

TICKETS IN BIG DEMAND

COMMITTEES SELL OUT HOLDINGS EARLY.

Dinner Will Be Served Promptly at 6:30 Friday Evening.

Hot cakes, swimming in Cleaver's apple syrup and Grande Ronde butter, wouldn't sell with the vim that tickets for the "Home Products" banquet at the Methodist church Friday evening are being disposed of. President Snodgrass made up a series of committees of one each, and the first reports of sales were made this morning, most of the committees having run out of tickets the first day. There is one committee for each block.

The banquet will be commenced promptly at 6:30, so that the diners may not become unduly hungry.

The need of individuals coming forward voluntarily to President Snodgrass or Secretary Clark, with reservations for plates, is again being impressed upon the public. While committees are out it is no indication that individuals must be seen by the committees—country people and town folks are invited to telephone in their reservations for the evening as the crowd will be large, and to expedite the service, it will be necessary to know how many are going to be present.

MENU IS EXTENSIVE

Main Portion of Things to Eat Have Been Provided.

Committees have in charge the menu, report today that it has been largely determined upon. Some of the features on it are:

Oyster cocktails, J. H. Stevens.

Salted wafers, La Grande Grocery Co.

Spring vegetable soup.

Sliced ham, Grande Ronde Meat company.

Roast chicken.

Creamed Grande Ronde valley potatoes.

Green salad.

Home made bread, La Grande Milling Co.

Butter, Blue Mountain Creamery Co.

Cream and milk, Valley Creamery.

Dehydrated apple pie, Riverside Fruit association.

Macaroons and lady fingers, Fred Dutli.

Ice cream and candy, Geo. Young.

Apple cider.

Royal Club coffee, Oregon Grocery Co.

Wheatlet croquettes, Eastern Oregon Produce Co.

La Grande sugar, I. C. M. & M. Co.

Cleaver apple syrup, G. L. Cleaver.

Grande Ronde apples, C. O. Ramsey Co.

Floral decorations, La Grande Floral Co.

Program boards, George Palmer Lumber Co.

COLORS QUARTET LIKED

A Fairly Good House Heard California Singers—Appear Again.

The California Jubilee Singers entertained a fairly good house last evening at the M. E. church. Because of the fact that the quartet will be in La Grande Sunday, two sacred concerts have been arranged. One will be held Sunday afternoon in connection with the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A., and the other will be in the Methodist church in the evening. Free will offerings will be adopted. The men's meeting, it is planned, will be held in the Presbyterian church, to give more chair facilities.

No More Choice Used.

Baker, March 2.—The monthly bills of patrons of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company after the lower rate has been in effect one month show a decrease practically in the same ratio as the lowered rate—15 cents per kilowatt hour to 10 cents or nine cents if paid before the 10th of the month. Many are taking advantage of the discount and paying their bills, and according to the light company the lower rate apparently has not resulted in the use of additional current, the majority of the patrons apparently choosing to be economical and use the same amount at the lower rate as they did before it was cut.

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RISLEY LAND CASE DECIDED

LAND OFFICE FILED DECISION YESTERDAY.

Litigation Involving Nature of Land Near Telocaset Under Way.

The register and receiver of the United States land office yesterday rendered a decision in the case of the United States and Forest Risley, plaintiffs, vs. the State of Oregon, defendant, involving Oregon segregation list No. 28, serial No. 010098, as to the NE1-4 NW1-4, N1-2, NE 1-4, and the SE1-4 NE1-4, Sec. 30, Tp. 7 S., R. 43 E. W. M., the decision holding the list, as to the described land, for cancellation. Approved Oregon segregation list No. 28, under the Carey act, for approximately 44,075 acres, was filed in the United States land office, on April 11, 1910. This land is located in Baker county. The Powder Valley Irrigation company, with offices located at Baker, is the contracting company, by which the land was to be reclaimed through a system of irrigation, using the Thief Valley for a reservoir site.

