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REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

Portland, Or., Oct. 3—A big project is that just launched by the Deschutes Rimrock Power Company, which plans expenditure of \$9,000,000 in developing electric energy on the Lower Deschutes and operating pumping plants with it to let water into the semi-arid lands lying near the Columbia River. This concern, capitalized for \$1,000,000, has interested English capitalists in the plan and British money will be available within 90 days to start the work. It is expected to be irrigating 15,000 acres within 18 months and more land will probably be added later.

This is thought to be the biggest investment of foreign capital ever made in the Pacific Northwest, exclusive of the trans-continental railroads. It is also the greatest individual power project in the Pacific Northwest. But it is nevertheless essentially an irrigation scheme, which can be carried out only by pumping water from one river onto thirsty lands through the power furnished by the swiftly flowing waters of another stream. The company just formed will harness the Deschutes near its mouth and the project contemplates the development of a maximum of 140,000 horsepower.

The first knock is yet to be heard on the Pendleton Roundup. For an affair that attracted the wide attention, this unique celebration enjoyed, this is indeed an enviable record. The Northwest press gave wide publicity to the Roundup and in not a single instance so far found after careful search, has there been an adverse criticism of either the amusement features, the event as a whole, or the treatment of visitors by Pendleton people.

The Rogue River Industrial Fair that has been attracting attention during the past week at Medford, will develop into a pear show of national importance. At least, that is the plan now being developed and there is little doubt that it will succeed. Next year it is planned to have a competition between all pear districts of this coast and finally enlarge the annual event until it includes exhibits from all over the country.

Hood River's annual apple fair, an event of wide interest, will be held this year on October 9, 10 and 11. The management of the show is now erecting a suitable building to house the exhibits. They are always exceedingly attractive and worth going a long way to see.

The State Land board will probably try to secure title within a short time to Summer and Albert lakes in Southern Oregon. It has been recommended that this be done because of the value of the salts in the waters of the two lakes. Reports show there are 40,000,000 tons of salt in the two bodies of water and the state may claim them from the federal government. A plant to extract the salt will then probably be built.

The Oregon State Hotel Men's

Association will meet at the Portland Commercial Club auditorium October 30 and 31, when plans will be discussed for increasing tourist travel to Oregon. Hotel and railroad men from all over the Northwest will attend and the commercial bodies will be asked for suggestions.

Use Road Drag Now.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore., Sep. 29—"Use the road drag now," says Prof. E. F. Ayers, highway constructor expert of the Oregon Agricultural College. "These heavy rains, thoroughly wetting down the roads, have made ideal conditions for the use of the drag before the heavy winter begins. All pot-holes, mud-holes, and other irregularities can be leveled and the surface of the roads put into first class condition by using the drag two or three times before the roads get too soft.

"The use of the drag, moreover, at this time for crowning the roads will aid drainage and keep in good condition many roads which were very poor last year. The expense of using a road drag is slight, and a much wider use of it throughout the state would be very favorable. There is no better way to keep a dirt road in good condition than dragging it frequently."

Town Council Works.

The city council met on Friday evening the 29th of September, with all members present except C. E. Herren.

Recorder Stitt reported that Sutherlin & Co., of Kansas City, Missouri, had modified their bid to \$15,000 or more according to the requirements of the city.

Acceptance of the offer was reaffirmed and contract ordered to be prepared accordingly.

The appointment of a marshal to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of C. A. Nott was considered and upon motion of A. B. Morlan, seconded by J. L. Murdock, C. P. Cornwell was elected to the position.

Adjournment was then had until Oct. 3, but the contract not being ready, neither the ordinance necessary for the issuance of the bonds, there was nothing to do at the latter meeting but to open and adjourn so far as business was concerned.

Tuesday night, October 10, is regular meeting night.

Laughter.

