner of agriculture, whose subject was "The Department of Agriculture and the Farmers." Professor A. W. Taylor, head of the department of home economics at the State College, dealt at some length with the important question of "Rural Credit and Farm Finance." Professor Taylor has given this subject much attention and his remarks prompted a discussion in which several visitors took part. Professor Taylor voiced the opinion that the new currency law would in no measure relieve the money situation in the country districts. He stated that the best remedy for the high rates of interest charged farmers for farm loans on short time would be to make arrangements to secure the money in some locality other than the one in which the borrowers lived, thereby relieving the tension incident to the scramble of many farmers after the same dollar, which enables the money lender to charge interest rates from 7 to 12 per cent.

The speaker stated that Western money lenders were willing to take a chance on questionable security for a high rate of interest and that no

discrimination is made in favor of the farmer, whose security is the best obtainable. In the East these conditions are different, the financiers preferring to accept the best security at a low rate of interest, which accounts for the 4 and 5 per cent interest rates on farm loans. He stated that until the time comes when the farmer can secure a 40 or 50 year loan on his property at a low rate of interest there will be no relief to the soil-tillers who deny themselves almost the necessities of life to pay for their property in a few years.

The discussion on the rural credit question was taken up by Louis Delivuk, who voiced his opinion that rural co-operative banks were the only means of relieving the situation. Under that method the farmers would deposit their surplus money in these banks and then when they needed money would borrow from the same source at a low rate. "Until then there will be no cheap money," said Mr. Delivuk.

The Smut Problem

The all-absorbing smut problem was the question considered at the morning session of Wednesday and some interesting and highly satisfactory findings, the result of two years of experimentation at the experiment station, were related by John G. Hall, plant pathologist of the station, and H. M. Woolman, assistant smut investigator.

In the afternoon the smut discussion was continued and Senator R. C. McCroskey of Garfield talked on the importance of the smut investigations to the farmers. Mr. McCroskey complimented the members of the station staff very highly upon the very satisfactory results obtained in recent investigations and urged the continuation of the experimentation until the smut problem is solved. Mrs. D. M. Parkhurst of Freeman read an interesting paper on "Noxious Weeds," and Ellis L. Bloom of Spokane talked on the subject, "Russian Thistle."

Harry E. Goldsworthy, a graduate of the State College, told of grain growing in Alberta, and Professor C. C. Thom spoke on the subject, "Problems Confronting the Present and Future Wheat Growers of the Dry Belt."

Committees Named

Senator D. A. Scott of Ritzville, presided at the afternoon session of Wednesday in the absence of President J. M. Reid, who was ill, and the following committee appointments made by Mr. Reid were announced:

Resolutions committee—D. A. Scott of Ritzville, Professor George Severance and J. W. Haines of Pullman.

Nominating committee—Senator R. C. McCroskey of Garfield, Ira D. Cardiff and B. Atherton of Pullman.

Discussing the problems which confront the present and future wheat growers of the dry belt, Professor C. C. Thom, station soil physicist, contended that the failure of the farmers in the dryer wheat regions to practice intensified farming is the chief cause of their present difficulty, the soil fertility and the humus being gradually depleted by the one-crop system. Too large an acreage for the equipment at hand was cited as another pertinent evil.

Professor George Severance gave interesting results of cropping on the station farm. On one field a crop has been grown each year since 1894 and a yield of 46 bushels of wheat to the acre was secured this year. The crops have rotated, however, and wheat, oats, corn, barley, clover and peas have each been grown successfully on the same acreage in the 19 years of the experiment.

Sulphur Investigations

At the session Wednesday night professor R. P. Cope outlined the different experiments with sulphur fertilizers, which have been carried on at the experiment station during the

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California Weather in the Palouse Country

Pullman Resident Takes Advantage of Spring-Like Weather to Plow Field

The resident of the Palouse country who is spending the winter in California to escape the chilly weather of this section is getting cheated out of the enjoyment of the mildest winter in the history of this section. For several days past the weather has been spring-like, and Old Sol has cast his welcome rays on the Palouses with clock-like regularity. A few squirrels have cut short their hibernating period to come to the surface and enjoy the sunshine, and a few more days will induce the but-

tercups, the infallible harbingers of spring, to put in an appearance.

F. F. Burgess, residing near the southern limits of the city, yesterday plowed a considerable tract of land, which bespeaks an extraordinary condition for this season of the year when it is considered that at this time last year a blanket of five feet of snow covered the ground, which was frozen to a considerable depth, and plowing would have been out of the question, even had the snow not prevented it.

The people of Pullman offer their heartfelt sympathy to the California inclined citizen who has journeyed forth in search of sunshine and warmth.

Students Arrested on Robbery Charge

Lloyd Pratt and George Setzer Must Answer to Serious Charge—Latter Arrest in Spokane

Lloyd Pratt, formerly a student at the Washington State College, but more recently employed in the N. P. lunch counter, was Wednesday night arrested by Marshal Baymiller on a warrant sworn to by V. W. Clarkson, and was charged with having stolen goods in his possession, Mr. Clarkson believing that a cravenette coat which Pratt was wearing was stolen from his store on the night of November 19. George Setzer, a pharmacy student at the college, was arrested in Spokane at midnight the same night on a warrant issued by Mr. Clarkson, charging robbery.