While this proposed system of reclamation is by many considered visionary and impracticable, it is obvious that by the expenditure of sufficient capital there could be obtained an abundant supply of water to reclaim the land.

Up to the present time very little has been accomplished in the actual work on the proposed irrigation plan. Mr. Risley filed his affidavit of contest on July 3, 1911, alleging the land to be not of desert character, and therefore not subject to segregation under a Carey act selection for reclamation purposes. On account of the facts brought out in said contest, the tract was excepted from department approval of the state's list.

The department has held that private individuals cannot contest a Carey act segregation list, but through the facts brought to the attention of the government through the Risley affidavit alleging the land to be of a character not contemplated to be covered by the Carey act, the United States made itself one of the plaintiffs in the action, and a hearing was ordered to determine the character of the land. Testimony was submitted before Woodson L. Patterson, of Baker, Oregon. The state will have an opportunity to appeal from the decision of the local officials to the commissioner of the general land office, and to appeal from that department to the secretary of the interior. In the event the decision of the register and receiver is finally affirmed, the state's list will be canceled as to this particular tract.

The local office has had, for some time, under consideration the desert land cases of Bandy vs. Law, Charboneau vs. Hunt, Hensley vs. Terrall, and Becker vs. Wright. The land involved in these cases is located in Township 6 S., R. 40 E. W. M., which is in the vicinity of Telocaset, Union county.

The decision upon these cases will be promulgated by the local office within the near future.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW.

Salem, Ore., Mar. 1.—Permanent registration law enacted will save large sums and endless trouble to voters and make separate city registration needless.

E. Jerome, Portland, promoting railroad from Prineville to Redmond, Washington, solons wiped out its luxurious tax commission but Oregon believes in keeping hers.

Harrisburg to have a new city hall. D. J. Riley, Dallas, building movie theatre 51 by 130 feet.

Buck box factory, Eugene, received carload steel for egg crates.

Canning jack rabbits proposed for eastern Oregon industry.

City of Portland will build \$100,000 dam for storage reservoir at head works on Bull Run.

Pacific Power & Light Co., operating in Oregon and Washington shows gain in net earnings.

Marshfield to have a 50 by 140 roller skating rink.

Bourne—Development work in the mines being pushed.

Outside of the appropriations, there need not be many more than 20 or 30 bills introduced, instead of as many hundreds—Condon Times.

Albany—Flying squadron boosting cannery.

Fairview will have municipal waterworks.

People will return thanks that no

new boards, commissions, taxes, offices or salary raises were put through the legislature.

Emerson hardwood Co., of Portland receiving cargoes logs from Orient for manufacture into finishing materials.

The industrial commission should have been consolidated and simplified and the new rate of assessment of industries adopted, or that great measure for the interest of the working man is a dead measure and will be killed by the people or it will bankrupt the state—Salem Statesman prophesy.

There are still a few officials left who do nothing but labor to raise taxes and burden industry.

Large shipments of burlap are entering free of duty at Portland—means cheaper sacks for farmers.

Tillamook 1914 cheese product was 3,608,843 pounds, gain 188,712 over 1913.

Hill line will operate gas-electric cars on Portland-Rainier line.

Seventy-five per cent of the western railroad companies would be bankrupt today had it not been for increased economies and betterments. A. W. Tronholm, general manager of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroad, told the board of arbitration in the western railroad wage case. "Nowadays a fireman wants some one around to wipe off the windows for him so he can see out of the cab," observed Mr. Tronholm.

Lebanon Criterion thinks the present legislature has given the state a just excuse for its existence.

The legislature was treated to cider made at the Talent cannery.

Legislature estimated to have reduced appropriations \$700,000 to \$2,000,000 below 1913.

Hubbard—Building a new highway to the west.

Portland—Imperial hotel dining room to be enlarged.

The man and the job are easier brought together if not kept apart by too much legislation.

Rogue River Public Service Corporation asks franchise at Florence.

Jim Blaine and Greenback mines in Josephine county are working stamp-mills.

Celebration of establishing new Hill steamer line to Frisco at Flavel March 16.

