

INLAND EMPIRE
IS ENTERTAINED

Special Train Brings 218 Folk
From Spokane on Way
to California.

CLOSER RELATIONS FORMED

Visitors See Sights of Portland, Are
Entertained at Commercial Club
for Lunch and Dinner and
Leave Late at Night.

Portland and the Inland Empire clasped hands yesterday when a special excursion train from Spokane rolled into the Union Depot, bringing 218 people from the Palouse capital. They are on their way to Southern California but stayed a day in Portland to become better acquainted with the people of this city, their great market.

After spending the day viewing the sights of Portland, visiting friends and transacting business, the excursionists were given dinner and an informal reception last night at the Commercial Club and left at 10:30 on their way south. The travelers will reach Los Angeles in one week and will then return to their homes on regular trains at their leisure.

The excursion is being run under the special direction of the O. R. & N. and Southern Pacific Companies, W. R. Skew, traveling passenger agent for the former road at Spokane, personally conducting it.

The visitors from the interior are highly representative of the inland country and come from as far east as Medicine Hat, Alberta, and other British Columbia points. Mayor Cousins, of Medicine Hat, Mayor Moore, of Spokane, and Mayor Schall, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, form a trio of city executives on board the excursion train that represent a wide stretch of interior country that is tributary to Portland.

Closer Relations Cemented.

Closer relations with this whole Northwest were cemented by the reception to the visitors here yesterday and Portland's trade with this territory will grow in consequence. Since the construction of the Spokane International, tapping a great district of the Canadian Northwest, Portland has become the nearest Pacific port to a wide stretch of country beyond the Canadian border.

Upon arrival of the excursion train yesterday morning at 11:20, somewhat behind schedule, the visitors were taken to the Portland Hotel by special trolley cars for lunch. At 1:30 P. M. they were taken about the city by special streetcars. Various points of interest were visited, including the Forestry building. Time was given late in the afternoon for the excursionists to pay private calls and attend to errands of their own, but they gathered at the Commercial Club at 7 P. M. for dinner.

Dr. J. R. Wetherbee, president of the Commercial Club, presided at the reception and made a few remarks of welcome. Responses were made by Mayor Moore, of Spokane, and others, and Portland guests at the dinner spoke briefly, telling of the close relations existing between the two cities and the desire on Portland's part for further co-operation for building up the Pacific Northwest.

Spokane Chamber at Head.

The excursion is being managed by the Spokane Chamber of Commerce, and L. G. Munroe, secretary of the organization, is the official head of the party.

A pleasant feature of the reception at Portland yesterday was the trip of Tom Richardson, manager of the Commercial Club, and Roger Sinnott, chairman of the reception committee, to Bridal Veil, where they joined the excursionists and welcomed them to Portland. This committee distributed souvenir postals to the visitors and showed them every attention.

The special train carrying the excursionists south is a handsome one, made up of 12 cars, the equipment being strictly first-class in every way. The water troubles on the main line of the Southern Pacific in California have subsided so the train will get through on schedule time.

Upon leaving the city last night on their way south, the excursionists expressed themselves as pleased with their reception here, the first attention they have been shown since leaving Spokane. The excursion to California from Spokane has gotten to be an annual event, the one passing through yesterday being the second of these trips.

Alumni Fraternity Meets.

The Portland Alumni Association of

FINE ADDITION TO PORTLAND OFFICE BUILDINGS



GAY LOMBARD'S LUMBERMEN'S BUILDING BEING ERRECTED AT FIFTH AND STARK STREETS.

