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## TO NUMRER BOXES.

Communication Sent to Various Postmasters.

Under date of August 7, 1905, the following order was sent out from the rural free delivery division of the post office department at Washington, and in due season a copy reached Postmaster Johnson, at Corvallis:

TO POSTMASTERS:

For public convenience and to facilitate a more accurate handling of mail by rural free delivery carriers, it has been decided that each rural mail box in use on the rural route, which, under the regulations of the Department, is entitled to service, shall be designated by number in the manner and by the method hereinafter set forth; and the delivery by rural carriers of ordinary mail matter of all classes addressed to such boxes by number alone is authorized so long as improper and unlawful business is not conducted thereby.

1. Postmasters at the respective distributing offices are hereby directed to instruct the carriers of all rural free delivery routes which have been operated sixty days or more, to review the rural mail boxes in use on their routes in the interval between the receipt of this order and September 30, 1905, and report which of them conform to the regulations and are thus entitled to designative numbers.

2. The following, when found to be safe, weatherproof, and fit receptacles for mail, are entitled to numbers: (a) Boxes "approved" under Order No. 739; (b) Non-approved boxes erected prior to October 1, 1902.

3. No non-weather-proof or otherwise unfit receptacles for mail shall be numbered. All such must be replaced with regulation "approved" boxes by the owners or no numbers will be assigned.

No rural mail box erected within the limits of an incorporated city or town or within one-half mile of a post office at an unincorporated town or village shall be numbered unless such box was erected prior to October 3, 1903, or is being served by specific order of the Department.

Service must not be withdrawn, however, from any box now being served, until such withdrawal is expressly ordered by this office.

4. The numbers assigned to boxes on each route will commence with "No. 1," which will pertain to the first regulation box reached by the carrier after leaving the starting point of his route, traveling in accordance with official description; box thereafter to be counted and given the proper number in regular sequence in order of service from "No. 1" to and including all those boxes entitled to service on the route.

5. Each number thus arrived at should be recorded in the carrier's roster book opposite the name of the owner of the box so designated, and also opposite the name of every other person entitled to receive mail in said box. Numbers thus applied to boxes and registered must be promptly reported to and recorded by the postmaster of the distributing office to which they belong, and must not be changed thereafter except by specific authority of such postmaster.

6. As soon as possible after completing the assignment of box numbers on a route the postmaster will furnish each box owner with the official number of his box, and request that this number be at once legibly and durably inscribed in a conspicuous place on the outside of the box.

7. Boxes served regularly by more than one route must, in cases where such double service is duly authorized, be given in regular consecutive order on each route, by the method prescribed in the preceding paragraphs for numbering boxes served by one carrier.

8. New boxes erected subsequent to the original numbering between those already in position on a route and consequently numbered, will be designated by applying thereto in the regular order the next consecutive numbers shown, by the record of numbered boxes already on the route, to be unused.

9. The work of numbering boxes on newly established routes must not be undertaken until the great majority are permanently in place. Not less than sixty days shall elapse, however, after service begins, before the numbers are assigned.

10. Carriers must keep their roster books corrected up to date. New boxes erected, removals, changes of address, names of new patrons, etc., must be punctually entered up and promptly reported to postmasters. The latter must carefully oversee the work of the carriers, and also maintain in their offices accurate and complete lists of the names and box numbers of all patrons of each route attached to their offices.

11. Any instructions issued by this office conflicting with this order are hereby revoked.

12. On receipt of this communication postmasters will give it the widest possible publicity to patrons of the rural service, without expense to the Department.

## The Contest.

On account of having a candidate in the field for oratorical honors, much local interest was manifested by our people in the prohibition contest held in Portland, Wednesday evening. The contest occurred in the First Baptist church in connection with the Temperance Congress in session in that city. The states of Oregon, Washington, California, Colorado and Texas had representatives in the contest. A cash prize of \$100 was awarded and in addition to this a scholarship worth \$300. Mayor Lane of Portland delivered the address of welcome. There were seven contestants and admission was free. Miss Alice Wicklund, who graduated from OAC last June, was one of the orators. Following is a list of the orators and their papers:

Northern California—Miss Mary F. Balcomb, of Leland Stanford University; subject, "The Conquering Army."

Washington—Henry Ward, University of Washington; subject, "The Supreme Test of Citizenship."

Oregon—Miss Alice Wicklund, Oregon Agricultural College; subject, "The Home or the Saloon—Which?"

Colorado—Arthur J. Lewis, University of Denver, subject, "The Slave of the Twentieth Century."

Texas—W. Otis, Christian University; subject, "Why I am Opposed to the Saloon."

Oregon—Chester P. Gates, Dallas College; subject, "My Nation's Hope."

Southern California—J. Percival Hagerman, Occidental College; subject, "The Destiny of America."

Mr. Hagerman took first and Miss Balcomb took second honors. Both are from California.

## Piano Lessons.

Mordaunt A. Goodnough announces the opening of his studio, on 4th and Jackson streets, September 18. Pupils received at any time in Piano, Harmony and Theoretical subjects. Send for catalogue. Phone Ind. 476. 76-84

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## EXPOSITION ITEMS.

Of Interest to Benton County People by Special Correspondent.

