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REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

School Children To Observe Good Roads Day

PLANS FOR CORN SHOWS BEING MADE

Mammoth Flagpole Donated To The Panama-Pacific Exposition

PORTLAND, Ore., April 21.—In connection with the efforts of the grown-ups to improve the condition of Oregon roads on Saturday, April 25, it has been suggested that all the school children of the state turn out and assist in the good work. As there are about 190,000 school children in the state, it has been estimated that each will be able to remove at least 100 loose rocks from the road nearest their home, it will be equal in value to the efforts of one thousand men and will remove 1,900,000 obstructions from the roads of the state. The suggestion is also made that the good women of each district throughout the state serve road lunches or a hot dinner at the grange, schoolhouse or other local meeting place to actual workers only. No work, no eat.

Plans for corn shows to be held next Fall and Winter are now being made by officials of the O. W. R. & N. Ry. at the same time the seed corn is being distributed among the farmers of the state. Cash prizes from \$5 to \$25 will be offered, the entries to vary from the best single ear of corn to the product of the best acre, with boy growers given special inducements to compete. It is stated by those in charge of the project that this year's acreage will be ten times that of last year.

The Port of Columbia Club has recently been organized at Astoria, taking the place of the Astoria Young Men's Booster Club, temporarily formed some time ago. The purpose of the club is to promote the commercial, industrial, agricultural, and social advancement of the Lower Columbia. "Nothing less than 40 feet, where rail and water meet," was adopted as a slogan.

Bandon business men have subscribed money with which to purchase a passenger and freight carrying boat to be put on a regular run between that port and Portland. The present volume of traffic between the two cities is now sufficient to make this a paying venture, and the business men claim that the business will be more than doubled by the service which will be given by a boat making direct and regular runs. Much business which has formerly been done with San Francisco will now come to Portland.

Thirteen carloads of household goods, representing the belongings of fifteen families, have been received at Bend within the past few weeks. Six carloads were received in February, and according to present indications, April will break all records. The newcomers are all families in good circumstances, with com-

plete outfits of farming implements and supplies. One farmer brought his own well drilling outfit, and among their other possessions is some of the best stock seen in Central Oregon.

Plans are being made to erect a mammoth flagpole donated to the Panama-Pacific Exposition during the latter part of the month when the Rose Festival Queen and her maidens visit San Francisco. The pole is of Douglas fir, 246 feet long, 5 1-2 feet at the butt and weighs 93,000 pounds.

FOR CONGRESS

To the Electors of the First Congressional District:

I am a candidate for Congress on the Republican ticket at the primary election to be held May 15th. Briefly, first I stand for the improvement of our rivers and harbors. For the enacting of new, or the amending of the present homestead laws to cut out the cultivation clause, and make it possible for the wild lands of Oregon to be settled. For the surveying and classifying of the 16,000,000 acres of land in our Forest Reserves, that the agricultural and grazing land may be opened to settlement. For free tolls on American bottoms. For Government aid for good roads. For just and liberal compensation for all labor, and for national suffrage for women.

If the Government shall finally win the suit now pending against the Oregon & California Railroad Company, I will do all in my power to keep these lands from being placed in the forest reserves, and will work to the end that the grazing and agricultural lands therein be opened to settlement under the homestead laws.

B. F. JONES.

Paid Advertisement.

Standard Oil Company Buys

The Standard Oil Company has decided to make Independence its distributing point for this part of the state and through the real estate office of J. J. McIntyre has purchased an acre tract on the railroad just north of town. On this ground large tanks will be placed, which will be filled with the stuff that made John D. Rockefeller famous, from where the oil will be hauled or shipped to other towns. John D.'s moving to Independence will not lower the price of his useful fluids to consumers here, but will add a few more to our steady growing population.—Monitor.

FOR RENT

In Monmouth, Oregon, house and barn, chicken yard, 5 acres of ground, 50 fruit trees, 2 kinds of strawberries, raspberries, grapes, roses, flowers, trees, good well water, house newly painted and papered, fence and other repairs being made.

I will rent entire place or will rent orchard and ground should family wish only house and barn. See or write V. Oberstock at the Bedwell place, Monmouth, in near future, or inquire at office of Monmouth HERALD.

WALLPAPER
PERKINS PHARMACY.

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

Extensive Preparations Being Made For May Day

DELPHIAN SOCIETY GAVE COTILLION

Fifteen Students Entered To Take Advantage Of The Short Course

Extensive preparations are being made for the annual May Day exercises which will be held upon the Normal campus on Friday afternoon, May 1, to which the public is cordially invited.

Fifteen students entered to take advantage of the short course, swelling the total enrollment to 260, being 59 more than were registered during the whole of last year. The Registrar reports that the correspondence indicates that the number of students who will attend the summer school will fully tax the room and board accommodations of the town.

Nearly all arrangements have been completed by the local grange, citizens and Normal, for the reception and entertainment of the State Grange which will convene at Monmouth May 19 to 23 inclusive. The committee in charge of all the different activities are reporting a most excellent response on the part of the citizens of Monmouth to all suggestions being made. This meeting of the Grange promises to mean much to Monmouth and the Normal.

Tuesday morning Mr. C. E. English of the Senior class gave a very interesting and practical talk on "The short ballot." He showed very clearly the need for the adoption of the short ballot and the benefits resulting from its adoption in states and cities where it had been tried. Mr. English is the first man to represent the Seniors this semester.

