



PORTLAND BUSINESS MEN.

Things Corvallis Did not Mention to the Guests.

At five minutes after 12 o'clock Friday, the special train bearing the business men of Portland on their tour through Western and Southern Oregon pulled into Corvallis. The train was on schedule time to the minute and stopped on College street, where the excursionists alighted.

The weather was acting somewhat unruly, but a good delegation from OAC and the city met the party. A procession was formed, headed by the cadet band, and the military body of OAC, and was led off by Lieut. Quinlan for a short march about town, shortly to arrive at the city hall.

The stop-over of the party in this city was so brief that no preparations had been made for entertainment nor program of any nature. There was simply a sort of free-for-all pitch in and each person was allowed to shift for himself. It is generally recognized that, while the trip had its pleasurable features, the main object of the Portland brethren was business.

Our visitors have been liberally patronized in the past and they desire a continuation of this patronage. There is no secret about the fact that the question uppermost in their minds is how best to retain the trade of rural communities. They will not deny this, nor is there anything improper in such desire.

Many things have worked to the detriment of Oregon in the past and Portland has not done as she might have in the matter. Her business men do not furnish the market that they should. If they happen to want a certain amount of country produce they will accept it—seldom, however, at top market prices as compared with other cities. This policy is not a good one—they should aim to provide a market for everything the country produces and pay as much for it as can be secured in any other market in the land. When they work on this basis then Portland will take the place she is entitled to among cities and Oregon will develop with leaps and bounds.

There is a proviso even to the above—next to a first class market we must have facilities unsurpassed for the transportation of the products of the country, else we remain in our present condition. No matter what the market is if transportation facilities are not adequate and reasonable in price we are doomed to business stagnation—country and city alike.

Not many days ago a writer in the Oregonian asserted that the Southern Pacific had not added a car in four years and yet the complaint of scarcity of cars for freight service is one commonly heard.

While here there was some mention made by the Portlanders of Yaquina Bay and its possibilities, its need of improvement and so forth. This is well and anything done to put into commission a fleet of sea-going craft from Yaquina would be gratefully received by our people. But to us this looked like "sop" for the reason that little shipped by water from Yaquina Bay finds its way to Portland. Therefore, it is scarcely to the interest of the business men of the metropolis to see much done to rejuvenate the C. & E. and we are inclined to doubt the sincerity of the gentleman who touched on this subject the other day.

No mention was made of improvements on the Upper Willamette so far as we could learn, nor of any proposed action with regard to the locks at Oregon City. Why? It may have been on account of the presence of railway officials. But this should cut no figure for we are informed that every one of the party con-

tributed to the S. P. in the sum of \$36 for transportation on the trip. However, the great necessity for a deeper channel on the bar of the Columbia and the river itself was not overlooked and the hope was expressed that "all Oregon" would stand as one for this improvement, so vital to the life of the state.

Our people (the denizens of Willamette Valley) are pretty well united on the matter of improvement on the river from here to Portland. This is to "our" interest and also to the interest of Portland, and yet we cannot secure the metropolitan support that the undertaking is really entitled to, and why?

So far as the business men of Portland are concerned we were pleased to welcome them and assure them the best of treatment at any time they may return. The things we have mentioned are not iterated in a spirit unkindly, but is, from our point of view, a statement of facts. We gather that the prime object of this tour on the part of business men was to gather data regarding conditions; that they desire honest statements and opinions regarding the circumstances and the sentiments of the country people and have tried to state facts briefly and yet truly. Should any of our recent visitors read this article we hope they will look at it in an impartial and unbiased way.

Opens on Thanksgiving.

Corvallis will open her big poultry show this year on Thanksgiving Day. The show will last three days. Special pains will be taken to arrange the Opera House, in which the exhibit is to be, in a neat and attractive manner. By employing experienced and competent attendants, and using deodorizers with lavish hand, the place will be a model of cleanliness and no lady need fear to come in finest raiment. In fact, ladies are especially welcome and it is mainly on their account that such pains are to be taken to keep the place the acme of cleanliness.

