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INVITED TO JOIN.

In Big Convention—Citizens' League of Benton.

The Benton County Citizens' League has received an urgent invitation to send delegates to the Pacific Northwest convention at Spokane, September 25th. The purposes of the meeting are explained fully in the following letter to John F. Allen, secretary of the local League:

As the result of extended conferences held at Portland and Spokane, under the auspices of the Executive Committee of the Portland Commercial Club and the Publicity Committee of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce, it was unanimously decided to hold a convention at Spokane and invite the co-operation of every commercial and industrial body in the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana to participate through representative delegations.

The purpose of this gathering is to bring together the representative men of this most prosperous section of the United States, and after thorough consultation unite upon a plan to advertise the actual resources and not to exploit the peculiar advantages of any of the cities.

In all this vast empire the greatest resource is timber, the principal cereal is wheat, the chief fruit is the apple, the greatest force water power, and the most necessary development increased irrigation, while mining and stockraising are equally important.

Every city and town in the four states is equally interested in securing the homebuilder, for it is only through increased population that we can develop these tremendous resources which are of necessity the foundation upon which our cities must be permanently prosperous.

The officers and active members of the leading commercial organizations in the Pacific Northwest have discussed this meeting and have promised to be present personally. The lowest possible railroad rates will be made, and the work of this convention will be watched with interest by the passenger and immigration officials of all the trans-continental railroads, many of whom will attend. There is a universal disposition throughout all this section of the United States to have its resources advertised—its busiest and best men are ready to put up their money and give their time.

It is expected that the legislatures of the four interested states may be induced to make appropriations for advertising their own peculiar advantages, and the lawmakers of the four states will be very much interested in the deliberations of this convention, and for that reason all delegates are urged to ascertain the sentiment in their immediate communities before coming to the convention.

Corvallis People Injured.

Some former Corvallis people figured in an ugly street car accident in Portland Sunday afternoon. They were Mr. and Mrs. Perry VanFleet and children, Mrs. VanFleet being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Starr of this city, and a graduate of OAC. Mr. VanFleet is a street car conductor, and his wife and children were on the car, sitting near the front end, when the switch head blew out. The smoke and flames shot out, burning Mrs. VanFleet's eye brows off, catching her hair and scorching her face. It burned holes in the baby daughter's clothing and blistered her foot and face, besides almost strangling mother and child with smoke and flame. Mrs. VanFleet jumped from the car, tripped on a chain and fell,

and narrowly missed getting run over, being stunned by the fall.

The accident happened near the home of a physician to whose house the woman and baby were taken for attention. The baby's burns were quite bad but not serious, and the physician stated that had it not been for the fact that Mrs. VanFleet wore glasses her eyes would certainly have been ruined by the fire.

Mr. VanFleet, after stopping the disabled car, jumped out with the little son, both escaping without injury.

PROSPECT GOOD.

For Splendid Racing at State Fair Next Week

Many Corvallis people are planning to attend the state fair at Salem next week, which begins the 10th and lasts five days. Owing to the Lewis and Clark exposition, there was no fair held last year, and the interest is doubly keen this fall because the people have become so accustomed to the event that they have missed it greatly.

The buildings at the fair grounds have been repainted, the camp ground has been wonderfully improved and laid off like a city; there is to be a "mayor" of the camp ground and the streets will be numbered so that no one can get lost. A directory will also be maintained which will enable friends to locate ones tent, and every convenience that can add to the pleasure of visitors to the fair will be there. Hundreds of tents will be pitched there next week, and it is certain that all who go will be well repaid for their time and trouble. Many who cannot go to camp expect to go for a day, and to encourage such travel the railroads are offering a one-and-one-third fare for the round trip from Corvallis.

The racing events as scheduled will be the best attractions of the sort ever offered at the state fair grounds, as there are more entries and faster horses on hand this year than ever before. Speaking of the races a dispatch from Salem this week says: "The racing program at the coming state fair will be the best that ever was carried out in Salem. There will be more horses here than was ever gathered at a meet on the Pacific coast and the fastest horses that were ever in Oregon, except Sweet Marie and Mack, will be here. A bunch of from 100 to 125 horses arrived at the Lone Oak track yesterday from Everett, and the California contingent of racers will arrive this week. All the horses at the track are showing up better than any records they have previously made and as the track is getting in good condition horsemen believe that some fine records will be made.

