

DEVELOPMENT IS GOING ON APACE

Central Oregon came in for considerable praise the past week from immigration officials of the Great Northern Railway who completed an extended tour through Harney, Lake and Malheur counties. They spoke in the highest terms of the country traversed and predict it will produce immense wealth when properly settled. To bring more people to this idle land is their avowed intention.

Oregon dogwood, the graceful tree that fills our woods with its beautiful starflowers in Spring and Summer, will be introduced at Teplitz, a watering place in Germany. Both seed and young trees have been sent abroad upon request as the management of this resort has heard of this attractive tree and wants to plant it there.

The biggest single shipment of packing house products for an Alaska customer ever made left Portland recently by special train for Tacoma where it will be put aboard a refrigerator vessel and re-shipped north. The shipment amounted to 400,000 pounds of frozen meats, valued at over \$50,000. The meat will be kept frozen until used. Heretofore, such shipments have been supplied by eastern packers, but Oregon is now able to fill these orders.

Many extra trains will be provided by Northwestern railroads to handle the crowds from the local territory who will come to Portland during the Grand Reunion of Elks, July 8-13. The O., W. R. & N. Co. has arranged for 100 Pullman cars in addition to its full regular equipment and the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and S. P. & S. Ry. will also run many extra passenger trains. The Elks give assurances that hotel accommodations at Portland during the reunion will be ample. Rooms at private homes are being listed in addition.

Development of a big water power plant on the Coquille River, south of Myrtle Point, involving the investment of \$1,000,000 of Oregon capital was announced during the week. It is proposed to supply light and electricity to all the cities in Coos county and it is said that work will go forward on the plant at once.

Three special trainloads of Elks from Southern California will visit

Portland, Or., over the Southern Pacific to attend the annual reunion there July 9 to 13, it was announced Friday. The specials will carry the Los Angeles, San Diego and Orange Belt delegations.

A genuine barbecue will be the main feature of a big Fourth of July celebration planned for Ashland. Several cattle and sheep will be offered up as a sacrifice to the appetites of the visitors. There will be parades, ball games and many other events.

Only 18 strawberries to fill a box! This is the way the vines of S. B. Millard of Harmony are bearing this year. The berries are Magoons and Oregon. The exceptionally large berries were obtained at the third picking from the vines. Harmony is on the Estacada line, eight miles south of Portland.

The directors of the Clackamas Southern Railway have just entered into a contract with Archie Mason of Portland to make the grade and build the bridges between Oregon City and Molalla. The contract provides that the work shall be finished by September 1. It is expected that the road will be in operation by December 1.

SHERIFF HAS A PUZZLE: KEEPS FRIENDS GUESSING

Sheriff Johnson has been giving his friends a puzzle that has resulted in considerable scratching of heads, but so far they have given it up. This is it: The sheriff had some relatives from the East arrive the other day. They included two aunts, a grandmother and cousin. However, when they reached here they resolved themselves into two persons. Anybody that's good at genealogy could figure it out. As a matter of fact the sheriff's father and grandfather both married sisters. Thus the sheriff's grandmother and is also his aunt and his aunt is also his cousin. The two guests who combine these relationships are Mrs. Sally Johnson and Mrs. Tina Johnson, both of Kansas City, who have come to spend a month or two.

Christian and Missionary Alliance
Sunday school at 9:45, H. C. Dietz, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. Young People's meeting at 7:15 p. m. Evangelistic service at 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:45. These are full Gospel meetings. Our motto, Jesus Only. All are cordially invited. W. P. Kirk, Pastor.

COUNCIL TRANSACTS GRIST OF BUSINESS

As there was a large amount of business to come before the city council, last week's meeting was postponed from Monday to Wednesday evening. An ordinance providing for a special election to re-vote the \$90,000 bond issue for the reconstruction of the water system was submitted by the judiciary committee. It is necessary to call this election in order to vote the bond issue in compliance with the provisions of the revised charter. No date was fixed for the election at last week's meeting and final action was deferred until this week.

City Surveyor Morse submitted a report on the cost of laying the water mains and paving as contemplated inside the fire district. This report was referred to the street committee to report back at this week's meeting.

A resolution was passed providing for the issuance of negotiable bonds in the sum of \$36,000 for the purpose of refunding the debt incurred for the purchase of the waterworks from the Pacific Power & Light Company. Warrants were issued in payment of the system.

