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REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

Fir Gets Splendid Advertising At Washington

ROGUE RIVER FRUIT GROWER'S UNION Columbia River Loggers Expect Great Activity in Logging This Season

Portland, Oregon, January 4—Splendid examples of fir finishing, said to be the most elaborate ever sent from the Northwest, will be shipped this week to Washington, D. C., where they will enter into the new building being erected by the Bureau of American Republics, under the direction of John Barrett. The wood will be used in the reception room of the new building, which will be completely finished in fir. This will result in a big advertisement for this wood as finishing material.

The wood has been prepared for shipment East and goes as a gift from the Oregon & Washington Lumber Manufacturers' Association. The finishing consists of panels, scrolls, medallions, desks and brackets of the most elaborate hand-carved design. The grain of the wood is shown to splendid advantage and is stained with an oak finish.

One big fruit growers' union for the entire Rogue River Valley district is planned by orchardists of Southern Oregon. A movement is under way for merging the Medford, Ashland and Grants Pass fruit growers' union into one organization and it is proposed to give over to this body the packing and shipping of all the fruit grown in the valley and also the buying of packing, spraying and other orchard materials direct from the factory in carload lots. The formation of such an organization will insure the uniformity of the pack and maintain the high reputation of Rogue River fruit. The proposed union is to be incorporated and its affairs will be handled by a board of directors and a manager.

Preparations are being made for the annual convention of the Northwest Retail Harnessmakers' Association of the Northwest, which will be held in Portland January 10 and 11. The session will be held in the auditorium of the Portland Commercial Club and delegates will be in attendance from the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. About 200 harness men from the three states are expected. The big attraction of the convention is an elaborate banquet that will be held on the closing night.

Loggers of the Columbia River expect the new year will see more raw material handled in their camps than ever before in the history of the industry within a similar period. The lumber trade is said to be booming and the coming year promises great activity. Many mills are short of logs and camps will resume operations in February instead of waiting for Spring. New mills in the Columbia River district have drawn heavily upon the usual log supply until it is less

than usual at this season of the year. Mills are said to be filled up with orders that will keep them busy for the coming three months.

A general revision of rates on the North Bank road that is favorable to the shippers of the Northwest has been announced and will go into effect February 1. The new rates will apply between points on the road in Washington and between all stations and Portland. New and more favorable rates will be made on packing house products and fresh meats in carloads. These concessions by the Hill line will add to the business of Portland livestock packing plants and increase the prestige of Portland as a packing house center.

Town Council Meetings

The town council met on the evening of December 28 to transact such business as would come before the board and to close up affairs preparatory to the inauguration of the new board to qualify. The following action was taken, all members being present.

BILLS ALLOWED

Wm. Riddle Jr. election jg.	\$2.00
C. G. Griffa	2.00
E. Bogert	2.00
C. G. Griffa lumber	.80
L. Ground recorder fees	12.00
J. W. Hall carpentering	77.45
S. D. Coats marshal fees	17.53
Herald printing	2.50
B. F. Jones legal service	20.00
Willamete V. L. Co. light	20.75
P. S. Johnson labor	7.50

Total indebtedness of the town of Monmouth is \$1809.99.

The tax levy for town expenses was placed at 5 mills on the dollar of taxable property.

Two ordinances were then considered and each carried forward to the third reading. The first was a measure to limit the speed of vehicles, etc. inside the corporate limits, and the other was a measure to prevent the staking of cows and other animals on the streets of the town.

Another thing of importance was the instruction given the marshal to see that youths under 16 years of age are not permitted to roam the streets nor loiter around public places after 8 o'clock, P. M.

INSTALLATION

On January 3 the newly elected members were inaugurated. The names of the members of the new board follows:

J. H. Hawley, Mayor.
T. A. Riggs, Councilman.
A. B. Morlan, "
G. A. Peterson, "
P. O. Powell, "
L. Grounds, Recorder.
S. D. Coates, Marshal.