Pratt was given a preliminary hearing before Justice Henry at once and entered a plea of not guilty. His trial was set for Monday, January 12, and he was locked in the city jail in default of bonds.

Both arrests were the result of private detective work on the part of Harry Muir of this city. Some time ago Muir was relieved of a suit of clothes and suspected Setzer of the theft. His belief was so strong that he decided to go to Spokane, where Setzer was spending a few days, and interview him in the hope of recovering the stolen clothes. While at the station he met Pratt, whom he told that he was going to Spokane to see Setzer. Pratt then gave him a letter to take to Setzer and after getting on the train Muir opened the letter and read it, suspecting that it might contain incriminating evidence against Setzer.

The letter, which is thought to contain enough evidence to convict

Setzer of the crime, contained the following passages:

"Do not come down here under any circumstances, as you will be pinched as soon as you hit the town. They have got new charges against you for breaking into Clarkston's store, getting those sweaters and a lot of other junk. They are raising the dickens with me. As for myself, I am going to pike as quick as I can raise the money. The sheriff, Shirley and Clarkson have been giving me the devil about you. I told them you was sick, but would probably be down right away, and as sure as you hit this berg you are up for a trip. The things have been searched two or three times, Ward said. Clarkson, Shirley and the sheriff came up the evening you went away and searched the room and waited for you till 9 o'clock that night.

"They are trying to take the cravenette away from me, but I told them I could produce a bill of sale for it. So they are waiting for you to hit the town to get you. There is no use for me to try to stay here, and I am going to get, take it from me. Well, so long. Will pack things and come as quick as I can. Write and let me know what to do."

On returning to Pullman Muir turned the letter over to Marshal Baymiller and the arrests followed. An attempt will be made to connect Setzer with a number of petty thefts which have occurred here recently.

Interests' developments are expected when the two men are brought to trial. Both the defendants are from Cheso, Washington. Pratt wired to Jeff Johnson, 904 Fourth avenue, Spokane, for \$100 bail, but the money had not been received by him at the time of going to press.

Support Spokane for the Regional Bank

Chamber of Commerce Urges Establishment of Regional Bank in Spokane—Hog Show Committee Named

The establishment of a regional bank in the Pacific Northwest, made possible by the recently enacted currency law, was a principal topic of discussion at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening, and the sentiment of the members of the booster organization was unanimous that such a bank should be provided in the Northwest and that Spokane is the logical place for its establishment. Following the discussion the following night letter signed by the chamber, was directed to the committee on federal bank organization at Washington, D. C.:

"We respectfully urge you to consider the establishment of a federal bank reserve district of the four Northwestern states, Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Montana, with the regional bank located in Spokane, because it is the geographical center of the greatest number of banks and the center of the most productive region of the four states."

A hog show committee, consisting of H. Folger, F. M. Slagle, B. F. Campbell, C. F. Monroe, E. A. Archer, A. F. Brownell and E. A. Olsen was appointed to make all necessary arrangements for the hog show next fall. The appointment of the committee was made at this early date to permit of ample time to make arrangements for the boys' and girls' hog raising contest which will be made a feature of next year's show.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

WILL LAY NEW FLOOR

Pythian Hall Will Be Provided With Best Hard Wood Dancing Floor in the Palouse Country

An up-to-date maple dancing floor will be installed in the K. of P. hall at the corner of Main and High streets in a few days, giving the local lodge one of the best dancing floors in the Palouse country. The present floor will be lowered and a layer of deadening felt placed between that and the hard wood floor, which will provide an excellent dancing floor without the disturbance to the tenants on the lower floors which has heretofore invariably accompanied a dancing party.

The expense of laying the new floor, which will be about \$325, will be borne partly by T. C. Elliott of Walla Walla, owner of the building, and partly by the local K. of P. lodge, which has the third floor of the building leased for a five-year term.

NOTED SINGER COMING

Professor Kimbrough announces that Charles W. Clark, the noted American baritone, has been engaged for a recital at the College auditorium on January 28. Mr. Clark has sung with great success in America, Germany, France and England, and holds a high position in the ranks of present day singers. Mr. Gordon Campbell will be his pianist.

Ladies, don't forget Emerson's are selling coats and suits at half price.

NEW MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS TAKE REINS OF CITY GOVERNMENT

Old Executive Body Adjourns Sine Die and New City Fathers Take Office—C. H. Butler is New Marshal

The new city council, elected at the general municipal election in December, assumed the reins of office last Tuesday evening and at once settled into the municipal harness for a hard year's grind. The old council held a short session and transacted the usual grist of business, then adjourned sine die and vacated their chairs for the new city fathers. Mayor A. E. Shaw, who is serving his third term at the head of city affairs, delivered the following message to the council:

"In assuming the office of mayor for a third time I desire to take this opportunity of giving expression to my appreciation of this mark of confidence bestowed upon me by the people of Pullman. To the out-going council I offer my commendations upon the work that it has accomplished, and earnestly recommend to the incoming council that it carry on to completion the work that has been so well begun. During the year which has closed, our city has been provided with a new well, one which I believe has no equal in the state of Washington.

