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REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

Development Work in Oregon To Be Continued

GOOD SUPPORT FOR PRESENT CAMPAIGN

Fund of \$150,000 to be Raised for Development Work in Next Three Years

PORTLAND, ORE., July 22.—That the policy of the Portland Commercial Club to continue the campaign of farm development throughout the state is in high favor with the business interests of the city is evidenced by the fact that the present campaign has met with more prompt and favorable support among property owners of Portland than any movement of like nature that has been conducted in the past.

A few weeks ago the Commercial Club set out to raise a fund of \$150,000 to be expended in development work throughout Oregon during the next three years and so successful has been the effort that at the present time the fund is well above the \$100,000 mark and it is believed by those having the campaign in charge that the full sum will be pledged within the next month. In the list of those who have given definite sums are 160 firms and individuals representing virtually every branch of business activity in the city.

The fact that onions from Texas, potatoes from California and eggs and poultry from points outside of Oregon are being received in Portland in carload lots while the farmers in the immediate vicinity of the city, as well as those tributary to the railroads leading to this market, cannot find a market for their produce at any price has led the Portland Realty Board to actively take up the question of establishing public markets where gardeners and farmers may dispose of their products direct to the consumer with great benefit to both. It is stated that the fact that farmers cannot sell their own crops in Portland without a license, and the further fact that the commission men will not buy from him except at their own prices, is causing many farmers to allow fruits and vegetables to go to waste rather than dispose of them at a loss.

That the dairy business in the coast counties has been established on a paying basis is evidenced by the fact that the Clatsop County Co-operative Cheese Association has recently been paying 7c more per pound for butter fat than the market price. The average amount of milk now being received is nearly 6,000 pounds per day with a prospect of greatly increased supplies in the near future. An ice manufacturing plant will be installed before the advent of hot weather next season.

Attention has recently been called, by the Oregon Agricultural College, to the fact that many farmers who are so unfortunate as to have hay injured or spoiled by rain are making the mistake of either burning it in

the field or allowing it to rot in piles. It is stated that spoiled clover or alfalfa hay is worth \$8.50 to \$10.00 per ton as fertilizer if evenly spread over the fields and plowed under, and that every ton of hay so worked into the soil is approximately worth four tons of fresh manure. A ton of clover hay contains 40 pounds of nitrogen, 5 pounds of phosphorus and 30 pounds of potash, which, if purchased in the open market would cost the farmer about \$10.50, and as clover and vetch is yielding about 2 1/2 tons per acre this season, the plowing under of the spoiled hay adds a fertilizer value of not less than \$25 to each acre.

TOWN COUNCIL IN SESSION

Various Claims Against City Were Examined and Ordered to Be Paid

The common council met, Tuesday evening, all the members of the board being present. Claims, as follows, were examined and ordered to be paid:

ON WATER WORKS FUND	
J. A. Sturkin, supt. sal.,	
express charges paid,	\$ 86.00
Wm. Bogynska, labor,	19.00
Winegar & Lorence, water	
works fixtures,	150.23
F. J. Moreland, labor,	31.25
D. E. Stitt, col. water rent,	3.00
Katie Dunsmore, copying	
water ordinance,	.75
Ind. Tel. Co., telephoning,	1.15
Orvil White, labor,	7.50
Total	\$298.88
GENERAL FUND	
Ind. Tel. Co., telephoning,	\$ 3.15
Orvil White, labor,	5.00
J. A. Sturkin, marshal's	
salary,	15.00
D. E. Stitt, recorder's fees,	11.75
Total	\$33.90

A bill for an ordinance defining rates and privileges of users of water from the city water works was then introduced and read after which it was read the second time by reading the title thereof, and was then laid over for final passage next meeting.

J. A. Sturkin then reported that the reservoir was leaking and a motion prevailed to the effect that the superintendent of water works repair it.

All other business was laid over until the next session of the city council and a motion to adjourn until Tuesday evening, July 29, at 8 o'clock, p. m., prevailed.

Lightning Starts Fires

MEDFORD, OR., July 23.—Five forest fires have been reported as the result of the electrical storm Monday night. One, in Ashland Creek, is nearly under control, Forest Ranger Moore and a crew of Ashland men fighting the flames. The other four are near the Crater Lake National Park, and are receiving the attention of the Jackson County Fire Patrol Association. Several other fires have been reported in the district east of the Cascades on the Klamath side. These are the first fires of the season. The woods are very dry and the Forestry Department expects many serious fires in the next few weeks.

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

Entertainment in the Normal Chapel This Evening

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO BE PRESENT

Student Body Formed in Groups of Students From All Parts of State to Give Program

The summer session registration has now reached two hundred and eighty, and the interest remains unabated.

About one hundred and fifty students, with several members of the faculty, comprised an excursion to the State institutions at Salem last Saturday. Every one reports a most enjoyable and profitable time, even though the street car service of Salem was out of commission, which required a great deal more walking than was necessary. This was felt more from the fact that the day was very warm. One enjoyable feature of the excursion was the luncheon at the Hotel Marion, of which nearly one hundred partook. Everybody speaks in the highest terms of the treatment received at the hands of hotel officials.

