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REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

Portland, Or., Mar. 7—Booster spirit ran high at the biennial dinner of the Portland Commercial Club the past week when the continuation of the Promotion Committee work was discussed. The accomplishments of the past two years were recounted and new enthusiasm gained for the future. The dinner brought together 370 prominent business men of Portland and a Greater Oregon and a united Pacific Northwest were pledged by the speakers.

Telegrams were read from James J. Hill, Judge Robert S. Lovett, Louis W. Hill, Theodore B. Wilcox, Howard Elliott, and others in which encouragement was given for the work accomplished. Speeches were full of optimism. C. C. Chapman, Geo. F. Johnson and others told of the progress of the work. President Stevens of the Hill lines in Oregon urged further promotion work and it was decided to raise \$200,000 for publicity during the coming two years.

Manager Chapman of the Promotion Committee laid special stress upon the Oregon Development League work and told of the splendid spirit shown throughout the state. The sentiment of all was that this co-operation should be maintained and all Oregon should be boosted, rather than any one section. Portland must grow with the Northwest instead a head of it.

Driving of last spikes on new railroads is a favorite festivity for Oregonians this year. The latest road to hold a celebration is the Grants Pass & Rogue River, which has just started a line of 30 miles from Grants Pass to Southern Josephine County where the celebrated caves are located. The first or silver spike was driven at Grants Pass during the week and a demonstration by the Commercial Club and the people of the city and surrounding country accompanied it.

Oregon dairymen will probably receive considerable benefit from the dairy dinner at the Commercial Club March 9, when methods to aid the industry will be discussed and means suggested to help foster it and encourage those engaged in it. Dairymen, state officials, members of the health boards and experts from the Oregon Agricultural College will attend and in the interchange of ideas how best to develop dairying, much of value may be expected.

The Fat Stock Show of the Pacific Northwest Livestock Association at the Portland Stockyards March 20, 21 and 22 will attract a great deal of attention from cattlemen and stock raisers. Indications are that a large number of people will attend the show and special rates of one and one-third fare has been made from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Northern California for the round trip. Tickets will be on sale March 16 to 22, return limit March 20 to 24. The premium list is out and provides for the exhibition of cattle, horses sheep and hogs, with liberal prizes for

SCHOOL NOTES

The following program will be given Friday afternoon: Song, Society; Reading, Hazel Work; Piano Solo, Bessie Graham; Recitation, Ida Strong; Vocal Solo, Katie Hughes; Extemporaneous Speech, Glen Work; Piano Solo, Loraine Johnson; Reading, Cecil Beckley; Charades, Agnes Clark; Critics Report, Miss McNeil; Song Society.

Arrangements are being considered for a lyceum course of lectures the coming winter.

The Debaters are preparing their outlines and arranging their arguments for the coming debate. The question is "Resolved that the state should furnish free text books for the pupils.

The Junior and Senior classes of the M. H. S. entertained the two visiting teams, Faculty, and members of the Freshmen and Sophomore classes after the games Friday evening. The time was spent in playing games after which punch and dainty wafers were served. They all departed after a late hour, thanking the Juniors and Seniors for their pleasing entertainment.

Two very interesting basketball games were played in the Normal gymnasium, when the 8th boys played the Independence team. The score was 3 to 9 in favor of Monmouth. The game between the Corvallis High and M. H. S. girls was a good game from start to finish. The score was 8 to 8.

Notice:—Freshmen and Sophomore, beware! Thy doom is sealed. The time is at hand. Signed, X. Y. Z.

TAXES.

The tax collector is abroad in the land. It is probably not amiss to call the attention of the people to the fact that if they pay on or before the 15th of this month a rebate of 3 per cent will be given them. Also remember that on the 1st Monday in April your taxes become delinquent. The books for this precinct are open at the Polk county Bank.

At this season of the year, before the warm weather sets in, is the best time to make a clean-up of the town. Let every citizen suggest to himself, it is high time for me to look after my own back yard. If this rule is followed out all will be well in our city.

winning stock. There is no admission fee whatever, nor is there an entry charge for animals exhibited.

