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CELEBRATE OPENING OF TROLLEY LINE

Numerous Delegations From Various Valley Points Visit Salem—Permanently Bought Near Portland—Here Planting Day.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 25.—The Oregon National guard is very active in its efforts to obtain a suitable and permanent rifle range near this city. Besides being immediately available for the use of six companies, including those stationed at Vancouver, Wash., the range would attract any United States cruisers and other naval vessels to this port, since this practice is required of the navy as well. The matter has been taken up with the United States war department, and strongest possible endorsement has gone forward from the Portland Commercial club and other organizations of Portland.

In celebrating the opening of the new electric interurban line between Portland and Salem on February 18 the latter city entertained numerous delegations from the various cities of the Willamette valley. Over 100 business men went from Portland in two special cars. Great enthusiasm was aroused by the speeches of both visitors and Salem men, and all united in emphasizing the necessity for wide-awake, aggressive advertising to develop both city and country. Salem contemplates an immediate campaign as a result.

Washington's birthday had twice its usual interest and significance in Portland this year on account of this being also the city's first observance of "rose planting" day. Archbishop Christie participated in the exercises in connection with planting the thousands of roses which were borne to the parks by the school children. Vigorous 2-year-old bushes were set out, which will bloom generously by the first of June, for the rose festival. A distinctive feature of the grand parade planned for the festival will be the entry of floats from different cities in the state. Several have already designed floats illustrating some particular product of their section. This attractive representation will doubtless attract many visitors to these communities.

A branch of the work of the Portland Commercial club which many people know nothing about is the maintenance of an Oregon information bureau in Los Angeles, which has been wonderfully successful in its efforts to so interest Californian tourists that they may return to their eastern homes by way of Oregon. Oregon literature is distributed from several of the most centrally located offices in Los Angeles, and it is eagerly taken. The colonist rates, and particularly the \$30 fare from the great middle west to all stations in the "Beaver State" is emphasized in every publication given out. Eastern lecturers are also employed to a limited extent, and Robert J. Welch, Jr., of New York city, has just reported a most successful series, with audiences frequently numbering in excess of 1000 adults. "They take in every word about Oregon," he writes, "and then fire questions at me."

RAILROAD PROPRIETORSHIP WILL NOW BE TESTED

First of the government's active steps toward breaking the land grip of the Southern Pacific in Oregon is marked by the Fulton resolution, which appeared in the senate last Tuesday, directing the department of justice to begin court proceedings to enforce the rights of the United States. The railroad for nearly 40 years has ignored important terms of the Oregon and California land grants, that favored the public; namely, that the lands should be sold at a price not exceeding \$2.50 an acre, only to actual settlers and in tracts of not more than 160 acres to each purchaser. These suits will involve close to 3,000,000 acres, held by the railroad and by persons who have bought from the railroad in violation of the terms of the grant.

The resolution also directs the department of justice to start suits to enforce the rights of the United States as to the wagon road grant between Coos Bay and Roseburg, where 92,000 acres of land are held by the Southern Oregon company—a group of non-resident landlords, chiefly William W. Crane, William J. Rotch, Elgal Smith, president, and Prosper W. Smith. These men are residents of New York and Boston. According to the terms of this grant, made in 1808, the lands were to be sold for not more than \$2.50 an acre and in tracts of not more than 160 acres to each purchaser.

Both the Southern Pacific and the Southern Oregon companies refuse now to sell the lands at \$2.50 an acre, and the railroad refuses to sell at any price. Both companies have sold large areas in bulk, ignoring the 160-acre limit, and at prices frequently much in excess of \$2.50 an acre. The railroad has made such sales to others than actual settlers.

Suits against the two companies have already been begun in the United States circuit court by would-be purchasers, who offer \$2.50 an acre. Fifteen suits have been filed against the railroad by A. W. Lafferty, attorney for actual settlers in Columbia county. One has been filed against the Southern Oregon company by T. S. West, attorney for 85 claimants of 17,000 acres in Coos county, and another of the same kind will shortly be filed for 10 other claimants.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH ENJOYS MOST PROSPEROUS YEAR

The work of the Christian church is prospering as never before. All departments of the work is in good shape. The Young People's society gave a splendid missionary entertainment last Sunday evening, which was very well attended and highly spoken of. The Bible school is still on the increase, not only in attendance but in interest as well. The school is the largest in its history. New scholars are coming in every Sunday. A great school is being built up. Parents are beginning to realize the importance and value of the Bible school.

The church enjoys unusual prosperity. Large audiences usually are in attendance and much interest is being manifested. Never in its history have the prospects been so favorable for a great work as now. One of the aims: "A new church building by September, 1909," is almost sure to be realized.

