

EXCURSION TO MAPLETON IS CANCELLED

The excursion to Mapleton over the Willamette Pacific next Sunday, November 15, has been called off.

The Morning Register says: "Some of those interested in the trip wanted to run the excursion and let the people take care of themselves."

"Considerable difficulty was experienced in getting organized at Mapleton to entertain the excursionists on that date, and with the promise of uncertain weather it was decided by the Eugene Commercial Club and the railroad men that the event would prove a failure, so a postponement of the excursion until the rails reached Acme, was their solution of the matter."

The Florence business men Friday had decided to meet the emergency and see that the visitors would be entertained, though they welcome the change, as they thought it should not be their place to take the initiative, and the short notice they had that it would be up to them, made it almost impossible to do justice to the occasion.

FILED ON HOMESTEADS

Mr. William R. Stafford, of Minerva, filed on a piece of land containing 160 acres, known as W. 1-2 SE. 1-2 and E. 1-2 SW 1-4 Sec. 13, T. 17, S. R. 11 W. This land was known as the Johnson Indian Allotment, and was supposed to belong to the

Johnson estate. It lies on the North Fork of Siuslaw, at the mouth of Drew Creek, three miles above Minerva.

Mr. Fred W. Musgrave, of Mapleton, filed on 40 acres of land in Sec. 5, T. 17 S. R. 10 W. This land is also on the North Fork of Siuslaw at the mouth of Porter creek about five miles above Minerva.

A significant fact of the recent elections was the prominence of industries.

A new bridge across Thorn Hollow, Umatilla County, is to cost \$16,000.

WILL BE HEARD IN CONCERT

At an early date in December Mrs. Charles L. Butler, of Acme and Miss Willa Wilkinson, of Glenada expect to appear in concert before a Siuslaw audience.

Mrs. Butler, is a lyric soprano, whose home was in St. Paul, moving from there to Spokane, and recently to Acme. She received her voice training in the East, and has appeared before the public of Spokane with pleasing success.

Miss Willa Wilkinson, is well known to the people of the Siuslaw as a musician and her piano work is always a delight.

These two musicians have decided to give a concert at Florence and it will be an opportunity to enjoy a delightful evening of music. The date will be announced soon.

OFFERS PARLORS AS PUBLIC REST ROOM

Landlord Clark of the Bay View Hotel announces that the parlor of the hotel is at the service of the Siuslaw people as a rest room, and invites the ladies to come and make themselves at home.

Florence has no public rest room and this generous offer of Mr. Clark will be an accommodation to strangers and visitors to Florence.

CITY REGISTRATION 165

As the city charter calls for registration of the votes, Recorder D. E. Severy provided books for this purpose last week and they were kept open until five o'clock Wednesday evening.

When the books were closed 165 names had been put on record, of these 62 were women and 103 men.

Al Ayers in Morrow County spent \$20,000 in improvements on his mill but owing to the passage of certain laws in the past, closed down and says he will never open it again. The result of last election should please him.

J. B. Eaton, a cattle buyer from Texas has been visiting various portions of the Willamette Valley recently buying cattle for shipment to Texas. Shipments of butter to Chicago and cattle to Texas would indicate that Oregon's position as a dairy country is becoming well established.

The milk condensery at Newberg has resumed operations after having been temporarily closed on account of fire. It is taking all the milk from about 1000 cows, sending its wagons into the country for a distance of ten miles. It disburses an average of \$5000 per month to the farmers and dairymen.

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER ON INSPECTION

T. K. Campbell, state railroad commissioner, was in Eugene Tuesday on his way on a trip over the Willamette Pacific right-of-way between Mapleton and Coos Bay to examine a number of road crossings which the railway company wishes to establish at grade. He will examine each one thoroughly and report to the commission before official action is taken.

The railway company recently filed a petition with the commission to be allowed to place these crossings at grade, stating that it is not practicable nor feasible to construct any of them overhead or underground and owing to the topography of the land and the other circumstances surrounding each of these crossings they cannot be constructed practicably or economically other than at grade.

There are ten of these proposed crossing which the commissioner is examining and which the railway company wants established at grade. Those numbered 45, 46 and 33 are in Lane county 36, 37, 38 and 39 are in Douglas county and 42, 43 and 44 are in Coos county. H. W. Libby, county surveyor, has approved of the crossings in Lane county.

Under direction of a government expert, candy is being made from apple syrup.