Baby day proved to be one of the best of the season in the matter of attendance, running to nearly 27,000 as shown by the turnstiles, and as children were admitted free the record of actual attendance was much higher. As this show took place prizes seemed to be given for almost every possible variation of baby. The longest and the shortest babies, the heaviest and the biggest, the best behaved and the worst behaved, the prettiest and the ugliest, the longest hair and the least hair, if the baby wouldn't fit one description, he would another, and so the prizes went. Who wouldn't be a judge in a baby show?

An inopportune rain prevented the parade, and the Auditorium got packed so full that many babies couldn't get in. Everyone who couldn't will be awarded a prize for being left out in the cold. A baby show will never be a complete success until one is arranged where they have a prize for each baby.

Baby day wound up with the best naval battle of the season, the destruction of the Spanish fleet at Santiago. It was probably the best exhibition of that class ever given, and kept an audience of thousands delighted for half an hour. By the aid of the search lights every part of the scene was made visible, and the whole performance was realistic enough to even frighten many ladies among the spectators.

But the event of the Fair will probably be the Live-stock show, which commenced this week. More than 2,000 entries have already been made, and it is expected to be the greatest live-stock show ever held on the coast. The show will be held in the stables just erected for the purpose, not far from the Government building, on the island. As \$50,000 has been set aside for the awards, the attendance of interested parties promises to be unusually large.

Benton county was well represented during the last week. Mrs. F. L. Miller was up early in the week and remained some time. O. B. Conner and Wilbur Starr also registered at the county booth. H. S. French, in the OAC uniform, came later, for a short stay. Louella Van Cleve was an interested spectator. Rev. M. S. Bush and Captain J. W. Crawford were taking in the sights together, but whether the captain was looking out for the parson, or the reverend gentleman was there to keep the captain on his good behaviour, we were not able to learn. They stuck together like brothers, however, and seemed to be well pleased with the show. From other parts of the country we noticed several visitors—D. V. Griggs, of Monroe, and W. D. Risley, of Alesa, make themselves known at the Booth. Mrs. S. L. Keezel, the genial postmistress of Philomath, and her daughter, Miss Faith, spoke a good word for the Fair, played "peek-a-boo" with the little ones on Baby day, and enjoyed the interesting sights all over the Exposition.

## Will They Build?

It has oft been asserted that "everything yields to unwearied pursuit," also that "all things come to him who waits." Sometimes the mind of the oldest inhabitant runneth not back far enough to recall the time that anything came to him as the reward for his waiting.

"How often. Oh how often" as the years have passed us by have we listened to babble about the building or extension of some bit of railroad in which our people were particularly interest-

ed. But up to date it has proved talk, nothing more, in every instance. Talk is cheap, but it takes money to build railroads. The latest that may interest us is the matter of what is talked of for Newport by the sea. The following has been given out:

Newport, the summer rendezvous on Yaquina Bay is threatened with a small railroad boom as a result of the rumors that the Corvallis & Eastern, which now terminates on the opposite side of the bay, is to be extended around to Newport, and that the Falls City, Salem & Western, connecting Dallas with Falls City, a distance of nine miles, is to be pushed to Newport. Strained relations between the Corvallis & Eastern and the persons operating the steamer Richardson on the bay are said to be responsible for the intention of the company to extend its line to the beach.

Louis Gerlinger, president of the Falls City road, when approached yesterday, denied that any connection with Newport was contemplated. "We are merely building four miles of road into a timber belt," was his explanation of the activity. "Our charter permits us to build on to the head of the Siletz River, but we do not expect to do that now, and there is no prospect that the road will get that far for some years."

Regardless of the denial of Mr. Gerlinger, there are persons in that section of Lincoln County who say that agents of the Falls City Salem & Western have endeavored to secure from them land through which to construct the extension. The line connects with the Southern Pacific at Dallas, and is used largely for logging purposes.

The extension of the Corvallis & Eastern is not a new proposition. Denizens of Newport and adjacent watering places are forced to travel by steamer after leaving the train to reach Newport, and each succeeding season the trouble of changing the mode of transportation on the last leg of the journey precipitates talk of extending the road. To make a detour of the bay would mean less than ten miles of road. Another spur, a trifle over twelve miles in length, was surveyed to the north, reaching the Siletz, where it was promised much timber could be secured, but the venture was not deemed worth the effort.

## Is No More.

Shortly after 4 o'clock Wednesday morning occurred the death of Miss Louise Gilbert, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Gilbert, in this city. The young lady was aged 21 years, 6 months and 15 days when the Silent Messenger called her.

Louise Gilbert was born in Polk county. She was a graduate of the McMinnville high school. Since coming to this city with her parents a few years ago she attended OAC and was a very popular student. She gained quite a reputation as a debater in college circles as a result of her genial disposition and natural ability.

Early last spring she accepted charge of a school near McMinnville for a term. At the conclusion of her school work there in June she returned to the home of her parents in this city. Up until three weeks before her death the young lady was about town in company with her friends and was as merry and care-free as anybody, and had the appearance of possessing the vigor of perfect health. On Thursday, three weeks ago yesterday, she was about town with friends. The following day she went to the bed from which death released her.

She had what is commonly termed "galloping" consumption and in the worst possible form. The best medical assistance obtainable was hers and such attention as only loved ones could suggest was lavished upon her, but to no avail and as in a slumber her spirit took its flight.

The funeral services were held at the family residence at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon and they were conducted by Rev. Frank E. Jones of the Christian church. In the presence of many relatives and friends the remains were interred in Crystal Lake cemetery.

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