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REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

Portland, Or., June 20—Good roads throughout Oregon is a subject that will in future receive a great deal of attention from the Oregon Development League. Besides having a good roads day at the Astoria convention, August 14, 15 and 16, the League will take up highway betterment actively and the offices of secretary Chapman of the League will be headquarters for the good roads movement.

Through its ramifications throughout the state, the League will learn public sentiment on the subject of good roads and strive to aid the various sections. Secretary Chapman of the League believes the subject touches very closely the welfare of the farmer. He hopes to bring together the various interests so they will work in harmony. First, he will learn the wishes of the people in the matter and do nothing not thoroughly representative of public opinion throughout the state.

The railroads, state agricultural college and the business interests of Portland are united on a plan to aid Morrow, Sherman and Gilliam counties in agricultural advancement. A demonstration train will be operated next Fall through that section and experts from the state college will explain the possibilities of diversified farming and stock raising in order to build up the soil, although there is no intention to do away with wheat as the principal crop. It is believed, however, that improved methods will conserve moisture in the soil and by growing other things than the single grain, as at present, two crops can be had in three years instead of two in four years as at present. Seed will be distributed from the train and prizes offered for the best results obtained by farmers.

There will be a large representation from the various Central Oregon commercial clubs at the convention in Prineville, June 30 to July 1, when the Central Oregon Development League will be formed. There is keen interest throughout that section and much is hoped from the projected organization, which will take up the problems that confront Central Oregon, a new country, yet in the making. It is considered important that right steps be taken and the new league will be of great benefit along these lines.

Salem's annual cherry fair has been set on July 6, 7 and 8, and promises to be bigger and better than ever. Portland people are taking much interest in the event and a special excursion will be run from this city, taking prominent businessmen to the fair. Big parades will be features of the event.

Lake County will work as a whole in future for development. The former Lakeview Board of trade has been dissolved and the Lake County Development League has taken its place. Thoroughly aroused to the benefits of united work, Lake County people may reasonably hope for results from the new organiza-

tion.

Ashland will hold its annual Chautauqua Assembly July 6-18. The talent offered this year is of a high order and the forthcoming session will attract people from all parts of Southern Oregon.

Portland was visited by an Eastern flax expert the past week, who expressed surprise that more attention is not paid to this crop in Oregon. He praised the quality of the flax he found here as being superior to that found elsewhere, either in this country or abroad and hopes to see the day when a great linen industry will be built up and farmers generally throughout Western Oregon will grow flax with profit.

Five Weeks More

The Contest Soon Ends— Work While You Can

All things are ready and now is the time to make votes. If you do not get the prize you can at least let your opponent know you have been in the race and a \$400 piano is worth working for.

A purchase of a dollar's worth of jewelry at Perkins Pharmacy will give 1000 votes, and—well—if you purchase ten or more dollar's worth, see—Get your friends to help you.

We sell the jewelry and give the piano away.

PERKINS PHARMACY.

Regents Met Today.

As we go to press (Thursday afternoon) the Board of Regents of the State Normal School have assembled, in Monmouth, in annual meeting to transact such business as may come before the board.

At this meeting the faculty for the Normal School will be selected, but what other action may be taken we are not advised.

Notice To Students.

Students who have left books at the Normal School Building are requested to call for the same in the reading room, first floor; and it is also requested that all books belonging to School District or the Normal that are now in the homes of the students be returned at once as we are exceedingly anxious to get our book lists checked up at once.

J. H. ACKERMAN,

President.

For Sale—20 Acre Tract, Piano And Organ

I have a twenty acre tract lying in Strong's Fruit Farm which I desire to sell, also a piano and an organ. Will take a good span of horses and one or two cows in trade if cows are good.

W. W. DAVIS, Monmouth.

\$10 REWARD OFFERED

I will pay \$10.00 reward for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the sneak thief who invaded my premises on Saturday night, June 10th, and took six hens from the roosts of my hen house.

