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REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

Oregon Products to be Shown At Ashland in 1915

RUSSIANS WANT TO SETTLE IN OREGON

Formation of First Drainage District Under State Law in Willamette Valley Begun

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 24.—At the great development convention held in Eugene on February 19, it was the unanimous opinion of the delegates that there would be a statewide exhibit of Oregon products maintained at Ashland during 1915. A meeting to discuss and definitely determine the cost and other details of such exhibit will be held in the Green Parlor of the Portland Commercial Club, on Thursday, March 12. All of the members of the last Legislature who can make it convenient to be in Portland on that date are urged to attend. Also state officials. Representatives from all the commercial clubs will be welcome and all of the communities represented at Eugene last week will name special delegates.

Of course, under the law no member of the Legislature can give a definite pledge as to an appropriation to be made in the future, but as a citizen, he can give his opinion as to the common sense of such an exhibit as will be under discussion. Ten thousand dollars will construct the building, pay for gathering the products and for every other character of work up to January 1, 1915, when the Legislature will meet. Twenty-five thousand dollars will pay for the entire year's work. The Portland session will welcome suggestions pro and con.

Land owners occupying approximately 40 square miles of bottom and prairie land between Corvallis and Monroe, Ore., have begun the formation of the first drainage district under state law in the Willamette Valley. It is believed that a successful demonstration of the good results of drainage will cause the movement to spread until it takes in fully one-fifth of the total arable land in the Valley, or nearly 1,000,000 acres, and that the entire cost of the work can be paid for in three years from increased farm products. It is stated that the lands to be drained are now producing crops averaging \$15 to \$50 per acre, and this production is expected to be increased from 100 to 300 percent.

B. Gratch, the agent of a large colony of Russians who desire to settle on Oregon lands, was in Portland a few days ago. He states that these Russians have been in this country from 8 to 10 years, and that they want a tract of not less than 10,000 acres of grain land. They are said to have plenty of money to put into a good proposition where they can build up a community of their own. The colony consists of about 200 families at the present time, but their agent states that within a short time the number will be increased to 2,000 to 3,000

and that each family will require about 160 acres of land.

According to the annual report of the Rogue River Fruit & Produce Association, which ships about one-third of the total output of the valley, 359 carloads of fruit were shipped during 1913, 153 cars of pears, 205 cars of apples and one car of peaches. Prices for the crop were exceptionally good.

A CIVIC CLUB ORGANIZED

Next Meeting, Friday, Feb. 27, At 3:30 O'clock and All Ladies Invited

In response to a call, the ladies of Monmouth met in the Assembly Room of the High School on Saturday, February 21, to organize a Civic Club. Mrs. Mabel Staats called the meeting to order and introduced Mr. Keezel, principal of the Monmouth High School, who talked on the work Civic Clubs were doing in other towns and cities in Oregon. Mr. Keezel emphasized the fact that it was due to just such organizations as the ladies present were assembled to effect, that Dallas had a Carnegie Library, Eugene, a Rest Room and an almost flyless town. He also voiced the fact that individuals can talk but can accomplish little in the great work of civic progress but collectively, all working in unison, much can be done. In conclusion he offered his assistance in furthering any work for the "good" of Monmouth that the club might contemplate. We wish to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Keezel for his many helpful suggestions, and, also, to thank him and the School Board for the use of the Assembly Room.

After the talk by M. Keezel, the club proceeded to organize. Mrs. Mabel Staats was chosen president; Mrs. Ida Scott, vice president; Mrs. Beulah Craven, secretary; and Mrs. M. Erickson, treasurer.

After some discussion as to the work to be taken up by the Club, committee, consisting of Miss Rosa B. Parrott, Mrs. Louise M. Evenden and Dr. Laura C. Price was appointed to draw up a Constitution to be adopted at the next meeting which will be held in the High School Assembly Room on Friday, February 27, at 3:30 o'clock. All ladies of Monmouth are urged to be present at this first regular meeting and become charter members of the club.

Smallpox Cleaned Up

The HERALD is pleased to announce that the smallpox patients have all recovered, and that the last quarantine has been raised and the town cleaned up. Monmouth was very fortunate in getting rid of the disease so easily as has been done, and the only reminder now left behind is the aftermath of vaccination. There are a good many sore arms yet. However, there is no further danger of contracting the disease.

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STATE NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

Byron's Troubadours Normal Assembly Hall March 7

Tickets, - - 50c

Reservations, P. H. Johnson's Book Store

Beginning 9 A. M., Saturday, February 28

Friday morning County Superintendent Seymour, of Polk County, occupied the chapel period with a very interesting account of the Home Credit system which is being used in this county. He spoke of the numerous advantages of the work done by the pupils, of the new interest thus aroused in school work, and of the new relation between the school and the home brought about by this co-operation. The talk was illuminating and helpful to the students who will eventually be concerned in carrying out the system. Mr. Seymour left for the benefit of the students cards and records showing for what work credit is given and for what time the children are credited. The student chorus sang especially well "The Lost Chord" as the music for the occasion.

The History Department had the exercises in charge for the celebration of Washington's Birthday Monday. The various numbers on the program were in charge of groups of students from the Department. Miss Emmel gave with good effect one of Webster's speeches on Washington; a sextette from the classes sang an ode to Washington; and finally was given a play centering about the making of the flag by Betsy Ross. Miss De Vore, Mr. Winters and Mr. Bixby were very acceptable colonial players in their respective parts. The exercises closed with an effective flag tableau, accompanied by the singing of the student body.

