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## MISS ELEANOR SAUBERT IS ELECTED EMPRESS—MISS MARY CASSIDY QUEEN

### Contest Closed at a Big Basket Social Held Saturday Night at the New Rita Theater.

With the successful candidate polling a total of 41,780 votes the contest for Empress of the Rhododendron Festival closed Saturday night. The committee announced that the young lady receiving the largest number of votes would be elected empress and next largest queen of Florence.

Earlier in the contest many names had been suggested by nomination, but by the last week only six remained in the contest and some of them announced that they did not care to be elected.

At the close of voting Saturday night the count showed Miss Eleanor Saubert had received 41,780 votes, and Miss Mary Cassidy 26,875, and these young ladies were declared to be empress Rhododendra and queen of Florence respectively.

The total amount taken in for the sale of baskets was \$139.80. The highest price being paid for one basket was \$10.50.

Many handsome and character baskets were in evidence, but few of the ladies undertook to compete for the homiliest basket. The committee had a difficult proposition in awarding prizes but finally decided that Mrs. Geo. P. Edwards had brought the prettiest basket; Miss Lila Lewis, who's basket represented the "Florence Water System" was the best character; and that Miss Agnes Weatherston

had won the prize for the homiliest basket.

Auctioneer Fet Fisk entertained the audience in his original and amusing manner, which at times caused the bidding to often grow from 50 cents to several dollars.

After the baskets were all sold, those present gathered in groups and enjoyed the many good things to eat that the baskets contained.

The evening was closed with a moving picture entertainment. Mrs. Slemmons, chairman of the basket social committee, regrets that they were unable to give the vaudeville stunts as a part of the program.

#### CARNIVAL NOTES

The general committee has received the Carnival buttons. They are in the shape of a watch fob, having on one side the words "Rhododendron Carnival, May 21-22-1914, Florence, Oregon," with a cluster of Rhododendron blossoms in the center; and the reverse side has a harbor scene with the words "Florence, Seaport of Lane County." They are about the neatest Rhododendron souvenirs we have yet seen.

Workmen and volunteers are busy putting up the large electric "Welcome" sign at the intersection of Washington and front street.

A floor is being laid for the pavillion tent. It will be located

on Adams street just north of Front and is 50 by 100 feet.

The general committee have now about \$1200 in the Carnival fund.

Acme will send to the Festival, "clam diggers" in character, representing a resource of the Siuslaw Kingdom.

Joe Morris, Jr. sends word that Mapleton will be accompanied by the Eugene band. Hurrah for Mapleton.

A basket social was given at the River View school last Saturday night, to raise a Carnival fund.

### THE NEW RITA THEATRE OPENED

Florence ought to be proud of the new Rita Theatre. The interior finish is handsome and fire proof. Mr. Grindall received 200 chairs on the Patsy and will procure more if necessary. It was opened for the first time Saturday night when the basket social was held. Over three hundred people were accommodated in the auditorium.

### TRAINS TO MARSHFIELD NEXT YEAR

A completed railroad grade between Eugene and Coos Bay will be finished this year, and rails will be laid to the western Oregon seaport early in 1915, according to the hopes of H. P. Hoey, Southern Pacific engineer in charge of the Willamette Pacific, who returned last night from a thorough inspection of the 1914 work now under way with 1000 men at work, and the crew to be increased as fast as men can be shipped in. He was accompanied by W. R. Fountaine, assistant engineer.

Mr. Hoey bases his hopes on the statements of the contractors who declared positively that grade and tunnels will be completed this year, and who are making every fight against the coast mountain elements to do so in order that their equipment may not be tied up another year. Mr. Hoey states that with five months of weather similar to that which has been experienced this spring there will be little question but that the grade, which is now complete to Acme, will be finished to Marshfield by the end of the season.

At present the rails are laid to

a point thirty five miles west of Eugene and are making their way down the Siuslaw river as fast as the bridge crews can erect the steel bridges. Trains will reach tidewater from Eugene this summer, according to present plans.

