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## PROMINENT SALEM JOURNALIST PAYS SPECIAL VISIT TO O. A. C.

### COLONEL E. HOFER INVESTIGATES PRESENT CONDITIONS

Veteran All-around Worker for the Development of Oregon Approves Appropriation for Proper Equipment at the College and Says he is Convinced that it Would be a Serious Blunder to Invoke the Referendum.

Col. E. Hofer, the Salem journalist and all-around worker for the development of Oregon, was in the city yesterday and spent the better part of the day at the Agricultural College. He takes conservative views about expenditures of public money and was one of a committee of the State Grange at Eugene last year that was charged with bringing in a report on how to secure revenues for the Institutions of Higher Education without levying so high a direct tax on the property of the people.

"I am convinced taking the Referendum on the institution in this city would be a serious blunder," said Col. Hofer. "I do not believe a straw should be laid in the way of the proper equipment at present. It will have to be equipped some time and the sooner the better. As I read statistics the demand for this kind of education has outgrown the plant. In three years the attendance has run up from 833 to 1355, and no material increase in the facilities for handling the students at all in keeping with the growth. While the attendance has increased about 70 per cent, the number of instructors has been increased from 40 to 66 in all departments, not counting music or student teachers. For the life of me I do not see how President Kerr handles the institution as well as he does. He has removed all criticism of the college by increasing the amount of college work done in purely agricultural lines by over nine hundred (900) per cent while students in engineering increased only fifty (50) per cent."

"The government statistics show that the O. A. C. has 55 more students in attendance than Washington Agricultural College, while the college in our sister state gets three dollars where our college gets one. Pullman college got \$224,820 more last year than the Corvallis college with less students. "I used to think our high taxes were due to large educational appropriations, but I have changed my mind. The high state taxes are due to the numberless grafts and commissions and useless officers that are foisted upon the people at each session of the legislature that return the people nothing. These grafts are established and never repealed and continue to pile up. Two-thirds of the legislative session was spent creating new offices and raising salaries of men already in office and yet if one of those officials had been charged with a design

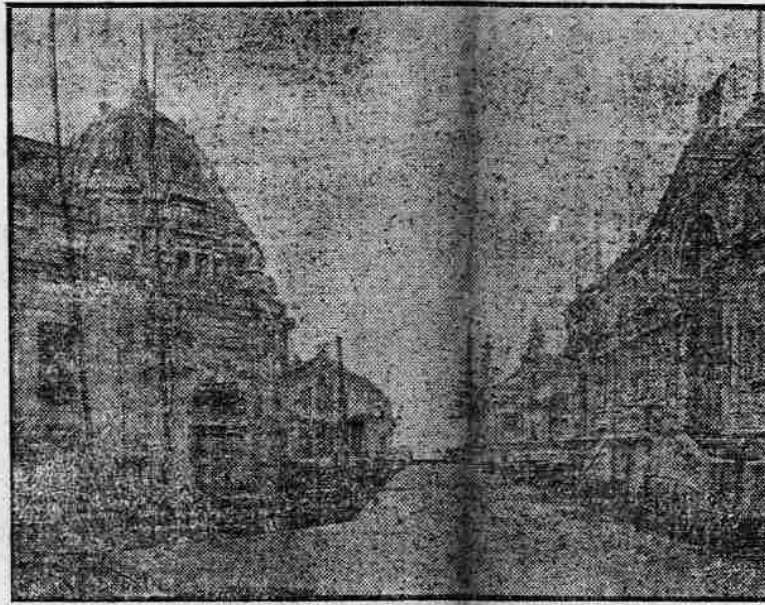
to increase his emoluments when he was a candidate he would have denied the slanderous accusation with heat and indignation. The appropriations for higher education do not explain why every county in the state has its taxes raised twenty to fifty per cent every year. When you examine this you will find it is the salary grabs and perpetual multiplication of offices, boards, commissions and grafts like the scalp bounty, the expositions, fairs and wagon road grants. Let us strike down the grafts but not our most cherished educational institutions.

