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Remember the Special Election and Vote for the Road District

REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

Oregon Hen Produces 303 Eggs In One Year

NOVEMBER 18 APPLE DAY IN OREGON

Farmer At Independence Gets Good Results From Raising Hogs

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 18.—A short time ago the Oregon Agricultural College announced the fact that a cross-bred hen had turned out 291 eggs in her first twelve months of usefulness, and stated that no other egg machine had ever before reached that rate of speed. Now, the college announces, the original best-hen-in-the-world will have to take a back seat, as another biddy at the same institution has succeeded in laying 303 eggs in exactly one year. This new hen, like the former record-breaker, is a cross between the Barred Rocks and White Leghorns.

Professor Dryden, in charge of the poultry department at the college, says that no special attempt, outside of the breeding, was made to secure high records. The methods followed in feeding and general care were such as might be profitably followed by any farmer or owner of poultry. The 303 eggs produced by the record-breaking hen weighed 42 pounds, or about eight times the weight of the hen herself, and were remarkably uniform in size, shape and color. Many requests have been received at the college to place the hen on exhibition, but on account of her great value as a breeder it has been decided that the risks are greater than the value of the advertising.

Widespread observance of apple day, November 18, is expected to give the Oregon apple one of the greatest bits of advertising it has ever received. Apples and apple dishes will be served in hotels and restaurants all over the United States. Scores of menus and promises of co-operation have been received at the Portland Commercial Club, even far away Alaska having fallen in line, and newspapers all over the country are boosting the matter along.

Eight pigs, six months, 1632 pounds, \$123.00. This is a condensed story of what has been accomplished by a farmer at Independence, Oregon, who recently hauled his pork to market and disposed of it. Each hog was 6 months old and averaged 204 pounds, making an average value of \$15.38 a head, or \$2.56 per month per hog. "Never let your pigs make hogs of themselves," is the advice of a prominent farm expert in urging farmers to hurry the growth of their pigs and getting them to market when from 6 to 9 months old.

Of great interest to every section of the great Columbia basin is the announcement, made by James J. Hill himself within the past week, that a new line of steamers will be put in operation between the mouth of the river and California points within the next fifteen months. Two fine

combination freight and passenger steamers are now being built at Philadelphia, and it is said they will be the fastest vessels ever sailed under the American flag. Each will have capacity for 800 passengers and 1,500 tons of freight, and they are expected to beat the present best railroad time between Portland and San Francisco by about four hours.

CITY'S NEEDS AND FINANCES

Mayor Powell Hopes for Expense Reduction Soon, and That Road District Measure Carries.

Referring to the city finances Mayor Powell being asked for an expression said: "It was thought best by the council to continue the same levy of eight mills for another year as considerable expense was necessarily incurred in the installation of the water system caused by the unavoidable delays in getting water from the new well. It will be possible to reduce the cost of both care and power for the system soon, which should enable us to have the city in a good financial condition, with the most important asset of sufficient amount of pure water."

In speaking of the proposed road district he said:

I hope the voters will not overlook the opportunity of placing the city in a separate road district at the special election next Thursday. In my opinion this should be done, as we receive but little assistance from the county fund, and Main street, which is really a part of the county high way, has been in much worse condition than most of the roads near town."

Shooting Gallery Amusement

C. L. Clemons, of Los Angeles, has been conducting a shooting gallery in R. M. Smith's building on Main street during the past two weeks where the marksmen, and some that may not be called by that name, congregate to try their skill with the rifle. Prizes have been offered for the best scores and several have succeeded in getting one or more. So far Jasper Thompson has made the highest score and F. J. Hall has made the second best score.

Official Referendum Count Has Been Made

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 18.—The official count of the recent referendum election returns, as reported by Secretary of State Olcott, is as follows:

Repair fund of \$75,000 for the University of Oregon—For, 56,659; against, 40,600. Majority for measure 16,059.

Appropriation of \$100,000 for erecting administration and classroom building at the University of Oregon—For, 53,569; against, 43,014. Majority for measure, 10,555.

Sterilization bill—For, 41,767; against, 53,319. Majority against measure, 11,552.

Act creating offices of district attorney in counties—For, 54,179; against, 35,159. Majority for measure, 16,020.

Workmen's compensation act—For, 67,814; against, 28,608. Majority for measure, 39,206.

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

O. M. Plummer, of Portland, Gave Chapel Talk

BAND CONCERT LAST FRIDAY EVENING

School Closes Tuesday Evening For The Thanksgiving Holidays

On Friday morning Mr. O. M. Plummer a member of the Portland School Board, spoke in chapel on "New Movements in Education." Mr. Plummer in his enthusiastic way briefly outlined some of the work being done in the Portland schools in the way of school garden, industrial work, and manual activity of all kinds. He urged the students to keep in touch with all the new big movements in education; to carry the message to country schools where it was needed; to co-operate with the life of the surrounding community. The students appreciated Mr. Plummer's view point as a business man and as a man interested in the larger education. At the close of the chapel hour Mr. Plummer greeted the students as they left the hall. The remainder of the day he spent in Monmouth inspecting the Normal school and showing his hearty interest and sympathy with the work it is carrying out.

