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THE COLISEUM.

Conclusion of "A Day in Rome,"
Prof. Horner's Lecture.

The seats fell back on each other regularly so that there were no galleries—hence history has made no reference to "nigger heaven" in the Coliseum.

The top of the Coliseum was left open; but historians say an awning was spread above as a protection against rains and sunshine. It may be that the thousand colored valerium was used for this purpose.

The height of the building seemed to aid the open top and the arcades to carry on ventilation which otherwise might have been pestilential with such throngs as the exciting contests of the arena called together.

Late that afternoon, while we were wandering through the ruins of Trajan's Forum near by, I saw in relief a portrait of Athena. She was weeping. For some uncountable reason I was reminded that I live in a small city, the descendant of Rome, on the farther edge of another continent. Leading to this city is also an Appian Way. On that splendid via is a goddess modeled in Grecian design. She stands at the fountain of knowledge, pouring from her chalice into the salver for all who thirst after knowledge. This masterpiece of Grecian design recognized by the cultured Romans has been adopted by American artists.

Young men and women have partaken from the chalice of learning on the Appian Way for four years. As a mark of appreciation of their alma mater they have dedicated this memorial to other young men and women who desire to improve their tastes. But this Goddess of Knowledge has been dishonored and her shrine desecrated so that she has turned her face from the passing throngs. And Athena, who has been respected as the beloved Goddess of Art for twenty-five centuries, wonders if it can be that there are Aryans in this age so barbarous as not to appreciate this gift; she wonders if there are still Aryans who are unable to show proper respect for the donors of so beautiful a monument. Ladies and gentlemen, anciently it was un-Hellenic and un-Roman to disfigure the beautiful. Yet we are more than Grecian and Roman. Let us therefore frown upon any attempt at vandalism that disfigures statues and ornaments bequeathed as testimonials of gratitude by those who have partaken at this fountain of knowledge. Let Athena raise her head once more.

Say It Is Exorbitant.

Corvallis business men and others have registered a vigorous "kick" the past few days against what they declare to be exorbitant express rates on shipments sent out of this city, and from evidence at hand it appears that their complaint is justified by facts. For instance, a man was in this city a few days ago and made the purchase of five boxes of Benton county apples to ship to friends in California for Christmas. Had this fruit been shipped it would have been a good advertisement for Benton county showing the outside world what Benton can do in the line of fruit production. The apples cost this man \$1.25 per box, but upon inquiry at the express office it was found that the express rate would be \$5.70 per hundred pounds, which rate the gentleman declared was "too much for him" and the apples were not sent. They were to go to Los Angeles county.

A Corvallis business man recently wrote to California to ascertain the rate per hundred by express to certain Eastern points. The reply was that the rate was \$3, and this same business man

states that the rate from Corvallis to the same Eastern point is \$9 per hundred, and he naturally asks "why?"

California fruit is known in Eastern markets and at the rate Californians pay per hundred they can easily afford to advertise themselves abroad. With a rate such as is quoted from Corvallis to the East it is different, and Benton grown fruit will be slow in coming before the markets of the world at this rate. Such are the opinions of Corvallis people who have inquired into conditions.

The matter is here given space without further comment as the facts speak for themselves.

Some of these business men say that a reasonable rate on fruit, at least, could and should be made by the companies, even if other rates are kept sky-high.

ANOTHER BIG EXPERIMENT.

To See What Oregon Can Grow--
Walnut Culture.

Believing that walnut culture will prove one of Oregon's most profitable industries, Judge William Galloway will plant 100 acres of his ranch near McMinnville in walnut trees. He says: I believe walnut growing in Oregon climate, for the harder kinds of English walnuts, is just as certain as raising apples and hops.

Counting the trees to be set out right away, there will be 600 acres of commercial orchard of walnuts in Yamhill county alone, says Judge Galloway, who is one of the Circuit Judges of the Third Judicial District. He expects to set out 25 or 30 acres this winter and later bring the orchard up to 100 acres. It will then be as large as any walnut orchard in the state. Prince, of Dundee, the pioneer walnut grower of Oregon, has 100 acres. Dr. Calbreth, superintendent of the State Insane Asylum, and Dr. Guicher, of McMinnville, are to plant 90 acres soon.

"Growing walnuts on the Pacific coast is as old as the first settlements," said Judge Galloway. "but walnut culture is a new thing in Oregon. The Jesuit Friars away back in the days of Spanish dominion planted walnut trees in Southern California. They are bearing to this day."

"The nuts grown in Southern California are of the soft-shell variety, and when attempts were made to raise them in the northern part of that state they met with failure. This discouragement to the industry in a colder climate is what prevented commercial culture of the walnuts in this state. But in the past few years entirely successful experiments have been made with the harder shelled nuts. Mr. Prince's orchard, set out about ten years ago, is now yielding a nice profit."

"Even a better nut than the California product can be raised in Oregon. Prince sold his crop this year for 16 cents a pound, and is now retailing some of it at 20 cents. This is much better price than that secured by California growers this season. They begin to bear profitably in eight or nine years."

The acreage of walnut orchards in all parts of the Willamette Valley is increasing, and from present indications that industry may yet become an important one in this state. Krebs brothers, the hopmen, of Salem, recently purchased 300 trees of English walnuts grafted on black walnut trees, a tree which is said to produce a splendid nut. It is said they paid \$450 for the 300 trees.—Telegram.

