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## REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

Portland, Or., May 16—Tom Richardson has returned from Baltimore, where he carried on a short publicity campaign and organized the commercial interests so they will boost their city. Mr. Richardson reports a great movement has been started there to induce Americans to see their own country before going to Europe. A big convention will be held there January 22-27 next to further the idea.

"Oregon should be deeply interested in this convention," says Mr. Richardson. "If Oregon could secure one per cent of the people of the congested cities of the East, who should move, it would more than double the population of the state. The old East has no patriotism. The people talk about travel in and know only Europe and other far countries, and European travel drains this country of \$400,000,000 every year. Every community in the West should strive to make this convention one of the greatest ever held. We must arrest foreign sentiment and at least make our national capital an American city."

War has been declared upon the pine beetle, that is causing ravages in the forests of Eastern Oregon. State Forester Elliott and his deputies will work in conjunction with the federal officers in the attempt to best the beetle.

Bond has started a contest between its citizens that will add to the attractiveness of that place. To the householder growing the best lawn will be paid a prize of \$50. Another award of \$25 will be paid to the one keeping the neatest and best looking back yard from this time until the distribution of the awards, which will be held in connection with the Railroad Day celebration that will mark the advent of the new lines to Bend, sometime in July.

California business men will invade Southern Oregon on a trade-getting trip, leaving San Francisco May 16. They will visit the Klamath country and other Southern Oregon sections, besides getting better acquainted with merchants of Northern California.

President Louis Hill, of the Great Northern, is anxious to have a line from Portland to the ocean at Tillamook and says as soon as financial conditions warrant, the United Railways will be extended to the Coast. He expects this will be done within the next few years and the project is foremost in the Hill plans.

A feature of the annual convention of the Pacific Northwest Music Teachers' Association, at Portland June 7-10, will be an organ recital at the White Temple on the afternoon of Thursday, June 8, by Dr. Frank Wilbur Chase, organist of the First Presbyterian Church of Seattle. Dr. Chase is recognized as among the foremost organists of the present day. This will be only one attraction for music lovers among many that have been arranged for the convention. A

manuscript concert, by Northwest composers, is another feature arranged for the following afternoon that is attracting much attention.

A prize contest for poster designs for use by the Oregon delegation at the National Educational Association convention at San Francisco is announced by the Portland Commercial Club for school children of the state. The posters will be 18x21 inches, in two colors, and one set of prizes of \$5, \$3 and \$2 will be offered for the three best designs submitted by pupils of Portland schools and similar prizes will go to pupils outside this city. The posters should be on heavy cover paper and any legend may be used to boost Oregon. Contest will close June 15.

## The Piano Contest

There has been no count made this week in the Piano Contest. The furniture and jewelry business is still in an unsettled state, so that we are unable to state definitely just what can be done, but from present conditions things look favorable and we expect to be able to make favorable announcement shortly, but think that it will be necessary to extend the time of awarding the prize a month longer on account of the changes which have taken place.

CHASE BROS.

## TO CHANGE TO NATIONAL BANK

The Polk County Bank will be converted into a national bank as soon as the necessary papers for the conversion are approved by comptroller of currency at Washington. The stockholders at a meeting held last Wednesday ratified the change, permission having been granted by the government authorities several weeks ago.

This change will not affect the ownership or management of the bank in any way, as the same directors and officers will continue the business without any interruption whatever, but the directors are making this change believing it will strengthen the institution as the government banks are conducted under stricter regulation.

When the change is completed, which will require several weeks, the name of the bank will be "The First National Bank of Monmouth."

The Polk County Bank has had a successful career of 23 years and has always been recognized as one of the strongest banks of the State, and this change will add to its already great strength and prestige.

The directors and officers are among the most careful and conservative business men, believing safety should be the first consideration in banking.

For Sale—California Medicated Soap. Excellent for all skin diseases, also for shampooing the hair. Mrs. J. W. Richardson Sr. Monmouth St., Independence, Or.

FOR SALE—A lady's violin in excellent condition. Enquire at this office.

## SCHOOL BLDG. CONTRACT LET

### Wechter & Wood of Salem the Successful Bidders

The school board of the Monmouth school district met last Monday afternoon to open bids for the purpose of letting the contracts for the new school building. There were eight bids to be considered and a glance at the several amounts asked for completing the structure, shows the competition generally speaking was close, and the school board members are congratulating themselves as to the contract they were able to secure.

Each firm submitting bids had a representative present when the bids were opened Monday afternoon. The firm to which the contract was awarded is reliable and have given bonds in the sum of \$15,000 for the faithful performance of the contract.

The bids received by the school board for the erection of the new school building, exclusive of the heating fixtures, were as follows:

Denison & McClaven	\$17,420.00
Muir & Haley	20,774.00
J. W. Knapp	18,478.00
Capital Builders	18,535.00
Welch & Wright	19,465.00
C. L. Wood	17,100.00
F. A. Erickson	19,400.00
Wechter & Woods	16,993.00

The following bids were submitted for the heating plant:

Theo. M. Barr	\$1847.00
A. L. Frazer	2100.00
Burkhart & Weaverson	1865.00
J. C. Bayer Furnice Co.	1800.00
G. W. McPherson Co.	1802.00

The contract for the erection of the building was let to Wechter & Woods, which includes furnishing all material and labor, and the building to be completed by September 25th. The base will be of cement, and the structure of best brick finished throughout with first class wood work.

The bids for the heating were held until Friday for awarding, as the specifications and requirements are technical, in order to give the architect and the board time to carefully consider the best means of heating the building.

