

PAROWAN AND CEDAR FARM INSTITUTES

Interesting Meetings Held by
Faculty of Utah Agricultural College.

BRANCH NORMAL VISITED.

Prest, W. J. Kerr Delivers Strong Address to Students on Modern Demands of Education.

Special Correspondence.

Parowan, Iron Co., Feb. 27.—There were 200 of the citizens of Parowan out this evening in attendance at the farmers' institute held in the Tabernacle. The meeting was one of the most interesting that has been held in this section as was attested by the numerous questions asked of the visitors. Every one present desired the professor to remain a couple of days or to pay them another visit in the near future. The parents were especially interested in the address of President W. J. Kerr, and at the close of his remarks many expressions of approval were heard.

The following program was rendered:
Music Choir
"The Growing of Fruits" Prof. Northrop
Music Quartet
"The Growing of Lucern Seed" Prof. McLaughlin
Recitation Miss Sargent
"The Farmer and Education" President Kerr
Music Choir

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION.
President Kerr said among other things that the requirements of industrial education were becoming more and more apparent each year. The time of supplying this want was approaching, but until the industrial classes are awakened to their rights and demand them, no immediate improvement can be expected. The farmers comprise about 25 per cent of the total population, but outside of a few institutions in this state, there is no opportunity for them to secure an education which will best fit them to cope with the problems encountered in their life work. Such a condition should not exist, and it is time for the farmer to look well into this subject. The daughters should be educated in such lines as will make of them better mothers, better wives and better home makers, not home keepers only. The boys should receive such instruction as will best fit them to assume the duties of citizenship, and to combat the problems arising in their work.

ORCHARD IMPROVEMENT.
Prof. Northrop discussed the improvement of old orchards, and the planting of new ones. The difficulty with the old orchards arises through neglect and lack of knowledge in pruning. The old tree has too much wood to support, which takes the strength from the fruit. It is necessary for the leaves to have plenty of sunlight in order that foliage may be prepared for the development of fruits. In most of the old orchards the sun shine is excluded from a large part of the tree thus causing under development in all parts of the tree. A large part of the pruning has been done in a haphazard way resulting in many decayed limbs and even tree trunks. The limbs should be cut squarely off close to the limb from which it is cut. Another fault is insufficient room for both the tops and roots caused by too close planting. Apple trees at the age of 20 years should be 30 to 40 feet apart. Many of the apple trees look more like Lombardy poplars, for being planted close together the limbs were reaching for sun light which was to be had at the top of the tree only.

The codling moth, which is so destructive, can be easily controlled by spraying if done properly and at the right time. Where the trees are high and close together it is very difficult to spray effectively as the spraying must be done from above, that the poison may find proper lodgment. Several questions were asked and answered.

Prof. McLaughlin spoke of the profits to be secured from lucern seed providing the crop received proper treatment. Many farmers try to grow fodder and seed upon the same field at the same time. In nearly every case this results in a light or frosted seed crop. It is necessary to have plenty of air circulation around each plant also that the blossoms be readily accessible to bees in order to secure good crops of seed. A thick stand resulting from a too heavy seeding of a too abundant stooling is the cause of many light crops of seed. Too copious irrigation results in a rank growth of fodder and poor seed. The lucern field should be cultivated more and watered less. The best results have been obtained in parts of Utah by a heavy fall irrigation followed the next

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spring by a clipping back of the lucern when it shall have reached a height of six inches followed by only sufficient water to mature the seed. The speaker suggested less water, less seed and more cultivation.

Prof. McLaughlin spoke at some length upon the necessity of cultivating fallow land which was fall irrigated, thus preventing evaporation. Improvements in canal and ditch construction were discussed. The weeds growing along the ditch banks are pumps lifting the water out of the ditches for evaporation on the production of non-taxpaying weeds. The speaker was asked many questions by the audience.

VISIT EXPERIMENT DRY FARM.
Wednesday morning the professors, in company with Richard Rowley, the foreman, drove down to the experimental dry farm, four miles west of town. After a thorough examination of the farm, Prof. Kerr complimented Mr. Rowley upon the excellent showing made and the good condition of the farm. The present indications are most favorable for success in this line of agriculture.