Mr. Gentle accepted an invitation to participate in a school rally in Yamhill County last Saturday, and Mrs. Gentle accompanied him. Saturday evening they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Carey who has the highest producing dairy herd in the United States. They report a most profitable time at both places. Mr. Gentle can give any one the very latest on dairy matters, as well as on school matters, and therefore people who are seeking such information may feel perfectly free to call upon him.

The gymnasium is so nearly completed that it is planned to dedicate it on Saturday evening, and the following program will be rendered under the direction of Miss Taylor, Head of the Physical Education Department:

DEDICATORY EXERCISES

Part I

Marching Juniors

Club Swinging Sophomores

Part II

Cinderella Pantomime Seniors

Scene I—Preparation and departure for Court Ball.

Scene II—Appearance of Fairy

Godmother.
Fairy Dance.
Cinderella leaves for the Ball.
Scene III—Palace of the King.
The Prince is entertained by his subjects and visitors from various countries.
Highland Scotch Dance. Juniors
Entrance of Cinderella.
Dutch Dance Seniors
Old English Frolic Juniors
Italian Tarantella Freshmen
Court Dances.
Varsoviene.
Pavanne.
Flight of Cinderella.
Scene IV—Street Scene.
Hunt for the Princess.
Scene V—Trying on of the Slipper.
Rejoicing over the Finding of the Princess.
Finale.

No admission will be charged and everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Delphian Society

On Friday evening, February 20, the students met for the second society meeting of the semester. The Delphians were represented in the joint musical program by a vocal solo by Miss Grace Williams and an instrumental selection by Miss Elm-lund, both of which were well rendered.

After the musical numbers, the Delphians repaired to Miss Parrott's room, where an improvised stage, appropriately decorated for the Washington program, had been arranged. After the usual routine of business, the President summoned the seven applicants for admission to the Society. After passing through the ordeal of a rigid cross examination, necessary to satisfy the Society of their fitness to become members of this renowned organization, they were conducted to the shrine of the Delphic Sibyl where they ascribed to the Delphic oath and after repeating the Delphic motto in unison with the Society and signing the Constitution, they were formally declared members and welcomed into the Society.

The Roll Call, answered by patriotic sentiments, was unusually interesting. It was followed by an address by President Ackerman on "Washington—the Boy and Man." He carried us back to Washington's boyhood days at Mount Vernon, then to Washington as a surveyor, courageous, dependable and "always a straight shot," on through his public life where he was found to be "In strength, second to none; in courage, equal to any." The noble character of him who "Won liberty through war and preserved it through peace," was fittingly emphasized. In conclusion, he contrasted the lives of our two national heroes, revealing that they contrasted in many things but were alike in that they were honored and revered by every true American.

The last number on the program was a playette "The Shades of our Forefathers," and was a fitting close to an evening devoted to patriotism. The scene was laid in the home of Washington. President and Mrs. Washington are entertaining in honor of the President's birthday.

THE CITY COUNCIL IN SESSION

Claims Against City Ordered To Be Paid

DR. PRICE APPOINTED HEALTH OFFICER

Mayor Johnson Instructed To Make Necessary Inquiry as to Road Fund

The common council of the City of Monmouth met, Tuesday evening, all members being present except E. H. Lorence.

The minutes were read and approved and the following listed claims ordered to be paid.

ON GENERAL FUND

S. N. Williams, stove, mattress, etc. for sanitarium,	\$ 8.30
V. F. Daniel, towels, etc., same, ..	.60
Ind. Tel. Co., Tel. service, "	1.00
P. H. Johnson, windowshades " ..	1.20
Herald, publishing mayor's report, sale of property and receipts for treasurer	21.05
J. F. Moreland, marshal's salary for January and February	28.25
Oregon Power Co., street light ..	29.70
D. E. Stitt, recorder's fees, and stamps	5.80
Total	\$95.90

ON WATER FUND

Oregon Power Co., power	\$66.95
J. F. Moreland, W. Supt. salary for January and February	64.50
P. H. Johnson, oil and daybook, ..	3.35
D. E. Stitt, col. water rents	5.00
Total	\$139.80

The claim of Fairbanks, Morse and Co. for final settlement, in the sum of \$260.43, was laid over till next meeting for further information. Also, the claim of Winegar & Lorence for \$21.85.

The petition of L. Ground to remove two trees from in front of his house was put in the hands of the street committee.

Resignation of Dr. Matthis as health officer accepted and Dr. Laura C. Price appointed to fill the position.

A motion prevailed instructing Mayor Johnson to make the necessary inquiry to find out definitely the intention of the county court concerning the disposal of the road money of Monmouth road district.

The guests grow reminiscent. Jefferson repeats his famous "Declaration of Independence," which was recognizable and unrecognizable, as was "Paul Revere's Midnight Ride" (Write), Patrick Henry's "Give me (the) Liberty (of graduating from the Oregon Normal) or give me Death!" and Lincoln's "Gettysburg (Oregon Normal) Address." John Hancock said "I wrote my name so boldly that the King of England would not need spectacles to read it" and would like to suggest that the Faculty and Students of the Oregon Normal do likewise with their announcements. Benjamin Franklin electrified the audience with a new use for electricity—for discipline. On the whole the "Shades" evinced a very accurate knowledge of the trend of affairs at the Oregon Normal and used their knowledge much to the merriment of the Society. Pompey, the negro butler, was a feature of the playette, that deserves special mention.

The Society wishes to thank President Ackerman for his part, which was, indeed, large, in making this one of the most interesting, entertaining and instructive meetings of the year.