On the quarter block at the northwest corner of Fifth and Stark, under a 30-year lease to Gay Lombard from Mrs. Brady, the Lumbermen's building has reached the sixth story. While the building is ultimately to be ten stories, Mr. Lombard has decided to have a temporary roof put on at the present height so that the building may be occupied at once. D. C. Lewis, the architect, has therefore instructed the contractors to rush the interior finish of the six stories and expects to have tenants move in about the first of April. The corner room, 40x60, is to be occupied by the Lumbermen's National Bank, which institution is also to use considerable space on the second floor. There are to be two stores on the Fifth-street front and one on Stark, with a cafe and barber shop fronting the lightwell space. The first floor is to be finished in mahogany and the upper floors in slatted grain Oregon fir. The floors are to be tiled and the newest style vacuum heating appliances are to be installed. Present estimates on the cost of the building place the amount at \$170,000. The new building is located in a district of the city that is rapidly coming to the front as an office-building center, being just a block distant from some of the principal structures of this character in the city, notably the Wells-Fargo, Commercial Club, Couch, Rothchild, Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon, a newly chartered organization of the fraternity, held a very enjoyable banquet Friday evening in the Commercial Club dining-room. The 20 members, representing 15 different colleges and universities, responded to toasts and gave many interesting reminiscences. C. M. Kahle was elected president of the association and D. Wakeham secretary and treasurer. Arrangements were made for Founder's Day banquet, on March 2.

CIVIL WAR VETERAN DIES

Merle S. Brown Was Member of Illinois Infantry.

Merle Sidney Brown, who died at his home at Nashville, this city, January 24, was born in Providence, R. I., April 14, 1841. In 1860, though a very young man, he enlisted in Company D, Ninety-third Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served three years. At the battle of Gettysburg, while guarding a



The Late Merle S. Brown.

cannon, an explosion occurred which rendered him totally deaf. Mr. Brown was married in 1864. His wife died in 1890, leaving a son, Murtagh Brown, of Seaside, Or., and a daughter, Mrs. Van Berden, of St. Paul. In 1894 Mr. Brown married Miss Anna M. Davis, of Omaha, who survives him. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Oddfellows and Knights of Pythias. He was buried in Multnomah Cemetery last Wednesday.

News Notes of West
Side High School

COMMENCEMENT week has been a busy one, for the February class activities began a week ago Friday with the class party at the Portland Heights Club in the afternoon, and the dance given by the junior class at Murrill Hall in the evening. These festivities were followed by the Tolegion banquet Tuesday evening at the Portland Hotel. This function, given in honor of the retiring members, is a semi-annual affair.

Tuesday's occasion was as enjoyable as any in the long series of similar events for the past ten years. The decorations were in cardinal, the school colors. In addition to the guests of honor, Harold Wahlberg and Cecil Altman, and the entire membership of the society, there were present as invited guests several prominent Tolos of past classes and several members of the faculty. After discussing a bountiful collation, the banqueters turned to toasting. Walker Peddicord, vice-president, was master of the feast. His address of welcome seemed to strike the right chord, for there followed a series of speeches that would have been a credit to far older heads.

Harold Wahlberg, president of the February class, responded to the toast of welcome. Ray Steel, of the class of 1900, who organized the Tolegions away back in the '90s, spent a reminiscent strain. He was followed by Messrs. Beatty, Burney and Hanlon, all past leaders in the society. Everett Peterson spoke for the athletes. Earl Thomas aspired to the prophetic art and depicted the future of the Tolos. Herbert Stott toasted the "co-eds." Oscar Hougen, the new members.

On the part of the faculty, Messrs. Davis, Bittner and McKinley reflected in their addresses the good fellowship that pervaded the assemblage. Then Cecil Altman, in a wit of the evening in a toast to the Alma Mater. At a late hour the banqueters separated, after singing "America" and giving it a "ush-wa-wa."

Commencement exercises were held Wednesday evening. An account appeared in The Oregonian of the day following. Thursday afternoon, at Judith Bernstein's, on Overton street, the Philolexions gave their stated function in honor of the graduating members. Of late years the entertainment has taken the form of a play. This time a farce was given entitled "The Obstinate Family." Miss MacConnell put the play on. Through the kindness of Mr. Bernstein the parlors were fitted up as a miniature playhouse. The characters of the play, divided into three sets of couples, buller and maid, bride and groom, and fond parents. The plot hinges upon the attempt of the male members of the family to compel their corresponding

partners to repeat after them some silly phrase. This obstreperous woman refused to do, with the result that the whole household is soon at loggerheads. As becomes a honeymoon, however, this tempest in a teapot soon resolves itself into a calm of domestic felicity.

