

REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

Hill Won't Extend R. R. Lines Beyond Oregon

OREGON DELEGATION FOR IMPROVEMENT

Important Conference in Interest Of Portland's Growing Trade Interests

Portland, Oregon, October 19.—James J. Hill will not extend the Oregon Trunk beyond the Oregon line but will confine his operations in connection with that project to developing this state. Stories to the effect that the ultimate destination of the Oregon Trunk is San Francisco were denied by Mr. Hill this week, who said: "All the building the line will do will be done in Oregon. There is plenty of room for new feeders in the state and the mileage which we intend to add to our system will be confined to Oregon. We have no intention of entering California."

Oregon apple growers are assembling exhibits for the National Apple Show at Spokane November 15-20. The state will participate to a greater extent than ever before and some magnificent displays will be sent. Hood River, Rogue River Valley and the Willamette Valley apple-growing districts will make strong bids for many of the prizes. Carload lots will be sent by some exhibitors and in all departments. Oregon's showing will be a strong one. Entries close November 13.

A movement has been started to erect at Salem a suitable monument to the memory of Samuel L. Simpson, the well known Oregon poet, who wrote "Beautiful Willamette." Mr. Simpson was an alumnus of Willamette University and it was thought fitting that the movement to procure the memorial to the poet should have its start at the university and that the monument should stand near it. An association for the purpose has been formed among the alumni of the university. It is intended to interest the entire Northwest in the movement.

What is regarded the most important conference ever held between the Congressional delegation of this state and the commercial interests of Portland took place this week when the needs of the state were discussed for two hours and suggestions made as to needed improvements that require government aid.

Senators Bourne and Chamberlain met with 15 prominent business men and when the conference ended, the Senators had pledged their aid to secure as big appropriations as possible for this state. Among the big projects for which aid was enlisted were the improvement of the Columbia River from Portland to the sea; the free canal and locks at Oregon City; the Celilo Canal and the improvement of Coos Bay.

These improvements are expected to cost about as follows: Columbia River improvement, \$15,000,000; \$3,700,000 for the completion of the Celilo Canal; \$2,700,000 for the improvement of Coos Bay, and \$456,000 for the free canal and locks at Oregon City. Out of the money needed for the latter project, the state has already authorized an appropriation of \$300,000, leaving only \$156,000 to be furnished by the government.

Portland may take in neighboring suburbs before the census of next year is taken. The matter was discussed by the Realty

Board at the Commercial Club this week and was generally favored. This addition to the city would include only those districts lying so near that it is impossible to tell when passing from the city proper to the suburbs. An expression will be asked from the various districts as to their opinion on the annexation question.

An Agreeable Surprise

On last Friday evening members and friends of the Evangelical church to the number of about fifty executed a surprise serenade on the Pastor and his wife. The first intimation they had that there was anything going on was when at about 8:30 the strains of "Angels Serenade" in sweetest melodies seemed to fill all out-doors. When Mr. and Mrs. Hoover emerged from the door to learn from whence the music came they found the street in front of the parsonage filled with the friends and members of the church. All were very pleasantly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hewitt with a number of selections on their large Phonograph.

Another surprise awaited Mr. and Mrs. H. when they re-entered the house; for while they were out in front listening to the Phonograph the men entered the kitchen from the back way and literally filled it with all manner of good things to eat and wear.

Crabtree boasts of a 96 pound pumpkin.

Springfield purposes to issue bonds to the amount of \$16,000 to extend her sewer system.

The ladies Aid Society of the Evangelical church met with Mrs. L. C. Hoover Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Claude Kurre and children of Slab Creek are visiting with friends and relatives in Independence.

This section has been visited with some very refreshing showers and farmers and stockmen are rejoicing.

D. M. Hampton and lady of the Hampton Hotel had business which took them to Salem last Saturday. They returned in the evening having driven over.

We have a few copies of last weeks paper left over, and as it speaks for this part of Oregon, it should be sent out. Send your Eastern friends or acquaintance a copy.

The Herald office would like to secure about a half bushel of well matured sweet corn. If any person has any to dispose of we would be pleased to learn their address.

It appears that the contract to construct an electric railroad from Coos Bay to Roseburg has been let and that the road between the two points is to be finished in 1912.

Last Sunday a week ago one of the ladies attending the funeral of Mrs. Hester Herren, had the misfortune to get her dress caught on a wild rose or briar bush which grew alongside the walk, rending the garment very badly. Notice to clear away such plants from the sidewalk was given some time ago but some attention is still necessary.

As we passed by the Newman blacksmith shop, the other day, our attention was called to the array of plows he had in and around his shop. His yard and shop resembled a fair sized manufactory as to number, there being over a dozen plows there for repair and to be made ready for the fall plowing which will be on in reality as soon as the ground gets in a little better condition.

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BED OF THE OCEAN.

The Rainbow Colors of the Bottom of
the Sea.

The mud on the bottom of the deep sea, instead of being black or brown, is all the colors of the rainbow. Marine deposits in either deep or shallow water at a distance of from 100 to 200 miles from the coasts of the United States and Europe are whitish, being largely composed of minute shells reduced to powder and mingled with volcanic dust and tiny mineral fragments torn away from shore by the action of the waves and currents. In the Arctic and Antarctic waters continental rock fragments are mixed with the other deposits.

In greater depths, far from land, under the northeast Pacific, the ocean floor is carpeted with clay, ranging from brick red to a reddish chocolate. This clay is soft, plastic and greasy to the touch while wet, but when dried cakes into a hard, compact mass which can only be broken by a smart blow from a hammer. When rubbed with the fingers or any hard substance the fragments become glazed and shining like earthenware, though far less brittle.

In this red clay minute red worms almost invisible to the naked eye are found, but whether the worms are colored by the ooze they inhabit or the ooze owes its ruddy hue to them is a question yet undecided by marine scientists. Another kind of mud is straw color, becoming cream white when dried, when it is soft and light as ashes to the touch and sticks to the fingers like fine flour, which it closely resembles.

In tropical seas at considerable distances from land mud is found of a deep rose color, shading to milky white. Nearer land this mud becomes gray or bluish gray. Blue mud is only found on the bottom of some tributary arm of the sea. The blue color is caused by organic matter and sulphide of iron. The unpleasant odor of this mud is due to sulphureted hydrogen.

Green mud and sand are developed along bold and exposed coasts—as, for instance the Atlantic coast of the southern United States and on the Agulhas bank. The green colored sand, which sparkles in the sun like pulverized emeralds, is usually found in shallower water than the mud—that is, in about 449 fathoms to 513 for the mud. Neither is discovered at less than 100 nor more than 900 fathoms.

Around islands of volcanic origin the mud varies from light gray to brown and black. Coral mud, red and white, is found, of course, near the coral reefs and islands. Along the Brazilian coast the ooze is identical with that in the Yellow sea near the mouth of the Yangtsekiang, being red brown in color and yielding the same deposits on analysis.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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