Here's to laughter! The sunshine of the soul, the happiness of the heart, the heaven of youth, the privilege of purity, the echo of innocence, the treasure of the humble, the wealth of the poor, the bead on the cup of pleasure. It dispels dejection, banishes blues and mangles melancholy, for it's the foe of woe, the destroyer of depression, the enemy of grief; it is why kings envy peasants, plutocrats the poor, the guilty the innocent; it is the sheen on the silver of smiles, the ripple on the waters of delight, the glint on the gold of gladness. Without it humor would be dumb, wit would wither, dimples would disappear and smiles would shrivel, for it's the glow of a clean conscience, the voice of a pure soul, the birth cry of mirth, the swan song of sadness. Laughter!

NEWS FROM COUNTY SEAT

Court House Notes.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

George Boyer and Nancy Rogers.

Carl Southworth, of North Yakima, Wash., and Leona Cannon.

Hugh M Walker, of Sheridan, and Velna Blair.

Charles Moyer, of Falls City, and Gertrude Cobb.

William T Cook, of McMinnville, and Laura S Bones.

John F Wright, of Falls City, and Amanda Connor.

Lowell Buell, of Falls City, and Lois L Pollock.

FARM NAMES REGISTERED.

Peach Hill Farm—C G Faqua, Monmouth.

Shadylane—B F Jones, Amity.

MINISTERIAL REGISTRATION

Fred M Waehlte, Methodist Episcopal.

PROBATE

In the estate of Samuel Stone, deceased. Final account filed and set for hearing November 4 at 1 o'clock p. m.

In the estate of Amanda DeLashmutt, deceased. Estate admitted to probate and administrator appointed; bond fixed at \$200, filed and approved. Alfred Campbell, O E Focht, and George Newbill appointed appraisers.

In the estate and guardianship of Joseph Thorp, insane. Guardian discharged, and bondsmen released and exonerated.

In the estate of P H Burt, deceased. Final account heard and approved.

In the guardianship of Joseph C Polley, an incompetent person. Ordered that citation issue to Joseph C Polley to appear Oct. 18, at 10 o'clock a. m. to show cause why a guardian should not be appointed for his person and state.

REAL ESTATE

J F Leigh et ux to I J Green, 10 acres t 10 s, r 7 w, \$10.

Kate Smith and hus to A S Guyer, land in t 9 s, r 5 w, \$800.

Roscoe Rowell et ux to Lee Rowell, land in Polk County, \$1.

Henry Grazer et ux to H Wittenberg, 122.87 acres, t 8 s, r 5 w, \$1.

H Wittenberg et ux to Fruit Land and Investment Company, same, \$1.

Charles H Vek et ux to John Brady, land in t 8 s, r 6 w, \$10.

William Addison et ux to Benton Bowers, lots in Independence \$10.

Ella V Heffley and hus to Geo. R Swearingen, 28.40 acres, t 8 s, r 5 w, \$1100.

C S White et ux to G M Stewart, 3 blks. in Ballston, \$1000.

W H McDaniel et ux to A F Toner, 21.19 acres, t 7 s, r 5 w, \$10.

Rhoda Locke and hus to C Harris, 10 acres, t 8 s, r 5 w, \$300.

Robert F Dyer et ux to H G Campbell, 10 acres, t 7 and 8, r 5 w, \$10.

Dora Walker to Winfield T Scott et al., 197 acres, \$12,805.

Alice Bell and hus to Michael Foley, half interest in land in t

8 s, r 6 w, \$10.

J J Minnich to Edwin J Minnich, 14.39 acres, t 8 s, r 5 w, \$10.

Amanda Bell Connell to J A Baxter and wife, tenth int. in 532.43 acres in t 6 s, r 5 w, \$2000.

Martha Holman and hus to G W Chapman, land in t 8 s, r 5 w, \$300.

