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## REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

### Hill Steamship Terminals To Be At Flavel

### SALEM CHERRY FAIR EARLY IN JULY

### Oregon Prunes Head the Quotations in All Eastern Markets

PORTLAND, Ore., April 28.—That Flavel, on the Columbia River between Astoria and the ocean, will be the terminus of the steamship line which will be put into operation shortly after the first of next year was announced by Louis W. Hill when in Portland a few days ago. While not going into details, Mr. Hill intimated that the plans for the docks are practically ready and that the structures will be of mammoth size and that the railroad yards in connection with the docks will accommodate not less than 1,000 cars.

The site selected by the Hill system is three miles west of Astoria and is inside the boundaries of the Port of Astoria. The tract has a frontage of 3,800 feet on the Columbia River and is considered to be one of the most valuable pieces of property under the ownership of the Hill system. The docks are expected to be completed and ready for the steamers now being built for the Hill lines at the Cramp yard in Philadelphia.

According to a report recently issued by the Northwestern Fruit Exchange, of Portland, up to the close of business on April 15 that organization had collected and distributed among its shippers the returns on 1,123 cars of fruit of all kinds amounting to \$912,621.48, a net average to the shippers of \$812.66 on each car. Proceeds from these shipments were mailed to shippers within an average of 35 days after forwarding each car.

A recent survey of market conditions indicates that the demand for Oregon prunes is the best ever known in the state, and while the season so far has not been favorable for a record-breaking crop, there is little reason to expect it will fall much if any below the average and the promise of unusually good prices will probably make net returns to growers better than ever before received. On account of their superior quality, Oregon prunes head the quotations in all eastern markets.

The population of Coos County is likely to make a rapid growth within the next few days. On her last out-bound trip the steamer Breakwater carried a family consisting of father, mother, six boys and seven girls. They took with them the usual assortment of household goods, two cows, one horse, a lot of chickens, two cats in crates, and they started with three dogs but one of the latter became homesick and jumped overboard before they were out of sight of land. Immigration into Coos County is very heavy and the steamer has, on several recent trips, been offered more household goods than she

could carry.

The Salem Cherry Fair will be held early in July, according to a recent decision of the Salem Commercial Club. Exact dates will be selected later. A new public market building is being erected in Salem and has been offered to the committee as a location for the fair. It is possible the scope of the fair will be extended this season by the addition of other agricultural products.

### Free Band Concert

The Polk County Band will give a free concert at the Band Stand in front of the postoffice here this (Friday) evening at 7:00 o'clock. This will be a rare treat, so turn out and give the boys a good hearing.

### May Celebrate

A movement is on foot to celebrate July 4 at this place, and we think that it ought to mature. Monmouth has not had a celebration within the memory of the younger generation, at least, and we are not informed as to how much longer. A proper recognition of our Natal Day will not only teach patriotism but will bring the people together socially and provide recreation.

Talk it up and boost for a jolly, old-fashioned Fourth of July picnic.

### Prohis Nominate

The County Prohibition convention convened at Dallas, Monday, and adopted the following resolutions and platform and made nominations:

We, the representatives of the prohibition party of Polk county in convention assembled, affirm the following propositions: That we recognize the legalized liquor traffic as a criminal traffic; and that by every law of God is, and of man ought to be abolished; that we recognize in a republican form of government the only successful method of consummating our issue is through the espousal of that issue by a political party.

That we, therefore, pledge the best we have, even unto life, for the prohibition of this abominable traffic.

That we endorse the State Platform and pledge it our support.

That we labor more vigorously to the enrolling of men that 35 per cent of the value of this county.

That we endorse the state-wide campaign for Oregon dry in 1914.

That we be unremitting in our efforts to get to the polls on election day, the stay at home vote.

And that in this campaign we look with disfavor upon antagonism toward any temperance organization pursuing a different method from our own.

The nominations were: Representative, C. P. Gates; Commissioner, A. G. Rempel; Sheriff, J. F. Morrison; Surveyor, Edward J. Himes; Congressman, Levi Pennington. There were no nominations made for county clerk nor for county treasurer and the central committee was empowered to fill vacancies.

Here's the way to do it. The Humboldt Progressive published a list of blind pigs in Eureka, California. (By the way, Eureka is wet, not dry.) Several weeks ago the police pulled nine of these places.

## STATE NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

### Miss Caroline Luther Represented Senior Class

### NORMAL SCHOOL FOR GOOD ROADS

### "Trial By Jury" To Be Given By Oregon Normal School Glee Clubs

Saturday was GOOD ROADS DAY in Oregon. It was GOOD ROADS DAY in Monmouth also. The Normal School proved its interest in the cause and showed its good faith by hard work.

Friday morning at morning exercise President Ackerman talked for a few moments of the GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT in Oregon and suggested that it was the duty of every school teacher to encourage the work and that nothing proved interest like work. He said that if he could get some people to join him he would respond to the call and would appear on the streets of Monmouth next day ready for work. The heroism of American men could not have shown itself more enthusiastic in enlisting for service in Mexico than did Normal school patriotism and loyalty in volunteering to work on the roads. When the roll was called next day every male member of the school was present and ready for a day of work. President, faculty members, and student body were all there. The girls of the student body were also loyal and responded to the call by preparing a most excellent luncheon for the men.

