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REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

Oregon Sections Urged to Prepare Exhibits

HOMESTEADERS ARE MAKING GOOD

Southern Pacific Co. to Spend Millions on its Oregon R. R. Lines

PORTLAND, Ore., June 10.—From all indications Oregon will make a better showing in the Eastern Land Shows this year than ever before. The Oregon State Immigration Commission, with headquarters at the Commercial Club, Portland, is urging commercial bodies of the state, as well as individuals, to make suitable exhibits which will be included in the state display with no expense save that of gathering the specimens and taking them to the depot. They will be shipped from the nearest railroad point to Portland, assembled in a general exhibit and will be sent east by the commission but each organization or grower will receive full credit for the products entered. A circular is now being issued by the commission giving directions for gathering and shipping the exhibits. Attention is called to the need for careful packing, the selections of only the best specimens and advice and assistance is offered. It is pointed out that the co-operation of all parts of the state is necessary in order that the agricultural wealth of Oregon may be shown to the best advantage and that success may be attained in competition for prizes with the exhibits made by other states. It is suggested that the decision to choose exhibits for this purpose should be made early in the season and that a few choice specimens from each community are much better to show the East what Oregon can grow than a large quantity of sample grains, fruits and vegetables of mediocre quality.

Homesteaders in Central Oregon are making good, declares President Joseph Young, of the Hill lines in Oregon, who lately accompanied Louis W. Hill, of the Great Northern, on an extended tour of the States. Crop conditions are said to be excellent with prospects of a big yield. Development work of all kinds is going ahead well and new settlers are coming in from the East and establishing themselves.

Students of the forestry at the Oregon Agricultural College are enlisting in practical work this Summer and are gaining experience in the service of the Government or of private timber companies, in patrolling private timber holdings. Vacations spent in this way are profitable not only in a financial way but give the student a practical working knowledge of the business.

Improved plans for marketing the fruit crops of the principal northwestern districts have just been completed by the North Pacific Fruit Distributors Association and are expected to be of benefit to the fruit growers throughout the Northwest group

of states. Better arrangements for marketing have been lacking and it is thought the scheme just perfected will supply this need.

The Southern Pacific Company will spend millions on its Oregon lines during the next two years, according to a formal statement of planned improvements that has been submitted to the California railroad commission. The company asks for permission to issue bonds to the amount of \$30,000,000 and gives as a reason for the request the number of heavy contemplated investments in this state. Among these are: Electrification of lines in the Willamette Valley; reconstruction of the Sheridan-Willamina railroad at a cost of \$2,501,880; Corvallis and Eastern R. R., \$270,580; Pacific Railroad & Navigation Co., \$134,540; Salem, Falls City & Western, \$68,670.

A McInturff Law Firm

In one of our exchanges, appeared an item a few days ago, which will be interesting to our readers, as the parties mentioned are well known in this and several other sections of Oregon, and were former residents here. We reproduce the item, which reads as follows:

In the class of 110 people taking the state bar examination at Salem this week were eight women. One of these was Miss Hazel Fitzwater, formerly of Drain. Her brother is now in charge of the Tillson fruit packing house in North Roseburg. A unique feature about the examination is that a father and two sons are taking the test. The father is D. N. McInturff, and the sons H. F. and J. W. McInturff. The father was a soldier in the Union Army. He is a graduate of the U. S. Grant University, and was a Methodist Missionary to Japan. He has also seen service as pastor of churches in Portland, Spokane and Eugene. He and his sons are graduates of the law department of Willamette University, and it is their intention to form a partnership and practice law in Salem.

Stock Report, Portland Yards

Receipts for the week have been: Cattle 1575; Calves 49; Hogs 5189; Sheep 5827.

The cattle market is very slow. A combination of circumstances have beared prices and there is not as strong demand for beef as the previous week. Extreme high water has caused many cattle in the vicinity of Portland to be liquidated before the usual time. Heavy shipments from California and Utah has filled the yards. Best steers are selling at \$7.25 to \$7.50; cows \$6.25 to \$6.50; bulls \$5.50 and calves \$8.00 to \$9.00.

The hog trade held strong until Friday. Receipts have been very liberal and the market is from 5 cents to 10 cents lower. Best light swine steady at \$8.40.

An uneven sheep market ruled for the six day period ending Saturday. There is a fair demand for fat mutton, which is very scarce. The bulk of receipts contained nothing but poor sheep and lambs, which are slow

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

Excellent Exhibitions Drawings on Display

THE JAPANESE GIRL OPERETTA PLAY ON

Other Attractions and Events of Commencement Week

Miss Myra Butler, Head of the Domestic Art Department, held during the week a very instructive and excellent exhibit of needle work produced by her classes in Domestic Art, and her classes in the training school. Quite a number of patrons visited the exhibit, and all expressed themselves as well pleased.

Miss Alabama Brenton, Head of the Art Department, has a most excellent exhibit of drawings and paintings made by her Normal School classes and by the students of the training school. This exhibit may be seen in the upper corridor of the Normal School building, and will prove interesting to commencement visitors.

Supt. O. M. Gardner, of the Lakeview schools, paid the Normal a visit last Wednesday, and gave a most helpful and instructive talk at chapel. He emphasized the fact that Oregon Superintendents are recognizing the value of teachers trained in Oregon, and in order to prove his assertion he, in all probability, will select two members of the Senior class to fill vacancies in the Lakeview corps.