A TRIBUTE

My neighbor called across this morning and said, "I suppose you know, Hobbs, that State Senator Hawley has moved over to take care of his mother and, it is hoped, also to fill his father's place in town, school and college interests. A good thing: We cannot afford to have a place left vacant long, which radiated such a strong, unwavering influence for all things good." That is a fine tribute. Would that I might merit as fine. But how thoughts arise: Life has always been characterized as a "flowing river," and what other simile so well expresses it? There is no ebb and no tide—just the resistless, relentless flow, out and away—out and away. Where is the fountain whence it springs—where the limitless place of its flow? Is life sempiternal, having beginning but no end? Or, perchance, is this phase of it our link in an endless chain, reaching, eternally and eternally, through all the aeons of ages and expressing itself in successive lives in endless multitudes of spheres? Or, is it, peradventure, a Training School, where are taught certain branches to be used in some mighty work-shop beyond? Or, is it, Misadventure, a Reform School to repress untoward character—growths springing in a former life? Answer, ye who can. The planets rush with breathless flight around the sun. The sun leads his mighty family in a solemn, never-ending march toward a distant center which, in turn, eternally evades collision by a stately retrogression through depths of unimagined space. What it all leads to we do not know. But a beautiful life like our brother's, helped while it lasted and will be remembered till the sun-gilded wave which bore it is submerged in the soundless Beyond. It will take a large son to "fill" the vacancy left by the going away of such a father.

JOHN HOBBS.

Thackeray's Memory.

It was not only his money that Thackeray gave to boys; he was always willing to devote his time to amusing them. He would take them to the pantomime, and he would give them a dinner first. On one occasion he took Herrman Merivale, then a lad, to dinner at the Garrick club. Years later Merivale asked the great man if he remembered having done so. "Why, of course," said Thackeray promptly; "and, what is more, I remember I gave you beefsteak and apricot omelet." The young man was delighted that his host should recollect even the details of the entertainment and expressed his satisfaction. "Yes," said Thackeray, twinkling, "I always gave boys beefsteak and apricot omelet."—Century Magazine.

NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

The members of the Normal School Faculty are in great demand for Institute work these days. In fact if the President would respond to all the calls made upon him there would be no members left at home. During the past ten days President Ackerman has attended Institutes at Roseburg, Eugene and The Dalles, Mr. Evenden at Oregon City, and Miss Shearer at The Dalles. Next week Mr. Gentle goes to Hillsboro and Mr. Evenden to McMinnville. County Superintendent Seymour has honored the Normal by extending invitations to the whole faculty practically to take work in his Institute, and up to date the following members have consented to do so: Mrs. Jacobson, with the assistance of members of her class, will give during one day practical demonstrations of her work in library methods, and Mr. Evenden, Mr. Gentle, Mr. Butler, Mr. Beaumont, Mr. Ackerman and the Misses Parrott, Brenton, Shearer, Grace and Louise Davis are to give talks in the several departments of the Institute along the lines of work pertaining to their several departments.

New students are arriving daily, and the Registrar reports that the correspondence shows as much interest in the school as it did before school opened. Quite a number of students have signified their intention to take up work in the middle of the year. The desks for the Art department arrived last week, and have nearly all been put in place.

An invitation was extended by Regents Marvin and Hofer to the faculty to visit Salem as their guests last Saturday. The faculty accepted the invitation, and every member but one was able to go. The day was most enjoyably spent in getting acquainted with the several departments of the State house. Col. Hofer, through the courtesy of the Salem Board of Trade, furnished automobiles for the party, by means of which they were enabled to secure an extensive view of the city and its surroundings. At 12:30 Miss Marvin served luncheon at her residence. One and all voted the day one of the most enjoyable they have ever spent, and heartily thank Miss Marvin and Mr. Hofer and the Board of Trade for the magnificent reception accorded them.

Rev. W. A. Gueffroy attended chapel exercises last Monday and gave an interesting and instructive talk. President Ackerman wishes to announce to the people of Monmouth that Normal daily chapel exercises are held at 9:40, and he would be very glad indeed to have the people of the town drop in from time to time at such exercises. There is chorus practice nearly every day and the singing and other exercises will certainly be enjoyable.

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