Mr. Riggs is a hold over member and Messrs Grounds and Coates were reelected.

There was no business transacted by the new board.

Miss Lillian Bogert went to Dallas last Monday to attend a short session of school.

Dallas was represented in town Saturday evening by several persons beside the basket ball team.

Emma and Grace Parker returned Saturday after spending the holidays with relatives in Portland.

INDEPENDENCE NEWS BUDGET

From Our Regular Correspondent.

DAILY HAPPENINGS IN OUR SISTER CITY.

Scan This Column For News on Importance From the Riverside.

Dr. J. L. Calloway and wife of Roseburg spent Christmas with friends here.

F. M. Skinner has been spending a few days in the Luckiamute neighborhood.

Mrs. B. F. Runnels Tharp of Portland spent last week with her parents here.

Miss Maud Iliff who has been visiting relatives here has returned to Portland.

Mrs. Mary Chappell who has been visiting friends in Portland has returned home.

Aura Ford and wife of Portland were visiting with friends here during the holidays.

Miss Ella Robinson from McMinnville spent the holidays with her parents in this city.

Miss Iva Cooper of Portland spent Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cooper.

Miss Bertha Tharp of Portland spent the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. N. Tharp.

Dean Walker who is attending the University of Oregon spent the holidays with his parents.

Mrs. J. Dornsife and her son spent the holidays with relatives and friends in Chehalis, Wash.

Mr. Livingood moved to McMinnville Sunday where he has accepted a position in the depot.

Mr. McCarty singing evangelist for the M. E. Church, and wife left Tuesday for Eastern Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McIntosh spent their vacation with the parents of Mrs. McIntosh in Dayton.

Ottis Welch of Newberg a former resident of Independence was visiting at the home of H. G. Seeley.

Chas. A. Rice principal of the Couch schools in Portland, was visiting last week at the home of Harry Iliff.

Frank Richardson of Portland, Or. spent the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Richardson of this city.

Misses Emma Henkle and Hazel Seeley teachers in the public schools at Condon spent the holidays with their parents of this city.

B. F. Dunsmore, son of Dr. Dunsmore of this city, spent Saturday and Sunday at the Manse returning to Portland on the early morning train.

Cleve Robinson who has been working in Baker City has concluded that Independence, is a pretty good place after all and is now employed in Ball's Barber Shop.

Adah Chapter, No. 34, Eastern Star installed the following officers on the night of Dec. 28th; Mrs. Iliff, worthy Matron; P. M. Kirkland, worthy Patron; Mrs. Edna Butler Associate Matron;

Mrs. Helen Kirkland Conductress; Mrs. Edna Irvine Associate Conductress; Mrs. Ardella Butler, Secretary; Mrs. Flora Mix, Treasurer.

Miss Cecile Wilcox who is attending the University of Oregon and Miss Geneva Wilcox who is a student at St. Helen's Hall Portland, spent the holidays with their parents Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Wilcox of this city.

Revival meetings now in progress at the Methodist church in Buena Vista are very successful there being twenty persons converted on last Wednesday and Thursday, Rev. S. D. Reese of Salem is conducting the song service.

Clover Leaf Rebecca Lodge No. 56 installed the following officers on the evening of January 4th, Noble Grand, Grace Jones; Vice Grand, Ethel Skinner; Secretary, Mrs. E. T. Henkle; Treasurer, Mrs. L. Damon; Conductor, Nellie Damon; Warden, Marguerite Hodge; Inside Guardian, Kate Dunsmore; Out Side Guardian, Mrs. Newt Jones; Chaplain, Mrs. J. D. Irvine.

Thinks Dry Farming Will Work Wonders for the Valley

Dry-land farming is turning the semi-arid parts of Eastern Oregon and Washington and Idaho into wealth producing oases.

If this system, which simply is the conservation of limited moisture, can do so much in sections where rainfall is so little, it certainly could do wonders in the Willamette Valley, where there is so much Winter and Spring rain that may be conserved for our dry months. In July and August we have little or no rain, and if there is not then intensive cultivation the soil is apt to bake or dry out.