There arrived from the East, Thursday, a pair of Silver Pheasants in full plumage, and a pen of English Ring-Neck Pheasants to be placed on exhibition at the big Poultry show the last of this month. The Silver Pheasant is a large bird, very tame, but a scrapper from the start, and doesn't seem to be particular what he scraps with, either. In color, this bird is black on crest, breast and parts to tail; upper plumage and tail white, delicately marked with black lines; the face covered with brilliant red wattles. The female is of dull brown and both have red legs. The English Ring-Neck Pheasant looks like a first cousin to our China Ring-Neck, and are claimed by some to have originally been the same species of pheasant imported into England years before the China Ring-Neck were liberated in this country. Other authorities claim that the two varieties are in no way related. The principal reason this pen of English Ring-Neck pheasants has been purchased is to show the difference between the two birds. They were purchased by Gene Simpson.

One of the attractive features of the coming poultry show will be the varied collection of game birds. Three dozen Oregon Mountain Quail have been purchased by Eastern parties from Gene Simpson and are to be shipped about December 8th for exhibition at a Sportsman's Exhibition, to be held in Boston from Dec. 25th to Jan. 10th. Part of these birds will be on exhibition here before shipping to Boston, where this variety of "Mountain Partridge," as they are called, are but little known.

Calling cards—popular style in cards and type—at the Gazette office.

NO "RINGERS."

Censure Custom of Putting Men Not Bona Fide Students on Gridiron.

Cassius Smith, former captain of Nevada's football team, recently contributed the following article to the (Reno) Nevada State Journal, and a local admirer of the sport handed us the article, which he endorses heartily:

With the closing of the football season at the University of Nevada it can be safely said that a spirit of reform has been instilled into the athletic teams of the institution. A reformation that in past years has been solely absent has now found its way into the hearts of the wearers of the big "N" and never again will "ringers" be allowed to represent Nevada in any athletic contest. The Nevada representative team this year was composed of college men. It was composed of a sturdy bunch who are attending the college with the object in view of some day joining the ranks of the alumni. They had their routine of duties to perform in addition to the strenuous work of preparing for the great gridiron struggles that occurred on distant fields across the Sierras. Only a limited amount of time can be devoted to practice by a team of students carrying on a full schedule of work. But when they do don the moleskin and fight for the honor of the university and the state they are enjoying the honor. They are performing a duty that belongs exclusively to the college student, and this duty and honor should by him be held sacred.

The most demoralizing element that ever pervaded the athletic department of any institution of learning where college football is indulged in, is the so-called "ringer" or man who receives a compensation for his services during the season to participate in the games, or who may be induced to register simply as a blind in order to take the trip to California and play in the big games. When the season ends they leave only to be gathered in the following year. They are no credit to any college. They simply crowd from the team the good university student—the man to whom the game belongs.

How sweet that 6 to 0 victory at the Leland Stanford university years ago would taste had the team been composed of college men. There was one ringer in that team. No one can deny that. How sweet that six to nothing victory over the university would taste had it been won with a pure college team. There was more than one ringer in that line up on the Nevada side.

But with the coming of Coach Rudolph, the element has been swept from the field, and will remain away. Rudolph made a far better record with his college team than many past coaches have made with their miscellaneous elevens. He has the interest of the university and of the state at heart, and this year when an effort was about to be made to secure the services of outside players, Coach Rudolph immediately set his stamp of disapproval upon such practice, and in so doing won for himself a reputation as a man fearless, courageous and intent upon doing the right as he sees it. He has stamped himself as a man who loves the great college game, and not only this, he has determined to lead his efforts to the cleaning of the game from what savors of professionalism—the using of ringers, one of the most noticeable of the results of the inauguration of this movement was that every night he had out at practice three elevens and sometimes even more. And while some of these men were small, they all

saw an even chance with their associates to make the first team, and responded willingly.