The Old Folks' Concert made a decided hit. There was a large and appreciative audience, and it is the general impression that it was one of the most enjoyable affairs of the year. Special mention might be made of several parts, but it is the consensus of opinion that Mr. Gentle, who seemed to be the counterpart of Uncle Sam, was one of the leading features of the evening. The thanks of the Norm is extended to all who so generously came to the rescue in wiping out the debt of the Norm. Special thanks are given to Miss Harlan for the organizing and directing of the several parts of the concert.

Mention is again made of the fact that Prof. E. D. Ressler, of the O. A. C., will speak at chapel next Tuesday morning, to which a cordial invitation is extended to all citizens of Monmouth.

Miss Brenton, Head of the Department of Art, gave a most interesting and instructive lecture on the beginnings of Art in the public school, and as she talked she illustrated her talk most admirably, and forcefully brought the attention of the student body to the fact that the Art work as outlined could be a powerful factor in making instruction in the school room more objective, and therefore, more effective. The student body hopes that she may be able to give another talk before the close of the session.

Pres. Ackerman went to Salem Wednesday to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee, which was called for the purpose of purchasing tablet arm chairs, which are to replace the old desks, which have served the purpose so long and so efficiently. This will mean the passing of landmarks, the tops of which have been used by former students from time memorial for the purpose of leaving their

marks for future generations to admire, and possibly imitate. It is too bad to have these old landmarks removed, but we trust that even though they are removed that the alumni on its return next year will still recognize some marks that cannot be obliterated even through the removal of the old time desks.

A dancing party will be held in the gymnasium next Saturday evening, to which invitations have been sent out, and admittance will be by invitation only. A picnic is also being arranged for Saturday evening, and invitations are to be issued for this also.

A program is being prepared by the members of the student body, which has formed in groups of students from the different parts of the State, which will be given in the Normal chapel next Friday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock sharp. The public is cordially invited to be present. No admission fee will be charged.

The many friends of Supt. W. R. Rutherford, of McMinnville, will take pleasure in his recent preferment when his Board voted him his expenses to spend a month visiting the schools of California to make a careful study at first hand of their work and courses. Supt. Rutherford will begin at Los Angeles and cover the state North. This is a broad constructive movement on the part of the Board at McMinnville and will result in increasing the value of their already very efficient schools. Supt. Rutherford is a graduate of the Normal School at Monmouth.

GARDEN CONTEST

School boys and girls of Monmouth! Don't forget that the second set of prizes in the Garden Contest is to be awarded next week, July 30th, between two and five o'clock in the afternoon. There will be prizes for the best six beets, the best six potatoes, and the best community garden. Bring exhibits to room 2 of the Oregon Normal School not later than 1:00 p. m. the day of the contest. No prize will be awarded unless:

1. An entry blank is obtained from Mr. Beaumont, and the names of the articles exhibited placed upon it.

2. The exhibit is prepared by the child.

3. The vegetables were grown in the child's school garden or home garden.

See the rules of the contest. Don't forget the time and place.

occurred, and despite every effort made by the two lads and their guests, the blaze quickly spread and was soon beyond all control.

In many cases fire insurance policies were burned, and it will require several days before the actual insurance can be ascertained. In many cases these policies are in safes that cannot be opened until they cool off, and some of the property owners have their policies with other valuable papers in the vaults of the banks where they are believed to be safe.

BIG DAMAGE CAUSED BY FIRE

Sheridan is Nearly Wiped Off the Map

STOVE EXPLODED IN A RESTAURANT

Entire Business Section is Destroyed, the Loss Aggregating \$300,000

SHERIDAN, OR., July 19.—As the result of the explosion of a small gasoline stove in a restaurant here at 5:30 last evening the business section of Sheridan is today a smouldering heap of wreckage, and almost every firm is put out of business. One blacksmith shop, a garage, one bakery and one meat market are all that remain for the accommodation of the people.

The fire swept over three blocks on the south side of the Yamhill River, embracing the business section, destroying buildings and stocks of merchandise valued at from \$250,000 to \$300,000, with insurance of about \$125,000. As the major portion of the buildings were of wood construction, there was little chance to save them from the flames which raged before a light sea breeze, coming through a pass in the Coast Range.

McMinnville, 14 miles away; Carlton, 20 miles, and Willamina, six miles distant, sent firemen and hose and these were brought into use. By their aid the fire was prevented from spreading to the residence district and devastating it. During the progress of the fire, cases of dynamite, cartridges and other ammunition in the hardware store exploded and added to the danger of the men fighting the flames, and scattering the fire over a wide area, but fortunately there were no casualties. Six of the fire-fighters overcome by the heat, were taken out of harm's way by their associates and were not seriously hurt, though falling near the flames.

Among the burned buildings are several brick structures. In one of these the postoffice had quarters and a quantity of mail and Government property was destroyed. The Sheridan State Bank and the First National Bank are both burned, but it is expected that the contents of the vaults and safes will be found intact. The Southern Pacific depot and warehouse were saved after a hard struggle, though it took fire several times.

The residence section of the city was saved by the fact that the Yamhill river and a strip of woods about 250 feet wide separates the business section from the residences of the town, and the efforts of the volunteer fire fighters, when they realized that the business district was doomed, was directed toward saving the homes of Sheridan.

The fire originated in the restaurant of Roy Ottinger and Ray Miller, youths of 16 who had just started a small restaurant. They lighted a gasoline stove in order to prepare the evening meal for their patrons when the explosion

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