"Delaney's little brown mare, Delilah, that is now at Everett, has been making some splendid time, and Zolock, who is so fast that he outclasses anything on the coast, will make exhibition races. He will probably lower the Lone Oak and Northwest track records.

"The program includes the Farmers' stake, 2:27 trot, \$1000, 18 entries; Lewis and Clark stake, 2:17 trot, \$2000, 16 entries; Oregon State, 2-year-old trot, \$400, 9 entries; Inland State, 3-year-old trot, \$500, 11 entries; Valley State, 3-year-old pace, \$500, 11 entries; Greater Salem stake, 2:15 pace, \$2000, 24 entries; Rural Spirit stake, 2:10 pace, \$700, 10 entries; Merchants' stake, 2:25 pace, \$1000, 24 entries.

Water rent of City Water Works for September becomes delinquent on the eleventh. Pay at office in the City Hall.

Who has bought piano of N. A. Fischer? I. D. Bodine, Ike Porter, Lincoln Chambers, William Porter and Miss Grace Huff.

REGARDING FOOTBALL.

At OAC and U. of O.—Items of Interest.

If Lyman Bundy returns to OAC this fall, as it is reported that he will, he will probably be the only one of last year's first team football men left in college. Cherry is not likely to return, but of the second team men there is a likelihood that Hughes, Finn, Darby, Pendergrass, Porterfield and Harding will be on hand.

It is a matter of general regret that Bert Pilkington, the graduate manager of athletics at the college has resigned, as he was an excellent man for the position, being qualified by much experience and by natural ability as well. His departure for Portland on Friday, where he takes a position as deputy state food commissioner and chemist in the state chemical laboratory, meant much to the football prospects at OAC, and may mean much in the success of the big inter-scholastic high school meet which was arranged by Mr. Pilkington for next year.

It is to early yet to form an idea of the football outlook for OAC, as no material is on hand to "size up."

Commenting on the prospect at U. of O., the Eugene Guard says:

Though the university does not open until late in the month, the football players are already looking forward to the sport. The Oregon team will play the old fascinating game that has been discarded for Rugby in the California colleges, as will the university of Washington and university of Idaho. Other colleges in these states play the same game as the state universities.

Little is known as to the results that the new rules will have on the game. The play will be more open and that it is thought will eliminate the danger. Coach Bezdeck is well acquainted with the new rules, and says they improve the game from all view points.

Prospects for a good team are good. Seven men, with Captain Chandler, who composed the 'varsity' team last year, are expected back again. Six of the strongest men on the college eleven will return, and with the freshmen, will present as good football material as any coach could wish. The 'varsity' fellows expected to return are: Captain and left end, Chandler; right end, Moores; center, George Hug; quarterback, Jack Latourette; right guard, Fred Moulten; left tackle, Olsen Arnspiger; and right tackle, McKinney. Of the college team there will be back Clark, Johnson, Obertauger, Whittlesey, Wood and Jasper.

All the men mentioned are working during the summer, and should be in pretty good condition to commence the first light practice.

Philomath Has State Bank.

The tidal wave of prosperity seems to have struck Philomath and things are on the move out there. The latest improvement to the business enterprises of the town is the organization of a state bank, details of which are taken from the Portland Journal of Tuesday. The dispatch says: "The first State bank of Philomath was organized here Saturday by a number of leading residents of this section, under the leadership of B. J. Howland of Minnesota, who will serve as cashier of the institution.

Within 10 minutes of the time the project was floated \$1,200 of the required \$2,500 stock was subscribed and by the time the project was under way the entire amount had been secured. The bank is capitalized at \$10,000. A. J. Williams is elected presi-

dent and W. A. Jolly vice-president of the new institution. These men are both substantial farmers and the organization was effected by the leading capitalists of this vicinity. The officers are also directors and the remainder of the board consists of J. E. Henkle, a pioneer merchant of this place, and Professor Henry Sheek, a farmer, formerly a member of the faculty of the college of Philomath.

