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REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

New Packing Plant Will Be Started March 14

TO BE TALLEST BUILDING IN NORTHWEST

Portland Planted Rose Bushes to Celebrate Washington's Birth Day, Feb. 22

Portland, Oregon, February 22
The new packing plant of the Swift interests on the Peninsula is expected to start operations on March 14. Because of the magnitude of the work embraced in the Swift plans, there has been a delay in the original project of nearly a year in getting ready for packing but the plant is now practically complete. The opening of the plant means that 500 people will be employed at the start with the probability that the number will be doubled within the coming year. It will furnish a big livestock market for the farmers and stock raisers of the Pacific Northwest and other packing plants and factories for utilizing side products of the packing houses will be established.

Work on what will be the tallest building of this state, if not in the Pacific Northwest, will be begun March 10, when construction of the new Yeon building will start. The structure will be built at the corner of Fifth and Alder streets and will be 15 stories in height. Like the new skyscrapers now going up in Portland, the structure would be a credit to any city of the country.

Passenger service on 25 miles of completed road at the west end of the Southern Pacific's Tillamook extension will be begun, it is expected, on April 1. Trains will be run from Tillamook to Vosburg, giving service to Bay City, Hobsonville and other intermediate points. Meanwhile work is steadily going on across the Coast Mountains and by next fall it is expected trains will run through from Portland to Tillamook Bay.

Oregon will be given another congressman, and possibly two, it is believed, after the coming census is taken. According to the basis of representation expected to be fixed by the new census, one congressman will be allowed for every 224,000 of population. The basis at present is one representative for every 192,182 of population. It is expected the coming census will show a population for the state of close to 800,000. This will give three congressmen and if the hopes of some are realized and the state is found to have 1,000,000, then four congressmen will be allowed.

Washington's birthday was celebrated in Portland by planting rose bushes in the parks and public squares of the city with appropriate exercises. Thousands of bushes were set out throughout the city and the new plants will be blooming in time for the annual Rose Festival in June. City and state officials, together with representatives of foreign nations that contributed their native roses for the affair, participated in the rose

planting exercises. This has become an annual event in Portland and the custom is growing in favor each year. The planting of roses at a time when many other sections of the country are wrapped in snow and ice is also a splendid advertisement of Oregon's climate.

Advertisements are being placed by the Portland Commercial Club in the leading Swedish and Norwegian-Danish papers of the country, calling attention to opportunities here for industrious people who seek homes in the country districts. A large inquiry is coming to the Portland office from Scandinavians all over the country and letters are answered by a special correspondent who understands the language. This is but one phase of the Commercial Club's work but it is bringing inquiries. The people are thrifty and industrious and settlers of this kind will help develop the vacant lands of the state.

Hood River Will Wait

Hood River wants a Normal school, but she wants a monopoly of the Normal patronage. However as an act of the Oregon Legislature stands in her way she will bide her time and await the result of the November election. The following comes from Hood River:

"Developments of the past few days have caused the committee on normal school of the Commercial Club to give up the idea of opening a campaign for a single state normal, to be located at Hood River until the people of Oregon have actually expressed themselves as against the continuance of the three schools formerly conducted at Monmouth, Weston and Ashton. These districts will appeal to the people for appropriations to reopen the schools at the next general election, and the law does not allow a measure calling for a new state institution outside of Marion county to be submitted to the people until it has been acted on by the legislature. As Oregon at present has no normal school, Hood River citizens expressed themselves in a recent mass meeting as in favor of a single school for the whole state here. Since initiative petitions will be out asking the re-establishment of the schools formerly maintained by the state, Hood River will await the action of the voters, and if they should refuse to vote money to run three normals, the legislatures will then be asked to establish a school here.

Will Flippin had the unusual experience one day last week, of having to dispute the right-of-way with a couple of cougars. He was near the Williams place on the Slab creek road, in Township 6-9, when he looked up and saw a big cougar in the road a score of paces ahead of him. Will stopped in his tracks, for he had no gun with him. After a moment the big cat moved along the road, crossed the bridge and slipped into the under brush. The man was about to continue on his way when another cougar, larger than the first, crossed the road and followed in the trail of his mate. —Willamina Times.

Public Sale

Beginning at 10, A. M., at his Farm, North Monmouth

THURSDAY, MARCH 3RD, 1910

Will Sell at Public Outcry, Eight Horses, Twelve Cows, 10 head of Hogs

Beside the above enumerated articles I will sell a lot of farm implements and machinery, and other articles, wheat, oats, vetch seed, hay, some wood and many other things. See poster for the enumerated list.

E. H. Hosner will act as auctioneer, and Ira C. Powell will serve as clerk. Free lunch will be served at noon.

W. FUGATE, Proprietor.

NEWS FROM COUNTY SEAT

Court House Notes.

PROBATE

Estate of Nancy W Harris, deceased—final account set for hearing March 19, at 11 a. m.

Estate of Mary E Ramp, deceased—bond filed and approved; T K Ford, L R Stinson and Samuel Adolph appointed appraisers.

Estate of Frank L Brown, deceased—petition to sell real estate set for hearing March 5, at 10 a. m.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

A. M. Stuart and Rosa Carpenter

REAL ESTATE

John H Burton to E W Strong, 140 acres, t 7 s, r 5 w, \$2900.

J N Conn et ux to Ebbie W Marquis, 10 acres, t 7 s, r 5 w, \$2600.

Martha A Hill to Homer Hill, lots in Independence, \$1.

