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REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

The Celilo Canal Is Nearing Completion

AUTOS NECESSITY TO WHEAT FARMERS

Every One is Invited to Attend Waterways Association Meeting

PORTLAND, Ore., April 7.—Of great interest and importance to the entire Columbia Basin is the prediction made recently by Major J. J. Morrow, engineer in charge of this district, that river steamers would be passed through the Celilo Canal before the first of next January. The past month of March was notable in that more actual progress was made on the canal than in any other single month. From end to end the great ditch is the scene of ceaseless and effective activity. Locks are being constructed, gates installed, the bottom of the canal is being floored with steel bars over which is poured thousands of tons of concrete, the sloping sides are being ripped in one place with reinforced concrete, in another with rubble masonry and in still another with great blocks of lava rock, according to the character of the backing material.

At the head of Five Mile Rapids a little band of men is at work boring holes into the rocky walls of the gorge, carefully examining the material brought up by the drills and carefully recording their observations. These men are the pioneers sent out by the states of Washington and Oregon to determine the feasibility of constructing a great dam across the river at this point for the purpose of installing the most powerful hydro-electric plant west of Niagara Falls. The river is only about 200 feet wide at the head of the rapids, but the depth nearly equals the width.

Preparations are practically completed for the convention of the Columbia & Snake River Waterways Association to be held at the Portland Commercial Club April 13-14. Every one interested in the success of this movement is invited to attend this meeting at which it is proposed to crystallize into actual constructive work the theories, plans and dreams of the men who have for months been giving up their time to the project. Rates of one and one-third fares for the round trip have been granted by all the roads of the Northwest.

That the wheat farmers of Eastern Oregon do not spend all their coin in the purchase of more land to grow more wheat is indicated by figures supplied by the automobile dealers in that section. Within the past six weeks buzz-wagons to the value of \$98,000 have been furnished to Umatilla county alone and the other wheat counties have taken nearly as many. The wheat growers with large acreage find the automobile a necessity and they purchase them as a regular part of their business equipment.

The directors of the Sheridan

Fruit Growers' Association have within the past few days purchased a three-acre tract of land on which to erect an up-to-date plant for the handling of fruit, berries, nuts and vegetables. A shipping and storage warehouse will be built at once and other buildings will follow as needed. The location has 500 feet of railroad siding and is close to the business center of the town.

Road Tax Money Wanted

Under the above heading the Dallas Observer published the following which is of interest to Monmouth citizens as this city too has voted itself into a separate road district. The article reads as follows:

Three years ago Dallas and Falls City, acting under the initiative and referendum powers, voted into a separate road district. The amendments proposed in each city were the same, and provided that the jurisdiction of the County Court should not extend to any of the territory embraced within the city, and excluded the County Court from the levying and collecting of road taxes within the city.

Two years ago, the County Court collected the road tax money within the city, and then refused to pay over to Dallas or Falls City any of it. It was finally agreed between the County Court and the city of Dallas that Dallas was to have 35 per cent of the money collected in the city. Falls City would make no agreement, and brought action in the Circuit Court to recover the full amount collected in the city from the county. The matter came up before Judge Percy Kelly and was decided in favor of the city. The case was not appealed.

The county then made payment in full to Falls City. However, since that time the County Court has changed and different men hold the reins of government.

Judge Teal now states that the County Court will not pay to Dallas or Falls City more than 50 per cent of the moneys collected as road taxes within the city. This stand on the part of the County Court will precipitate another lawsuit, for Falls City will insist upon having the full amount, unless a settlement on some satisfactory basis is made. What action Dallas will take is not known, but it is believed that Dallas will unite with Falls City in bringing the action.

Ladies' Social Hour Club

The following came in too late last week to be printed:

On Wednesday afternoon, April 1st, Mrs. O. A. Wolverton, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Orr, of Rickreall, entertained the Ladies' Social Hour Club at the home of Mrs. Wolverton, on College street. Fifteen members and six visitors were present. Mr. John Orr, of Rickreall, gave a couple of vocal selections in his pleasing manner, which was very much enjoyed by all. Miss Mable Johnson then gave a piano solo. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostesses, after which a social hour was enjoyed by all those present.

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

Juniors Give Class Day Program April 3

THE Y. W. C. A. CABINET CONFERENCE

Lane County Election Board Recommends All Supervisors Attend Summer School

The Normal was very gratified at the action of the Lane County Election Board as noted in the following news item which appeared in a Eugene paper: "After the election the board recommended that all supervisors attend summer school at the Oregon State Normal School at Monmouth. They are advised to take advantage of the supervisors' course at their own expense to better fit them for their duties." This course while not a new course will be greatly strengthened for the forthcoming summer school. Indications are that supervisors from other counties will join the class and make it one of the best of all the courses offered.

Miss Taylor, Head of the Department of Physical Education, and Pres. Ackerman were in Salem Friday and Saturday in attendance at the Conference concerning Social Hygiene which was held at that time and place under the auspices of the Oregon Social Hygiene Society. They report a very profitable conference, and are of the opinion that much good will ensue therefrom. The following Normal students also attended the session on Saturday: J. C. Bell, C. E. English, and W. E. Pender.

Those connected with the Normal School who attended Grand Opera in Portland last week were: Pres. and Mrs. Ackerman, Miss Butler, Miss Dunsmore, Miss Hoham, Miss Kennon, Miss Taylor, Miss West, Mrs. West, Miss DeVore and Miss Montgomery.

