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REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

Two Organizations of Portland to Consolidate

CANNERY AT NEHALEM DOES WELL

Jetty at Nehalem is Completed For About 1,200 Feet

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 2.—Of great interest to the City of Portland, as well as to the entire state, is the movement, which has so far progressed as to insure its ultimate success, to consolidate the Portland Chamber of Commerce with the Portland Commercial Club, bringing all the activities of both organizations under one management, making necessary the collection of only one fund instead of two and vastly broadening the lines along which the united forces will operate. The funds necessary to carry on the work of the single organization will be raised in the form of membership fees, and from this fund appropriations will be made to carry on the work of each of the several departments.

One good effect of this plan will be the protection of the business men of the community against solicitation for subscriptions to carry on any special movement that may be launched. All membership fees will cover a period of three years, and this feature will eliminate the necessity for an annual campaign to raise money with which to meet running expenses, each department will know exactly what its resources will be for the entire period and can lay out its work accordingly.

One department, the Oregon Development Bureau, will take over the work formerly managed by the Oregon Development League, and in every possible way will co-operate with commercial bodies throughout the state in any and all movements for the advancement and development of Oregon.

While the details of the consolidation are being worked out, the name of the organization will be "The New Chamber of Commerce," and its motto "One for All and All for One."

The establishment of a plant for the manufacture of potato starch is being discussed by the business men of Redmond, Madras and other Central Oregon points. As large areas of that part of the state are peculiarly adapted to the production of spuds, and as unfavorable markets and the usual percentage of culls sometimes make the business unprofitable, it is proposed to use any surplus and all culls in making starch, of which Central Oregon potatoes are said to contain an average of 18 per cent. A factory costing \$10,000 should care for all cull potatoes from 5,000 acres.

The co-operative cannery at Newberg paid to farmers of that region \$24,454 last year, practically all of it for produce which would otherwise have been lost. The cannery made a net profit of about \$3,000, which was better

than expected for the first year. Co-operative establishments of this kind are likely to prove the salvation of thousands of Oregon farmers.

The jetty at Nehalem is completed for about 1,200 feet and is already having a marked effect upon the channel. Rock is now being dumped into about 20 feet of water.

FATHER WRITES SLOGAN SON DONATES POSTER

1915 Rose Festival Receives Work of Art from Famous Oregon Boy.



Portland's 1915 Rose Festival has a unique poster—the most artistic ever used and it is the work of an Oregon boy, Fred G. Cooper, now one of the world's foremost artists. His father, J. C. Cooper, of McMinnville, Oregon, wrote the winning slogan, "The Whole World Knows the Portland Rose." At his father's personal request young Cooper donated the poster to incorporate the slogan. Portland has co-operated with Seattle, Tacoma, Walla Walla and Spokane in securing conventions that will bring more than 250,000 visitors to Washington and Oregon.

Don't be stingy with the feed. The Israelites couldn't make bricks without straw, and the cow cannot make milk without enough food. F. H. Scribner, speaking of this very thing in Hoard's Dairyman, says: "Would you stand for it year after year if your thresherman would try to economize in fuel and run on just enough steam to turn the separator? No sir, the thresherman would get orders to go on if he fed in just enough fuel to turn the wheels."—Oregon Farmer.

MONMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

A basket ball game has been arranged for tonight with Salt Creek high school. This team was a competitor with Dallas H. S. and was only beaten by a few points. The game is expected to be a good one.

The purchasing of a piano is a subject that is being discussed throughout the school. We now have an Eilers piano which is being considered very generally.

The old piano was taken down to the gymnasium, Monday, and lockers for the girls were put in at the same time.

The Executive Committee has met with two or three piano agents recently and we are in hopes that a piano will soon be purchased.

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STATE NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

Rev. J. R. M. Bell Visited the School Tuesday

TOTAL ENROLLMENT HAS REACHED 300

Amphion Quartette Gave Varied Program in Chapel Thursday Night of Last Week

Rev. J. R. M. Bell favored the school with a short visit Tuesday afternoon. The only fault we have to find with his visit is that he didn't come at a time when he could speak to the student body at chapel time. We hope to have him at some future time.

Miss Ethel Woodcock of Kerby, Oregon, is the latest addition to the student body, making the total enrollment for the year thus far 306.

Thursday night of last week the Amphion Quartette appeared in the Normal chapel with a varied program of songs, readings and saxophone numbers. The entertainment was under the auspices of The Norm which realized a sufficient sum to pay off all its indebtedness.

Friday morning children of the seventh grade recited in concert for their chapel exercises on Longfellow's birthday his poem "The Arsenal." It was spoken with earnest feeling and showed that the children were thinking the right things. They remained to hear Miss Kennon who represented the faculty. Her subject was "The Lesser Pleasures of Life." Her object of the talk was to interest people in the things about them and to show them that expensive excitement is not necessary to real enjoyment. The student body were cordial in their appreciation of both parts of the chapel hour.

The Vespertine society held an enthusiastic meeting Friday evening. A clever teeter song and a piano solo by Miss Routh were contributions to the joint program. After the business session which was answered by a Washington roll call, an amusing mock legislature session afforded the society much pleasure and information.

