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PORTLAND GOSSIP

Portland, Ore., May 31 (Special)—Of remarkable significance to Oregon was the journey of Louis W. Hill and party through the interior of the state, when the Great Northern magnate covered 1500 miles by automobile. The results of this trip will be of great value to the state. The impressions President Hill gained of the state are certain to bring tremendous boosts. "Oregon is a wonderful state," declared Mr. Hill upon his return to Portland. "This is a state that will grow anything. My impressions of the trip would fill a book, but the one thing above all others is that the Great Northern will assist in doubling the state's population in two years. And railroads will be built in every direction. I see room for many roads. The Great Northern is going to open up Oregon and I feel that the people are with us. I never met more enthusiasm anywhere. Everywhere we were welcomed in a way that bespoke genuine sympathy and deep enthusiasm. To say that the trip was a revelation is putting it mildly."

Portland has now the biggest bank in the Pacific Northwest. The First National of this city has lately increased its capital stock from \$500,000 to \$1,500,000. The stock has all been subscribed and paid for and gives the bank a combined stock and surplus of \$2,500,000, the biggest in this corner of the United States.

Queen Rhododendra has ruled during the past week at Florence, Ore., where the annual festival of flowers has been under way. The affair was very successful and many attended from Eugene and other points in the Willamette valley. The rhododendrons in the coast country were never more beautiful and the fete attracted much attention.

After ten days of campaigning for good roads in eastern Oregon, L. R. Webster and M. E. Eldredge, in charge of the work in this state, have returned to Portland, encouraged at the interest shown in better highways. They visited ten counties and found local organizations busy in improving existing conditions.

Bumper crops throughout the Willamette valley in hay, grains and fruits are reported. Vegetables of all kinds never looked better and the celebrated farming district where crops never fail will bear out this year its established reputation. With its rich soil, widely diversified crops, and intelligent, industrious population, the Willamette is becoming a vast garden, tremendously rich in possibilities.

An event of interest to the whole state is the quarter centennial jubilee of the Oregon Agricultural College, to be held on the college campus June 10-14. Special rates have been made by the railroads and there will be a great ingathering of graduates and friends of this institution. Oregon owes a great debt of gratitude to a college that has done so much for the advancement and prosperity of the state.

NORTHWEST NOTES

From our Seattle correspondent.

Seattle May 31—The protection of the travelling public from disease by safe-guarding trains from infection, regulating the travel of diseased persons, and scientific and unremitting sanitation in every phase of travel within the States, is the plan evolved at a recent conference of health officers at Washington, D. C., and Dr. Elmer E. Heg, State Health Commissioner of this state, has been assigned the task of planning the work west of the Mississippi River. Dr. Heg has just returned from Washington and is arranging for a conference in Seattle, of health officials in Western States.

The Methodist Ministers of Seattle at their last meeting passed a resolution endorsing equal suffrage and urging the passage of the amendment to the constitution of the state of Washington, which comes before the voters in November. The women who are making an active campaign for the right to vote are one by one winning over the influential organizations in their behalf.

The University of Washington won the championship of the Pacific Coast from Stanford University in the race on Lake Washington May 26th, and the winners left immediately to race against the University of Wisconsin eight at Madison on June 4th. The beautiful aquatic sport is gaining many followers in the north-

west, and the racing enthusiasts hope to introduce it into high schools and into such colleges as have bodies of water near by where rowing can be enjoyed.

An important step toward preserving the forests of the northwest from damaging fires, has been taken by the state fire warden of Washington, in ordering all locomotives to use practical spark arresters. Railroads falling to comply with this order will see their engines stopped from operating by railroad officials. A great percentage of forest fires are started by locomotive sparks, or sparks from logging engines. The transcontinental lines have generally shown a willingness to show proper precaution, but even the big roads have been occasional offenders, the smaller lines, including many logging roads have never paid any attention to the law requiring spark arresters.

With the arrest last week of "Darby" Thellman, the government secret service officials have rounded up the last of the famous Maybray gang of fake prize fight and phony wrestling match operators, who are said to have made millions from their victims in the last ten years. They operated by conducting "fixed" matches, to which the victim was given a supposedly sure thing tip. Many reliable business men fell into the trap, believing that they were the fixers. Of course the match always went wrong, one of the participants feigned serious injury, there was a fake police raid, or some other scheme to so frighten the victim that he gave up his money without a murmur.

The gang operated in Seattle in 1906, sitting up a houseboat on Lake

Washington, with a ring and seats for a few spectators.

IN THE VAN OF PROGRESS.

Oregon College Champions New Ideas in Education.

Very few people of the state who have not visited the Oregon Agricultural college during the past year realize what a great institution has been established at Corvallis or in any way



DR. W. J. KERR, PRESIDENT OF OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

appreciate the interest which it affords to the visitor by reason of its beautiful campus, splendid buildings, elaborate equipment and broad scope of activities. It was in order that the people of the state might have an opportunity to visit the institution and at the same time enjoy the privilege of hearing addresses by some of the

Hood River Man Makes Discovery

D. G. Jackson, who is now on the Atlantic coast and was recently visiting in New York state, writes E. A. Franz that he is having a pleasant journey and tells about finding some Hood River apples in Dolgeville, N. Y., Mr. Franz' former home. Dolgeville is almost in the center of a big apple raising district and the fact that Mr. Jackson found Oregon apples for sale there is quite a revelation. In speaking of the incident Mr. Jackson says:

"I was over to Dolgeville and I was walking along the main street and I saw some apples in one of the windows that had a familiar look, so I stepped inside and pulled off one of the wrappers and I found they were packed and shipped by the Hood River Fruit Growers' Union and I asked to see the box they came in, and they were grown by H. O. Sieverkropp, Hood River, 96 to the box, Arkansas Blacks, packer No. 74, were selling for 80c per dozen. The merchant bought them in Utica of C. M. Jones & Co., cost in Utica \$4.25 and will retail at \$6.40."

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most prominent men of the day, listening to splendid music, viewing the elaborate pageants and enjoying the spirit of the occasion, that the quarter centennial celebration was planned.

Another reason for celebrating at this time is the significance which attaches to the struggle which the college has successfully passed through during the past twenty-five years. As the champion and instrument of a new idea in education it has met with strong opposition and coped with every form of obstacle that it is possible to imagine. But a better appreciation of the value of technical education seems now to prevail in this country, and a clearer understanding of the scope of the work of this college and its close relation to the industrial development of this commonwealth seems to be well established in the state. With the establishment of these two conditions a distinct period in the history of the institution is closed.

During the next quarter century it is safe to predict that the institution will do a more wonderful work than in the past twenty-five years and that it will become a powerful factor in every phase of the state's development. Freed from the opposition which often frustrated its efforts in the past it will take its place in the van of the progressive movement in Oregon.

Evidence of this fact is not wanting. Thousands of acres of waste land are being converted into grain and hay fields; great orchards are springing up everywhere; better roads are in the making; great stock farms, breeding splendid animals, are established in large numbers; the poultry and the dairy industries have increased and improved, and in all the influence of the college is a powerful factor.

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