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REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

Willamette Valley Dairymen Buy High Grade Jerseys

CONVENTION AT ASTORIA LAST WEEK

Work of Clearing the Right of Way for New Railroad Will Be Started at Once

PORTLAND, Ore., May 18.—That the dairymen of the Willamette Valley are fully alive to the importance of improving their herds is indicated by the phenomenal success of the auction sale of registered and grade Jerseys at Independence last week. The total number of animals changing hands was 185, of which 135 were registered merit cattle. This is the largest number of Jerseys of this class ever offered at one sale in the United States. Congressman McArthur was one of the largest buyers, securing 10 animals at a total cost of \$2,590, his highest price being \$375. Other high bids were: H. H. Curtis, \$500; W. L. Pate, \$400, and W. B. Allen, \$395. As many as 36 head of Jerseys were brought to this sale by a single breeder.

Professor Thos. Shaw, the noted agriculturist of the Great Northern system, accompanied by a party of high officials of the Hill lines, will make a tour of Central and Eastern Oregon during the week beginning May 31. This will be an educational trip, the experts in the party giving lectures and demonstrations at all principal points in the territory visited. They will study the Tumalo project and other irrigated and dry-farming sections and on their return will mail exhaustive reports for the benefit of the railway immigration department.

Governor Withycombe has designated September 21, 22 and 23 as the dates for the waterpower and public land conference of Western states which will be held in Portland. At its late session the Legislature provided for such conferences and authorized the Governor to fix the dates. The Oregon delegation will be: E. B. Piper, of the Oregonian; W. Lair Thompson, president of the senate; S. B. Huston and S. C. Hudson, of Bend. The Governor will act as chairman of the delegation.

At the convention of the Columbia and Snake River Waterways association at Astoria last week, W. W. Harragh, of Pendleton, said: "If the open river causes a reduction of but 2 cents per bushel on wheat, it will save Umatilla County alone \$120,000 per year, and if corresponding reductions are made on other commodities shipped from that county, it will mean the saving of more than half the county's annual taxes of \$400,000."

All preliminaries having been settled, work of clearing the right of way for the new California & Oregon Coast Railway, from Grants Pass to Crescent City, California, will be started at once. The contract provides that the line shall be completed to Hays Hill within six months and

that the first 40 miles shall be finished in 40 months. This line will open up the rich copper region of the Illinois River and the timber country below it.

As an echo of the recent opening of the canal at Oregon City for the free passage of river craft, it is announced that a line of boats to carry passengers and freight will be put on between Portland, Dayton and McMinnville, on the Yamhill River. A small job of dredging will make that river easily navigable for light draft steamers.

In an effort to stimulate the use of Oregon manufactured goods and Oregon labor, the Chamber of Commerce of Portland yesterday began a campaign through its bureau of industries and manufactures to take advantage of the Bingham bill which becomes effective as a law this month, and which was passed at the last legislative session.

The Bingham bill gives a preferential of five percent in favor of goods manufactured in Oregon, or in favor of Oregon labor, in the consideration of competitive bidding before county courts, boards of county commissioners, school boards, city councils, or other public officers authorized to purchase supplies or contract for labor.

"In plainer English, a purchasing officer is authorized to accept as the lowest bid for labor or supplies that offered by representatives of Oregon products, if the bid of the latter is not more than five percent higher than the lowest bidder from any other state," said George D. Lee, secretary of the bureau. "It is intended to counterbalance the difference in the cost of production, as between local and foreign concerns. It somewhat adds to the handicap of the foreign manufacturer represented by freight rates, and it should prove an encouragement to the establishment of factories for the manufacture of those items needed in the building of roads and bridges and materials consumed by municipal purchase.

"Senator Bingham introduced the bill after consultation with representatives of the organizations which have been struggling to enlarge the market for those factories already here and to pave the way for others yet to be secured.

"In the opinion of David M. Dunne, and other pioneer manufacturers, the Bingham measure will prove of great value."

CARD OF THANKS

My dear neighbors and friends, from the depth of my heart I wish to thank you for the love and respect you have shown for my precious husband. I also thank you for the beautiful floral offerings.

MRS. D. M. HEWITT AND FAMILY.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation to our many friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy shown us during the sickness and burial of our husband and father.

MRS. M. A. MORELAND, DAUGHTERS AND SONS.

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

Class From Willamette University Visited Normal

BOARD OF REGENTS MET HERE SATURDAY

Semester Fee Reduced—Governor to Appoint Building Committee for Training School

The Normal was honored by a visit from Prof. Matthews and his Mathematics class from Willamette University, who spent the day at the Normal last Wednesday. It bespeaks much interest on the part of the class to take the time and effort to make the visit. The class seemed to be pleased with what it saw, and the Normal hopes that we may have many such visits from said institution.

The Board of Regents met at the Normal building last Saturday, at which time the financial affairs of the School were presented by the President and thoroughly examined. After due deliberation the Board felt that it would make attendance at the Normal as reasonable as possible, so instructed the President to reduce the semester fee from six dollars to four dollars, beginning with the fall semester of 1915, the tuition for the summer term to remain as scheduled, namely \$6.00. The Governor was authorized to appoint a Building Committee with power to select an architect and build the new training school building. The site of the building was located almost directly east of the dormitory, on the vacant tract of land now owned by the Normal. Without doubt the Governor will appoint the committee soon, and it will proceed as rapidly as possible to the erection of the building. It is planned to make it up-to-date in every respect, and the people of Monmouth will without doubt be proud of the building in which their children may be educated.