The choir at the First Methodist rendered some excellent special music Sunday evening, solo parts being sung by Miss Lulu Rice and Dr. R. A. Cathey. J. L. Underwood gave a solo with organ and violin accompaniment which elicited much praise from those present.

Will Corvallis Girl Go?

And Who Will She Be?—Scheme to Advertise Oregon.

John Allen, secretary of the Benton county Citizens' League is in receipt of a letter from the Mayor of McMinnville, W. T. Macy, which proposes a novel way of advertising Oregon. Because it will interest every pretty girl in Benton county, not to say that girl's parents, admirers and friends, the letter is published in full. It says:

McMinnville, Ore, Dec. 19, '06.
Dear Sir:—

The custom of sending young women on excursions gotten up by newspapers has inspired the commercial organizations and business men of this city to outline and propose the following preliminary plan, which we think will result in great benefit to the state as well as the localities represented.

The proposition is to organize, uniform, equip and drill a company of about forty young women selected from the different counties of the state and take them to the World's Fair at Jamestown and to other important cities and places in the United States, both North and South and give free drills and musical entertainments, in the public parks and other convenient places, during August and September.

The itinerary under the direction of the Oregon State Commission to the Jamestown Exposition will probably include such places as Denver, Los Angeles, Fort Worth, New Orleans, Atlanta, Richmond, Washington, D. C., Yorktown, St. Paul, Indianapolis, Western state fairs and Saratoga, where the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic is held and possibly at Coney Island, New York.

Hon. Geo. H. Williams, who was attorney general in President Grant's cabinet, will be invited and will probably accompany the young ladies and show them many places of historic interest about the National Capitol. He is the only survivor of the war cabinet, either North or South.

You are requested to co-operate with us in making this a state enterprise. Look well among the girls of your respective counties for models of propriety and physical excellence. The girls must have the endorsement of respected citizens, as to character and deportment, good health, good form and feature. While this is not intended as a beauty show yet there is plenty of the finest material to select from.

Pick out the best. Graceful carriage and able to march and drill for one hour without serious fatigue. This will necessitate selecting those who do not pinch the waist or feet, or are given to nervousness. A steady hand is necessary for the statue like pose for the perfect drill. Ages about 18 to 26 years. Height, 5 feet, 4 inches to 5 feet, 8 inches. Weight 120 to 140 pounds. Able to sing in chorus. Must not wear glasses. Dark hair will be the more suitable for the Indian drill. Let us have good, sensible girls, those that represent the highest type of American womanhood and womanliness for which our state is noted.

There may be competitive drills with crack battalions of Europe as well as America, therefore strictly military drill discipline will be enforced, both on duty and off. The physical training and drill will be given by Col. J. C. Cooper of this city who drilled the famous Manila Guards of 1898. Accounts and pictures of this organization were printed in over one hundred papers in the United States, with calls from Europe for photographs. Full page cuts with write-ups appeared in the

New York Herald, the New York Journal and the Oregonian. He also drilled the famous Tillamook Indian Scouts in spectacular features which were the great attraction at that coast county fair last summer. Some of these maneuvers and others more thrilling will be taught to the new company.

Professor M. E. Robinson, well known in Oregon and Washington as a musical director, will add the musical feature to the drill. It is intended to make the educational benefits of the excursion together with the physical training and musical training far exceed in value all the time, money and effort expended in the enterprise, all of which will benefit the state as well as the members of the company.

The foregoing proposition has been submitted to many prominent citizens of the state including Hon. Jefferson Myers and Tom Richardson of the state commission and it meets with the universal and hearty approval of all and also the promise of the friendly co-operation of the prominent newspapers of the state, and we ask the help of all. The girls selected should be assisted in raising the funds necessary for the trip. It they cannot get it among their friends a way will be found. We want the best regardless of whether they belong to the rich families or not. Let us know who they are as instructions will be sent them from time to time. Eliminate contests and save the heartaches of the defeated. Select soon as some districts may want to send more than their quota, which will be apportioned soon and an estimate made of the expenses of the trip.

The City of McMinnville will entertain the girls free of charge all during the month's training, just prior to the starting East. W. T. Macy, D. E. Wheeler and J. R. Graven, organizing committee.

Address all communications to W. T. Macy, Mayor, McMinnville, Oregon.

Yours truly,
W. T. MACY.

Belfountain Notes.

Joe Jordsaalt and sister who are attending school at Salem are visiting J. H. Edwards and family over Christmas.

Clyde and Hovey Belknap are home from Salem, where they are attending college, to spend the holidays.

Miss Bertha Coon has arrived from Eastern Oregon to spend Christmas with relatives.

The Starrs, Waltzes, and Rev. and Mrs. Burbank are to be guests over Christmas of Mr. & Mrs. W. F. Starr.

Mr. & Mrs. S. C. Starr have gone to Drain, Oregon, to spend Christmas with their son, Wayne.

This neighborhood is alive with students who have come home from school and college to spend the holidays, and a jolly time it is for both parents and children.

Telephone line No. 9, coming in from the north, was to be connected up with Bellefontaine central last night. It will accommodate many patrons. Levi Watkins is one who has a new phone.

Charles, Dan and James Perin, and their families, George Humphreys and family and Mr. and Mrs. Will Nichols are to be guests Christmas day of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Humphreys.

Miss Lillie Hull, who is teaching school at Monroe, is spending the holiday vacation here.

Christmas trees were enjoyed last night at Bellefontaine, Simpson's chapel, Monroe and Brown school house. Programs and other features were enjoyed.

John Newsbom, who has been ill for sometime, is not improving.

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