AT CEDAR CITY.

Orchard Pruning and Spraying and Farm Problems Discussed.

Cedar City, Feb. 28.—A farmers' institute was held at 2 p. m. in the Tabernacle, when the following program was given:

Music Choir
Some Farm Problems Prest Kerr
Pruning and Spraying, Prof. Northrop
Alfalfa Seed and Station Work, Prof. McLaughlin
Music Choir

The farmers' institute held here today was very well attended and the professors treated their subjects in a most practical way. The farmers present were much interested and availed themselves of the opportunity of asking for information upon matters which had given trouble.

PRACTICAL EDUCATION.

President W. J. Kerr of the Agricultural college, spoke for a few minutes upon the practical education and its use upon the farm. Many examples were cited from problems which had been successfully dealt with through the agency of scientific agriculture.

FRUIT GROWING PROBLEMS.

Prof. Northrop gave an illustrated lecture upon the proper pruning of trees and the growing of a proper shaped tree. Methods were suggested for the improvement of old orchards. Ways were stated for ridding an orchard of woody apple where the trouble is not too extensive. Proper time and methods of spraying were given attention in response to questions.

WORK OF EXPERIMENT STATION.
Prof. McLaughlin discussed in a brief way the work of the State Experimental station, stating the object of such work. The speaker treated very thoroughly the growing of lucern seed both upon the dry farm and the irrigated farm. Fall irrigation and cultivation was another question discussed. Many questions followed the close of this subject.

President Kerr is to lecture tonight in the Branch Normal.

CEDAR CITY NORMAL.

Prest, W. J. Kerr of Utah Agricultural College Addresses Students.

Cedar City, March 1.—Last evening the students and faculty of the Branch Normal of Cedar City, together with a very representative audience of townspeople, listened to one of the best addresses ever delivered in Cedar.

This was delivered by President W. J. Kerr of the Agricultural college, Logan, upon the subject of "Modern Demands of Education." President Kerr, who was on a tour through this section of the state for the purpose of inspecting the several farms, upon which experimental work is being carried on under his direction, found it necessary to remain an evening in this city, and by special request of Principal Decker of the Branch Normal school, delivered the address as above mentioned.

This address was very well received by the audience, as well it should be, for Mr. Kerr brought out many points not only of interest but of vital importance to the farmer, mechanic, and in fact all who make their living by means of their daily labor.

The speaker traced the development of schools and colleges in America, showing how they arose to satisfy a demand for education of a professional nature, but, he explained, the conditions are now changed, the wonderful development of the industries of our country have caused a demand for men who, though not trained in the ancient languages, etc., are trained to use their hand and eye, and otherwise assist in the industrial development. But in spite

of the development toward the industrial side of life, the change in our educational system to grant the mass of students coming from the laboring classes and destined to return to farm, shop and mill, the opportunity to take educational work of a nature to assist them in their life work is not yet fairly started. This, he explained, was due to the fact that at the present time the universities and colleges are practically the only places where an industrial education can be secured, and since, according to statistics, only about one in 10,000 of the children in our country ever succeed in reaching colleges, and these chiefly from classes not laboring, the number of those whose life work takes them to the industries prepared by a practical education to meet life's difficulties is comparatively small.

Continuing, he insisted that this condition required a change in the educational system to meet the requirements of those who do not have the opportunity to attend colleges and universities. This, in his opinion, could only be done by modifying the curricula of the elementary schools to include the courses of domestic arts, agriculture and mechanical arts.

Continuing, the speaker outlined the necessity for emphasizing the development of men of character. He said that now the employer did not ask "how were you trained," nor "what degrees have you received," but, "are you a man?" This fact was treated from several sides and proved to the audience the sincerity of the speaker in his desire to help the young men and women of the state to educate themselves both as regards the fitting of themselves to cope with the work of life and to meet life's temptations successfully, which is indeed the real goal of success.

During the evening the sales department of the Normal furnished two excellent numbers, which called forth many words of commendation for the very able manner in which this work of the institution is carried on.

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