At Christian Church Sunday. A large and appreciative audience was in attendance Sunday morning. The minister spoke on the subject, "The Newness of Christianity." The sermon in part was as follows: "Christianity is an original religion. It was not handed down by tradition. It was not the outgrowth of human philosophy or reason; it was not compiled from preceding religions, but it was new.

"We are assured that the facts of history fully justify the following conclusions: (1) Christianity is the only religion thus far developed in the world that is adapted to all mankind, to every individual, race or nation. (2) It is the only religion that promises the forgiveness of sin. (3) It is new or original in promising eternal life. (4) Christianity is new in teaching the fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man. (5) It is new in that it is positive. (6) Christianity is original in that it is missionary.

Methodist Episcopal Church, B Street. The revival meetings under the leadership of Rev. Van Marter and Professor Gray received a new impetus last night. The theme of the preacher's sermon was "Running the Blockade." In his opening remarks he called attention to the sermon on hell delivered the previous night and said: "It is not God's wish that any should perish. Strictly speaking, it is not the government, but the criminal that builds the penitentiary. So it is not God but the sinner who makes hell. But God has put blocks in the sinner's way to keep him if possible out of hell. Among these are the Bible, a mother's prayers, a Christian home and others. After the appeal several presented themselves as seekers of salvation. While thousands of pamphlets are being sent over the country advertising the advantages of this revival, what a grand thing it would be if we could advertise Medford without a saloon, and how real estate would go up if every citizen walked in the footsteps of Jesus." Preaching every night. Everybody invited.

Coal for Sale.

We are now prepared to furnish hand picked coal at the mine, five mile west of town, in any amount desired \$7.50 per ton. PACIFIC COAL CO.

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ONE NIGHT Saturday, Feb. 29 CULLIGAN'S Nashville Students BAND AND ORCHESTRA POPULAR PRICES.

No Fire in the Kitchen Range No Hot Water in the House

Then is the time you appreciate the convenience of ELECTRIC WATER HEATERS



Attach a plug to the nearest lamp socket and use the switch. ONE QUART, TWO QUART AND LARGER SIZES. Flat top is specially adapted for range. CALL 723 CUI OFFICE. Opposite the Big Electric Sign. Coughlin Water and Power Co. Office on Seventh Street. Opposite the Big Electric Sign.

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J.C. Brown PALM BLOCK. J. E. ENYART, President. JOHN S. ORTH, Cashier. J. A. PERRY, Vice-President. W. B. JACKSON, Asst. Cashier.

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The Nash Hotel and Grill. Only first-class house in the city. Absolutely the finest grill between Portland and San Francisco. A specialty is made of oysters, shell and other fish. All meats used are cold storage government inspected. Catering in all its branches.

SPREAD THE NEWS Colonists' Rates. Colonist Rates from all points East to Oregon from March 1 to April 30, 1908. The Southern Pacific Railroad. Announces that rates in effect March 1, 1908, will be \$38 from Chicago, \$35.50 from St. Louis, Mo.; from Missouri River common points, Council Bluffs to Kansas City, Mo., including also St. Paul, Minneapolis, \$30; from Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo, \$30. For farther information call on or address A. S. ROSENBAUM, Agent, Medford, Or.

Scale Spray for Sale. Scale Spray, Lime and Sulphur Solution, ready for use in any quantity. Tickets by Wire. Something which is of considerable interest to the public generally and which is perhaps not generally known is the system of prepaid orders now in effect between stations of the Southern Pacific company and all points in the United States. By means of this system tickets may be purchased at Medford from any place in the United States and mailed or telegraphed direct to the party wishing to come here. Sleeper accommodations and small amounts of cash in connection with these tickets may also be furnished at the same time.

Special Sale of ORCHARD. We are able to offer for a few days the most desirable young orchard within a few miles of Medford, which we have been able to offer our customers for a year, and within reach of the man with reasonable capital. The tract consists of 272 acres of orchard land, with 60 acres in cultivation and 45 acres in orchard of the right varieties of fruit, just coming into bearing. Thirty acres of the orchard is in Spitzenberg and Newtown apples and Comice pears. Fifteen acres in prunes, with good dryhouse on premises. Fully 60 acres more of good fruit land on the tract, covered with brush, but with enough firewood on same to pay for clearing and setting to fruit. Now is the time to act in this matter, for values are advancing so rapidly that only the rich can afford an orchard in this valley in a few years. Why shouldn't values advance, when the right kind of an orchard is yielding such fabulous returns?

Rogue River Land Co. EXHIBIT BUILDING, MEDFORD, OREGON.