"I was most agreeably surprised at the signs of progress I saw in Corvallis. That wide parking will make your city a beauty spot of the Willamette valley. Get rid of your antiquated charter that belongs to the middle ages, when one mossbank in the middle of a block could hold up any improvement.

We have broken up those silurian conditions at Salem, and order several blocks of hard surface paving at each meeting of the city council that costs from \$7,000 to \$10,000 a block. We are also paving residence streets by the mile with macadam. Your city is right where we were two or three years ago. We were doing everything in a circle. Not a dollar was turned loose but it went through certain hands and finally lodged right where it started. Get out of that rut and shake some of the dollars out of dead property that is enhanced in value by every move you make and a whole lot of it will never find its way back. Large expenditures for streets and sewers will alone employ labor, distribute wealth and build up your city. Corvallis has a great future if progressive. It is as well located as Salem, Albany or Eugene. It has as good railroad facilities, water transportation and a hospitable, enterprising class of people. It has a great big real estate and orchard boom on and the country will make the city."

#### Track Team Leaves

Director Angell and thirteen of OAC's best track men including Capt. Chapman, Wolff, Hall, Scott, Bergman, Enberg, Crowe, Blanchard, Howard, Shattuck, Startzoff, Farnsworth, Hamilton and Brown, left for Pullman Monday, where they met the strong W. S. C. team yesterday.



LOOKING DOWN YUKON AVENUE.

One of the most traveled highways of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition will be the street to which has been given the name of Yukon Avenue. Yukon Avenue makes its way across the exposition grounds from west to east, and the ends are represented by Klondike Circle near the entrance, and Nome Circle on which fronts the classic Forestry building. It crosses the roaring Cascades on oriental bridges of handsome design, and from its central part the buildings of Hawaii and Alaska, backed by the enormous federal structure, are directly to the north.

Just to the west of Klondike Circle the Pay Streak winds in a general direction from north to south, and at the eastern end the lapd gives way precipitously to the shores of Lake Washington. It is on this beautiful shore of the lake the natural amphitheatre is located, and nature has so quaintly formed this delightful spot, that small effort has been required of man to transform it into as perfect an exhibition place as is possible. Its curving, sloping sides complete a semi-circle, and from its tiers of towering seats 30,000 spectators may witness the entertainments with no possibilities of occupying a single undesirable seat.

A wonderful variety of architectural display is shown by the many buildings through which Yukon Avenue passes, and during its course the visitor passes from man-made monuments through parts of magnificent forests whose grandeur has never been marred by the destructive craft of Mammon's disciples. From every side the line of horizon is defined by mountains whose lines are delineated in perpetual snow, and stretching away as far as the eye can travel rest the waters of Puget Sound.

### AN IMPOSING FUNERAL

Tribute to Memory of the Late L. B. Geer

One of the largest funeral corteges ever assembled in the vicinity of Salem followed the remains of the late L. B. Geer to the Warren cemetery in the Waldo Hills, Sunday. Regardless of threatening weather, a line of carriages extending a mile in length and carrying hundreds of Odd Fellows and pioneers were in the procession.

Mr. Geer was one of the most widely known pioneers of the Northwest. He came across the plains in 1847. His father, R. C. Geer, served as captain in early Indian wars of Oregon, was identified with some of the earliest undertakings in Oregon's struggle for statehood, and as an importer and breeder of fine stock and as a student agriculturist and horticulturist, probably did as much if not more, than any other individual toward laying the foundation upon which the present State Fair has become such a popular institution.

### NEW Y. M. C. A. BUILDING

Eugene Will Begin Work on Handsome New Structure

The contract for the erection of a \$50,000 Y. M. C. A. building for Eugene has been let to W. O. Heckart, a Eugene contractor. All the contracts go to Eugene men, whose bids were the lowest, although there was competition from Portland and other Valley points.

The building, which will be constructed of brick and be located on Willamette river, near the corner of Eleventh street, will have a basement and will be three stories high. It will be steam-heated, with a double system of boilers. The building will be 72 feet on the front and 122 feet deep.

