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REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

Government Will Aid State in Survey of Deschutes Valley

OREGON ALMANAC TO BE OUT THIS WEEK

Supt. Alderman Starts Lecture Course Designed to Reach Every Oregon School.

PORTLAND, ORE., Dec. 10.—Secretary Fisher, of the Interior Department, has taken up the proposition made to him to work with this state in making a complete survey of the Deschutes Valley to determine both its irrigation and water power possibilities. He states the Government will do its share of this work.

The importance of the undertaking may be understood from a statement made by a local official of the Reclamation Service, who said: "There are 500,000 acres of public lands in the Deschutes Valley that could be irrigated and more than 1,000,000 horse-power running to waste down the river."

A school lecture course has been started by Superintendent Alderman that is designed to reach every school in Oregon. More than 100 speakers have already been enlisted. These men are prominent in various lines and it is thought the plan will arouse greater interest in the schools on the part of parents and will help along the movement to make schoolhouses social centers.

Harriman railroad directors have authorized the expenditure of \$3,000,000 for improvements to the O.-W. R. & N. line between Portland and Spokane. These betterments will be made during the coming year.

This is a time of poultry shows. Albany and Astoria have just held very successful exhibits of aristocratic feathered fowl and Portland is next. Orenco people, believing that chicken raising is a means of grace, held their first show last Friday, in the basement of a church.

Oregon's apple crop this year is worth \$7,000,000, according to the estimate of W. K. Newell, chairman of the State Board of Horticulture. He says the production of apples has about doubled in this state in two years.

Louis Sivers, who has an onion farm in the Rogue River Valley, grew onions this year ranging from one to three pounds each in weight. He had less than one acre in onions this year but produced almost 90,000 pounds, selling the crop at 2 cents per pound. This makes the income from this small tract at least \$1,600.

The Oregon Almanac, the booklet being published by the State Immigration Commission, will be out this week and will be distributed widely. It contains accurate statistics and reading matter about Oregon's resources and products. Indeed, never before has there been such an exhaustive report on what this state has to offer to the settler. An edition of 200,000 will be printed.

An excursion party from Portland, where it was organized by the Commercial Club and other civic bodies, went to Lewiston early this week to attend the annual stock show. Portland people show their interest in the interior country and its development upon every possible occasion.

A Paying Proposition.

One of the industries that means much to Monmouth and vicinity is the creamery. Day in and day out, the year around, this institution runs, six days in a week, its output always marketable at a good round price, while dairymen get the top price for their butter-fat, so that this institution distributes its blessings around, giving to the consumer a first-class, palatable article, while those who patronize the plant get the best price for what they have to sell. Last month the output was 17,569 pounds, and as R. Anderson, the butter maker, is a prize winner in his trade, a first-class article was produced.

RAILROAD COMMISSION HERE.

An important hearing was held here Tuesday before the State Railroad Commission to adjudicate the grievances of this community on the complaint filed by the Commercial Club against the Southern Pacific and Independence & Monmouth Railways. The citizens were represented by a committee consisting of Dr. F. R. Bowersox, J. L. Murdock and P. H. Johnson and the railroads by Attorney Dey, Superintendent Fields and General Passenger Agent Scott for the Southern Pacific and H. Hirschberg for the Independence road. The complaint alleged tickets were refused passengers from points except Union depot in Portland and these did not provide for baggage further than Dallas or Independence; that the depot in Monmouth is unsanitary and there are no adequate accommodations for handling livestock and freight.

In support of their contention witnesses were introduced in each complaint proving the lack of proper ticket and baggage accommodation by students of the Normal School and others, and from stock shippers, merchants and business men showing the loss of livestock and merchandise shipped in and out of Monmouth.

The railroads made no defense to the charge on the ticket and baggage matter, but Messrs. Fields and Scotts offered profuse apology, saying such tickets should not have been sold, throwing all the blame on their local agents, and promised to remedy the freight facilities so as to grant the relief asked.

The Commercial Club and other parties interested are jubilant over the hearing as they scored heavily with their evidence, and expect good results. The railroad officials wanted until July to remedy conditions but the commercial club stood to abide by the decision of the commission.

Q. A. ROCKWELL SAYS GUILTY

Arraigned Before Judge Kelly Monday Morning; Pleads Guilty to Charge.

Q. A. Rockwell, accused of defrauding a Monmouth bank, returned from Lewiston, Idaho, by Sheriff Grant, was arraigned Monday morning before Judge Kelly, was given until Tuesday morning to plead, Attorney Tooze being chosen by the court as defendant's attorney. Rockwell appeared Tuesday morning and entered a plea of guilty, and the court set time of sentence for 7:30 tonight, when plea of attorney will also be heard and sentence passed.

Rockwell is a married man, with a family of three, has no appearance of a criminal, but rather shows by his features an inclination toward a weakness of nature. It is understood that the claim for leniency will be on account of the fact that the defendant, at the time he wrote the checks upon the Monmouth bank, expected that that money had been placed there to his credit by those indebted to him.—Dallas Observer.

Later advices from the county seat states that the sentence imposed is from one to five years in the state prison.

Popular Films on Poultry Free.

The Science Department of the Oregon Normal School has been successful in securing from the Poultry Department of the Oregon Agricultural College, the poultry film gotten out by the college. The moving pictures from this film are interesting as well as instructive. Messrs. Prime & Murdock have kindly consented to run the film through their machine, free of charge, next Wednesday evening, December 18th. The public is invited to attend. There will be one show, beginning at 8:00 p. m. Admission free.

