

OREGON IMPRESSES MID-WEST VISITORS

Homeseekers Call State "Land of Promise."

PARTY SEES OPPORTUNITY

Conditions in Iowa and Missouri Said to Be Bad; Farmers Over Heads in Debt.

Compared to middle western states, where the low price of corn, crop failures, deflated land values and general hard times have caused thousands of farmers to become hopelessly involved in debt, Oregon is "the Promised Land," according to a party of six homeseekers from points in Iowa and Missouri, who spent the day in Portland yesterday on a tour of inspection over the state.

The party, which was brought to Oregon by J. E. Heuring of the Oregon chamber of commerce, included Mr. and Mrs. George, Simon and Lee T. Witty of Memphis, Mo.; C. C. Morten of Cedar Falls, Ia.; A. Wildberger of Sidney, Ia.; and H. Lawyer of Mexico, Mo. All members of the party represent numerous friends and clients who were unable to make the trip to Oregon this fall, it was announced.

Missouri Declared Hard Up. Lee T. Witty, who is a large land operator in Memphis, Mo., and is making the present trip in connection with the idea of locating himself and family in the state, and also to take back a report to a number of friends in Memphis, Mo., said that business depression in Missouri is the worst in history.

"Contrary to prevalent opinion, the majority of the farmers in the middle west did not make a killing during the high price of the past two years," said Witty. "Most of them were caught with high-priced stock when the slump came, so that they were feeding at a loss."

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"Farmers heavily mortgaged. Farmers who held their lands clear of debt took advantage of easy credit and mortgaged their holdings to the limit. It was apparent that the farmers thought the good times would last forever and that corn would always sell for a dollar or better. Now that everything has crashed, many farmers are unable to pay the interest on what they owe and the banks are carrying them over."

"We're from Missouri," said Mrs. George J. Simon, "but when we saw Multnomah falls we decided that the half hadn't been told about this country. If it had been any more beautiful we couldn't have stood it."

The entire party left yesterday morning for a tour over the Willamette valley under the supervision of the state fair at Salem was provided by members of the Portland Realty board.

BIG JOBS NEARING FINISH

Local Car Company's Construction Work Costs \$240,000.

Construction work costing \$240,000 will be completed within the next two months by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company.

The entire Killingsworth-avenue improvement, covering one and one-half miles from Greeley to Interstate avenue, will be completed in the next two weeks. One track will be ready next week and the other the following week. This improvement has cost \$40,000.

It will require 30 days to complete the rebuilding of the west track on Third street from Washington to Flanders. The east track will not be rebuilt this winter. The cost of the present work will be \$30,000.

RAIL LAYING REPORTED

Eccles Road Near Vernonia Said to Be Working 500 Men.

It is reported that 500 men have started working on the former Eccles railroad near Vernonia. A gang is to start laying steel on the portion of the grade already completed at the same time forces are grading through Vernonia to Rock creek.

Society News



MRS. NORRIS B. GREGG, SOCIETY MATRON, TO MAKE HER HOME IN NEW YORK.

SOCIETY assembled yesterday at the home of Mrs. William C. Alvord and enjoyed a delightful afternoon reception given for several hundred maids and matrons. Mrs. Alvord was assisted in receiving by her sister, Mrs. Frederick G. Wheeler and the latter's daughter, Miss Katherine Wheeler. The rooms were decorated artistically in bright autumn flowers and the table was centered with cut flowers. During the afternoon those who poured and cut the loaves were Mrs. Ernest Tucker, Mrs. Ralph Wilbur, Mrs. William Brewster, Mrs. Frank Hart, Mrs. Wallace McCamant, Mrs. William MacMaster, Mrs. George F. Wilson, Mrs. Edward L. Brown, Mrs. William D. Wheelwright, Mrs. H. C. Cabell, Mrs. A. A. Morrison and Mrs. O. A. Lyman.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris B. Gregg and children left yesterday to make their home in New York.

Mrs. Ethel Skiff entertained informally at a dancing party recently at the Wheelon Annex. This is the first of a series of parties planned by Mrs. Skiff.

Alpha Delta Pi alumnae will meet this evening at 8 o'clock in the Columbia building, room 507. All members are urged to attend.

Mrs. William H. Smith left recently for a trip to Chicago, Indianapolis and her old home in Nashville, Wis.