It is planned to commence all commencement exercises promptly on time. Therefore, it will be considered a favor if all will plan to be on hand promptly.

The Junior Class day exercises were carried out with the best of spirit. The play entitled, "A Country Institute" was admirably presented. The different characters were all sustained, and it was the opinion of all that it was one of the most successful days of the year.

The people of Japan have a unique custom of sending to loved ones who are absent from them gifts which are supposed to be imbued with their spirit. The "Japanese Girl," a pretty operetta based upon this custom, will be given in the Normal Chapel on Saturday night, June fourteenth, at eight o'clock. The operetta will be given by the Normalian Glee Club under the direction of Miss Minnette E. Harlan assisted by Miss Todd. Admission will be fifteen and twenty-five cents. Tickets will be on sale at Johnson's Book Store all day Friday and Saturday.

SCHOOL GARDEN EXHIBIT

The school garden exhibit will be on display in room 2 from 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. on Commencement Day, Wednesday, June 18. At this time prizes will be awarded on a number of articles and on

to move. Yearlings are quoted at \$5.50 to \$5.75; two year olds \$5.50; ewes \$4.50 to \$4.75 and best spring lambs are steady at \$6.50 to \$75.

school gardens and home gardens. In the exhibit will be shown products of the home garden as well as the school garden. There is nothing to prevent any boy or girl who was in attendance at the Training School, from entering the contest. Parents are asked to remind the children of this fact, and to urge them to have their exhibits on display at the proper time.

Tuesday evening the Senior class will give their class play, which is the "Ben Greet" interpretation of Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors." The "Ben Greet" interpretations of Shakespeare are quite different from anything else on the stage. This school of actors, founded by Ben Greet, present all their pieces with absolutely no scenery but with elaborate and strictly correct costumes. They rely on the costumes and histrionic technique to make the play intelligible. Ben Greet believes that the stage has been in some instances made too dramatic by the use of too much spectacular scenery, while the realness of the story acted is lost, that is, the way it would be done in real life is lost in playing up to the elaborate scenery. His Shakespearean interpretations have become famous all over the world and "Ben Greet" actors go everywhere. The Senior players have put a great deal of painstaking effort into this production and this combined with the considerable histrionic ability in the class will probably make the play a success and something unique in Monmouth.

For both the Japanese operetta and the Senior play an admission charge is to be made. This however is not to raise money for any class or school affair, but simply to cover the cost of staging and costuming.

Annual School Meeting.

HERALD patrons should remember that Monday, June 16, 2:00 p. m., is the time of annual school meetings in the several districts.

In the Monmouth district there are two officers to elect; a director to succeed Hon. Ira C. Powell, and a clerk to succeed A. J. Haley, and approval or rejection of the clerk's annual report.

So far as the writer is informed both these men have rendered faithful service, and are worthy to succeed themselves as they are acquainted with the duties of their respective offices and have the business well in hand.

While there is no special business to come before the patrons and taxpayers, yet there is the selection of officers and every man should be interested in the standing of the district, for while we believe everything is being done well, and for the best interest of the community, yet we are not excusable in our delinquency and it is our privilege and duty to know that the interests of the district are taken care of, and I feel sure that those on whom the burden of the care has fallen will be glad to have a good attendance, so let us shoulder our responsibility and show by our presence that we are interested in the welfare of our district and the future of our school.

CITY COUNCIL HAD SESSION

Audited and Ordered Bills Against City Paid

AN ORDER WAS MADE TO CLEAN STREET

\$50 per Month Added to Superintendent of Water Works' Salary

The common council met in regular session Tuesday evening, all members of the council being present.

Claims against the city were taken up and the list as given below approved and ordered paid:

ON GENERAL FUND
Hime Bros. establishing grades and bench marks \$115.00
Oregon Power Co., light, 29.70
J F McClellan, hauling ref. 12.50
Earl White; labor, 21.55
Graham & Son, draying, 3.00
Total, 181.75

ON WATER WORKS FUND
Fairbanks, Morse & Co. ft., \$6.05
Oregon Power Co., power, 13.60
D. C. McNeil, labor, 2.00
C. G. Griffa, fixtures, labor, 23.04
Graham & Son, freight, 6.30
Winegar & Lorence, fixt. -391.16
Total, 442.15

An order was made for the cleaning of rubbish and grass from the streets.

The compensation of the superintendent of water works was taken up and an additional allowance of \$50 per month added to his salary during the installation and connecting of residence and business houses with the system.

An order was made setting the price of connections with the new water system at \$6 each, application to be made to the City Recorder, and the money to be paid at time of application.

Mayor Powell reported progress of committee on water rates and asked for more time to complete the schedule.

The City Recorder presented proof of posting notice to assess cost of sidewalks to the Wills estate, which was ordered to be placed on file.

An ordinance was then introduced amending the ordinance limiting the speed of autos and other vehicles to 12 miles per hour inside the city limits, and was read for the first time and laid over till the next session of the council.

Adjournment was then taken until Tuesday evening, June 17, at 7:30 o'clock.

PORCH MUSICAL AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The members of the Christian church of Independence will entertain the general public with a Porch Musical and ice cream social on one of the beautiful lawns of that city, Friday evening, June 20th. Watch for further announcements.

CLOSING OUT SALE

I will close out my trimmed hats at half price and have greatly reduced all frames and flowers. Now is your chance for bargains.
MRS. M. CORNELIUS.

Zook the Painter, will hang your paper for you.