O. C. ZOOK,
Monmouth, Oregon.

THRILLING RIDE WITH CONVICT

Over Hill and Dale, Across Rivers, etc., with Gun Pressed to Side

Our efficient rural mail carrier, A. F. Huber, came in for quite an experience Wednesday, as driver for an escaped convict. Fred has a 25 mile drive each day, but yesterday it was lengthened to 70 miles.

On returning from his route, about three miles out of town a stranger insisted very forcefully that he be hauled into town and would not be put off, so he rode until the post office was reached where he got out. He then went to the depot for a railroad map and then started North through the city.

Postmaster Wolverton had received word from Corvallis that a citizen had been held up at that place the preceding night, and to look out for the party, a description of whom tallied with the party who had insisted on being brought into town.

It was soon determined that this party was the person wanted and Postmaster Wolverton, Marshal Nott and A. F. Huber started after him the three going in Mr. Huber's buggy.

The stranger was passed a mile north of town and after passing him Marshal Nott got out of the rig and the marshal went back to meet him, but on meeting the suspect was confronted with a gun and ordered to hike for town, and as the marshal was unarmed there was nothing else to do.

The stranger then got into the rig and told Mr. Huber to drive on and during the whole ride he kept his gun on the driver. They traveled westward and about three miles out he searched Huber for a gun but found none, whereupon he remarked that Mr. Huber had told him the truth. He did not take his money. He then asked for the location of the sheriff and on being told, said they wanted to keep clear of Dallas and Falls City. They passed the Antioch school house, then drove to Gardner's place on the Luckiamute, then on to the top of McTimmond's Ridge where he held up George T. Boothby taking his watch and chain and \$20 in cash, besides a white handkerchief and a small piece of tobacco, after which he told Mr. Boothby to go on over the hill. They then drove down the valley to the Big Luckiamute and stopped at the Pedee store, where the convict bought 25 cents worth of cheese and the same amount of crackers. He tried to buy shells there but they did not have them. They then went on to the Kings Valley store, arriving there at 8 p. m., where he purchased cartridges and a can of Boston baked beans.

From thence they crossed the Big Luckiamute going over the steep bank and swimming the team. This was done to head off and retard any posses that might be in the rear.

On passing a third store three men with rifles were observed and the convict made Fred, his

coachman, drive in a gallop for a mile as he thought these men were after him, which they were, as they followed to Wren station on the C. & E. railroad, but could not shoot on account of Fred.

He passed several parties whom he threatened to kill providing they should slack up as they were passing; one, a boy, did slack his speed but was let off on account of his youth. On passing persons the convict frequently changed hats with Fred and some times caused the latter to pull his hat down low to avoid recognition.

At Wren a posse was in hiding and halted them, whereupon the convict dropped down in the buggy and ordered Fred to drive on, which was done in a run, the posse in hot pursuit. About three quarters of a mile further the convict told Mr. Huber to drive on and not to stop when he left the rig and after shaking hands he dropped out and took cover in a grain field.

The posse kept firing at Fred who drove on for a short distance the shots whistling by him. The posse then called for him to stop which he did. The Benton county sheriff and the depot agent from Corvallis came within a fraction of shooting Mr. Huber whom they mistook for the convict.

The convict left the buggy about 9:20 p. m., after which Mr. Huber returned to Wren where he staid over night, leaving there at 8 o'clock yesterday and arriving home at 2 p. m.

The party is said to be one of the trustees who escaped from Salem; he gave Mr. Huber a large pocket knife as a souvenir, but told him not to display it too much as it was stolen property. He further stated that he had a rifle and ammunition cached in a house near Wren, that his people live in Waldport, and that he was trying to reach Portland as he had friends there.

Between 1 and 2 o'clock yesterday morning he went to a sawmill some three and a half miles southwest of Wren at which place he has credit for having stolen flour and bacon to supply his present requirements.