PRINEVILLE, Or., Sept. 27.—(Special.)—Miss Blanche Shipley, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Shipley, and Lloyd Hainline were married at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage in The Dalles on September 11, by Rev. Mr. Forsythe. The young couple, who kept the marriage a secret from their friends for some days, are very popular. Mrs. Hainline is a graduate of Crook county high school and a former student at the University of Oregon. Mr. Hainline is a world war veteran.

One of the attractive card parties of this week will be given Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Portland Heights clubhouse, with the Portland Parent-Teacher association as hostesses. Many prominent friends are planning to attend and make the event one of social importance.

Mrs. R. W. Sheppard is president of the association. She will be assisted by a group of prominent members.

Mrs. Ruth Schneider and Miss Marian Siegel were hostesses Saturday at a bridge party at which they honored Miss Elise Friedman of Spokane, Wash., and Miss Blanche Kahn of Dallas, Tex.

The second annual Elks dance will be the attraction tonight at the auditorium. The celebrated drill team, drum corps and band of the Elks will give their first local public appearance as an added attraction.

Three features are slated for the Elks, their families and the general public—the Parent-Teacher association with specialties by the drum corps, evolutions by the picked drill corps in their new regalia, directed by Professor Krohn, and the informal grand ball which will be the last event on the bill.

Mrs. Donald Green, who underwent a serious operation a few days ago, is progressing favorably. Her many friends are expressing their interest and sympathy and are glad to know of her improvement. Mrs. Green is the daughter of Dr. A. A. Morrison and is one of the most popular of the young society matrons.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 27.—(Special.)—Charles S. Gilmore, police sergeant, yesterday married Edna E. Allen of Condon, Or., justice of the peace Vaughan officiating. The marriage came as a result of a courtship lasting three years. Sergeant Gilmore was born and reared in Vancouver and has had several years' experience in the local police force. He is 33 years old and the bride is 27.

The wedding came as a complete surprise to all of the policeman's friends. Patrolman Ulrich and the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. J. M. Rickerts were present at the ceremony.

Advertisement for Fur Department Month-End Sale of Laskin Seal Coats. Includes text: 'A most wonderful surprise for the women who want a hand-made exclusive hat', 'Our Month-End Sale Gives You This Opportunity', 'Wednesday, Thursday, Friday', 'Exactly 100 Trimmed Hats—\$18.00 to \$30.00 Exclusive Hats... \$12.85', 'Don't Buy Merely a Hat—Buy Charm, Prestige, Style', 'Umbrellas—3 Big Specials', 'The Wonder MILLINERY'.

Women's Activities. THE regular quarterly meeting of the Oregon state committee on public health nursing will be held next Saturday, October 1, at 2 P. M. in the state bureau of nursing office, 1023 Seiling building.

Advertisement for Snow Flakes. Includes image of a woman's face, a box of Snow Flakes, and text: 'Just as you like them', 'Somehow, you rather expect something of a "cracker." It must meet certain needs of your palate—', 'It must be crisp— It must be tasty—', 'It must be baked just to the point of fullest flavor.', 'SNOW FLAKES are all of these.', 'Ask your grocer for SNOW FLAKES', 'PACIFIC COAST BISCUIT CO., Portland, Ore.'

club. Mrs. John Pearson, the regent, hopes for a large attendance of members to become acquainted with the work of the chapter for the coming year, and business of importance will be taken up. A board meeting is scheduled for 1:30 o'clock.

Advertisement for Army Retail Store. Includes text: 'DON'T WAIT until it rains before taking advantage of our LOW PRICES on WINTER CLOTHING—everybody else does that. Come in today, early. You will be surprised at the quality of our Surplus Army Goods and the reasonable prices.', 'SPECIALS', 'Heavy Wool UNION SUITS at \$3.95', 'DRAWERS Balbriggan, \$5 a Pair, Fleece Lined, \$1.00 a Pair.', '2-Piece, Wool UNDERWEAR \$1.15 a Garment', 'UNDER-SHIRTS New Cotton, \$5 a Pair', 'WOOL SOX 30¢ and 40¢', 'CASHMERE SOX 30¢ a Pair', '5 Pounds STEEL-CUT COFFEE 90¢', 'Supplies of ARMY BACON Are Getting Short. Now selling at \$13 Per Case of six 12-lb. Cans', 'PINK SALMON Case of 48 1-lb. Cans for \$7.00', 'A Limited Quantity of Good, Hard-Wearing ARMY SHOES', 'RUBBER BOOTS Hip-length \$4.25, Knee-length \$5.15, Oilskin Slickers \$5.95', 'Army Retail Store Fifth Street, Corner Pine'.