

THOUSANDS TODAY SEE RIVAL MEET

Rhododendron Festival On at Florence Dedicates Wilamette-Pacific.

RIVER CRAFT IN WAITING

First Day of Celebration Taken Up by Children's Program, but Crowds Gather for Advent of Modern Train of Cars.

FLORENCE, Or., May 21.—(Special.)—A week's rain broke into bright sunshine this morning to greet the opening of the eighth annual Rhododendron Festival at Florence.

The celebration marks the opening of the Wilamette-Pacific Railroad from Eugene to the Pacific Ocean and the tapping of the bottled wealth of Western Lane County.

Heretofore none but light locomotives and small wooden coaches mixed with freight cars have traversed this line to Macleod, where rail meets water.

This train will leave Eugene tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. It will arrive at Macleod, the present end of the track, at 9 o'clock, where a fleet of river craft will be awaiting to rush the excursionists to Florence.

Thousands of crabs, clams, fish and other sea foods are to be served in Florence on the arrival of the guests. Hundreds of beds have been provided, making it possible for a fastidious hotel for those who arrive tomorrow. A second excursion will arrive Sunday morning. Ticket sales for these excursions today require a separate ticket agent downtown.

A special car left today and was loaded with eight motorcycles for the beach races tomorrow. A fast boat will await the motorists at the end of the line, rushing them to the beach ahead of the crowd.

The riders are: E. Smith, Indian; W. F. Shelby, Indian; Louis Miller, Indian; Charles Forner, Harley-Davidson; Harold Wagoner, Harley-Davidson; Ray Hill, Harley-Davidson; Jesse Castled, Pope; Bob Stevens, Harley-Davidson; Earl Dillard, Indian, and "Mighty" Nighswander, "Sporting Lid." George Taylor and Tyke Fiske will act as flagman and referee, respectively.

The school children of Western Lane County assembled at 9 o'clock this morning in front of the high school at Florence and, with banners flying, marched through the business streets to the carny grounds, where a programme was given.

Miss Genevieve Bossen was in charge of the exhibits, which included work from school and home and consisted of writing, drawing, carpentry, weaving, sewing and cooking. Several schools united in the morning program, and the afternoon was given up to a track meet, in which the Florence High School received a number of victories and won a silver cup. The Eugene Radiators' band arrived today.

THOUSAND SCARS CARRIED

Captain Recardo, Sells-Floto Lion Tamer, Bears Evidence of Work.

He wears no iron cross or Legion of Honor. He never saw a battlefield. And yet he has more scars of battle than any man who comes from the fighting grounds of Europe. He never stormed a trench, winning epaulets thereby, but just the same he faces just as many dangers every day as he thinks nothing of it.

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STUDENTS CHOOSE TICKET

Collax and Idaho Falls Youths Rivals for Idaho Presidency.

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO, Moscow, May 21.—(Special.)—The student body nominated officers at a meeting held yesterday. For president Sam Morrison, of Collax, Wash., and Clarence Colfax, of Idaho Falls, are the candidates.

SKIPPER SURRENDERS MINE

Charge of Larceny Is Dropped by Army Officers at Seattle.

SEATTLE, May 21.—Captain Henry Austrom, of the halibut schooner Myrtle Endeavor, who picked up a floating mine off Cape Flattery and refused to surrender it on demand of United States artillery, was today charged with larceny, repented today and turned the mine over to the Quartermaster's Detachment of the Army.

DETECTIVE IS ACCUSED

Warrant Issued for W. J. Mitchell Following Noted Coos Bay Case.

MARSHFIELD, Or., May 21.—(Special.)—A warrant was issued at Coos Bay today for W. J. Mitchell, a detective of Portland, who had just closed a successful suit in the Circuit Court against Joseph Coach for services.

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ROSEBURG FETE GALA

Strawberry Festival Opens With Children's Parade.

TWO ARE CROWNED QUEENS Prizes Awarded for Entries in Pageant of More Than 100 Automobiles and Floats Artistically Decorated—5000 Take Part.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 21.—(Special.)—With weather as fair as ever granted a festival event in Southern Oregon, the citizens of Roseburg and Douglas County today paid homage to one of its principal products, the luscious strawberry.

The parade, with more than 1000 pupils of the various schools of the city, together with the faculty and members of many of the parent organizations, was one of the big features of the day.

Following the children's parade the crowds went to the Courthouse Square, where, in the presence of 5000 people, Miss Justine Carter and little Florence Sinnott were crowned "queens" of the carnival. The ceremonies were conducted by O. P. Coshow, assisted by "King Rex" and a dozen or more vocalists.

This afternoon occurred the industrial automobile and fraternal parades. Included in this pageant were 100 or more automobiles, artistic and comic floats and representatives of the Roseburg lodges. For the best-decorated automobile prizes were awarded as follows: W. H. Evans, first; W. S. Hamilton, second; and O. D. Newhart, third.

Prizes for the best floats were: J. G. Flook & Co., first; Rev. W. R. Jeffrey, second; and the Campfire Girls, third. One of the features of this parade was a miniature logging train to boost the proposed railroad from Roseburg to the timbered districts on the North Umpqua River.

The programme included concerts by the Douglas County and Roseburg juvenile bands, solos by Mrs. Ida Fox, of Lutherin, and street shows. A reception was held in the Commercial Club rooms tonight in honor of "Queen Justine" and her maids.

The programme followed by the "queen's" ball at the Armory, with the grand march led by Queen Justine and King Rex.

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DEATH DARE RECITED

Walter Jay Fired Shot When Taunted, Coroner Hears.

WOMAN TRIES TO SAVE Ira Brown, Fatally Wounded, Tells of Love for Wife and Instructs as to Care of Children—Note Left by Assailant.

EUGENE, Or., May 21.—Ira Brown dared Walter Jay to shoot him, after Jay had made the threat Wednesday. Jay leveled the gun and fired, although Mrs. Brown caught him and attempted to break his arm. Brown, unarmed, sank to the ground. He lived 43 minutes and his last words were those of love for his wife and requests that his children be properly attended through life.

Such was the testimony before the coroner's jury regarding Wednesday's killing at Blachly, as reported by the county officials returning this morning after a hard 26-hour trip, in which they drove 100 miles over rough mountain roads, stopping from time to time to lift the car out of the road.

Following the separation of Brown and his wife he went to her at her sister's home and effected a reconciliation, according to the testimony. They were to have returned home together the next day. Wednesday morning Brown and others went down on the creek fishing. Brown returned ahead of the others to find Jay in the house. It is alleged.

As Jay came down stairs, the testimony is, he picked Mrs. Keck's rifle off the wall and had it in his hand during the argument.

Jay left a note saying: "Do not go to much expense in burying me. I was fool enough to get trapped into it, and I suppose I am the first murderer in the Jay family and treat me in that way."

CATHLAMET ROAD IS SURVEYED. CATHLAMET, Wash., May 21.—(Special.)—State Engineer Signer has completed the survey of the State Highway between this place and Skamokawa, and has been employed by the County Commissioners to continue the survey to the Covitz County line.

At the meeting of the Board this week a petition was presented by the citizens of Skamokawa asking for the establishment of the road between Cathlamet and Skamokawa. The State Highway Commissioner has been asked to send an agent to secure the right of way for the new road.

Rabies Near Fossil Investigated. SALEM, Or., May 21.—(Special.)—State Veterinarian Lytle, who returned from Fossil yesterday, said that the epidemic of rabies in that neighborhood was not so serious as had been reported. He thought that probably a score of cattle had died of the disease, but found that the ranchers were taking precautions against its spreading. Coyotes are being exterminated by range riders.

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