DELPHIANS

The Delphian Literary Society held its bi-monthly meeting, Friday, February the twenty-sixth. Roll call was answered with a Valentine or Patriotic quotation thus honoring the venerable St. Valentine and our own heroes whose birthdays February holds.

The musical numbers were both greatly enjoyed. Miss Edith Williams, one of our new students, rendered a vocal solo, and Misses Applegate and Elmlund played a piano duet.

The "Trial of February" was the feature of the evening's program. The presentation did credit to the director, Miss De Lano, as well as to the students who took part; and I believe all in the audience agreed with Lawyer Year that February, although short, is one of the most important months in the year, because of the great names it

holds. We could scarcely call it an "Annus Mirabilis" but "Mensis Mirabilis." After the Critic's report, the Society adjourned until March 12.

Tax Payments

The amendment to the tax laws for this year provides that the first half is to be paid on or before March 31st, and the last half by September 30th. If the first half is paid by March 31st no interest or penalty will be charged on the last half if paid by the last day in September.

Statements are being mailed to the taxpayers by the County Treasurer, and payment may be made at the bank.

Report On Range Destroying Rodents

The district forester at Portland, Oregon, announces that a report has recently been completed upon a study made last summer and fall to determine the amount of damage done by rodents, notably the pocket gopher. The study was made by the Biological Survey, and the area chosen for the investigation was upon the Ochoco National Forest in central Oregon. The facts brought out by the study are somewhat startling.

It has been known to the Forest Service for some years that certain areas had the appearance of being overgrazed, but it was not until a more intensive study of the range was made that suspicion turned toward the pocket gopher so frequently seen in these localities. As a result of the study of the ways of these little animals, it is safe to say that on many areas 50 per cent of the grazing value of the range is destroyed by their work.

This destruction is brought about in three ways: First, by the actual food which they consume or store away, which consists of the roots of various grasses and forage plants. In one storeroom alone over 1,000 bulbs of the melica or bulb grass were found. Second, the mounds of earth thrown out by the gopher cover considerable forage. This may appear of small consequence but each mound will average a square foot in size. On one area there was found an average of 8,800 mounds to the acre. This means that one-fourth of each acre was rendered valueless. Third, their system of burrowing countless runways fairly undermines the ground, increases the friability of the soil, destroys the root systems of the plants above, and when stock in bands passes over the ground, it is as badly torn up as if it had been plowed.

After having ascertained these facts, the agent of the Biological Survey set about a method of combating the pests. Pieces of sweet potato, seasoned with a preparation of sugar and strychnine, were placed in the gopher runways by means of a long pointed stick. In going over the area a second time, it was found that from 95 to 100 per cent of the gophers were poisoned the first round. Those that survived the first dose of poison would soon throw up fresh mounds and could be easily detected and poisoned on the second round.

POLK CO. TEACHER'S INSTITUTE

Was Held at Independence, Saturday, February 27th—One of the Best Ever Held and Was Well Attended.

The Teacher's Institute held at Independence, Saturday, February 27th, was one of the best ever held in the county and also well attended. The professional spirit of the teacher was excellent many teachers coming from across the county and having to start the night before in order to make the trip. All of them expressed themselves as well pleased with the meeting and said that they had derived much good from it. The professional teacher, and the teacher who has her work at heart, always gets much from a county institute.

The following program was carried out:

Address—Grammar, H. J. Hockenberry, Portland Schools.

Address—Industrial Work, F. H. Shepherd, Oregon Agricultural College.

Address—The Old Playground and the New, H. J. Hockenberry. Class Demonstration, Miss Katherine Arbuthnot, Oregon Normal School.

Address, J. A. Churchill, Supt. of Public Instruction.

Address—School Gardening, Miss Alice Joyce, Portland, Ore.

Two vocal solos by Mrs. E. E. Paddock and Mrs. Claire Irvin, Independence, Oregon.

Several members of the Normal School faculty and a number of students were present and also several visiting teachers from other counties.

The next teacher's meeting will be held at Falls City, April 10th.

Range for Goats on the National Forests

The District Forester at Portland, Oregon, announces that there is available on the National Forests located on the west slopes of the Cascades, range that will take care of from 20,000 to 25,000 head of goats.

It has been felt for some time, by the grazing men of the Forest Service, that the range on the west slopes of the Cascades, which is covered quite extensively with brush and heavy undergrowth, is better adapted to goats than to sheep and cattle. Furthermore, it is thought that the browsing of this brush would be of great benefit to the Forest, as it would remove what now constitutes a serious fire menace. Reports have been received from all the supervisors of the west side Forests, and it is now estimated that from 20,000 to 25,000 goats can be taken care of on the available range. If the goat men are inclined to avail themselves of this range, and the experiment proves a success, it is probable that other areas may be found that are suitable for goats.

HORSES FOR SALE

Three horses for sale; will work anywhere; excellent for single work in hop yard or orchard. P. O. Powell, Phone, Farm 104. 4t