HOW FREDDIE HUNTED DEER.

In the Wilds of Cascadia—The Secret Out.

In spite of his sagacity and caution J. Fred Yates, the genial attorney, is known to have once fallen a victim to a practical joker. The facts of the case have been guarded as a miser guards his hoarded gold, but it is the old, old story of "murder will out."

It happened when Mr. Yates was at Cascadia on his vacation, where he joined Dr. Cathey in a hunting trip. As they started from camp on the memorable day in question, the Corvallis attorney was duly impressed with the solemnity of the occasion and wore an air of gravity that betokened his serious interest in the outcome of the chase.

Innocent and unsuspecting, as is his nature, he followed the doctor while the latter led the way through brush and briars, up hill and down, through creeks and over logs until, far in the distance they espied, by aid of a field glass, something that looked like a deer. The ears stood stiffly at "attention," and the body was partially hidden, but it was undoubtedly what they sought.

"There's one," said the man of salves and bandages, handing the glass to Mr. Yates, who took one look and cried excitedly: "Oh, yes, it's a deer and a little beauty, too! See his soft, silky ears and pathetic brown eyes! and the antlers are six pointers, as I'm alive! Oh, doctor, hurry, and drive him past this stand while I wait!"

Now Freddy had heard of the boy who went snipe hunting, but the story did not recur to him just then; neither did anything else except the desire to distinguish himself, and the thought of taking home fresh venison to his friends caused him to expand with pride.

He stood and watched that deer with the stick-to-itiveness of a prus plaster; he neither moved nor shifted his eyes from the "soft, silky ears" of the doomed(?) animal. His bones began to ache and his head to whirl, while his eyes were strained and bulging and his hands shook as with palsy, seeing which the sportsman groaned aloud, "Oh Lord! now I've gone and got malaria."

Meanwhile, Dr. Cathey sauntered leisurely towards the deer. He was a long time getting there for he intended that Yates should get his money's worth and also realize to the fullest extent the joys of anticipation. As he neared the game, however, he crept along cautiously, knowing that he was covered by the field glass of the lawyer up on the mountain side.

If he never suffered with palpitation of the heart in the days of his bashful, verdant youth, Freddie had it then, as his heart beat a tattoo against his ribs while he waited breathlessly for the deer to bound into the open. Ever and anon he muttered, "Hau—the malaria and these pesky oil-chills," but despite his shakiness he held to the glass and awaited results.

Then Dr. Cathey straightened up and beckoned, but Mr. Yates stood like one glued. The doctor gesticulated and waved, and finally forming a megaphone of his hands shouted up to the lone lawyer: "Aw, come down from



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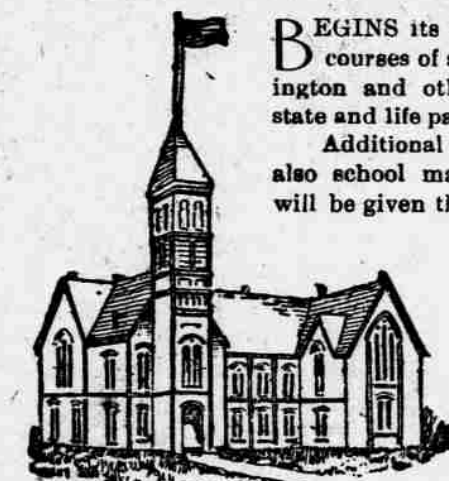
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A Needed Change.

There is to be a general and marked improvement made in the Occidental hotel in this city, the work now being in progress. An addition 12 feet in width and extending the full length of the L has been built on the rear of the main structure, to be divided in bath and wash rooms and other necessary apartments, and is addition is being covered to-day with a tin roof.

Along with the other repairs and improvements there will be a modern glass front put in, and the building will be repainted.

The big trees that have always stood in front and along the north side of the hotel are being cut

down, which gives a more modern air to the premises and will render the place much lighter and more attractive. All in all, the improvement is one that has long been needed and that makes a very decided change for the better in the appearance of Main street.

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