As a result of the day's work, there were a few blistered hands, a few sore spots but they are all quickly forgotten when the bearer realizes that they are the rewards of his service and they are also forgotten when the battle scarred twentieth soldier can point with great pride to a piece of beautiful road as a monument to his efforts, as a visible proof that he fought a good fight.

Mr. Pitman spent Thursday at Newport at a County Teachers Institute, and Friday at a school rally at Kings Valley, and Saturday will attend a Grange meeting in Portland.

Last Friday morning Miss Laura Taylor of the Physical Education Department represented the faculty by a very interesting talk on the Origin of May Day and its Customs. Miss Taylor traced out clearly from Pagan times the origin of old customs and fetes such as the hanging of the May baskets, the May pole dances on the green, the kindling of May fires, the crowning of the May queen and many other interesting and quaint features pertaining to the coming of spring. All this was especially interesting in view of the preparation now going on for the annual May Day festivities. The students were enthusiastic in their reception of Miss Taylor whose talk made clear the purpose in celebrating May Day as a happy festival.

On Saturday noon the faculty men and the men of the Oregon Normal student body were re-

warded for strenuous work on "Good Roads Day" by a luncheon served in the Domestic Science rooms under the leadership of Miss Laura Bell, who was assisted by a number of the Normal girls. The luncheon was a happy affair enlivened by impromptu speeches and much laughter.

Miss Caroline Luther represented the Junior class in chapel Tuesday morning with the timely subject "The Importance of Vocational Training for Girls." Miss Luther brought out the significant features of this movement which is so prominent today.

Coming! Coming! Coming! "Trial By Jury." To be given by home talent. The O. N. S. Glee Club.

### VESPERTINES

An interesting program was given by the Vespertines at their regular meeting on Friday night, April the twenty-fourth. The musical numbers were given before the three societies. During the roll call many interesting reasons were given in answer to "Why I came to Normal." A debate, "Resolved: That the United States is justified in interfering in Mexico," created much interest. The affirmative side, which won unanimously, was upheld by the Misses Vaeretti and Huss, and the negative, by the Misses Hughes and Bloyd.

Following the debate, Mr. Gentle talked most instructively and enjoyably on "The Customs of Germany." A pantomime, entitled "Courtin'," was well acted by Gertrude Nelson and Grace Shields, after which the Misses Darr, Sawyer and Wagner were characters in a farce "The Schoolmaster." The evening's program was closed with a unique drill by the „Sunbonnet Babies."

### DELPHIANS

The Delphians contributed two numbers to the musical program Friday evening. A piano duet by Misses Booth and Davis was greatly enjoyed by all. A scene from The Mikado, under the direction of Miss Oakes, was especially attractive. The stage was artistically decorated in wisteria and Japanese lanterns. The girls appeared in Japanese costume which made the whole especially realistic. The trio by Misses Miller, Peechin and Bragg was especially well rendered. After the musical program, the Delphians went to Miss Parrott's room where a delightful program was carried out. Roll call was answered by "My favorite author of today." Elbert Hubbard, because of his recent appearance at the Normal, seemed to be the favorite of many. This was followed by a very interesting letter from Miss Grace Henderson, a former Delphian president, to the society, which was read by Miss McCann. She reports a splendid school and says she has used many of the suggestions given in society. The book review on "Panama of the Past and Present," given by Mrs. Smith was entertaining as well as instructive. Every listener could not help but have a better conception of Panama of

## REGARD WAR AS INEVITABLE

### Two Distinct Branches Of Activity Manifested

### LENGTHY MEETING AT THE WHITE HOUSE

### Numerous Plans, However, Are Considered as Envoys Plan Mediation

WASHINGTON, April 29.—The Mexican crisis is now centering on the issue between those who are seeking through the good offices and intermediation of Latin-America to find middle ground for pacific adjustment and those who regard a resort to arms as an inevitable consequence of what has occurred.

Throughout yesterday two distinct branches of activity were manifest here—that of the envoys of Argentina, Brazil and Chile in formulating a plan of adjustment to be submitted to the United States and the Huerta regime, and that of the military and naval forces of the United States, which continue to go forward steadily in preparation for any eventuality. The arrival of General Funston and a brigade of 5000 troops at Vera Cruz was one of the noteworthy military developments of the day.

Chief interest was directed to the sessions of the South American envoys, lasting through the day and late into the night.

At the White House, President Wilson and his Cabinet advisers held a lengthy meeting, and a spirit of optimism over the progress of the negotiations was distinctly apparent in executive quarters.

While the mediators are not ready to announce their plans, or even to indicate when a proposal might be complete for presentation to the two parties, yet it became known that probably three or four days or even a longer time might elapse before they would be ready to take their next step.

Secretary Bryan was called on by Ambassadors and Ministers of European as well as South American countries. Among the visitors was the French Ambassador, M. Jusserand, who expressed the warm sympathy of his country in the cause of mediation. With the exception of the three South American countries, no power has taken any official action, although the European diplomats are doing their utmost to further the cause of peace.

the Past, then through the great advancement until it is Panama of the Present. Misses Mitchell and Delano gave a humorous reading entitled "An Interruption." It was given in their own delightful way and it seemed "their way" caused much laughter. Miss Parrott gave a delightful critic's report. She spoke of the past work of the society and of the steady improvement it had made each year. She closed with many helpful suggestions for the girls in their school and social work as teachers.

This was one of the best, of the many best programs, of this year.