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REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

Have You Good Farm Land To Rent?

OREGON A SUGAR-PRODUCING STATE

Coos and Curry Counties Raised \$5,000 to Meet Expenses of Display at Exposition

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 25.—The farm land bureau of the Oregon State Immigration Commission is receiving a good many inquiries in regard to the possibility of renting good farm land, and nearly all these inquiries come from practical, experienced farmers who are not at this time financially able to purchase land. The Bureau is now planning to add this rental feature to its other work and would like, as soon as possible, to make up a generous list of such offerings. No fees or commissions of any kind will be charged, and in all cases the reliability and fitness of the applicant will be carefully investigated.

Farmers and land owners throughout the state who have land for which they have no present use, and who would like to derive an income from such acreage, are invited to write to J. W. Brewer, manager of the farm land bureau, at Portland, for blanks on which to list such holdings.

If present plans do not miscarry, Oregon will in a short time be listed among the important sugar-producing states of the Union. While Eastern Oregon has been more or less active in the raising of sugar beets for a number of years, it is only recently that the movement has extended to the Willamette Valley and the counties in the south end of the state. Approximately 5,000 acres have been signed up within the past few days in the vicinity of Medford and Grants Pass, an acreage sufficient to warrant the erection of a beet sugar factory. A corporation backed by Oregon, California and Utah capital has been formed to carry through the project.

The commercial club of Gold Hill has also launched a campaign for the purpose of raising the necessary \$650,000 with which to finance a sugar beet mill in that locality. It is more than likely that all the interests in Southern Oregon will combine and locate the factory at some central point to which the beets can be shipped with the least delay and expense.

Coos and Curry counties have raised a fund of \$5,000 to meet the expenses of a comprehensive display at the Panama-Pacific Exposition this year and within a few days the material will be shipped to San Francisco and installed in the Oregon building.

Of interest to all wool growers in this and adjoining states is a movement recently inaugurated to establish a big wool warehouse in Portland to handle the clip from all flocks in this territory, thus eliminating the speculator and broker who have heretofore cut deeply into the annual re-

ceipts of the sheep raisers. Under the new plan all wool will be graded here and the producer will be advised exactly what his wool is worth. It is estimated that this plan will net the woolmen from 3 to 5 cents per pound over former prices.

Solution for the Problem of the Unemployed

The liquor men are bidding for public sympathy on behalf of the poor working men who, it is claimed, is thrown out of employment by prohibition. They state that as a result of the voting dry of Arizona, Colorado, Oregon and Washington, some forty local trades unions under the jurisdiction of the Bartenders' International League have disbanded, and dire results are predicted. The Labor News (Galveston, Ill.) however, sounds a truer note. It says:

"When the people quit spending a billion dollars a year for less than nothing, then they will have money to spend for necessities and there will be jobs for everybody making things worth while. Who would think of putting up a wall for the poor manufacturer and dealer in 'coke,' or other drugs thrown out of work through the passage or enforcement of laws against the drug habit? Who will defend the 'poor worker' thrown out of employment because of the sumptuary law against burglary or murder? It is the booze business that fills our cities with unemployed and sends our girls to the devil. Kill the thing which not only incites a man for work but robs him of the money he might spend to make work for others and the unemployed problem will be largely solved."

Public Library Notes

Miss E. Miller, librarian.
Mrs. L. A. Boone, assistant.

We received another shipment of books from Salem last week. Call and examine the books. You will surely find something that you will want to read to help you in your work, your studies or for recreation.

Twenty-eight volumes were drawn from the library Tuesday evening.

Here are some good books that are in the Monmouth Public Library now:

"A Vagabond Journey Around the World," a narrative of personal experience by Harry A. Franck. Illustrated with more than one hundred photographs.

"Les Miserables," by Victor Hugo. The battle of the angels and the demons for man's soul. How Jean Valjean was recovered from passion and sin to christian service and self-sacrifice.

"Indian Boyhood," by Charles A. Eastman, with illustrations by E. L. Blumenschein. A splendid book for boys.

"Off the Highway," by Smith. A strong, wholesome romance.

The library is open every Tuesday and Friday evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock.

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STATE NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

Members of the Legislature Visited Here Wednesday

150 FROM SCHOOL VISIT LEGISLATURE

Several Excellent Attractions on Lecture Course During Second Semester

The following members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee honored the Normal with an official visit last Wednesday: Senators Day, Ward, Murley, Hagadone, Ward, Ladollette and Smith, and they were accompanied by Mr. O. B. Frohman, of Portland. They were present during chapel exercises and each one responded to an invitation to give a short address, after which they inspected the training school, domestic science building and other Normal School buildings. More than eighty members of the June Seniors gathered in the hall of the training school, and Miss Ethel Klann gave a splendid address in which she outlined the needs of the Normal School, and the feeling of the June Seniors relative to the same. They were guests for luncheon at the dormitory, and the Normal feel that they went away highly pleased with everything they saw. The committee did not commit itself as to whether or not it would give a favorable recommendation to Senate bill No. 25, which asks for an appropriation of \$50,000.00 for the training school building; however, the Normal is always glad to welcome members of the Legislature even though they may not see their way clear to grant us everything we feel we need. We hope other members of the Legislature will honor us with a visit.

One hundred and fifty members of the faculty and student body of the Oregon Normal School chartered a special train on Thursday for the purpose of visiting the State Legislature. Gov. Withycombe was kind enough to give a reception to the excursionists which was highly prized by every member. The day was, perhaps one of the most profitable days that the student body has experienced.