The large bridge across the Siuslaw, the Umpqua, and Coos Bay are factors which must be counted upon to bring the rails to Marshfield by 1915.

"We hope to be in Marshfield early in 1915," stated Mr. Hoey. "But we may meet unforeseen problems in finding foundations for the big bridges. But if the weather we have had this spring keeps up, there is no question but that we will have the grade completed this summer."—Eugene Guard.

### BOAT LAUNCHING AT MAPLETON

About five hundred people gathered at Mapleton to see the launching of the gasoline schooner Restless. Announcement had been made that an excursion would be run to Mapleton and Sunday morning the launches Mae and Minnie Mitchell, decorated with flags and rhododendrons left the Washington street dock for Mapleton.

The Florence band accompanied the excursionists and furnished music during the trip and ceremonies.

A base ball game between the Mapleton Savages and a picked team from Florence was played early in the afternoon, resulting in a score of 6 to 6.

About 2:30 the launching was announced and everybody went across the river and gathered near the boat, which had been built on Knowles Creek about a half mile from the river.

Here a very picturesque scene was presented, with the band playing as the boat started toward the water.

Miss Lulu Beers stood sponsor and christened the little schooner "Restless."

Mr. Vernon Parson made a short talk in which he told something of the history of the building of the boat.

The Restless is 47 feet in length and has a breath of 12 feet. The lumber with the exception of the keel was all sawed and selected by James and Andrew Jackson, who built and own the boat.

The owners have not announced yet in what service they will put the boat.

The excursionists returned late in the afternoon, all reporting a great time.

The tug Roscoe took the barge Lawrence to Coos Bay last Wednesday and returned Thursday. The Lawrence had a good sized cargo of lumber.

The Oakland was taken over the bar Saturday night about 12 o'clock.

### TAMPICO IS TO BE BOMBARDED

Washington, May 10.—(Sunday.)—Rear Admiral Mayo, at Tampico, reported late last night that the constitutionalists were preparing to make a desperate effort to capture that port at once from the Mexican federal troops. At 1:45 o'clock this morning, Acting Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt instructed Rear Admiral Mayo to remove all Americans from Tampico and vicinity because of the danger from the impending attack upon the city by the constitutionalist forces. He was ordered to advise the American consular force there to cooperate with him.

Vera Cruz, May 9.—All attention is directed to the condition of affairs in Mexico City, where the next scene in the international drama is looked for by many American and foreign observers. Refugees who arrived at Vera Cruz today and foreigners who have ventured to penetrate Huerta's stronghold describe the capital as surcharged with intense apprehension.

New York, May 10.—(Sunday.)—Richard Harding Davis, author

and war correspondent who was sent by the New York Tribune to Mexico as its correspondent, is under arrest in Mexico City according to a dispatch published in the Tribune today.

Medill McCormick of Chicago, is also under arrest in Mexico City, according to the same dispatch.

The message says Brigadier General Funston at Vera Cruz has received information that the two correspondents have been taken into custody.

### HUGH HOGAN WILL BE TAKEN TO PORTLAND

The work of getting the schooner Hugh Hogan ready to take to Portland, is continuing.

Last Saturday Walter Sterling, a diver of Portland, and his helper H. McDonald arrived in Florence, Sunday an examination of the hull was made by Mr Sterling, and at noon the schooner was taken to the beach on the Glendora side, where another examination of the hull was made. A temporary rudder will be rigged up and put on the vessel, and empty barrels have been placed in the hold to give bouyancy forward.

As soon as some minor repairs are made the schooner will be towed to Portland, where she will be put on the dry dock and repaired.

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The undeveloped resources of the large area, if given the right chance will add greatly to the wealth, and help to bring a greater prosperity to all Oregon. Mr. Frederick Hollister, who is a candidate for the nomination of congressman on the democratic ticket, is familiar with the possibilities of the coast country, and is a broad enough man to understand the necessities of all and work for a united advancement of the whole state of Oregon, while paying especial attention to this congressional district.

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