Last Friday morning Miss Laura Taylor occupied the chapel hour with a talk on "Festivals, Their Development and Purpose." In view of the recent May Day Festival and Pageants the talk was particularly fitting since Miss Taylor traced the origin of such communal celebrations and showed how all the arts were joined in the festival. As an introduction, Miss Taylor summed up cleverly the talks given by other faculty members this year. The students evidenced their interest by hearty cheers.

Miss Elsie Philpott's paper on "The State Library and Its Work" was the Senior contribution to the Wednesday chapel. Miss Philpott's paper was full of splendid information and showed the students resources fully at their command.

Saturday afternoon Miss Laura Taylor was hostess at an afternoon in honor of Miss Katie Dunsmore. Sewing and conversation entertained the guests who were the faculty women and wives of faculty members. Refreshments

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D. M. HEWITT PASSES

DIED—May 15, 1915, Daniel Matheny Hewitt, aged 71 years, 1 month and 13 days.

Again the grim reaper has visited our little city and taken his toll. This time choosing one of our honorable and influential citizens and transporting him over the dividing line to the realities of the spirit land to await the time of the resurrection, when the spirit and body shall be reunited and he shall be endowed with immortal life.

His death was very sudden, being caused by apoplexy. He was stricken about 8 o'clock in the morning and died shortly before noon, not having regained consciousness.

Deceased was a native of Oregon, having been born in Washington County, April 2, 1844, his parents, Henry and Elizabeth Hewitt having arrived in Oregon in 1843. When a small boy his parents moved to Yamhill County where he grew to manhood and where he was wedded to Miss Henrietta Miller the 6th day of September 1867. After his marriage he remained in Yamhill where he followed farming until 1872, when he moved to this county and purchased a farm on the Luckiamute some nine miles south of Monmouth. Several years later he became a resident of Monmouth and engaged in the drug business for awhile. Disposing of that he returned to his farm and in time purchased a second one near to the one already owned, and followed the pursuit of farming until some nine years ago when he retired from active life and settled in Monmouth to enjoy church privileges and the blessings pertaining to social life. He was converted at the age of 18 years and joined the United Brethren church, but later in life united with the Evangelical church of which he was a faithful member at the time of his death.

The funeral discourse was preached by Pastor F. M. Fisher of the Evangelical church, assisted by Elder W. A. Wood, of the Christian church, and the remains were laid to rest in the K. P. cemetery south of town the funeral services taking place Monday, May 17, at 11 o'clock A. M. at the Evangelical church.

There was a very large attendance at the funeral services and a procession of rigs and automobiles to the cemetery that totaled about fifty vehicles. The attendance at the cemetery was about 250 persons while the congregation at the church service was much larger. The floral offering was immense and very beautiful. The grave was was more than covered twice over, friends from near and far bringing their tribute of love and respect.

Deceased leaves a wife, two sons, E. E., of this place and G. G. of the Luckiamute, three grand children and eight brothers to mourn their bereavement. He was the oldest of nine brothers, six of whom were in attendance at the funeral and served as pall bearers for their deceased brother. His brothers present were H. H. of Albany, Adam of Amity, Andrew of McMinnville,

POLISHED PEBBLES, JUNE 4-5

Other Dates Are Set For Next Month

M. H. S. WINS PLACE IN TRACK MEET

Monmouth High School Gymnasium Girls Gave Exhibition Evening of May 13

The girls of the Monmouth High School gave their first demonstration at the High School gymnasium Thursday evening of last week. There were about three hundred and fifty people present and everyone seems to think the students did exceedingly well for the small number who took part. Too much credit cannot be given Miss Merle Stearns, who had charge of the demonstration. She has instructed the girls in their gymnasium work the last semester and has made it a great success. The Normal orchestra gave several selections.

M. H. S. Wins Place in Meet

Monmouth High School took four points and ninth place in the Interscholastic Track Meet at Eugene, May 15. Thirty-one high schools were represented. Columbia University won first place. W. J. Mulkey, the only entry from M. H. S., won second place in the broad jump, and fourth place in the javelin throw. Mulkey was one of the six who qualified for the finals in the 100 yard dash. This race was won by Lincoln High of Portland. The javelin record made last year by Mulkey still stands.

Prof. Gentle Speaks to H. S.

On Friday of last week Prof. T. H. Gentle gave a very interesting speech on "The Organizing and Mobilization Power of Germany." He explained the subject very thoroughly as he has lived in Germany and knows the conditions there.

Dr. Straub Addressed Students

Dr. John Straub, Dean of College of Liberal Arts at the University of Oregon, addressed the students of the H. S. in a very pleasing manner on Monday afternoon of this week. His subject, "The Great American Question" thoroughly impressed upon the minds of the students the value of an education.

"Polished Pebbles," June 4-5—Other Dates Set

The High School chorus is busy in the preparation of the operetta, "Polished Pebbles," written by the author of "Windmills of Holland." This assures a good, snappy entertainment.

Other dates for the close of the Semester are:

June 4—Junior Reception to Seniors.

June 6—Baccalaureate sermon at the Baptist Church.

June 10—Commencement.

June 11—Annual Picnic.

Miss Ida Strong, W. J. Mulkey, Guy Sacre and E. L. Keezel went to Eugene for Junior Week festivities.

Isaiah of Salem, J. L. of Portland, L. L. of Independence and Merit of Amity. M. C. Hewitt of Rose City, California, and W. H. of La Grande, Oregon, were not present.

In the death of Mr. Hewitt the bereaved family lost a kind husband and father, and the community a good citizen, a model man, one whose aim was to do what he believed to be right. A good man has fallen asleep and the sympathy of many friends and neighbors goes out to the bereaved family.