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REPORT IS UNTRUE AVERS ESPEE OFFICIALS

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT CAMPBELL ASSURES DALLAS COMMITTEE THAT NO CHANGES LIKELY.

PRESENT SERVICE SATISFIES

Evening and Train Still to be the Dallas as Terminus; May Provide Improved Service to Airlie; New Station Promised This City; Committee Entertained at Lunch

Emphatically declaring that the company had never had under consideration any change in the present service affecting Dallas, giving every assurance of consideration for the welfare of this city, and promising much for the future, D. Campbell, general superintendent of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, on Wednesday received a committee from the Dallas Commercial Club at his rooms in the Wells-Fargo building in Portland, and set at rest the many rumors that had been in circulation in this vicinity, at the same time outlining the company's plans for the future.

The committee consisting of W. L. Seehren, A. B. Muir, president of the commercial club, Mayor J. R. Crahan, Walter L. Toose, Jr., Hugh Black, Ed Dunn, J. C. Hayter, Willis Hamilton, P. A. Finseth, J. L. White, C. R. Sandberg, and Eugene Foster, and Mr. Campbell by appointment at 10 o'clock on Wednesday and laid their views before him. He expressed surprise that such a report had been in circulation and said that he would not account for its authorship. He said that the present train arrangements on the Yamhill division were very satisfactory to the company and that they had received no complaints from any source in that district.

FROM AIRLIE TO WEST SALEM.

It is admitted, however, that the company would shortly put on a motor car running from Airlie to West Salem, via Monmouth and Independence, making at least two round trips daily. When it was suggested by Mr. Seehren, who acted as spokesman for the Dallas committee, that it was desirable that some schedule be made whereby people from Airlie could come to this city in the morning, transact their business at the depot house, and return home the same day, Mr. Campbell suggested that some arrangements might be made with H. Hirschberg, manager of the Independence & Monmouth railway, to connect with the Airlie-Salem motor at Monmouth, opening and evening, and promised to take this matter up with Mr. Hirschberg, at the earliest possible moment.

DEPOT FACILITIES.

The question of new station facilities for Dallas was brought up by Mr. Seehren but Mr. Campbell declared that no change was under consideration at this time. "You people would not want us to go to the expense of a new station at this time," he said, "when you remember our line to Dallas will be electrified inside of the next two years. When that is accomplished, we will need new terminal facilities there and when the next appropriation is made for the electrification of our line south of McMinnville, it will include the estimate for a new station at Dallas and one which you will not be ashamed of." For the present, however, Mr. Campbell promised to see that the station grounds were improved and the mudholes cleaned and brought to grade.

FASTER TIME PROMISED.

In the report that the running time of the morning and night train from Portland to Dallas would be shortened so as to bring it inside three hours, the general superintendent thought that this could be done by eliminating much of the time now spent at the different stations. It was admitted that much of the track was capable of greater speed for trains and, if possible, it was promised that the running time

MOVE TO CREATE ASSISTANT TO GOVERNOR

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE FILES RESULTS OF LABORS ON BEHALF OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

ARGUMENT TO BE PRINTED

Present System Held Inadequate and Bungle, Allowing Secretary of State to Hold Two Offices in Case of Absence of Chief Executive—Succession Provided.

Salem, Or., Feb. 22.—Giving as the proposed order of succession under the prospective constitutional amendment creating the office of Lieutenant Governor as Governor, Lieutenant Governor, President pro tem of the Senate and then Speaker of the House and urging that the amendment will prevent the Secretary of State from holding two offices at the same time, the argument in favor of creating this office was filed with the Secretary of State today.

Referred to Vote.
This argument will be printed in the initiative and referendum pamphlet to go before the people at the next general election.

The argument is prepared by W. W. Calkins, state senator from Lane; Ira C. Powell, representative from Polk; and F. N. Gill, representative from Hood River and Wasco. These are members of a committee appointed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, the proposed amendment being referred to the people from the last Legislative Assembly.

BACK FROM CALIFORNIA TO BUY PRUNE ORCHARD

U. S. Loughary Shows Faith in Polk By Paying \$16,000 For Hugh Hayes Farm Near Here.

After having traveled for many weeks over California with an eye out for a possible location, U. S. Loughary has returned to Dallas more than ever satisfied that there is no better country than that which surrounds Dallas, and to prove that his convictions are not merely transitory, he has just invested the sum of \$16,000 in one of the famous prune orchards near here, and will devote his attention to wearing gum boots and making a noise like a horticulturist. The place which he bought was owned by Hugh Hayes and lies only a short distance north of the city. It consists of fifty acres of very fine fruit land, thirty of which are already in bearing orchard. It is well known as an especially valuable tract.