Miss Davis, critic teacher of the third and fourth grades in the training school, spent Tuesday visiting the Portland schools, and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in lecturing before the Columbia County Teachers' Institute at St. Helens. The faculty unanimously selected Mr. W. H. Burton, a student teacher, to take her place in the school during her absence.

The band concert given in the chapel under the auspices of the Monmouth Band was a most enjoyable event; their music was high class and well rendered, and those who were not there missed a treat. The other features than the band music were the following: Solo by Miss Hoham, piano solo by Mrs. Cook, of Independence, violin solo by Miss Elda McDaniel, solo by Mr. O. A. Macy, of Independence, and reading by Miss Arbutnot, all of which were well rendered and well received. The proceeds were divided between the Band and The Norm.

Mrs. West, mother of Miss West, left last Saturday morning for Southern California where she will spend the greater part of the winter with relatives and friends. Her many friends in Monmouth will miss her and look forward to her return in the spring. Miss West accompanied her mother as far as Portland.

A basket social was given by the pupils at Elkins last Saturday evening. A short program was rendered, after which the baskets were sold and a social time was enjoyed by all. The receipts from the sale of the baskets were \$34.30, which will be used for school-ground improvements.

The question of organizing a

Rural Club or the Grange was discussed. It was decided to meet for organization of the Grange, Saturday, Nov. 22.

The students presented a petition to the faculty requesting that they have school on Saturday, November 22, and close for the Thanksgiving holidays Tuesday evening instead of Wednesday. The petition was granted, and hence there will be school at the Normal on Saturday, but not in the training school.

The girls of the Normal have issued invitations for parties Saturday evening, and every one is looking forward with anticipation to these two events.

Sunday School Association

The Polk County Sunday School Association will meet at Falls City today and tomorrow. A good attendance is desired.

British Firms For Open Canal or War

LONDON, Nov. 18.—"I am voicing the opinion of large merchants shipping interests in saying that we rely on our costly Navy to prepare measures to keep the Panama Canal always open to British shipping," declared Charles Stewart Nairne, representative of extensive Scottish shipping interests, in an address before the Royal United Service Institution, here today.

"Despite the Hay-Pauncefote treaty," said Nairne, "the world is now faced by a fortified Panama Canal, instead of one entirely for the benefit of the commerce of all nations. I see nothing to prevent the United States Senate from closing the Panama Canal at will against those having equal rights in its use, if such a course appears to their interest. I regard this as a serious situation, if not an entire breach of faith by the United States Government."

Wets Don't Down

The wets and drys are having a legal battle at Harrisburg as is evidenced by the following which is taken from the Dallas Observer: Attorney G. O. Holman returned last Friday from Albany where he was associated in a case promoted by the "wets" of Harrisburg in an effort to test the recent election which placed the town on the dry list. Mr. Holman, and his associate secured an injunction in favor of the saloon men awaiting a hearing. In the case, Holman contended that the election was a special election; that the city council took no action in regards to the apportionment of clerks or judges and that the clerk gave no notice of election. It is also further contended that the boundary line of the precincts are not co-terminus with the boundaries of the city and therefore many voted who were outside the city limits, yet still remained with the voting precinct.

The case is one which will be watched with interest throughout the state, and it is probable that should the fight by the "wets" prove successful, other similar controversies will arise.

Zook the Painter, will hang your paper for you.

WEAK LINES ARE DOOMED

Bar Association Hears Railroad Legislation Analyzed

OREGON COMMISSION MEMBER TALKS

Aitchison Doubts Regulation Will Now Prevent Government Ownership

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 19.—Railroads, their problems and their future as they affect both investors and the public at large, were discussed at length at this morning's session of the Oregon State Bar Association's annual meeting in the Federal court.

W. W. Cotton, railroad attorney, and Clyde B. Aitchison, member of the Oregon Railroad Commission, were the speakers. Both agreed that the serious problems which have arisen are the outgrowth of Government regulation. Tracing the history of efforts to regulate rates in America, Cotton detailed each step taken, and brought his address on "Railroad Legislation From an Historical Standpoint" to a close with the statement that the weaker railroads of the country were doomed to confiscation under existing conditions.

"The Interstate Commerce Commission thus far has never committed itself on what shall be a reasonable rate or a reasonable return on property," he said. "Until we get to that point, no American railroad has any assurance of proper returns on the investment. The rulings of the commission cannot be considered as a criterion in any case except the one in which they are made. They are not general.

"Through unfortunate circumstances all roads are not of the same financial strength. The weaker roads are competing with the stronger ones. And they are regulating the stronger ones, too, through the rates that are made by the commission. The weaker ones must be confiscated, it seems. It appears to be the inevitable result. There is apparently no other way of getting rid of them."

Mr. Cotton demonstrated that the railroads are facing a serious problem in the matter of selling bonds. He showed by figures taken from the records of five dividend-paying railroads of this country that there has been a total decline in market value of more than \$704,000,000. Weaker roads, in selling bonds of small denomination to Europeans, have left a bad taste in the mouths of those across the Atlantic, he said, because of failures of railroads which marketed their bonds there. The drop in value of \$704,000,000 has taken place, he said, in the past five years, during which the process of Government regulation was working toward a final decision.

Commissioner Aitchison handled the Government ownership problem frankly in his talk on "Present Problems of Public Service Regulation."

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