The fire and water committee made the following recommendations:

That the water department get service boxes installed where cement walks are being laid.

That the judiciary committee bring in an ordinance making a penalty of \$50 for all persons who do not turn off their water taps when the alarm of fire is given.

That meters be installed by the two hotels, the Mt. Hood Railway Company, schools and the Ivory stable.

The city surveyor recommended that the water pipe be relaid from the reservoir or lower spring to State street. In making this recommendation he stated that the old wooden pipe in use at the present time is in bad shape and that if a break should occur the entire lower part of the city would be entirely out water. The estimated cost of this work is \$3100. The council approved the report and the pipe will be relaid.

The street committee recommended that the sidewalks on the south side of Cascade Avenue between Sixth and Ninth streets be laid along the old property lines as indicated by the fences that were formerly recognized as showing the line. A recent survey put the property line two feet further in. The recommendation was adopted.

It was decided to systematize the city recorder's books—something that has never been done heretofore and which was considered of especial importance. Several bids on this work were received and the bid of Crandall & Roberts of Portland was accepted.

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GIVES HINTS ON BEAUTIFYING HOME

More interest has been taken during the present season in beautifying country places than in any preceding year and the very pleasing result has been noted and commented upon by many who have taken trips through the valley recently.

E. H. Shepard, editor of Better Fruit, was among the first to set a good example in this regard and he has been foremost among those who have urged the great pleasure and profit resulting from such adornment with plants, shrubbery and flowers of the home places throughout the valley. Mr. Shepard has noted with interest the progress which is being made and, with a view to assisting those who are making such improvements or who are contemplating making them, he offers some valuable advice, based on his own own experience. Mr. Shepard's beautiful home shows how effective properly-planted flowers can be made. In discussing the subject he said:

"Hood River is admirably adapted to the growing of almost all of the common flowers and shrubs, but of course there are some which thrive particularly well here. Earliest in the springtime come the crocuses, which can be planted indiscriminately on the lawn to good advantage or else in conventional style. Then come the jonquils, following close afterwards. The next touch of color comes when the irises bloom. The Japanese varieties are particularly gorgeous and the German plants also do well here.

"Popples, with their bright, cheerful colors are soon afterwards in bloom. The Oriental varieties are

especially magnificent. They can be raised from seed and then bloom in two years or the plants can be used, when they bloom the first year. Tulips also do very well here and are among the most beautiful of spring flowers.

"Among the other flowers which thrive here are the fox glove and snap dragon and they are an attractive addition to the garden.

"Lilies also reach their perfection here, both white and purple, which can now be secured with double blossoms. The Persian and the old-fashioned varieties also do very well. "Lilies are always beautiful. The

speciosum ruben and tiger lilies thrive here, while the delicate Mt. Hood lily is naturally adapted to our climate. Among the most gorgeous varieties is the lily auratum or golden banded Japanese lily. The lily auratum magnum, or large golden-banded lily, is the most wonderful of all lilies for beauty and size."

Mr. Shepard retains a great admiration for the old-fashioned flower garden, which, like an old song, never loses its charm.

"Hollyhocks," he added, "should not be overlooked. They are a striking addition to the garden."

"The growing of flowers not only beautifies the home," continued Mr. Shepard, "but they make it ever so much more interesting as well as more valuable and instructive to the children."

Peonies have been found to be especially adapted to thrive in this valley. Mr. Shepard has over 125 varieties, with a great assortment of colors. They are hardy, die down in winter, always blossom and are especially effective from the ornamental standpoint.

The varieties of roses which Mr. and Mrs. Shepard have found do the best here are as follows: Frau Karl

Druschki, K. A. Victoria, Mildred Grant, Margaret Dixon, Viscountess Folstone, Souvenir de President Carnot, Franz Deegan, Caroline Testout, Baroness Rothschild, Mrs. John Latag, Horace Vernet, Marie Bauman and Prince Camille de Rohan.

The varieties which they have found do fairly well include the following: Beesie Brown, La France, Ulrich Brunner, Eugene Verdler, Madame Alfred Carriere, Maman Cochet (both pink and white), Gloire Lyonaise, Merville de Lyon, A. K. Williams, Alfred Colomb and Fisher Holmer.

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