Saturday night the Sophomore class had a most delightful party at the home of Miss West, the class adviser. The entertainment was chiefly in the form of an informal supper which was served in front of the open fire. A unique guessing contest and story telling rounded out a very pleasant evening.

Last Wednesday night was the occasion of a real musical treat to Monmouth when Mr. David Campbell, pianist, and Mrs. Delphine Marx, contralto, appeared in recital. Mr. Campbell's playing was marked by a fine intellectual quality of interpretation coupled with a technical skill and delicacy of touch which made his numbers full of interest. His rendition of the Chopin group and the trio of modern composers was eminently satisfying. Mrs. Marx possesses a voice of un-

usual richness and flexibility which appeared to especial advantage in "Der Wanderer" and "The Cry of Rachel." Her singing throughout was characterized by a rare charm of personality. Both Mrs. Marx and Mr. Campbell were generous in their response to encores. Miss Mary Hoham accompanied Mrs. Marx at the piano with exquisite feeling and taste. As a whole the recital was a distinct event in the musical year.

Friday morning Superintendent Boetticher of the Albany schools spoke in chapel on the subject "What a City Superintendent expects of an Applicant." His talk emphasized mainly what an applicant should not be and do. Many points of value to future teachers were featured. Mr. Boetticher spent the day looking over the school and meeting students.

DELPHIAN SOCIETY

The Delphian Society met for regular meeting last Friday evening. The members of the other two societies were the guests of the Delphians who introduced a new feature into the society work. A Model Primary Program was given by those members of the Delphian Society who are preparing to take up primary work. The program opened with a "Japanese Song" in costume. This was followed by a series of "Children's Pictures." Those represented were: "Baby Stuart," "Going Home from School," "Kiss Me," "The Sunflowers," and "The Girl and Cat." All were realistically portrayed. The dramatization of "Sleeping Beauty" was the next number on the program. Every member of the caste deserves special mention for the excellent work done in making the whole such a success. "The Night Wind" recited in concert by five girls in costume was another entertaining feature of the program. This was followed by "Topsy Turvey" which was hilariously enjoyed by all. The concluding number was "Uncle Sam's Photograph Album," the pictures of which were as much enjoyed by the audience as by Uncle Sam and his children. The program was a decided success and reflected great credit upon the students who directed the various features and upon the participants. The Society is planning to work out a Model Program for the Intermediate and Advanced grades in the near future.

Special Meetings Continue

The special meetings at the Baptist church are still in progress. Rev. Foskett has given some strong sermons thus far this week and the services from now on will be of special interest. Tonight the subject is "Twice Born Men." Saturday evening Rev. J. L. Whirry will give his experience how he became a christian and entered the church and ministry. Sunday morning, "God's Plan for Saving a Lost World." All educators and students should hear this. Afternoon, "How Much a Man is Worth," and the closing service of the series, "Calvary's Last Message." All are urged to attend these remaining services.

O. N. S. LECTURE COURSE

Arrangements Are Made for a Block of the Best Seats for Monmouth People

The lecture course numbers for the first semester were rounded out by the concert of Mr. David Campbell and Mrs. Delphine Marx last Wednesday night. The course for the second semester, including such attractions as Seamus Macmanus, Irish story teller, Skovgaard, Norwegian violinist, and Mary Antin, noted author, promises to be of especial interest to Monmouth people. These entertainments are made possible by the students' fees which are paid for this particular purpose. However, in order that every one may have these opportunities a block of the best seats is reserved for the townspeople and faculty. This block of seats is not open to the students until all others who wish seats reserved have had an opportunity to do so. The next number on the course is Seamus Macmanus who comes February 20.

City Council Had Session

The city council met Tuesday night and allowed claims against the city as per the lists below and transacted other business as follows:

ON GENERAL FUND

Willamette Valley Lbr. Co., concrete, lumber and tiling.....	\$ 91.65
Oregon Power Co., street light.....	33.00
D. E. Stitt, recorder's fees.....	28.90
J. F. Moreland, marshal's salary.....	15.00
Total.....	\$168.55

ON WATER FUND

J. F. Moreland, supt.'s salary.....	\$ 45.00
Oregon Power Co., power.....	36.40
C. G. Griffo, galvanized pipe.....	15.80
D. E. Stitt, col. water rents.....	5.00
Total.....	\$102.20

A bill for an ordinance authorizing the sale of certain property in block 16 to Allen Johnson was then taken up and read for the second and third times and passed by unanimous vote.

A communication of J. F. McClellan stating that he had sold his draying business and asking the return of his drayage license fee was read and by motion which prevailed the unearned amount was to be refunded upon a bill for same being regularly brought before the council.

The council then accepted by regular motion a map presented by the Oregon Power Company, having the places of the proposed lights, to be installed by the company, marked thereon as the places agreed upon by the city where said lights should be located.

The meeting then adjourned. Council meets again February 9, 1915.

Faculty Members Entertain

Saturday night Miss Butler and Miss Taylor delightfully entertained several members of the Senior class and a few friends at their home. The fore part of the evening was spent in music and singing, with Miss Hoham at the piano. Later, progressive five hundred was played after which dainty refreshments were served. A very pleasant evening was spent and the guests were delighted to have had another opportunity to spend a few hours at the home of such excellent entertainers. —A Guest.