Mr. Loughary is not a stranger to the soil, as he was born on a farm, in Polk county, but for a number of years has been a business man in this city, having only lately retired as manager of the Dallas Mercantile Company's store.

Committed to Asylum.

Grace Odell, aged 19, of this city, was committed to the asylum this week by County Judge Ed F. Coad, after a medical examination by Dr. W. S. Cary.

would be reduced. Mr. Campbell promised to make a personal investigation of this question and thought that it could be arranged.

After the conference at the general offices, the Dallas delegation was entertained at luncheon at the Portland Commercial club, at which J. M. Scott, general passenger agent, H. E. Lounsbury, general freight agent of the Oregon lines, in company with Mr. Campbell, were present, and during which the general situation was thoroughly discussed. The committee was impressed with the railroad officials' fairness in the premises and feel that their visit to Portland will result in much value to this city and vicinity.

Portuguese Warship on a Friendly Visit to America



Photos by American Press Association.

THE first Portuguese man-of-war to visit the United States since the proclamation of the republic is the cruiser Republica, which used to be called the Rainha Dona Amelia. She spent a few days recently in the harbor of New York and then sailed for Boston, where there is a large Portuguese colony. New Yorkers were much interested in her negro chief cook, who was said—but maybe it was the yara of a sea cook—to have been an African cannibal king before he was captured in battle by the Portuguese in one of their little colonial wars. Portugal has seven cruisers and three coast defense ironclads, two torpedo boat destroyers and two submarines, besides a number of torpedo craft and gunboats. The navy is not large, but it played an important part in the establishment of the republic. The cook and his assistants are shown in the upper picture, one of the ship's gun crews and a rapid fire piece in the lower.

Eola, "Petaluma" of Polk

(By J. R. M.)

Eola, Or., Feb. 19.—(Staff Correspondence)—After having come within one vote of being the capital of the great state of Oregon, and after having subsided into innocuous desuetude and sylvan seclusion for all the intervening years, Eola is awakening from her Rip Vanwinklean slumber to make a bid for the honor of becoming the Petaluma of Polk county. From the halls of legislation and the resound of oratory to the scratching shed of a modern poultry plant and the "cheep, cheep," of little puffballs of profit is a long jump, but Eola has arrived with the goods and shows no sign of departing.

If experience, money and determination can do the business, one of the largest poultry farms in Oregon is to be developed here within as short a time as it can be done. The Eola Land & Livestock Company, of which W. H. Patterson is the manager, owns and operates 1000 acres of land on which it raises hops, stock and fruit on a large scale. A poultry department has just been added which is to be known as the Robbins Poultry Farm. It is in charge of L. S. Robbins, an experienced poultryman, who came here last fall from Yakima, where he had been successfully engaged in the business. When I called on him a few days ago, he told me that he thought this part of the valley was far superior to the Washington district for the chicken business.

Will Have Them.

It is his ambition to go into winter quarters this fall with 1000 laying hens, and he said he would have them if he had to go out and buy them. And, as I looked at his firm set jaw and noted the determined way in which he said it, I instinctively felt that every one of the thousand hens will be on hand at the appointed time.

Eola is well situated for the poultry business. It is located on the Salem, Falls City & Western Railway within four miles of Salem with a good

LOGANBERRY KING TO SPEAK IN THIS CITY

MEMBER OF FIRM OF ASPINWALL BROTHERS, OF BROOKS, INVITED BY FRUIT ASSOCIATION.

CULTURE TO BE ENCOURAGED

Practical Grower, Managing Fifty Acre Berry Patch, Will Tell How He Produces and Markets Thousands of Pounds of Fruit, Fresh, Dried, Canned and Otherwise.

The wonderful possibilities for the raising of small fruits in the territory tributary to this city has caused the Dallas Fruit Growers' association to take steps to lend encouragement to that branch of horticulture, and with that end in view it has engaged the services of one of the most successful berry growers in the West to come to this city and tell at first hand what he has done and what can be done by others. The speaker is to be Britt Aspinwall, of Brooks, Oregon. From their experience and magnitude of the business which they conduct in that line, they may be termed the berry kings of the Coast. They are already managing a loganberry patch of 35 acres, and in addition to that, just to keep their hand in and make use of the spare moments, they are preparing to set out 15 acres more. Consequently, it may easily be assumed that they know a few things about loganberries on and off the vine.