Mr. Gentle has taken up his residence at his new home located just on the edge of town, and reports that he already feels relieved of the burden of transportation of himself and family from Independence to Monmouth and back each day.

Mr. Pitman has closed his extension itinerary and has now taken up regular class work, and will be in class work the remainder of the semester. However, there is such a call for addresses at parents' meetings, institutes, etc., that he will probably spend but few of his Saturday's and Sunday's in Monmouth. Reports from the field indicate that his work has been most excellently received, and much has been accomplished for the Normal.

Miss West's mother returned from an extended visit to California and Nevada, and like all persons who have lived in Oregon for at least one year and then make an extended visit into another state, she is most happy to again return to Oregon. The whole Normal School extends a kindly welcome to her.

Pres. Ackerman accepted an

invitation to address the faculty and student body of the O. A. C. last Wednesday, returning home Wednesday evening.

Friday afternoon, April 3, was gala day for the Junior class of the Oregon Normal School. At the chapel hour they sang their jolly song of the circus to which invitation the whole student body, faculty and many towns people responded.

Promptly at one o'clock the big parade solemnly began its progress along the crowded floor of the gymnasium. There were camels, giraffes, elephants, cowboys, negro minstrels, clowns and even a steam calliope to add the final realistic touch.

The special features of the day were a mock faculty meeting, a minstrel show with all the usual jokes, the tumbling of the acrobats and the various wonders of the earth displayed in side shows. The clowns with their antics filled in any otherwise unoccupied spaces.

The children from the training school were delighted with the opportunity of being able to go to the circus also. The audience was generously provided with circus day refreshments of the usual kind.

To the Junior Class belongs great credit for working out such an entertaining class day program.

Great interest has been shown in the cabinet conference of the Western State Young Women's Christian Association which was held in Monmouth on April third to fifth.

Among the total number of seventy-one visitors were Miss Butler, of New York, national secretary of the Y. W. C. A., Miss Elizabeth Fox, field secretary of the Northwest, and other prominent workers. Miss Butler, who was the principal speaker, and, with Miss Fox, the leader of the conference, is a woman of charming personality, and her interesting talk held the attention of every one and gave to the girls a wider vision of their work. The program was as follows:

Friday Afternoon
Reception and registration of delegates.

Friday Evening
Solo, Mr. Gilmore; address, Miss Butler, "The girls which the association includes"; four minute reports, all associations, led by Miss Enid Bell; violin solo, Miss Gentle; informal reception for delegates, this was held in Miss Parrott's and Mr. Ostien's rooms which were beautifully decorated for the occasion. In the conversation games, every one became acquainted and, by the time refreshments were served, all were thoroughly at home.

Saturday Morning
9:00 to 9:15, devotional exercises led by Miss Vance; 9:15 to 10:15, group meetings; 10:15 to 10:45, reports from groups; 10:45 to 11:00, quiet hour for prayer; 11:00 to 12:00, talk by Miss Butler.

Saturday Afternoon
12:15 to 2:00, summer conference banquet, Mrs. Gerlinger toastmistress. The banquet was

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EXPLOSION ON CELILO CANAL

Mercury Goes to 10 in Texas, Killing Fruit

NEBRASKANS FOR SUNDAY BASEBALL

Votes of Illinois Women Close 1000 Saloons in 16 Counties; Many in Office

THE DALLES, Or., April 8.—A big explosion of dynamite on the Celilo Canal works, six miles east of this city, at the noon hour today, and several workmen are reported killed. Physician and nurses were hurried out of this city to the scene of the accident. No details are as yet available.

DALHART, Texas, April 8.—Winter came back to the Texas Panhandle today with a temperature of 10 above zero. All the fruit in this section, it is believed, has been killed. An inch of snow has fallen.

OMAHA, Neb., April 8.—Local option elections over Nebraska, according to reports, resulted in 17 changes from wet to dry and nine changes from dry to wet in 140 towns reporting. Sunday baseball scored a notable victory. Fifteen towns voted in its favor and five against.

CHICAGO, April 8.—Women voting for the first time in Illinois township elections yesterday aided in closing more than a thousand saloons, adding 16 counties to the 30 already dry and barring the sale of intoxicants in approximately 200 of the 300 townships in which local option was an issue. Their victory included 11 cities which previously were wet.

Good Roads Enthusiasts

The town of Monmouth now numbers amongst its inhabitants two of the greatest good roads boosters that the State of Oregon has. These men are J. B. V. Butler and C. H. Ostien.

A few nights ago they went out for a joy ride with a party of friends and at the start of the journey remarked about the good condition of the roads but before they got back they thought it best to keep their opinions to themselves as there were ladies in the crowd.

However, brawn and muscle do wonders and in this instance it was extremely lucky that one of them at least was raised on a farm and consequently was handy with the shovel.

To make the matter plain, they were riding along in a big Hudson Six automobile about three miles from Corvallis when they came to a nice stretch of newly dragged road, which looked as inviting for speeding as a paved street. But alas the unseen enemy was at work and that beautiful surface disguised one of the finest mudholes that Benton County can boast of. We won't give all the awful details, but you might ask Jay or Mr. Ostien next time you see them, how they like shovelling old sod from a hog pen, and whether they have got their clothes clean.

If you want to see them get real mad ask them what they did from 8:30 till 11:45 last Tuesday night.