The Delphian Literary Society gave its annual Cotillion in the Normal gymnasium, April 18. The hall had been artistically decorated in the Delphian colors of blue and gold and the seats along the sides were spread with attractive coverings. In one corner was an attractive background for the punch bowl and in an opposite one the musicians were screened from view. The figures formed the first part of the program which was well carried out. The cotillion leaders were the critics of the Vespertine and Normal societies, Miss Kennon and Mr. Butler. Among the more amusing and attractive figures were Parasol, Four-in-hand and Mirror. The second part of the program consisted of the customary dances. Those who had been asked to receive were Pres. and Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. O. A. West, Mrs. J. B. V. Butler, Miss Todd, and Mrs. Gilmore. The guests were welcomed at the door by Miss Parrott, Critic of the Delphians and by Miss Kessi, President of the society, with its other officers. Altogether the Cotillion was one of the most charming parties of the year in every way.

An enthusiastic meeting was held by the Vespertines on Friday evening, April the seventeenth. The three societies joined for the musical part of the program, and the numbers given by the Vespertines consisted of vocal solos by Mrs. Goodwin and Miss Goynes, also a piano solo by Miss Johnson. The roll call was answered by "My favorite heroine in fiction, and why." A number of very interesting opinions were given. The main feature of the evening was the dramatization of a part of "Little Women," by the Misses Ehrenreich, Clodfelter, Stuart, and Young. This was especially interesting and seemed to take everyone back to the time when she delighted in reading of "Jo" and "Laurie," and the other well known characters of "Little Women." At this meeting the vespertines welcomed several new members, among whom were: Lillian Wormouth, Dollie Robbins, Della Bryant, Minnette Hanson and Bessie Wade.

DELPHIAN REPORT

The Delphian numbers for the joint musical program of the societies Friday evening were, a piano duet by Misses Elmund and Crouter, and a violin solo by Miss Georgie Kessi. Both numbers were greatly enjoyed by the audience. Previous to the regular program four new members were initiated and duly accepted as members of the society. Following a custom inaugurated last year, the program consisted of numbers given by each of the four classes. The Freshmen gave a very interesting Longfellow program. A review of Longfellow's shorter poems was followed by the historical setting of Evangeline. Next came the illustrations which usualized this wonderfully beautiful poem. The whole gave a comprehensive view of Longfellow and his works. The Seniors dramatization of "The Cotters Saturday Night" was delightfully entertaining. The solemn cotter, the prattling babe, the mischievous children, the shy lovers, the big brother, Bobby Burns, the Scotch lassie, and the sweet, quiet mother all carried out their parts beautifully. The Scotch songs, rhymes and dances gave a bit of Scotch life that was both entertaining and instructive.

The Juniors gave the Past, Present and Future Delphians. A letter from Miss Crowley, of Oregon City, a former president, represented the Past; roll call, answered by the Juniors giving favorite "expletives," maxims, amusements, etc. of the Delphians was suggestive of this period of the society's existence; the Future Delphians were represented by several little girls from the training school in a gymnastic song which can only be appreciated when seen. Last came the Sophomore Flower Drill. The girls dressed in Grecian costumes, carrying tiny baskets filled with apple blossoms, performed a series of figures that were both artistic and beautiful. The program was among the best that the Delphians have enjoyed during the year and we feel that every director as well as every student that took part deserves to be commended.

U. S. SEIZES VERA CRUZ

Marines Rout Armed Mexicans From Houses

REINFORCEMENTS LAND UNDER GUNS

Renewed Firing of Huerta's Troops Fails to Hinder The Capture

WASHINGTON, April 22.—American operations in Mexico at Vera Cruz took on renewed aspects of war today, when Rear-Admiral Badger landed more marines from the Atlantic fleet, and the United States forces proceeded to take the entire city.

While the orders of the President were being carried out to the letter, it was made apparent in conferences at the White House that the United States will "sit tight" at Vera Cruz and that no further steps of pacification will be taken at this time.

Consul Canada, in a dispatch to the State Department this afternoon, said that so far he had been unable to establish communication with the American embassy at Mexico City. He said a house-to-house search was being made through Vera Cruz, and many arrests of armed Mexicans were being made.

For the present it was declared on high authority that the forces at Vera Cruz hold the city to convince Huerta that this Government means business, and that no action would be taken at Tampico unless there are retaliatory actions on the part of the Huerta government.

Despite the purpose of the Administration to confine the operations at Vera Cruz, the situation took on an ominous aspect which indicated that more serious consequences cannot be avoided. Though not officially announced, it was reported on high authority that Senor Algara, the Mexican Charge d'Affaires, has been directed by Huerta to ask for his passports and that the American Charge at Mexico City, O'Shaughnessy, had been asked to leave.

With this prospective breaking off of diplomatic negotiations, together with the reports of aroused feeling among the Mexicans, the feeling is here that it may be necessary in the near future to resist active attacks from Mexican federal soldiers.

Everything is in readiness for actual warfare if it must come, and Congress today took the final step in justifying the President's course thus far.

The White House gave out the following statement:

"Dispatches received from Consul Canada at Vera Cruz at 1:10 P. M., announced that the American forces are now in complete possession of the city; that apparently no fatalities among American and foreign non-combatants, and that firing had ceased, except for occasional picket shots."

Rear-Admiral Badger organized a landing force composed of 2,700 marines and bluejackets and before daybreak these had all been sent ashore.

In Rear-Admiral Fletcher's proclamation to the people of Vera Cruz, called on them, in the interests of humanity, to co-operate with him in restoring order. He said they could carry on their municipal government as before, and that the United States merely would hold the Custom House and patrol the city.