The assignment of the parts proved most felicitous. Ada May Bigger took the butler's part like life. Carolyn Friendly as maid was "too cute for anything." Kerren Davis as groom caught the air and step of a man as one rarely sees in amateur theatricals. Judith Bernstein played well the part of the bride, dissolving in tears. Elizabeth Whitbeck was the benighted father, Bonner Hetherington, the mother, looked as though she had just stepped out of a picture.

In addition to the play, the party was entertained with music by Addie Bowls and Katherine Tyler. The Latin class was entertained Friday evening at the home of Miss Larrabee, on Overton street. The boys gave the interlude from "Midsummer Night's Dream." Luke Rader took the part of Bottom, Lester Probstel, Thibbe; Carl Isakson impersonated Wall, Arnold Keller, Moon, and Harold Wahlberg, the Lion. The boys entered into their parts with zest, illustrating the eternal freshness of Shakespeare's wit. The girls, of literature. The fair artists ran down the gamut of time, choosing here and there a heroine from Helen to Maud Miller.

The Class Cardinal appeared Wednesday. Unpretentious in appearance, it maintains a high standard of quality. The cover design, a graduate's diploma, is the work of Oscar Haugen. The half-tones, including cuts of the class members, staff, societies and teams, are unexcelled in scanning the group pictures one is struck with the prominence that the members of the outgoing class has attained in school affairs.

The class features of the issue, such as the history, prophecy and "Without Prejudice," show that the staff has tried for some measure of originality. Nellie Hemmingsway, an class poet, makes her debut in that line of literature. A special feature is a story, "The Vibrant Chord," by Jennie Donnell. But the germ of their part, impersonated famous women of literature. The success of the number is due to the untiring efforts of the staff, with the help of Miss Moore. In token of this helpfulness the class has dedicated the number to Miss Moore.

The staff consisted of Lucile Davis, editor-in-chief; Cecil Miller, associate editor; Cecil Altman, business manager; Hilda Brandt and Will Ross, associate business managers. The basketball team has defeated the teams from the East Side High and Allen Preparatory School. It will play the third number in the series the 9th instant with the P. A. team at the academy gymnasium. The team has been fortunate in securing the services of Dick Hathaway, U. of O. '08 Mr. Hathaway played three years on the varsity team, being captain one year. He is the peer of any coach in Oregon.

TWO BILLION FEET
OF TIMBER BOUGHT

Monarch Lumber Company to
Build Railroad Into Wash-
ington County Forest.

BRING LOGS TO PORTLAND

Two Immense Tracts of Standing
Fir Purchased at Cost of \$1,050,-
000—Corporation Now Be-
ing Perfected in East.

Approximating 2,000,000,000 feet of logs, now standing timber in the forests of Washington County, will be brought to Portland and converted into merchantable lumber.

The acquisition of the tracts is an assured fact, according to well authenticated reports from interested parties in the deal. Not only has the timber been secured, but it is part of the plan to build a line of standard gauge railroad from the timber belt to connect with the Southern Pacific at a point near Gaston, a distance of about 22 miles.

The two tracts secured are known as the Schrader and Simpson properties. Transfer of the Simpson tract involves a consideration of about \$500,000 and that of the Schrader of \$550,000. The company concerned in this big purchase is the Monarch Lumber Company, of which L. W. David is the head. Ground has been bought adjoining the Union Meat Company's holdings on the Peninsula and a temporary sawmill is to be erected thereon to cut lumber for a plant that will be the largest one on the Pacific Coast when completed.

It is understood that those in close touch with the enterprise that the Swifts have become financially interested in the project and that L. C. Menefee also has taken a large share in the new enterprise. Mr. Menefee was in the lumber business in Texas, and about two years ago came to Oregon and has invested heavily in timber lands both on his own account and in partnership with capitalists of his former home state. He bought several sites on Portland Heights and erected a residence there.

Representatives Now in East.

Mr. David and Stine & Belcher, the latter representing the Falls City Lumber Company, are at present in the East, presumably in the interest of the new company. Just what can be announced relative to the organization of the company and its capital stock will not be known until the return of these men to Portland.