CATALOG HOUSES ARE NOT MERCHANT TAILORS. They drain the towns of money and neither give the fit, style nor distinction to your clothes that your own city tailor can. PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRY. The clothes I make are the kind that "carry distinction," that bespeak the man, that keeps your money at home and are superior in every detail to the "sweatshop" goods of catalogue houses. KEEP YOUR MONEY HOME EIFERT FRENCH DRY CLEANING AND REPAIRING NEATLY DONE. The City Tailor Medford.

SERVED AS WE SERVE IT. A meal here is more than mere food. It is a feast. Try this restaurant whether your appetite be good or poor. If it is good, you'll enjoy the generous portions of the best edibles. If it is poor, the tempting manner in which we put food before you will revive your appetite as if by magic. The Nash Cafe.

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JUST RECEIVED. Several latest styles in Dinner Sets, Open Stock. Come and see our goods and make up the sets to suit yourself. MEDFORD TEA and COFFEE HOUSE. 216 WEST SEVENTH STREET. McGLASHAN & JUNKEN - Proprietors.

NATIONAL MOBILE LICENSE LEAGUE ON PROHIBITION

Those interested are taking the ground that the manufacture and distribution of alcoholic beverages is wrong per se. If this be true, then there is no question that the Almighty was wrong in commanding the use of wine in speaking to an chosen people, and Christ was wrong in drinking wine at the feast of Galilee, and he was wrong in selecting wine and bread to commemorate his death.

The foregoing is part of a letter sent to preachers throughout the country by the National Mobile License League, through its president, T. M. Gilmore. The letter continues: "Now, if those interested in the effort to establish prohibition prove to the satisfaction of the American people that Christ did that which was wrong, that Christ permitted a sin, and that Christ set a bad example to future generations, then we fear that they will have succeeded (in so far as the American people are concerned) in destroying the very foundation of the Christian faith.

"This is a strange suggestion to come from men connected with the whisky business to those connected with the ministry, but we consider it a very serious phase of this question and one that deserves the earnest thought of every man connected with the church.

"The prohibitory laws that are being passed in this country merely prohibit the manufacture and sale, and do not prohibit the purchase and use of alcoholic liquors; and all thinking men know that where a demand exists it will be supplied from some source if the profit justifies the risk in supplying it.

"If the Anti-Saloon League will agree to it, we will favor having an amendment to all prohibitory laws providing a heavy penalty for the purchase of alcoholic beverages, or for having them in possession in prohibition territory, and this would mean prohibition."

TAXES DELINQUENT ON APRIL FIRST

Taxes become delinquent April 1. Payments made before March 15 are subject to a discount of 3 per cent. By paying half the tax before April 1 an extension to October 1 is secured in which to pay the remaining half. Taxes not paid before April 1 become subject after that date to a penalty of 10 per cent, with an additional penalty of 1 per cent per month for each month they are unpaid. Taxes may be paid by mail. Send check, draft or money order. Statements of taxes due may be secured by mail. Send a letter to the tax department describing the property. The statement will be sent by mail. In paying taxes by mail before March 15 do not forget to deduct the 3 per cent discount.

FUTURITY STAKE OF FIVE THOUSAND CASH

A \$5000 futurity stake for foals of 1908 has been put up by the Oregon State Fair association. At the fair at Salem in 1910 and 1911, the championship of the youngsters and the rich purse will go to the fastest colt, both 2-year-olds and 3-year-olds. Entries will close July 1, and the conditions will be announced later.

FINDS OUT HOW TO BLOW OUT STUMPS

G. T. Parry, who is blasting out fire stumps from his tract, seven miles from Portland, along the O. W. P. road, has discovered that placing a log chain around the body of the stump enables him to blow the snag out bodily with the same amount of powder that would simply shatter the stump in the ground without it.

CALIFORNIA CROPS HURT BY THE CRANE FLY

BERKELEY, Cal., Feb. 25.—The department of agriculture at the state university here received for the past two months reports from various parts of the state of the devastation wrought by a certain worm that has eaten grass and grain roots. Damage has been reported from as far north as Marysville to Mariposa on the south, and from the San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys to a considerable distance into the foot hills. The worm seems to take the roots of the growing grain and grass and at last destroys the crop. Experts at the university have been in the field for some time studying the problem, and they report the worst of the damage has been done in the Sacramento valley. The worm is a small, white, grub-like creature, and it is very active. It is very common in the fields of the Sacramento valley, and it is very destructive. It is very common in the fields of the Sacramento valley, and it is very destructive. It is very common in the fields of the Sacramento valley, and it is very destructive.