REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

Oregon Almanac is Used as a Textbook

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C. L. Smith Says Oregon Can Grow Corn, Ranking Well With Best Corn States.

PORTLAND, ORE., Feb. 25.—The Oregon Almanac, issued by the State Immigration Commission, is in demand by schools and colleges where it is used as a textbook, which is helping along the know-your-state movement. The almanac, of which an edition of 380,000 was printed, is filled with data carefully gathered and compiled and, in substance, an admirable encyclopedia on Oregon. The book is being distributed to inquirers in all parts of the country from the Portland headquarters of the Oregon Development League and copies will be sent, without charge, to any state schools desiring them for use in educational work.

During the coming year the book will be completely revised and enlarged and letters are now being sent out to county assessors in order to get accurate statistics on land classification in the various parts of the state, in order that reliable figures may be printed as to the extent of land timbered, tillable, untillable, etc.

The Ontario district hopes to make that one of the best dairy sections in Oregon. Heretofore, the chief emphasis has been placed on the possibilities of fruit growing and a big apple district has been built up. Hereafter, the chief effort will be to attract dairymen and to induce local farmers to keep herds of milk cows. Letters were sent to 50-000 dairymen throughout the country, to 2,000 agricultural college students and to 2,000 butter makers telling of the advantages offered to dairymen by Ontario and the surrounding country.

School children of the state are signing petitions sent out by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction asking that the famous battleship Oregon be placed at the head of the opening naval parade through the Panama Canal. After being signed by all the school children of the state, the petition will be returned to Salem and forwarded to President and Congress early in the Spring.

That Oregon can grow splendid corn, ranking well with the best corn states of the Union, is the statement of C. L. Smith, agriculturist for the O.-W. R. & N. Company, who is arranging a corn show to be held next Fall at Pendleton. This will be open to corn exhibits by farmers in every part of Oregon and another show will be held at Colfax, Washington, for the farmers of that state. "Farmer" Smith declares that the average corn crop per acre in Oregon is larger than in Iowa, that corn is a plant that will adapt itself to almost any climate and should be made one of the chief items of agricultural production here.

A use for hop vines left in the field after the crop is picked has been found by an experimenter at Tacoma, Wash. He proposes to utilize the fibre in much the same way that flax is used. A chemical is used to dissolve the vegetable matter that encloses the fibre and the latter is then ready to be dried, carded, spun and made into cloth. Practically the same treatment and machinery can be used as in flax manufacture.

A Shetland pony will be an attractive prize in the juvenile industrial contest to be held at the State Fair this year. It will be awarded to the boy or girl making the best exhibit of livestock and is offered by the Portland Union Stockyards Company. The exhibit must consist of at least one trio, or pen, of chickens or ducks, two pigs and a sheep. There will be many other prizes for which the young farmers may compete.

With the Churches

Christian Church.

By J. M. ORRICK

During our silence for two weeks, we were pleased to know that religious news of Monmouth was being furnished by the other correspondents. While we greatly appreciate the kindness of the HERALD in giving space for religious items, it is true that no activity is fraught with more moment to our town than is religious work, and of course its news is worth while to any publication.

Remember the Mission Study class Friday evening, at 7:30, in the C. E. room. No one can claim a well rounded education while knowing nothing of the missionary work of Christianity.

The Sunday School class which meets at the Star Theatre building 10:00 a. m. Sundays has adopted the name, "Loyal Bereans." This class is made up of young women and men who mean to live up to their name. The class will elect officers next Sunday.

Watch our Bible school grow.

Christian Endeavor subject for Sunday is "The Ideal Christian, His Practical Service," MATT. 5: 13-16. The regular business meeting of the C. E. will be held at 6:45 Saturday evening in the Y. W. C. A. room in the Normal building. A full attendance is desired. Preaching, morning subject, "The Parable of the Talents;" evening, "Christ Seeking Sinners."

A true Christian, happy and smiling, is a joy forever to the other fellow. What does he think of you?

Baptist Church.

By J. K. P. CARSON

At the Baptist church "The Overflow" was the subject of the morning discourse; text, MAL. III: 10. God gives temporal blessings in super-abundance, and we ought to take care of what He gives. Jesus commands, "Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost." But the overflow of temporal blessings should be made a blessing to the needy. Spiritually, if we will bring all our powers into His service He will "open the windows of heaven" and give us such a blessing that we "will not be able to contain it"; there will be an overflow, and the overflow of divine blessing will not be lost. God gave manna to feed Israel; they gathered sufficient for their need and the surplus dissolved and was taken up by the earth to fertilize and bring forth food for future supply. The heat of the sun is taken up by material matter and then stored away in the bowels of the earth to become coal, that will furnish heat to warm future generations. In the realm of nature the form may change but the substance remains. What about the overflow of our lives? The overflow of the life of such men as Paul the apostle, or Gladstone, or Washington are quickening and stimulating the lives of those now living to nobler aim and higher purpose; while the overflow of the life of such men as Payne or Ingersoll is a curse to those who imbibe their sentiments and accept their teachings. Too many Christians are content to be dwarfs when we might be giants. Come to Jesus and be filled so full that there will be a constant overflow; then we will be a continual blessing to those about us.

Next Sunday the subject for the morning preaching service will be, "Thou Shalt See Greater Things Than These." Evening subject, "Our Greatest Peril."

Last Sunday evening, at a special meeting, a unanimous call was given to Brother Pollard to become our pastor, and the call was accepted for an indefinite period. Everybody come and hear him.

Evangelical Church.

By W. A. GUEFFROY

The Evangelical church has arranged for another series of meetings, to begin with next Monday evening, March 3, at 7:30 o'clock, and possibly continuing for two weeks.

The Rev. J. A. Goode, now of Portland, Ore., and a former pastor of the church here, will have charge of the services. The good people of Monmouth need no introduction to the Rev. Mr. Goode, and all will be glad to renew their acquaintance with him, and also join with him in the good work for King Immanuel and the salvation of precious souls.

To the friends and members of the church we bespeak a special co-operative interest and regular attendance, and to all others a cordial invitation and hearty welcome to all services.

There will be regular services at the church next Sunday. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Preaching services at 11 and 7:30. P. P. A. at 6:30.

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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