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REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

Rural Conference Next Fall Will Help the Farmer

BIG FLAX CROP IN OREGON THIS YEAR

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PORTLAND, ORE., Aug. 6.—A rural conference that will deal with all phases of farm life will be held at the Oregon Agricultural College this fall. Dates have not been set yet, due to desire to avoid possible conflicts with other state gatherings.

The farm home will be studied at the coming conference. It is expected to have excursions run from various parts of the state, bringing representative farmers in large numbers. Experts on rural problems will talk and teachers and clergymen will give suggestions as to how country life may be made more pleasant and profitable.

The gathering is being arranged by Prof. Ralph D. Hetzel, director of extension at the college, and he hopes to make it comprehensive in scope and expects the results will be helpful.

Oregon has contributed the tallest flag pole in the world to the Panama-Pacific Exposition. The stick measures 225 feet in height and was sent to the Astoria Centennial last summer. The pole was stowed in a log raft and taken to San Francisco. Portland people have promised a flag, 50x100 feet in size, to fly from this big staff.

Picking of the Rogue River Valley fruit crop is now under way and it is the biggest in the history of this famous section. It is estimated there will be from 125 to 150 cars of pears shipped this season and from 500 to 600 cars of apples, all of fine quality.

Investigations without end have been directed at rural life and the end is not yet, but now comes the Government with its announced intention of muck-raking the cities, and they need it more than the country ever did. A survey is to be made of urban life with a view to solving some of the problems that are found in every municipality. A government official who passed through Portland the past week told of the plan and says a great municipal exhibit will probably be gathered for the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

A small forest of fruit trees has been donated by members of the Nurserymen's Association of the Pacific Coast as special prizes to be given at the Pacific Northwest Land Products show. The trees will be kept in good condition by the nurserymen and delivered upon the order of the management of the land show at planting time next spring.

Flax will make quite a showing this year in Oregon, according to reports from those sections where the crop has been planted. Plantings made in the Willamette Valley last spring are looking exceptionally well and experts

say it is as good flax as is usually seen. It is believed there is a great future in the Pacific Northwest for the flax industry. About 5,000 acres have been planted to this crop this year.

Lightning Hits Phone.

During a thunder storm early Wednesday morning lightning struck the telephone wire leading into the office of the Dallas Water company and the Soehren Warehouse company and raised havoc with the instrument and forced outward a side of wooden wall to which the telephone was attached. The fluid first struck an insulator carrying the wire, which was attached to a barn on Ash street, and melted the glass. A long section of the covered wire from this insulator leading to the phone was melted and would crumble up like so much rope. The bolt burned out the phone and shattered a hole in the side of the building. It is considered remarkable that the building was not ignited.

Thunder storms are unusual in this vicinity, or were until the present summer, when several of them have visited this section. Wednesday morning's disturbance was the most severe of any yet experienced, and the report of the bolt which shattered the Soehren telephone startled many people.—Dallas Observer.

Children's Night

To-morrow night at the

Star Theater

All children under 12 years of age will be admitted free if accompanied by their parents.

Admission, for adults 10 cts.

City Council In Session.

The city council met Tuesday evening at the regular place of meeting when actions as follows was had, the full board being present except E. H. Lorence:

Claims examined were those of Graham & Son for hauling and freight advanced aggregating \$30.24, and the engineers estimate of the amount due contractor Keating. The former was ordered paid and the latter left in the hands of the auditing committee to be checked up at the next session of the council.

A resolution was then passed ordering the city recorder to advertise proposed improvement of certain properties on Main and Jackson streets by building concrete side walks.

On Main street, north side, along the properties of M. Sacre and wife and Julia Sawyer; south side, along the property of Paul Riley, also along the property of the Southern Pacific Co. west from Warren street.

On Jackson street, south side, along the properties of Opal Hall, Maggie and Allie Butler and Mary Halvorsen; on the north side, along the P. H. Burt property.

The council then passed a resolution ordering in the improvements proposed two weeks before and heretofore advertised.

An order was made for 6-inch tiling for Main and Jackson streets the order covering about thirty feet.

Adjournment was then had. Council meets in regular session next Tuesday evening.

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

The friends of Normal education, throughout the state, feel very grateful to the Secretary of State, Ben W. Oleott, for making it possible to secure a dormitory without further litigation. At a meeting of the Executive Committee held at Salem last Tuesday, it was decided to proceed at once to complete the plans and let the contract for said building and the architect was instructed accordingly. It is hoped to have it completed by February 1, 1913. President Ackerman wishes to say that no one should have any fears that the erection of the dormitory will in any way interfere with the renting of rooms or supplying meals as the dormitory can at its best take care of but a small portion of the student body. Then, again, the fact that there is a dormitory connected with the school will draw enough more students to make up the difference; hence, no one should stop any plans that have been made, as we shall use every available room just as soon as the school opens in September.

Miss Myra H. Butler has been elected as Head of the Domestic Science and Art Department and has already taken up the work of getting the Department in shape for the opening of the fall semester. Miss Butler is a graduate of Columbia University, New York, and for the last eight years was at the Head of the Domestic Science and Art Department of the Cheney Washington State Normal School. The Normal is to be congratulated on being able to secure her. The old Sloyd building is to be remodeled for the use of the new department.