The building will be practically a duplicate of the Garfield building in Salem, and will have wide stairways for the rapid and easy exit of the children in case of fire, and up-to-date ventilation and heating methods, so the health and safety of the occupants will be carefully guarded which every one will agree is of the first importance.

## Girls Entertain

Don't forget the Junior Girls, Entertainment in the Normal Chapel.

Saturday, May 20, 1911,

in the evening.

Miss Esther Spillman, a promising piano student of Prof. Chapman's of Forest Grove, will be present and help out in the program.

Admission: 25 cents

Dr. Allin, dentist, Cooper Building Independence Oregon. Both phones. 19-1f.

## NEWS FROM COUNTY SEAT

### Court House Notes.

#### MARRIAGE LICENSES

George C March and Blanche Chappelle.

Herman F McInturff and Florence M Gebro.

#### HOP CONTRACTS

A G Jones to Louis Lachmund & Company, 10,000 pounds at 15 1-2 cents.

CH Metoma to T Rosenwald and Company, 60,000 pounds 1911s at 20 cents.

#### PROBATE

In the estate of Mary Z Percival, deceased—report of sale of real estate heard and approved; ordered that administrator execute deed to purchaser.

In the guardianship of Ella Ruge, Lilly Ruge and Mabel Ruge, Minors—ordered that Charles S Ruge be appointed guardian, and on filing an approved bond in the sum of \$1200, letters to issue.

In the estate of Hanna Eames, deceased—report of sale of real property, heard and confirmed.

In the estate of M Z Percival, deceased—final account filed and set for hearing June 24 at 10 p m.

In the guardianship of Ella Ruge, Lillie Ruge and Mabel Ruge, minors—guardian's bond in the sum of \$1200, with John Simon as surety thereon, approved and filed.

In the estate of Willard Cooper, deceased—inventory and appraisal filed approved.

In the estate of Joseph H Savery, deceased—Ralph Savery appointed administrator, bond in the sum of \$5100 filed and approved; letters issued; Henry Claffield, George W Starr and Jacob Buhler appointed appraisers.

#### REAL ESTATE

Charles W Matthews to Sadie Singleton, lots in Falls City, \$200.

M E Wheelock et ux to J W Beckley 58.70 acres, t 8 s, r 5 w, \$5500.

Ada M Taylor et ux to O A Wolverton, land in Monmouth, \$200.

D M Hampton et ux to O A Wolverton, land in Monmouth, \$200.

Priscilla R Craven and hus to Eda M and Levant Pease, 20 acres, t 8 s, r 4 w, \$1900.

S T Burch to Margaret A Lucas, 1.55 acres, t 7 s, r 4 w, (Rickreall) \$308.

M N Bowman et ux to Monmouth Orchard Company, 102 acres, t 9 s, r 5 w, \$100.

Lelia Baker and hus to M M Myers, part lot in Monmouth, \$750.

John Wacheno et ux to Paul Fundman and Joel Flanery, 60 acres, t 6 s, r 7 w, \$2900.

E F Brown et ux to James T Huntley et ux, 13.42 acres, t 7 s, r 4 w, \$10.

Capitol Trust Company, of Portland to C T Hoover, lot in Kingwood Park, \$350.

C G Andrews et ux to Agnes C Headline, 262 acres, t 6 s, r 6 w, \$10.

S B Taylor et ux to Ida M Ullrey, land in Dallas, \$675.

Andrew P Siefarth et ux to Chas E Blodgette, lot in Dallas,

## SCHOOL NOTES

The Loving cup, a gift from the athletic association of the M. H. S. to Mr. Craven, will be presented on Friday afternoon. This cup is a slight testimonial of the high appreciation the Student Body feel towards Mr. Craven as a coach during the past winter. The presentation will be made by L. H. Lindsay. Any one who is interested will be gladly welcomed at the meeting of the societies at 2:15 p. m.

The contract for building the new public and high school building was awarded to Wechter and Wood of Salem. The contract as given to these men does not include the heating of the building. This will be awarded later. The specification applies that the building shall be completed for the opening of school in September.

Interest is manifested in the school picnic at Rickreall on June 3rd. The 8th grade class expect to attend and music will also be furnished by the ladies quartette of the high school.

Active preparations are being made to produce the play on the evening of June 2nd. A full cast of characters has been selected and rehearsing has begun. The play promises to be of unusual interest and since it is given as a benefit to the Student Body Association it is hoped the public will encourage the students by their presence.

A jolly crowd of Monmouth students attended the vaudeville at Dallas on Monday evening. They report a pleasant trip.

Some twenty odd took the eighth grade state examination in one of the Normal rooms last Thursday and Friday under the superintendence of Misses Jackson and Dora Murdock. From general character of the questions submitted, the students feel very hopeful of successfully passing the examination. It is fair to say however that some of the students were lagging under an attack of chicken pox at the same time.

### To Kill Prune and Hop Pests

Corvallis, Ore., May 13—Diseases and Insects which destroy the prune and hop crop are to be made the subject of a big investigation by the experts at the Oregon Agricultural College. The work began this week when Prof. H. N. Jackson and H. F. Wilson went to Salem to investigate the prune pests of the districts, and found two insects doing much harm to young grafts. May 19 they go to Independence to begin the work on hop crop pests.

The Salem fruit union has done much to facilitate the investigations, having made an addition to its building to provide headquarters for the experts while they are at work there.

Samuel Skersies and Henrietta Skersies to Otto Skersies, land in t 6 s, r 6 w, \$1.

Otto Skersies to Samuel Skersies, same.

T B Williams et ux to John W McBee, 240 acres, t 10 s, r 5 w, \$1000.