Ready Market.

Their product is marketed in a variety of ways. They sell them fresh in boxes, and they sell them dried and ready for shipment anywhere. The juice from the berries are also made into palatable soft drinks and is eagerly sought, so that they have no trouble in getting the cold coin for all that they are able to raise.

How it is done will be told by Mr. Aspinwall in the circuit court room of the court house, Saturday, March 2, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. The talk will be of especial value to the horticulturists of this region where the logan berry is so successful, and the association is anxious to have every person interested in fruits to be present at that time.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY FIVE TO COMPETE NEXT

Two Big Aggregations From State Schools to the North Will Meet Dallas' Invincibles.

The next basket ball games to be played on the Armory court in this city are with the college teams of Washington. The Washington State college five, from Pullman, will give battle to the Dallas boys here Thursday, March 7, and Monday, March 11, the University of Washington, of Seattle, will be present to try conclusions. Both of these organizations are considered among the strong ones, and there is some fear felt that Dallas may have to get in and play some to entertain them. The Pullman players are said to be something extra in the way of ball tossers and their coming will be awaited with unusual interest.

Silverton, after having been beaten to a frazzle here last week and prior to that in Silverton, is clamoring for just another chance to reclaim their bedraggled laurels, said chance to take place on their home floor surrounded by the comforting encouragement of their own rooters.

Engagement Announced.

The engagement of Miss M. Olive Smith and Mr. Dodge Bicknell was announced at a gathering of friends of the bride and groom held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. F. Manston last Wednesday evening. The wedding is expected to take place sometime in the early spring. Both are well known in Dallas and have the hearty good wishes of all.

SALEM CONCERN TO BUILD PLANT IN DALLAS

TILLSON & COMPANY EXPECT TO ESTABLISH PRUNE PACKING HOUSE HERE BEFORE NEXT FALL.

FUTURE OUTLOOK IS BRIGHT

Polk County Especially Adapted to Growing Italians—Fruit Men Jubilant Over Prospect For Getting Big Corporations Interested in Developing Industry This Year.

Never in the history of Dallas and Polk county has the future for the prune industry looked so bright as it does now. Coming immediately after the announcement that the J. K. Armsby Company would build its promised \$10,000 packing plant here this spring without fail, The Observer is enabled to say on the authority of a letter just received from the head of the firm, that Tillson & Company, the big prune packing company of Salem and Roseburg, intends to install a packing plant in Dallas to handle this year's crop. The claim often made that Polk county is the prune growing center of the world is fast receiving the confirmation of those in a position to know what they are talking about, and the fact that the largest and most enterprising corporations in the country are willing to invest money here has greatly encouraged the fruit men of this vicinity.

Conditions Familiar.

Tillson & Company, who are perfectly familiar with all the conditions here for many years past, have unlimited confidence in the prospects, as may be seen from this statement just made by them to The Observer: "We think you have as favorable a location for growing Italians as there is in the Northwest. The future of the industry, so far as Dallas is concerned, looks to us very bright."

The firm has practically settled on its plans for Dallas, but no action will be taken until the season is farther advanced, as it will be necessary for them to be able to size up the crop for the coming year. Therefore, their operations in this region will be governed, this year at least, by the facility with which they obtain the required number of cars to justify them in making the necessary expenditures here.

Hawley is Named.

Governor West has appointed Hon. C. L. Hawley, of Monmouth, as one of a committee to attend the convention of the National Tax association which will meet in Des Moines Iowa, September 3 to 9.

TICKETS SELLING RAPIDLY

Response to Request of Band Men is Generally Liberal By Dallas People.
Sale of tickets for the coming concert by the Dallas Band has been flattering so far and the indications are that a good sized crowd will attend the entertainment. This is as it should be. When approached by members of the band with requests to purchase tickets, it is the duty of every citizen of Dallas to purchase. It is a duty, because every citizen owes it to the band to encourage it in a substantial manner. The fact that this city has a musical organization second to none, should be a source of congratulation to all and all should be glad of the opportunity to assist. The band gives freely of their time for the benefit of Dallas; they have purchased their own uniforms, their own instruments and music and the least that Dallas can do is to respond liberally and buy every ticket offered for their big concert.
You can never help your town or its enterprises by posing as a "lightwad."

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