FOUR CABBAGES MAKE WAGON LOAD

Passing on his way to market this week a young Siuslaw gardiner remarked "I think the Pilot ought to make mention of these fine babbages." He was right because there he was hauling to market four as fine cabbages as were ever grown, and they filled the wagon.

The wagon of course was not a four-horse-Studebaker, but nevertheless it was a wagon, and Harold Robinson, aged 12 years was proud of his products. He had a right to be, because he had raised the plants and set them out and they were being delivered to a merchant who had purchased them. Harold is quite interested in gardening and this year has raised quite a variety of vegetables of the finest quality.

A FULL GROWN POTATO

It has been reported that potatoes on Fiddle creek have been allowed to get the full growth. M. D. Scott, of upper Fiddle creek has one that weighs six pounds. He planted about two acres during April and harvested them during the first of October. Many large potatoes were found among the crop, but the six-pounder seems to have fattened well upon Fiddle creek soil.

Eugene is going to build a new Armory and bonds for that purpose to the amount of \$25,000, running ten years, were sold last week at par with accrued interest.

Within the last few days steps have been taken to build an electric line between Astoria and Seaside. It is believed that the necessary right of way can be secured practically without cost and that work on the line will be commenced within a short time.

FLORENCE RACKET STORE PURCHASED

The work of invoicing the stock of goods in the Florence Racket Store was commenced, a sale of the business having been made to B. H. Wilbur.

Joe Slemmons bought this store from Wm. Brynd in April of last year and has increased the stock and built up a nice patronage. He has another store at Mapleton, and finds that he cannot look after both stores satisfactory.

The deal was closed Friday and Mr. Wilbur will take charge as soon as the invoice is finished.

A MODERN NIMROD

J. A. Wilkinson, of Glenada is the goose hunter of that town. Friday he and P. S. Rice of Florence started for the sand hills fully prepared to gather in a large number of geese, but owing to uncertain distances and denseness of the fog they were unable to get more than one goose. Wilkinson will explain to any one how to get geese in the fog.

JUSTICE DISTRICTS IN WESTERN LANE

Florence—J. U. Goude, justice; Clark McLaughlin, constable. Five River—L. Ryan, justice; E. E. Melvin, constable. Gjentena—W. K. Wise, justice; A. M. Richardson, Combs Baldon,

Ellis Richardson, tied for constable.

Herman—J. J. Wilkinson, justice; B. B. Jeans, constable.

Heceta—W. G. Sharman, justice; Frank Stevens, constable.

Lake Creek—Marion P. Wheeler, justice; Oscar Olsen, constable.

Lane—E. J. Horton, justice; W. B. Blachley, constable.

Mapleton—Joe Morris, Jr., justice; James Jackson, constable.

Walton—J. L. Atkinson, justice; Ernest Mabe, constable.

The first of the two Hill steamers to ply between Astoria and Frisco is to make a trial spin the last of this month.

MAYOR IS RECALLED BY THE VOTERS

Considerable interest was taken in the special election for the purpose of voting on the recall of Mayor Geo. Evans.

As an opponent to Mayor Evans, the name for C. D. Morey was placed by petition on the ballot.

At the close of the polls 7 o'clock Friday evening 184 ballots had been cast, resulting in the election of C. D. Morey by a majority of 15 votes, and the recall of Mayor Evans by 21 votes. The vote was: For recall; Yes, 93, No, 78.

For Mayor: Evans, 73. Morey 104.

Thirty one voters were sworn in by the judges.

SUBMARINE SINKS GUNBOAT NIGER

London, Nov. 11—The British torpedo gunboat Niger has been torpedoed by a submarine in the Downs, according to an official announcement made tonight.

The Niger foundered but all the officers and crew were saved. Two men were severely wounded and two less seriously hurt.

The Niger carried a complement of 85 men. The gunboat was built in 1892. She had a displacement of 810 tons and was 230 feet long. Her armament consisted of two 4-7 inch guns, four three pounders, one machine gun and three 18-inch torpedo tubes. He speed when she was built was 19-2 knots an hour.

LARGE LOSS AMONG GERMAN ARMY OFFICERS

Paris, Nov. 11.—A Havas Agency dispatch from Petrograd says:

"It is estimated here that during the recent fighting in East Prussia the Germans lost 70 per cent of their officers. From October 23 to November 5 the total Russian captures amounted to 323 officers, 21,750 soldiers, four motars, 52 cannon, 52 quickfitters and a large amount of munitions of war, including a quantity of provisions."

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