Believing that Central Oregon offers unusual inducements to the hog raiser, the traffic department of the Harriman lines will make special efforts to aid the farmers in that region in the development of the industry. Special literature on the subject will be issued and distributed to interest the men on the soil in the production of more hogs. The book has been compiled by D. O. Lively, manager of the Portland Union Stockyards and a practical livestock man. It will be distributed widely throughout the state and particularly in the interior.

INDEPENDENCE NEWS BUDGET

Roy Whiteaker and bride are in the city visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Whitney and son visited in McMinnville Sunday.

John Robbins is putting up a new windmill tower on his place north of Independence.

Mrs. E. E. Tripp has been quite ill for some time at her home in this city.

Dane Purvine is erecting a fine new bungalow on his property in South Independence.

Miss Edith Wolverton of Monmouth visited in Independence last Thursday evening.

Claire Irvine has purchased a new automobile of R. M. Wade & Co.

Chas. Huntley of Talmage has been appointed deputy assessor for this district.

Glen O. Graves of Portland has been doing business in this city the past few days.

J. M. Stark of Eugene is visiting with Dr. Allin of this place this week.

J. W. Richardson Jr. was helping John Robins with some carpenter work this week.

Mrs. D. B. Boydston, Miss Boydston and Freida Campbell went to Salem Tuesday.

George Rose, the hop man, arrived in town Tuesday by auto stage from Salem.

E. L. Townsend and family have moved into the cottage recently occupied by Carl Percival and wife.

Carl Percival and wife have moved out onto their ranch near Krebs' hop yard south of town.

Miss Lora Craven of Monmouth delighted the audience with beautiful solo at the Star Theatre last Thursday evening.

Mr. Lance and son proceeded to Dallas Monday with their demonstrations of their new automatic railroad switch.

Cyrus Purvine and Garfield Byers left for Springfield Sunday where they will work at their trade of carpentering for awhile.

Mrs. Claud Oviatt, who has been ill at her mother's home in Willamina, returned home last week.

Mrs. Janet Richardson, who is staying with her daughter, Mrs. O. A. Kreamer, is much improved in health and is able to visit among her friends occasionally.

The Ladies of the Presbyterian church will give a Missionary Tea at the home of Mrs. G. A. Wilcox, Friday afternoon, March 10 to which the public is cordially invited to attend with a silver offering.

The Public Library of this city gave an entertainment at the Star Theatre last Thursday night. An excellent program was rendered by some of the best talents of the city, assisted by the orchestra, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Rose L. McGrath of Portland was one of the successful candidates for election as delegate to the Denver convention to be held the first week in June, for the Royal Neighbors of

MONMOUTH ROAD MUST GIVE

BAGGAGE CHECKS

Salem, Or., March 8.—The Railroad Commission today made an order directing the officials of the Independence, Monmouth & Dallas Railway Company to discontinue taxing shippers of baggage extra money. Many complaints have been filed with the Commission by patrons of the line, alleging over-charges on trunks and other baggage and, upon investigating the charges, the Commission finds it necessary to order that baggage checks be issued and a uniform baggage tariff maintained.

Appreciation.

Inasmuch as Supt. Seymour favored Monmouth with a County Institute for the teachers of the county, on March 4th;

Inasmuch as it became necessary, by reason of precedent, for the faculty of the public and high schools to entertain these teachers, involving a heavy outlay of time and money;

Inasmuch as Supt. Seymour publicly and privately expressed his keen appreciation of the efforts put forth, pronouncing it one of the best County Institute held in the county, both in interest and in numbers;

Inasmuch as the faculty recognize that the success of this meeting is due in a large degree to the hearty co-operation and willing support of the citizens of the town and the Rebekah Lodge of the I. O. O. F.;

We, the faculty of the public and high schools, take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to the citizens and to the Rebekah Lodge for their loyal support, thus sustaining most thoroughly the past reputation of Monmouth for its unflinching hospitality.