Class Meeting.

Mrs. J. M. Read, teacher of the Loyal Bereans Class, of the Christian Sunday school, entertained the class at her home on Tuesday evening, Dec. 12, 1912. The evening was very pleasantly spent and after nuts and home made candy were served, the class was called together for a short business meeting. The new officers for the following term were elected and several committees were appointed, after which the meeting was adjourned and the guests departed for home.

TO-NIGHT

at the

Star Theater

Prof. Hunt's Dog and Monkey Show

A big feature in 3 Reels of Moving Pictures,

"Love and Aviation."

10 and 20 Cents.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Contract for Pump-house Given to W. F. Scott.

The common council met Tuesday evening, all members being present, when business, as recorded below, was transacted.

CLAIMS ON GENERAL FUND	
E. M. Smith, recording papers	\$ 5.00
G. F. Shew, tiling	30.75
Oregon Power Co., light	29.70
Total	\$55.45

ON WATER WORKS FUND	
C. G. Griffa, plumbing	\$22.25
Oregon Power Co., power	16.40
Total	\$38.65

The city recorder was requested to notify the Oregon Power Co. that the lights service was not kept according to contract.

Mayor Powell reported communication from Morris Brothers stating that the bond proceedings were approved.

Bids as follows were opened and read for construction of a pump-house and foundation:

A. N. Poole, constructing both	\$362.75
O. C. Zook, same	322.50
W. F. Scott, same	310.00
S. McGee, same	350.00
A. M. Arant, same	370.00
White & Murdock, same	413.60

Ordinance No. 161, awarding \$5,000.00 worth of bonds to Morris Brothers was then read and adopted.

W. F. Scott was then awarded the contract to build the pump-house, after which adjournment was taken until December 17, at 7:30 p. m.

WEATHER FORECAST FROM O. A. C.

Prof. Powers Says December is Friend of Lighting Syndicates, January of the Fuel Trusts.

O. A. C., CORVALLIS, ORE., Dec. 7.—In his weather forecast Prof. W. L. Powers, of the Oregon Agricultural College, designates the month of December, the rainiest month of the year, as "the best friend of the lighting syndicates", and January, the coldest month, as "the great disciple of the fuel trust." The normal rainfall here in December is 6.92 inches and the mean normal temperature for January is 39.4 degrees.

During the past month there was a total precipitation of 8.9 inches, which was 2.08 above normal, bringing the excess rainfall for the autumn months up to 2.71 inches. The greatest amount which fell in any one period of 24 hours was 1.55 inches on Nov. 12. There were 18 rainy days, 22 cloudy, 4 partly cloudy and 4 clear.

The mean temperature for the month was 45.4, which was .3 degrees below normal, while the mean maximum was 53 degrees, and the mean minimum 38 degrees. The rainiest day, Nov. 12, was also the warmest, being 61 degrees; by the 29th the temperature dropped to 28 degrees.

Zook the Painter, will hang your paper for you.

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

Corner Stone of Dormitory to be Laid Friday, Dec. 20

PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR THE OCCASION

Mr. Evenden Lectured Before the Institute in Portland Thursday and Friday.

The Masonic Grand Lodge of the State of Oregon, through the Grand Master Justice George H. Burnett, will lay the corner stone of the new dormitory at the Oregon Normal School on Friday, December 20th, at one o'clock p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to the citizens of Monmouth to be present and assist in making this one of the red-letter days in the history of the Oregon Normal School. The program will be as follows: Short addresses by President Ackerman, Senator Hawley, Hon. Thos. H. Brunk, Hon. Verd E. Hill; Music; Chorus by the Assembly, Normal Hymn, assembly chorus; Pilgrim's Chorus (Tannhaeuser) assembly chorus. Under the direction of Miss Minnette E. Harlan, and Miss Blanche Fridd, accompanist. Laying of the corner stone by Grand Master Justice George H. Burnett.

One of the most pleasant social evenings of the year was had at the home of Mrs. West, on Friday evening, December 6. The occasion was in honor of Miss Isabella Ackerman. The evening was given over to social amusements and a progressive game of 500. Mrs. West was assisted by Miss Parrott and Miss West. The homelike sitting room with its spacious, cheering fireplace was aglow with warmth and good cheer and the simple but most effective decorations were exquisitely arranged. At the close of the progressive game when the prizes were awarded, greatly to her surprise, Miss Ackerman was conducted to the cozy rooms of Miss Parrott where the presents had been pleasantly arranged on a table, beautifully decorated with carnations, ferns and roses under the direction of Miss Parrott and Miss West; she evidenced her pleasure, surprise and delight as she received each gift bearing its token of best wishes. While a most dainty, appetizing spread was being served the guests were supplied with some Japanese water curios and much interest was aroused in a study of the various figures which these developed when placed in water.

Among the guests from out of town was Mrs. B. Casey, of Dallas, Miss Hellen Casey, also of Dallas, and Prof. J. R. Peck, of Corvallis.

Mr. Evenden spent Thursday and Friday in Portland where he lectured before the institute.

Now that the long evenings must be spent indoors, would it not be more pleasant if your walls were freshly papered? Neat patterns to be had at PERKINS PHARMACY.