The Corvallis friends of Mr. Heckart will be pleased to learn of his good fortune in securing this big contract.

## ELECTRIC LINE TO CONNECT CORVALLIS AND ALSEA

### PROJECT CONSIDERED AT MEETING HELD HERE LAST NIGHT

Prominent Delegations From Philomath and Alsea Valley Meet Corvallis Commercial Club and the Proposition Takes Definite Shape By the Appointment of Committee to Look up Right of Way and Other Necessary Preliminaries.

The project to connect Corvallis with the Alsea Valley and Philomath country by the construction and operation of an electric line through Benton county has at last taken definite shape and every effort will be made to push it to completion.

Yesterday two prominent delegations, consisting of W. H. Malone, M. Hayden and J. W. Buster, from Alsea, and O. V. White, Robert Gellatly, E. A. Miller and A. L. Rainwater, from Philomath, came to this city and met the Corvallis Commercial Club at a special meeting last night to consider the proposition and determine the best plan to put it in effect.

There was a large attendance at the meeting and the greatest interest was taken in the project, everybody present

being most favorable to the construction of such a line.

President A. J. Johnson has appointed a committee consisting of V. E. Watters, A. P. Johnson, A. L. Stevenson, Walter K. Taylor and Robert Johnson to take up the matter of securing the necessary right of way and to arrange all other preliminaries.

The Alsea delegation remained over until today and the Philomath representatives came in again this afternoon for a conference with the committee which will be held late today.

Marion Hayden, of Alsea, states that there is the greatest enthusiasm all along the proposed line over the project as all the country people feel sure that such a road will be a wonderful factor in the development of the county.

## Washington Wins From OAC Team

A special from Pullman says that by a score of 82-23 to 39-13, W. S. C. defeated the OAC track team yesterday afternoon. The State College had an easy time in both the dashes and the distance runs.

Nelson easily won the 100 and 220, the former in 9 4-5 seconds, and in the quarter mile run, for which he holds the Northwest record, he loafed in order to let Bartlett, a freshman, win his "W."

OAC was strong in the weights. Wolff won the shot-put with a throw of 43 feet 3 1-2 inches and the discus with 114 8 1-2 inches. Cool easily won the mile in 4:36 1-5, while Johnson, also of Pullman, won the half, 2:02.

OAC took first in the high jump, shot-put, 120 hurdles and discus. The meet was held in a drizzling rain, which prevented anything sensational.

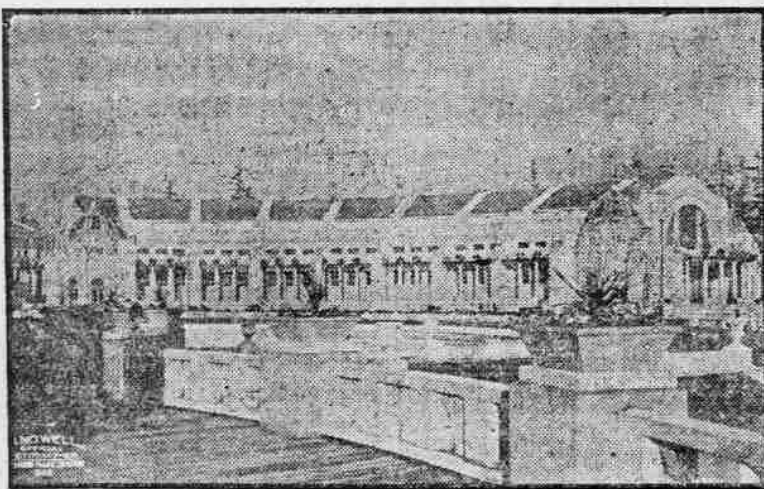
The Special Silk and Lace Curtain Sale at J. M. Nolan & Son is being continued to the end of the week.

Extra Special Towel Sale Thursday, Friday and Saturday at J. N. Nolan & Son.