J. B. V. Butler.
Nellie F. McNeil.
Meldora Jackson.
Cora A. Rossitter.
Elza E. Love.
Effie M. Shore.

Yamhill People Eager to Invoke Reterendum

McMinnville, Or., March 6.—Local parties started out Saturday with subscription papers to raise money to defray the expenses of invoking the referendum on the appropriations made by the last Legislature. The drastic resolutions passed at the taxpayers' meeting here a week ago are not embodied in the petitions to be circulated which will be invoked to refer the appropriation for the O. A. C. above the regular appropriation for maintenance; also the \$50,000 for a dormitory at Monmouth and for the additional Capitol building at Salem. The University of Oregon appropriation is not mentioned, since measures are already being taken to refer that appropriation elsewhere in the state.

America. The state convention was held in Salem last week. Mrs. McGrath is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Richardson Sr. of Independence.

TEACHERS MET AT MONMOUTH

The local teachers institute held at Monmouth last Saturday was a success in every way, the attendance was the best and all that any one could ask for, the work given by Prof. Livingston of Forest Grove, and President J. H. Ackerman, of the Oregon State Normal, was very instructive to the teachers and all received much good from the meeting.

The following program was carried out as it had been arranged by Supt. H. C. Seymour; Arithmetic, Pres. J. H. Ackerman; Conquering the Verb, Prof. J. W. Livingston; Class exercises by the Primary Grades, Miss Effie Shore; Building the Childs Vocabulary, Prof. J. W. Livingston; Address, Pres. J. A. Ackerman; The male quartette of the Monmouth High School gave several pleasing numbers during the general program.

Pres. J. H. Ackerman explained the new Certification Law and outlined the future work of the Oregon State Normal School.

The Ladies of the Rebekah Lodge of Monmouth served the visiting teachers with luncheon at the noon hour and it was a lunch that was enjoyed by all, the Rebekah Ladies know how to entertain.

Following program was rendered in the evening in the Normal Chapel; Vocal Solo, Mrs. Clark; Reading, Miss Parker; Instrumental Music, Miss Johnson; Vocal Duet, Miss McInturff and Miss Shore; Reading, Miss Lucas; Vocal Solo, Miss Hughes; Address, Searching for Diamonds, Prof. J. W. Livingston.

The attendance at this meeting by teachers and the people of Monmouth was good as there was a full house at the evening lecture.

The following teachers were present: Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bidgood, Miss Mattie Lee, Miss Hazel Bohannon, Mrs. Jessie Cromwell, Miss Mabel Ellis, Miss Iva Burton, J. B. Hatch, W. I. Ford; A. N. Arnold, Frank Van Camp, J. B. V. Butler, S. R. Skeele, Paul Hanson, Miss Lucy Skinnors, Miss Margaret Skinnors, Miss Maud Simon, Miss Lillian McVicker, Miss Nola Coad, Miss Vera Cosper, Mrs. Edith Plank, Miss Ethel Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dunton, Miss Anna Wood, Miss Nettie McNeil, Miss Cora Rossiter, Miss Effie Shore, Miss Elta Clark, Miss Anna McCormick, E. Mills, Miss Ruth Fugate, Miss Mae Lunch, Miss Lucy Hanley, Miss Martha Grice, Miss Osie Grice, Miss Clara Pechin, Miss Eliza Love, Miss Meldora Jackson, A. J. Shipley, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Crowley, W. E. Buell, Miss Linnie Epley, Miss June Seeley, Miss Anna Bergman, Miss Georgie Miller, W. A. Johnston, Miss Elsie Keyt, Miss Ruth Nunn, J. H. Ackerman, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Seymour.

The next meeting will be held at Dallas on April 1 and Pres. J. H. Ackerman will take up Arithmetic and Discipline, Prof. Livingston will also be present and will take up work similar to that which he has been doing in the other meetings, also will give a lecture at night.

Respectfully,
H. C. SEYMOUR, Supt.