In past years coaches have found considerable trouble in arousing enough interest to secure a second team. Men thought there was no use of trying to outplay an outsider whose sole purpose at the university was to play football and do nothing else. By taking this initiative step, Coach Rudolph bids fair to prove himself one of the best athletic directors that the University of Nevada has ever secured. He is a man that looks to the future—the up-building of the University, and the development of a better spirit among the college teams. He started the season with his college players, and has carried it through with his college players. The usual crop of ringers were on hand, but did not have a look in. They were cast aside. Few coaches have the desire at heart to produce such beneficial, far-reaching results. In the future the Nevada University students should see that this important step is up-held. The game belongs to college men, individually, and as a body and never permit any man to play in the guise of a college man, and never permit any one to play who fails to represent the University as a student in good standing. It should be remembered that football as played by the big universities belong to the students of that university and should be played by them. Leave your ringers on the sidelines. They are of little value to any university, and are only a cheap fool that some coaches can make use of in carving out a temporal reputation for themselves.

Circuit Court Docket.

Circuit Court for Benton county convenes next Monday, November 27. The docket, so far as numbers go, is a light one and is as follows:

James L. Lewis vs. John McGee; tax: tion costs.

Palmer Ayers vs. E. W. Strong; suit.

W. M. Howell vs. Adam Wilhelm & Sons; suit.

Mary Herbert, T. M. Coon, et al vs. A. L. Coon; suit.

Carlo Minotte vs. C. C. Chandler; action.

G. A. Houck vs. H. M. Dorat et al; foreclosure.

G. A. Houck vs. George Shaffer et al; foreclosure.

A. W. Fischer vs. J. K. Berry; action.

A. Wilhelm & Sons vs. Agnes McElroy; action.

Thomas Whitehorn, J. W. Ingle, F. P. Sheasgreen, C. H. Lee, John Smith vs. Corvallis City Council; injunction.

Laura Burr vs. Agnes McElroy et al; action.

J. A. Rycraft vs. Nina Rycraft; divorce.

E. C. Sargent vs. Harvey Sargent; divorce.

C. Boehringer vs. Oregon & California R. R. Co. et al; suit.

W. C. Covel vs. Oregon & California R. R. Co.; suit.

W. C. Covel vs. Abba B. Covel; divorce.

State of Oregon vs. Chas. M.

Kline, Merwin McMains, Jack Milne, John Doe; appeal.

State of Oregon vs. Chas. M. Kline, Jack Milne; appeal.

M. J. Norton vs. Nahum Norton; divorce.

Benton County.

John H. Stevenson, who preceded the Portland business men's excursion on their recent tour, paid Corvallis a brief visit and his ideas of Corvallis and Benton county are as follows:

Corvallis is a city of schools and churches and many urban advantages. Benton county, whose judicial seat, Corvallis is a county of agriculture, horticulture, and all those other possibilities of wealth and industrial convenience peculiar to the wonderful Willamette Valley, of which it is an important part.

Here is a county more fortunate in transportation facilities than many of its neighbors throughout the state. The West Side division of the Southern Pacific Railway system has its southern terminus at Corvallis, at which it nearly traverses the county. The Corvallis & Eastern Railway line, with its western terminus at Yaquina Bay, 70 miles west of Corvallis, runs through Benton county from east to west to its eastern ter-

minus, 80 miles from the county seat. Four hours' ride on the daily Southern Pacific takes one to Portland, while those who seek the quietude of the seashore have but a short ride over the Corvallis & Eastern Road to one of the finest seaside resorts in the entire state. In addition to this boats are operated between Corvallis and Portland.

People Were Delighted.

On commenting on the Georgia Harper Company, a Medford newspaper said last week:

Those who have been so fortunate as to hear Miss Georgia Harper and company in all of their plays of the week, were more than delighted with that of Friday evening, "Frou Frou," in which Miss Harper was at her best, which is saying a great deal, and many were of the opinion that it was the best performance of the week. Joseph Detrich made an admirable Sartorys and Miss Isabel McDonald was most satisfying as Louisa, while the remainder of the caste were very pleasing.

Son Lost Mother.

"Consumption runs in our family, and through it I lost my Mother," writes E. B. Reid, of Harmony, Me. "For the past five years, however, on the slightest sign of a Cough or Cold, I have taken Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which has saved me from serious lung trouble." His mother's death was a sad loss for Mr. Reid, but he learned that lung trouble must not be neglected, and how to cure it. Quickest relief and cure for coughs and colds. Price 50c and \$1.00, guaranteed at Allen & Woodward drug store. Trial bottle free.

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