"I would recommend the bonding of the city for the purpose of building a new pumping station, equipping the same and extending and improving our water system; when this is done I believe that we shall be able to furnish the people with water at a greatly reduced price over that now ruling. I would recommend the paving of the business portion of the city and of as many of the residence streets as may be found practical. All of this work should be carried out in a conservative and business-like manner.

"In the past year there has been completed 11,240 square yards of paving; 5604 square feet of cement walk; 500 lineal feet of wooden walk; 11 new cross-walks, and 7160 lineal feet of new water main has been laid. I desire to thank the out-going council for the uniform courtesy that has been shown me throughout the year, and the people of Pullman for the loyal support that they have manifested."

At the close of his remarks Mayor Shaw announced the standing committees for the year 1914 as follows:

Fire and Water—Wagner, Watt, Sanger.

Streets and Highways—Scott, Sanger, Nye.

Sanitation and Sewerage—Nye, Kruegel, Scott.

Lights — Palmerton, Kruegel, Wagner.

Finance—Kruegel, Watt, Palmerton.

Health—Sanger, Palmerton, Nye.

Public Affairs—Watt, Wagner, Scott.

J. F. Baymiller, present city marshal, was nominated for another term by the council, but at once tendered his resignation to take effect January 10, announcing that he would soon leave Pullman to take up the less strenuous life of a farmer on his Southern Idaho farm. The mayor then announced the name of C. H. Butler as his choice of the nine applicants for the office, which carries with it a salary of \$90 per month, to succeed Marshal Baymiller, and this appointment also was confirmed by the council. Marshal Butler will take office on January 10.

C. M. Hooper was re-appointed street commissioner, as was Dr. D. R. Campbell as health officer. Mrs. Matilda F. Gannon, the first woman ever elected to municipal office in Pullman, assumed her duties as city clerk.

Of the seven members of the new council, all, with the exception of W. C. Kruegel, councilman-at-large, have served the city in a like capacity before. J. M. Palmerton from the Second and F. E. Sanger from the Third, are holdovers from last year, and Ira N. Nye from the Second ward, was re-elected. The personnel of the executive force of the

city at the present time is as follows:

Mayor—A. E. Shaw.

Councilman, First ward—George Wagner, J. N. Scott.

Councilmen, Second ward—J. M. Palmerton, Ira N. Nye.

Councilmen, Third ward—F. E. Sanger, George H. Watt.

Councilman-at-large—W. C. Kruegel.

City Treasurer—J. S. Clark.

City Clerk—Matilda F. Gannon.

City Attorney—M. S. Jamar.

City Marshal—C. H. Butler.

Street Commissioner—C. M. Hooper.

Health Officer—Dr. D. R. Campbell.

COLLEGE REGENT

DIES AT PORTLAND

Lee A. Johnson of Sunnyside Passed Away Monday After an Illness of Four Weeks

Lee A. Johnson, one of the regents of the State College of Washington, died in Portland, Ore., last Monday after an illness of four weeks, aged 58 years. He was well known in this state, having been pastor of M. E. churches at Spokane, Waitsburg and Walla Walla. He was elected to the lower house of the state legislature from Yakima county in 1905 and 1907 and stood second in the race for the republican nomination for congress in 1907.

Mr. Johnson was appointed as a regent of the college in 1907 by Gov. Mead and his term expired last April, but, as no successor had been named he was still serving on the board, though for the past two years he has attended but few meetings, having been in poor health and away from the state much of the time. He is survived by a widow and four children: Lawrence E. Johnson of Kennewick, Wash.; Mrs. Edna Maud Kees of Calistoga, Cal.; William Lee Johnson and Louis M. Johnson.

PORTLAND FIRM GETS

CHURCH CONTRACT

Firm Representative Says New Presbyterian Church Is One of Best Designed in the State

D. L. Povey of the firm of Povey Bros. Glass company, Portland, Ore., secured the contract from the building committee of the new United Presbyterian church for the art glass and memorial windows to be placed in the building.

The interior of the church, with its open work truss roof of English design will receive a slight tone of stain to give the appearance of age, and the walls will be treated in tans and creams. The colors in the windows will be of the golden tones, with deeper touches of tan and olive to blend with the woodwork. The windows will be treated in many instances as memorials, donated by members and friends of the church. The designs will harmonize throughout in color and line effect so that it will be a harmonious piece of glass work rather than the ordinary patch quilt effect seen in so many churches.

Mr. Povey is very much pleased with the design of the new church and stated that it is without question one of the cleanest and best designed churches, if not the largest, in the state. He said: "The materials used are of the best; the planning has been exceptionally well worked out in its purity of style. The working portions of the church, such as the ladies' parlors, the Sunday school and boys' club rooms and the primary department are well arranged and well lighted and will provide a great working plan which is so often overlooked in church construction."

Mr. Povey addressed the Sunday school last Sunday and also gave a short talk at both the morning and evening church services on the question of memorial windows. The windows will be in place about March 15.