## Junior Prom Will Be Surprise

The Junior Prom promises this year to be far ahead of anything ever provided by a Junior class in the history of the college, says the Barometer. All the committees are hard at work and have been for weeks past in making preparations for this big affair. They say the decorations will be on an entirely new order, affording comfort of body as well as pleasure to the eye. Several Seniors have remarked that if they live up to their reputation established at the Junior-Senior party, as decorators and entertainers, the occasion will, without doubt, be one superb in every detail. Already Cole's orchestra, which is to furnish the music for the dancing, is hard at practice on one of the best arranged programs of latest pieces ever filled out. As to the dancing there will be several feature dances such as the moonlight, twilight and drum solo dances. Aside from these there will be barn dances and perhaps some other new ones.

The Prom will take place the night before the regiment leaves for Seattle. As to the price per couple to be charged the decision has not yet been made.



LOOKING ACROSS GEYSER BASIN AT HORTICULTURAL HALL.

No fairer scene can be offered any place than the outlook from the foot of the Alaska Monument on the grounds of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. Standing directly in front of the great building of the United States Government, the enormous golden eagle on his towering perch of northern gold keeps watch and guard over the most perfect exposition city that has ever been reared. Under his eye are gathered the rarest collection of man's examples of skill and art ever assembled, and these find shelter in a magnificent group of permanent and temporary buildings, whose architectural design and clever construction exemplify the very highest of man's inventive ability.

At night when the long twilight of the northern latitudes close down, the manifold beauties of the spot show their greatest charm. With the fading of day comes the romance of evening and the millions of lamps, made brilliant by electricity, flash their rainbow tints over a land such as fairies might have builded. The rushing, tumbling torrents of the Cascades pour their enormous volume over a bed covered by electric bulbs, and from the quiet pool of Geyser Basin are reflected as in a mirror. Electrolights of French design are lavishly scattered beneath the trees, and from their clear rays the fields of flowers are seen in added hues.

### Interscholastic

#### Meet Next Week

Manager Hanney, of the Interscholastic meet, is rapidly getting things in condition for the meeting here on the 21st and 22nd of May. About twenty-five high schools have signified their willingness to come and more may do so later on. At first a number of big schools in Eastern Oregon thought they could not come on account of the meet to be held in Pendleton on May 21 and 22, but the date has been changed and the teams are sure to be here on time.

Last year some trouble was encountered in getting men from the schools who were bona-fide students and athletes who had been in training for the meet. In some cases men came who were not athletes at all but were down just for the trip. These evils are eradicated by sending a set of strict rules governing the entries. All contestants are required to have certificates from the principal of their school vouching for their ability and standing. They must have vouchers for all expenditures. The contestants must be in training at least one month before the meet. These rules and many other minor ones have been sent to all the schools.

Over 150 will be in attendance and at least 1200 visitors are expected.—Barometer.

Arnold, the merry-go-round man, was in the city today trying to find out whether Benton county was going to hold any kind of fair this fall.

## 1864 45TH--ANNIVERSARY SALE--45TH 1909

Forty-five years of square dealing in the city of Corvallis finds this establishment not only Corvallis' LARGEST, but Benton County's GREATEST Store, occupying 19,000 sq. ft. of floor space. The oldest established business under one continual management in the Willamette Valley.

TO BE WORTHY OF YOUR PATRONAGE Is this store's aim, and that means much. We have set our minds upon making this the biggest May's business in the history of the store and to do this we have deemed it expedient to offer special price inducements in every department. Thousands of bargains throughout the store for the month of May.

### MEN'S CLOTHING AT ANNIVERSARY SALE PRICES

The entire stock of high grade clothing carried by us to be sold during this sale at remarkable low prices. Think of it! The finest, most complete line of clothing in all Corvallis, including all the new spring and summer styles in Society Brand, Michaels-Stern and Senior College Clothes. Take advantage of these low prices:

Regular \$12.50	Men's Suits, now \$ 9.95	Regular \$22.50	Men's Suits, now \$18.50
" 15.00	" " " 11.90	" 25.00	" " " 19.75
" 18.00	" " " 14.25	" 30.00	" " " 24.85
" 20.00	" " " 15.85		

Half Price for any odd suit or coats and vests in the store

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