Timber in the older districts of the East is approaching the limit of elimination, for little is left available for the manufacture of building lumber. Some of the former big mills are either shut down or are now employed in making lath and such like small stuff. The immense forests of Oregon, as a result, are being looked upon with covetous eyes by the lumber manufacturers of the East and South, and tracts of timber are being bought up rapidly by these manufacturers.

Values of timber lands as a consequence are advancing. For instance, the Schrader tract a few years ago was held at \$100,000 and sold later at \$150,000. In the last deal the figure is given as \$500,000.

History of Railroad Project.

The railroad project that is to be undertaken by the new company is a commendation of a projected road recommended years ago by engineers who surveyed several routes across the mountains of Washington County in an attempt to locate the easiest route to Tillamook Bay. Last June while in Chicago R. A. Caples, recently appointed private secretary by Senator-elect Chamberlain, heard of the survey in the mountains that had been made for the Weyerhaeuser interests. This survey was supposed to have been made to open the Schrader tract. Mr. Caples also learned that the engineers discovered a pass that would lead to Trask River, where a water grade to Tillamook would be provided, and which could be reached on a 1 per cent grade if two tunnels were constructed.

Upon his return to Portland Mr. Caples looked up the field notes of the survey and then set about to secure the right of way along the line of the survey. He then organized and incorporated the Oregon Midland Railroad, and it is this right of way that the lumbermen have taken over and the road is to be built as soon as the new company gets into shape.

The location of the mill plant on the Peninsula will provide water transportation as well as outlet on three railroad lines. Logs are to be brought over the new road into the timber belt, a distance of about 22 miles, to the Southern Pacific which will haul to the Steel bridge and then on the tracks of the O. R. & N. to the mill site.

Charity Would Make Grab.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—(Citizens of New York who are to receive rebates from the Consolidated Gas Company which must distribute a fund of nearly \$12,000,000 which has been held in trust, pending

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is very
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PLACES MUCH SOUGHT

HOT SCRAMBLE FOR JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

Northwestern Senators Among Those Who Aspire to Serve as Members of This Committee.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-

ington, Feb. 4.—There's a lively scrap going on under cover in the United States Senate over the four vacancies that will be created on the Judiciary committee on March 4. Somehow or other every lawyer who enters the Senate feels that he ought to be made a member of this committee, and almost without exception the lawyers make a grab for vacancies as they occur. This year there will be an unusually large number of vacancies, due to the retirement of Senators Foraker, Kittredge, Fulton and Knox, and the fight is accordingly spirited.

Among the aspirants for these places are Senators Heyburn and Borah of Idaho, Sutherland of Utah, Carter of Montana, and Dixon and Piles of Washington. All are lawyers, and all have hopes of getting on this much coveted committee. But in view of the fact that Senator Clark, of Wyoming, is chairman of this committee, and Nelson of Minnesota is also a member, the probabilities are that but one or, at the outside, two Western men will gather in the plume.

Senator Heyburn is most persistent in pushing himself for a place on the Judiciary committee, claiming seniority over his colleague, and demanding the place if it is accorded to Idaho. The very fact that the Idaho Senators are both candidates is likely to keep both off the committee. The same is true of the Montana Senators, and Piles of Washington, being a member of the committee on commerce, stands little show of getting on Judiciary.

The present indications point to Sutherland of Utah as the lucky man if only one Westerner is recognized. If a second is to go on the committee it would be impossible at this time to pick him out. Only this is known: Heyburn is making the most persistent fight, though as yet it does not appear that he is making much headway.

Cannot Prohibit Short Guns.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 6.—The Alabama law which prohibits the carrying of a pistol less than 24 inches in length was declared unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court yesterday, the opinion reversing a recent opinion declared by the same court. The law applied to officers of law as well as to civilians.

CARD OF THANKS.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to George Wright Post, Women's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Ladies of the Maccabees, and friends for their sympathy and kindness in our late bereavement.

MRS. J. WRIGLEY AND FAMILY.

SPOKANE EXCURSIONISTS TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SPEND DAY IN PORTLAND



TRAVELERS FROM INLAND EMPIRE WHO WERE ENTERTAINED AT COMMERCIAL CLUB.