The President would again call attention to the desirability of listing all rooms with him, as he wishes to make a list of boarding places to send to prospective students, and therefore does not wish to miss any. The lists should be sent in at once.

An Enterprising Man.

Polk county has within its borders a most enterprising young man. He is Mr. Lee Perin, of Falls City. Mr. Perin, though totally blind, supports himself by making hammocks and tuning pianos.

Besides supporting himself he has managed to save enough money to buy a lot and build a house. Here he keeps house for himself. Mr. Perin says he thinks he is about as good a cook as most bachelors. "Of course," he remarked, "I don't manufacture angel food and such things but I get along quite nicely with the necessities."

Mr. Perin is fine appearing. He is tall and manly in his bearing and has a very pleasing personality.

A sample of the hammocks which he makes is on display at Daniel's store, where orders will be received from those who wish to help this remarkable young man in the undertaking of self support.

Third Party Nominates

News from the Progressive convention at Chicago gives out the information that T. R. Roosevelt is nominated for president and that Governor Johnson, of California, has been chosen as his running mate.

Womans Suffrage Amendment League Organized.

A large Womans Suffrage Amendment League has been organized here in order to carry on the campaign for the adoption of Amendment No. 1, giving Oregon women the franchise.

This league is composed of the most influential people of the town.

The officers of the league are: President, Mrs. Verona Daniel; vice president, W. E. Smith; 2nd vice president, Dr. Laura Colby Price; secretary, Mrs. P. H. Johnson; advisory council, Mrs. J. H. Ackerman, Rev. W. A. Wood, Mrs. Myrtle Davidson, H. S. Portwood and T. M. French.

Mrs. Colby's lecture at the Christian church, Wednesday evening, on "Why Oregon Women Should Vote," was much appreciated.

At the close of the lecture Mrs. Winnie Hull Springer, whose mother and grand-mother were among those who came to Oregon with ox teams in 1852, recited a few lines of her own composition, which follows:

BALLOTS FOR WOMEN.

BY WINNIE HULL SPRINGER, PHILOMATH, OREGON.

(Addressed to the Men of Oregon.)

Behind the plodding oxen,
Years ago our mothers came,
To found here a sovereign state,
And here our home remains.
Patriotism to our hearts is kindred,
To public spirit our hearts beat true;
Then why should not the ballot
Be for us as well as you?

Hurrah, hurrah for Oregon,
Hurrah for its manhood true!
Hurrah, hurrah for the ballot,
For us as well as you.
Hurrah, hurrah for Oregon,
Make us its citizens true,
Hurrah, hurrah for the ballot,
For us as well as you.

We love our state of Oregon,
Best state of all the west,
Love its mountains, groves and plains,
Our native state so blest.
And our own dear native soil we tread,
We are its daughters loyal and true,
Then why should not the ballot
Be for us as well as you?

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Mr. and Mrs. Springer are graduates of the Monmouth Normal, being members of the June class of 1905.

Thieves Steal Horses.

Some time during Saturday night a team of horses belonging to C. H. Farmer, who lives near Rickreall, were taken from the barn lot at his place. It is believed that the culprit escaped to the north with the animals, and the sheriff's office is now working on the case. The description of the animals is as follows: One a dark bay or brown gelding, seven years old, weight about 1000, wire cut on back of left front foot, outside part of hoof shows

NORMAL WILL GET ITS COIN

Secretary Olcott Will Turn Money Over to Regents

IGNORES ATTORNEY GENERALS ADVICE

Believed Attorney Gave Opinion to Cover His Failure to Appeal Case.

SALEM, ORE., August 5.—The pins slid from under Attorney General Crawford's contention that the circuit court's injunction against Secretary of State Olcott in the Monmouth Normal \$50,000 appropriation referendum case was void, when Olcott announced he would disregard Mr. Crawford's advice and pay the money over to the Normal.

A conference was held yesterday among Olcott and Assistant Attorney General Van Winkle and other attorneys and Olcott was advised, regardless of the opinion of Attorney General Crawford, that he would not have a peg to stand on if the case went into court on its merits.

"As my chief has given an opinion that the court's decree is void and has advised you to proceed to put the referendum on the ballot, I am not authorized to give an opinion to the contrary," said Assistant Attorney General Van Winkle, "but I can say this: If the case gets into court on its merits, in my opinion, you will lose. By evidence of the state's attorneys and the supreme court's opinion declaring the work of seven fraudulent circulators all fraud, it is shown that the Normal referendum petition does not have nearly enough legal names to place it on the ballot."

It was pointed out that Crawford had "stubbed his toe" by failing to take an appeal in the case and was now trying to "bluff the thing through" by contending that the injunction decree of the circuit court was void on the ground that suit was improperly brought.

"All along I have been convinced that it would have been morally right for me to turn the money over to the Normal," said Olcott, "as at best we would be fighting the case on the merest technicality. But now I think that legally the Normal is entitled to the money. All of us have to admit there are not enough names on the referendum petition to make it legal."

"As a member of the board of regents I am conversant with the Normal's urgent need of the appropriation and think it is morally and legally entitled to it."

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a split, small white spot in forehead. The other is a light sorrel gelding, four years old, weight 1050, small sore on head at root of left ear, small knot on left leg below knee.