Marshfield is to have a conservatory of music.

Highway from Gold Beach to Grants Pass is projected.

R. C. Rasmussen conducting creamery at The Dalles for 3 years, opens creamery at Pendleton.

Medford fruit and produce association will haul and pack all products for members.

Doubling the coyote bounty is to solve the unemployed problems in Eastern Oregon.

U. of O. has put one over O. A. C. It claims 2000 students enrolled in all departments, as against 1524 at Corvallis.

O. A. C. REGISTRATION BIG.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Mar. 1.—The registration of regular students for the present school year is the largest in the history of the institution. The report of the Registrar's office complete to February 18 gives a total of 1604 students in the regular course of 36 weeks. In addition to the regular courses the other sessions given at the Agricultural College with their attendance was as follows: A six weeks summer course 208; four weeks winter short course 221; and a farmers' and home makers' short course of one week, 2106. In the above totals all duplicates are excluded. Correspondent students and persons registered in the extension or movable schools conducted in various parts of the state are not included. The largest class in the history of the institution will be graduated next June. This class numbers about 220. The present junior class which will graduate in 1916 numbers approximately 300.

The work of the past half year has shown a marked improvement in daily attendance. New regulations in effect this year have proved very satisfactory. These place the whole responsibility upon the student. If he is absent the work must be made up or passed off by special examinations covering not only the work for the day or days missed but the entire work of the month. Students participating in any student activity, like athletics, debating, journalism, etc., must keep their work up to the standard or they are not allowed to participate in these activities. Another feature of the of the past half year which is especially gratifying is the improvement in scholarship. There were 17 per cent less failures than for the first half of the College year. The minimum passing grade is 70 and no exemptions from examinations are permitted except in those cases where the students have maintained a certain average throughout the semester of at least 90 per cent. The improved scholarship now evident is no doubt the result in part at least of the more regular daily attendance at classes and lectures.

Needed Road Change Will Be Made, Pendleton, March 2.—County Judge Marsh has just received word from Superintendent Bolling of the O. W. R. N. that the railroad has given up its plans for a change of the track above town and that, therefore, there will be no objection to the proposed cut-off just above the St. Anthony hospital. The latter gave instructions as to the room the railroad will need for a new bridge to replace bridge 49.

The news from the railroad company means the work on the cut-off may be taken up and this will be done at once, says Judge Marsh.

Land Office Business. John H. Longes, of Pleasant Valley, appeared at the land office today and filed on a homestead. Ora S. Graham, of Enterprise, also made a homestead entry.

M. A. Mills, of Telocaset, was at the land office today on business.

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Bandeis To Speak.

Schneetady, N. Y. Mar. 3.—Louis Bandeis, lawyer an economic expert, is scheduled as the principle speaker tonight before the New York State Consumers' League convention.

Hear Tap Line Case

Washington, Mar. 3.—The interstate Commerce Commission today reopening hearings on the "tap line cases." These involved charges allowed to short railroad lines, connecting industrial plants with main line railroads.

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Lobby Register Advanced.

Austin, Texas, Mar. 3.—After thoroughly condemning the lobby register as "ridiculous," the senate discarded it. The lower branch of the legislature, however, today continues to require representatives of special interests to register their names and the legislation for which they are "lobbying."

Retrenching Session Held.

George T. Cochran, superintendent of water division No. 2, returned today noon from Salem where he went to meet the water board to prune expenses and to outline the policy of the board to harmonize with the appropriations given the department.

FOR RENT—Two room furnished house, \$12.00 per month. Inquire Golden Rule Co. 3-3,tf.

Parish Society Will Meet.

The Lutheran Parish Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Head, 1912 2nd street on Thursday afternoon of this week. Mrs. Head invites not only the members of the society but also their friends and visitors. Several matters of importance will come up for discussion and a short program is being arranged.

CLIMATIC DATA.

Climatic data, based on readings for 24 hours ending last night at 6 o'clock:
Maximum 47; Minimum 41
Lowest temperature last night 36.

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