

REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

Big Irrigation Work May Be Started at Once

DATES ARE FIXED FOR OREGON FAIRS

Loma Vista Homesteaders' Association Changes Name to Development Association.

PORTLAND, ORE., Feb. 18.—Work on the West Umatilla Irrigation project will, in all probability, be begun before Secretary of the Interior Fisher retires from office on March 4. Government engineers have directed preliminary work so that construction may be commenced within the next few weeks.

This project will irrigate 30,000 acres along the Columbia River in Umatilla and Morrow counties and the Government will expend \$2,500,000 on the work. From two to three years will be required to water the land in this unit. More than the required 95 per cent of privately owned land in the project has been pledged to bear the expense of development.

Oregon will, in all probability, make a strong showing at this year's dry farming congress. The Immigration Commission has taken the subject up with the railroads and plans will be made early in the year so that a complete exhibit may be prepared.

Work on the Willamette Pacific Railroad, the projected line from Eugene to Coos Bay and south along the coast, is being rushed and it is expected that trains will be running from Eugene to Mapleton next Fall. It is thought the line to the coast will be completed early next Spring. Construction work is being pushed along the Siuslaw westward.

Dates for Oregon Fairs next Fall were fixed at a recent conference of the North Pacific Fair Association. Opening days were set as follows: Oregon State Fair, September 29; Medford, September 10; Roseburg, September 15.

The Vale Chamber of Commerce is taking care of the boys of the city by allowing them the use of its handsomely appointed club rooms twice each week. This is probably the first city in the state to take the rising generation into partnership in its development work and is a move that is certain to have good results.

The Pacific Fruit Association is the latest organization formed to encourage the best methods of fruit growing, packing and marketing. The establishment of uniform grades, distribution of reliable market intelligence and affiliation with central marketing agencies are among the objects aimed at. Fruit growers of Western Oregon are interested in the association and its headquarters are at Portland.

Having succeeded in its object of settling the available land about Fort Rock, Klamath county, the Loma Vista Homesteaders' Association has changed its name to the Loma Vista Development Association. Hereafter this organization will give its attention to developing its territory. Two new members of the Oregon Development League that came in during the past week were the Agness Commercial Club and the Pleasant Valley Push Club.

GOATS FOR SALE.

I have 40 head of well bred Angora goats to sell.
4t Allen Towns, Monmouth.

With the Churches

Baptist Church.

By J. K. P. CARSON

We are glad that Brother Polard's sister, who has been very sick in Portland, was so much improved that he could leave her bed side and be with us again last Sunday. He brought two stirring messages, the morning subject being "The Changeless Christ," and in the evening, "The Yearning Christ." Man changes with environment and accommodates himself to changed conditions. We change our friendships. Old and dear friends go on before us to the other country and new friends surround us. Today we may have high hopes of earthly achievement; tomorrow those hopes may be crushed. Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever; "A friend that sticketh closer than a brother." Oh! Let us come into spiritual contact with Him; then our hope will be "Anchored to that within the veil, both sure and steadfast." He is yearning for us and "Would not that any should perish but that all should come to Him and live." Why not come to Him without delay?

We were pleased to see so many present to hear these earnest messages presented in such an attractive way. The special music was greatly enjoyed.

Sunday School next Sunday at 10:00 a. m. Preaching service at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Let every one be in their place and every one do their best.

Evangelical Church.

By W. A. GUEFFROY

The great aim of the churches in these days is that of being a success, and we call that church the most successful that has the largest membership. This is a numerical age and many and unholy are the ways that we subscribe to for the accomplishment of our aims. There is a sure way to prosperity for every church. It has never failed and never can. Watch this space next week for rules, "How to Make a Church Prosper."

There will be regular services in this church next Sunday. Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Preaching services at 11 and 7:30; young people's meeting at 6:30. The morning subject, "Faults of the Ephesian Church." Evening subject will be the second of a series of sermons on "The Cry in the Night" and will be that of the watchman's response. Subject for the young people's meeting, "Mission Work at Home and Abroad." "Medical." Miss Ayers leader.

A SHETLAND PONY FREE

The Portland Union Stock Yards Co. Donate a Pony for a Prize in Juvenile Industrial Contest.

Every school boy and girl in the state will be delighted to know that they are going to have an opportunity again this year to win a Shetland pony at the State Fair. The Portland Union Stock Yards Company are giving the pony and it will be a nice one. Nothing in all the prize list at the State Fair last year attracted anything like the attention that the Shetland ponies did.

This pony will be given to the boy or girl who makes the best exhibit of livestock at the State Fair next fall. That exhibit must consist of at least one trio or pen of chickens or ducks, two pigs and a sheep. The boys and girls who compete for the pony will have an opportunity to compete

for several other valuable prizes also. In the poultry contest there will be good prizes for the winning trio of each breed; J. M. Garrison offers \$5 cash to the boy or girl making the largest and best exhibit of poultry; the State Poultry Association gives a fine cup for the best pen of birds (one male and four females); "Poultry Life" also gives a fine cup for which they can compete; Hauser Bros. give an air gun to the child raising the most poultry by June 1st; and the Northwest Poultry Journal gives a year's subscription to every prize winner in the poultry department; the boy who fits and shows the best sheep will get a good cash prize and the one who does the best in the pig feeding contest, feeding and exhibiting two pigs and furnishing an account of same, showing cost, profit, etc., will receive a liberal prize which we will tell you all about in another story, and in the prize list which will soon be published. The total value of prizes offered the children at the state fair this year will be over \$3,000.

Now boys and girls don't you think it will pay you to try to win this pony and some of the other prizes above mentioned, all of which you can compete for while trying for the pony. Get busy with your chickens, pigs, lambs and gardens.

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Monmouth Time Table

The following is the schedule time for the arrival and departure of trains at Monmouth.

No. 64.	Independence to Dallas and Portland,	6:35 A. M.
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.