The principle of dry-land farming, as applicable to the Willamette Valley, is merely this: Soil naturally returns rainfall to the air through capillary tubes which crystallize or form, and through which the moisture ascends again to the air and passes back into the clouds in evaporation, and also through growing plant life. Dry-farming, then, by surface cultivation, simply breaks off the ends of the continually forming capillaries through our harrowing, clod-breaking, dust-mulching or other tillage, and also by the destruction of water-wasting weeds, stops the upward escape of needed water, conserves it to the soil for the moisture needs of growing and profitable vegetation.

Keeping a blanket of loose soil a very few inches deep over all the ground not actually occupied by trees and plants stops the wasting evaporation of the soil moisture and retains it for plant life for growing dollars.

There is nothing mysterious about it. If we take a dry cube of sugar and place it on water it will almost instantly become moist to the top. Then put on top of the cube some very finely powdered sugar and it will lie for hours without absorbing enough of the moisture to totally affect it.

This mulching principle applied to the surface of the soil, through

NEWS FROM COUNTY SEAT

Court House Notes.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Seth L. White and Nellie V. Williamson.

Andrew C Nelson and Ruth E Adams; Williams G Reddekopp and Bessie Clanfield; Ralph L Collins and Nina E McCready.

PROBATE

Guardianship of minor heirs of Gust Peterson, deceased—final account as to Anna Johnson and Eva Peterson set for hearing Saturday, January 29, at 10 a. m.

Guardianship of minor heirs of W. R. Birks, deceased—final vouchers approved; guardian and bondsmen discharged.

Estate of Catherine Murray, deceased—estate admitted to probate; L B Murray appointed administrator; bond fixed at \$500.

Estate of Matilda Peterson, deceased—H S Butz appointed administrator; bond filed and approved; Z M Knight, Evans and H W Clifford appointed appraisers.

REAL ESTATE

Estate of Eva Peterson, deceased—same order as above.

Susan C Bryant to B F Boughie, 80 acres, t 8 s, r 6 w, \$1100. B F Gould et ux to H Davidson, lots in Ballston, \$400.

Margaret V Hayter and hd to Peter Wall, 19.89 acres, t 7 s, r 5 w, \$10.

Roderick A Campbell et ux to Alfred Campbell, one-half int. 34.40 acres, t 6 s, r 5 w, \$1.

P Lachance and hd to Joel Flannery, 20 acres, t 6 s, r 8 w, \$950.

P B S Miller et ux to Edward J Young, 58.04 acres, t 7 s, r 4 w, \$4500.

Waters Bros. Investment Co. to Martin E Smith, lots in West Salem, \$675.

C L Hopkins to C M Travis, land in t 8 s, r 6 w, \$175.

Emma L Trask and hd to C M Travis, land in Falls City, \$1000.

Paul D Cone et ux to J E Winegar, lots in Monmouth, \$1500.

Waters Bros. Investment Co. to Thomas H Fennell, lots in West Salem, \$10.

Mary Price and hd to Frank Van Vlack, 74 acres, t 10 s, r 7 w, \$1000.

Frank Van Vlack to Mary Hull and hd; 74 acres. t 10 s, r 7 w, \$1600.

Earl W Anderson to Albert Welch, block 8, Ballston, \$1.

P W Anderson to Albert Welch lots in Ballston, \$1.

A C Guyer et ux to James B Embree, 19.28 acres, t 9 s, r 6 w, \$1000.

frequent cultivation of the surface in the dry season—tickling it with the hoe, as it were—is the main element of dry-land farming, and it certainly works wonders in Eastern Oregon. In the Willamette Valley no soil needs shallow surface cultivation more than ours does in July and August.

It would counterbalance largely our Summer drought, keep the ground from baking and marvelously help the yield of fruit, berries and vegetables throughout the Valley.—M. C. GEORGE in Oregonian.