

REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

Senate Bill 72 is Gaining Support in all Quarters

1913 ROSE FESTIVAL TO BE BIG EVENT

Suggestion Made That Oregon be Called "Valentine State" for a Nickname.

PORTLAND, ORE., Feb. 11.—As Senate Bill 72, providing for demonstration work throughout the state under the direction of the Agricultural College, is understood, it is gaining support in all quarters. It is distinctly a measure for the benefit of the man on the soil and will be of great advantage to the rural communities of Oregon.

Senator Thompson, of Crook, Klamath, and Lake counties, declares this bill is the most important piece of legislation before the present session or that can come before it. He declares that while it is of vast importance to the section of the state he represents, it is of equal benefit to all parts of Oregon.

According to the report of the Oregon Conservation Committee, this state has 545,000,000 feet of standing timber, or one-fifth that of the United States. Unused waterpower in Oregon streams is capable of producing 3,300,000 electric horsepower. 2,000,000 acres of this state can be irrigated at a cost of \$30 to \$60 per acre, making the land worth, when irrigated, from \$100 to \$500 per acre. The report outlines in a comprehensive way Oregon's dormant resources.

Because Oregon was admitted to the Union on February 14, a suggestion has been made that this be called the "Valentine State." It is claimed that this pseudonym has advantages over the misleading "Webfoot" and "Beaver" which have done duty for so many years.

Work is going forward on the new Trans-Oregon railroad being built westward from Vale by the Oregon Eastern Ry. Trains are running to a point 37 miles from Vale and grading operations will be continued throughout the winter.

Following a visit of committees from the Legislatures of Oregon and Washington and of Geological Survey officials, a recommendation has been made for the appropriation of \$150,000 from three sources to make a thorough investigation and survey of the proposed Celilo Falls water power site. Engineers in the party stated that the project is feasible and that 300,000 horsepower may be developed the year around and 236,000 additional horsepower for eight months of the year. It is said that this can be made the biggest waterpower plant in the world with the cost of generation the lowest.

Plans are now being laid to make the 1913 Rose Festival the biggest event of the year on the Pacific Coast. The Royal Rosarians, a Portland organization, have started a campaign for \$100,000 with which to give the celebration.

The five counties making up the Southeast Washington-Oregon Development League went on record, at a meeting of the organization, for a special community exhibit at the San Francisco Exposition in 1915, in addition to liberate participation by both states. The League endorsed the activity of the Columbia & Snake River Water-

way Association in its work for open river transportation, and adopted a resolution urging Congress to appropriate sufficient funds for the completion of the Celilo Canal prior to 1915.

Correction:—In a recent news letter, the demand for Oregon nursery stock was referred to and mention made of the purchase of 10,000 apple trees "from a Willamette grower." Credit for supplying this stock should have been given to McMinnville instead. The McMinnville Reporter, properly anxious that its town should get due credit, calls attention to this matter and we hasten to make correction.

With the Churches

Baptist Church.

By J. K. P. CARSON

Sunday was another good day at the Baptist church and those who did not come missed a treat of good things. The preacher's morning subject was, "The Spur to Success." What is success? To fulfil the mission that God has given us. There is a gift of God in everyone; making money may be a gift of God, but with the gift comes the responsibility to use it for His glory. God has given us Spiritual gifts for the purpose of building up His church, a strong Spiritual body. All have not the same gift; some have the gift of song, some of exhortation, some of teaching, some of using their ability in social intercourse to bring their fellows to Christ, some have the ability to attend the services of God's house, both church and Sunday school. The combined gifts of individuals are the gift of the church. All are members of one body but all members of the body cannot perform the same function; hence to have an ideal scriptural body, each member should "Stir up the gift" that is in them. The evening services were soul stirring and uplifting. One cannot get from cold type the full blessing in store. The message must be heard from the lips of the warm hearted living preacher to be appreciated. Come and hear.

In the Sunday school, Miss Davis has a live class of young lady students from the college. All young ladies and young gentlemen too, will have a cordial welcome to this class. All boys and girls, especially those who are out of Sunday school, are urged to come; classes will be found for you. Next Sunday the morning subject: "The Changeless Christ." Evening subject: "The Yearning Christ." There will be special music both morning and evening.

The attendance last Sunday at this church was only a beginning of what we expect to have during the coming days of the beautiful spring. We appreciate very much the interest on the part of the young people and the meeting of last Sunday evening was a revelation of the fact that if all lend a hand we will move along gloriously.

The County Sunday school convention in Independence on Saturday and Sunday offers our Sunday school an opportunity, of which as many as possibly can, should avail themselves. We will be represented by D. M. Hewitt, Geo. McClellan and Della Brant.

Regular services next Sunday. The morning subject will be a continuation of that of last Sunday morning and the evening subject, "The Watchman" will be the beginning of a series of sermons on "The Cry in the Night." People who are interested in "The Signs of The Times," will do well to attend the services. All are welcome.

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No. 61.	Independence to Airlie,	6:40 A. M.
No. 62.	Airlie to Independence and Salem,	8:00 A. M.
No. 65.	Dallas to Independence and Corvallis,	8:55 A. M.
No. 68.	Independence to Dallas,	11:20 A. M.
No. 69.	Dallas to Independence and Portland,	1:25 P. M.
No. 66.	Independence to Dallas,	2:15 P. M.
No. 125.	Independence to Monmouth and return to Independence and Salem,	3:55 P. M.
No. 73.	Dallas to Airlie,	3:45 P. M.
No. 72.	Airlie to Independence,	5:35 P. M.
No. 70.	Independence to Dallas,	6:40 P. M.
No. 126.	Independence to Monmouth and return to Independence,	7:25 P. M.
No. 71.	Dallas to Independence,	7:45 P. M.