Later news from the scene of activity is to the effect that the sheriff of Benton county had got sight of the convict in a canyon near Mary's Peak and shot him in the back with a gun loaded with buckshot which the convict carried off with him.

Mr. Huber started from here about 5 o'clock in the evening and drove some 45 miles before he got free from his unwelcome companion whose age is given at about 31 years.

News arrived through the chief of police, of Corvallis, that the convict was caught near Blodgett at 6 o'clock last night.

NEWS FROM COUNTY SEAT

Court House Notes.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Delbert F. Plaster, of Dallas, and Jennie F. Plessinger.
Eugene E. Johnston, of Dallas, and Golda V. Rhodes.

Henry N. Dickinson, of Independence, and Olive Williams.

PROBATE

In the estate of Margaret D. Campbell, deceased—Norah F. Gregg, Orval E. Focht and Geo. H. Ball appointed appraisers.

FARM NAMES REGISTERED.

Cedar Lawn—J. J. Leveck, Monmouth.

Oak Park—Andrew Campbell, Amity.

Glenwood—I. M. Robertson, Rickreall.

Roanoke Farm—Hugh Hayes, Dallas.

Lynhurst Home—Fred Loy, Independence.

Shadeland Nos. 2, 3 and 4—C. D. Nairn, Amity.

REAL ESTATE

E. W. Strong et ux to William Palmer, 200 acres, t 7 s, r 4 and 5 w, \$10.

Alice Courter and hus to B. F. Beezley, land in Falls City, \$100.

Fred M. McHenry to B. W. Holman, lot in Independence, \$10.

Frank Church and wife to Marvell E. Spencer, lot in Falls City, \$50.

Chas. R. Bennett et ux to Christine Bennett, land in Dallas, \$1250.

Capital Trust Company to Catherine E. Browning, lots in Kingswood Park \$700.

Charles E. and William M. Roberts to Joseph A. Montgomery land in Independence, \$10.

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Joseph A. Montgomery et ux to W. M. and C. E. Roberts, 156 1-2 acres, t 6 s, r 3 and 4 w, \$10.

Francis Zuber et ux to C. A. Rehmel, 9.35 acres, t 8 s, r 6 w, \$10.

School District No. 40 to J. D. Walling, land in Lincoln, \$220.

Cora Walling and hus to School District No. 40, 1 acre t 6 s, r 3 w, 400.

Hartley & Craig to Thomas F. Naylor et al, lots in Hartley & Craig Fruit Tract, \$2250.

Harry Hibbard to George F. Vick and A. F. Courter, 167 acres t 9 s, r 5 w, \$10.

Solomon K. Crowley et ux to Frederick S. Crowley, 34.07 acres t 7 s, r 4 w, \$10.

J. M. Card et ux to R. H. Thompson, Jr., 10 acres, t 8 s, r 6 w, \$10.

J. A. Lawrenson et ux to Chas. R. Bennett, land in Dallas.

E. W. Staats et ux to William Boyer et ux, 140 acres, t 9 s, r 5 w, \$10.

A. F. Courter et al to T. D. Hallowell et ux, lots in Falls City, \$1.00.

Mary E. Muir et al to David C. Hiestand, six-sevenths interest in 228.03 acres, t 8 s, r 6 w, \$3600.

Frederick Gerlinger et ux to John C. Shultz, land in Dallas, \$10.

Homer Holman et ux to Ray Slater, 285.58 acres, t 7 s, r 6 w, \$7000.

J. M. Dickey et ux to C. D. Blanchard, 44 acres, t 6 s, r 6 w, \$2200.

Alice and J. S. Courter to D. F. Courter land in Falls City, \$10.

Nancy Newby to D. S. Bentley, 20 acres, t 6 s, r 8 w, \$100.

Joseph Cockerham et ux to W. M. Jones, 40 acres, t 6 s, r 8 w, \$10.

David Martin et ux to same, 430 acres, t 6 s, r 8 w, \$10.