Laydue R Hill to Homer Hill, 80 acres, t 9 s, r 4 w, \$1.

Samuel W Walker et ux to Mrs N S Smith, lots in West Salem, \$100.

Cora V Tufts to Amanda Conn, 1 acre, t 7 s, r 5 w, \$900.

Ottile Newman to Adolph G Newman, land in Polk and Yamhill counties, \$10,000.

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Herman Ruh et ux to M M Ellis and John G Brown, 8.28 acres, t 7 s, r 5 w, \$3500.

D D Gorsline et ux to Charles T Hall, 1.25 acres, t 6 s, r 4 w, \$60.

R D Cooper to B F Downing and L R French, 156.25 acres, t 8 s, r 5 w, \$31,250.

The great Baldwin Sheep and Land Company has gone out of business, according to newspaper reports. They say that the immense ranch, which contained about 26,600 acres of range and alfalfa land was transferred, a few days ago, to a Portland syndicate of capitalists for a syndicate of \$450,000. The syndicate is composed of L. B. Menefee, Jas. Guy M. Standifer, E. J. Daly, N. P. Sorenson. All are well known men in Western Oregon financial circles, and the purchase includes the improvements, the bank and store.

A Wallowa County Opinion on Normal Schools

The Wallowa Sun has the following to say on the Normal School Question:

"And Hermiston wants a normal school! and Hood River! and a dozen others! Doubtless the normalschool would be a good thing for them. They are even willing to spend divers dollars in getting the state to vote such a school there and even donate some scanty acres of land if the state will agree to improve it with several thousands of dollars in buildings. But why should the state spend several thousands of the taxpayers' money in new buildings when the state has adequate buildings at three towns in different parts of its domain?"

Peahaps it will be well for the voters to look up the record made by these several aspiring towns when the state went so disgracefully out of the normal school business a short time ago and left several hundred students and teachers stranded at the middle of the year! When it broke faith with Ashland and Weston and Monmouth! Did these aspirants support legislators who stood manfully by the normal schools, or were their heaviest votes cast for a representative of the people who favored the disgraceful process that left idle school buildings in three thriving towns which had contributed to the building up of three good normal schools? Did the citizens of Hermiston, Hood River, and the various other aspirants raise a protest at the action which strangled the normals, or did they sit calmly by and gloat over the destruction that was wrought? These questions must be answered before the aspirants can have any clear claim to consideration."

"It is argued that the state needs two normal schools, one in Eastern and one in Western Oregon. Ashland and Weston are admirably situated for the purpose. They are far from the other state schools. The state has ample grounds and buildings for school purposes and ample equipment for beginning school at once. And there should the state expend the money if we are to have normal schools. The Sun does not pretend to know the merits of all these aspiring towns. But we do know that there was good schools, good buildings, and good grounds at Ashland and Weston and we will have no part or share in any scheme that looks to the establishment of normal schools at any other places where the state must erect costly buildings before school begins."

With bright prospects for the coming spring, Independence will take her place in the front rank. It looks like we would have a new high school, two new church buildings and a sewer system in the near future. —Independence Enterprise.

The Alumni Committee having charge of placing the State Normal School proposition before the people have been busy and will soon have the petitions ready to circulate throughout the state.

INDEPENDENCE NEWS BUDGET

From Our Regular Correspondent.

DAILY HAPPENINGS IN OUR SISTER CITY.

Scan This Column For News on Importance From the Riverside.

Zen Allen of Rickreall was in town Saturday.

Ralph Davidson of Parker was in town Monday.

Jeter Virgin visited the Capital city last Thursday.

Jason Byers and son, Bliss, spent Saturday in Salem.

Mrs. M. W. Wallace went to Portland Saturday, to buy her spring millinery.

Mr. and Mrs. Spong of Hood River are visiting Mrs. Spong's sister, Mrs. C. A. Moore of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Hubbard will move to Salem this week, where Mr. Hubbard will work in a real estate office.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Campbell of Dallas visited over Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. J. C. Morrison of this city.

Ed Wallace who is attending the Oregon Agricultural College spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. M. W. Wallace.

Last week a special course was given at the Oregon Agricultural College for fruit inspectors. Ross Nelson, Polk County's fruit inspector was in attendance.

Dr. Dunsmore visited Portland last week, where he was in attendance at the Christian Endeavor Convention which was in progress, at the First Presbyterian church of that city.

Mrs. Veva Green and her brother, Ralph Morrison of Albany, were visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morrison last week. They were accompanied home by Miss Topsy Mattison of this city.

The W. O. W. Circle and Woodman with a number of invited friends had a pleasant time last Friday evening in their hall. After the program a banquet was spread, and it was a late hour when all left for home.

A very interesting basket ball game was played at the Auditorium last Saturday night, between the Independence, High School and the town boys, for the Championship of the town. The score was 15 to 31 in favor of the town boys, who will hereafter wear the title of Championship.

Miss Garlin Hill, who was sent to Portland from Independence to unveil the Sacajawea monument at the Lewis and Clark Fair, was married in Portland January 31st, to George Frederick Cohrs. Mr. Cohrs was formerly a jeweler of Pomeroy Wash. Mr. and Mrs. Cohrs will make their future home at Long Beach, Cal.

Adah Chapter No. 34 Eastern Star, celebrated its fifteenth anniversary at the Masonic Hall last Tuesday night. A good attendance of the membership was present besides many of their invited friends. A good musical program was rendered besides addresses by Dr. Dunsmore and J. B. V. Butler, after which a swell banquet was partaken of.