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REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

Oregon Congressmen Investigating Land Grant Case

MULTNOMAH COUNTY IMPROVING ROADS

Oregon Wins Medals at the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco

PORTLAND, Ore., June 29.—In view of the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Oregon & California land grant case, the matter has become one for action by the citizens of this state. Some decision must be arrived at by Congress within six months from the date of the Supreme Court decision, and five months of that time will elapse before the beginning of the next session of Congress, leaving only one month in which to have the question acted upon by both houses. In order to expedite matters and to secure all necessary data, Oregon's congressional delegation, consisting of two senators and three representatives, will co-operate with the Portland Chamber of Commerce and a series of conferences will be held to determine the standing of settlers and other interested parties in each county in which the disputed land is located. It is believed that by taking vigorous action during the Summer and Fall all facts and figures can be collected and tabulated in such form that Congress will be able to reach a decision without delay. As on this decision depends the winning or losing by Oregon of several million dollars, it is of the utmost importance that no time be lost in starting this investigation.

No time has been lost by the road authorities of Multnomah County in taking advantage of the permission, granted by the people of this part of the state at the recent election, to spend \$1,250,000 in paving county roads. On Monday, June 21, the Warren Construction Company signed a contract in the office of Roadmaster Yeon, and three hours later work had been started on the first unit of Sandy Road, just outside the city limits. Two days later the finishing coat had been applied to this section and preliminary work on the next unit was well under way. Contracts for paving the Columbia Highway and other county roads were signed the same day and work started with almost equal promptness.

For the purpose of handling poultry products to the best advantage, a "Poultry and Egg Circle" has been organized at Corvallis under the direction of experts of the Agricultural College. The new association has already made arrangements to handle the products of flocks aggregating more than 3,000 fowls. The eggs will be graded, candled and marked with the association stamp. A market has already been established which will represent a marked increase in returns from this source. If found to work satisfactorily, it is proposed to organize similar circles

all over the state.

That Oregon dairies rank among the very best in the United States is indicated by the action of the judges at the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco in awarding the grand prize, consisting of a gold medal and \$100 in gold, for the highest average scored by ten samples of Oregon milk exhibited. Medals were also awarded for the extremely low bacteria count in samples of Oregon milk and cream, no other samples having made anywhere near as good a showing.

Lacked Adhesion

Word reached here Monday that the Commercial Club of Corvallis was going out on a Booster trip Tuesday and that their auto train would pass through Monmouth Tuesday afternoon at 4:15 and of course arrangements were made for a reception and an address of welcome and the anticipated response, while the Normal faculty and students had prepared to delight the visitors with bewitching music, satisfying their thirst with delicious punch and appeal to the taste with edibles.

Everything was made ready on time and the business men of our little city, headed by the mayor, hid themselves to the Normal grove to do honor to the visitors.

Four fifteen o'clock came and passed; then came a rumor that the train would be along by 4:30 or 4:45; more waiting, but at the latter time a lone car pulled in, after a while a second, then a third and a fourth passed on—we learned that the start had been made from Corvallis about 75 strong the route being to Independence, Salem, Dallas, Monmouth and home but that the company began separating before leaving Salem and—well the address of welcome is still waiting with no response to materialize. The students sang their songs and those present drank the punch but the occasion was marred for lack of sticktoitiveness of the excursion party.

Successors to Wetherbee & Jones

W. F. Elliott, traveling salesman for a large dry goods firm in Chicago, was in the city over Sunday. Mr. Elliott is a member of the firm, to be known as Elliott & Eddy, who recently purchased the store of Weatherbee & Jones. His long experience with this eastern firm fits him for the business acquired and we have every reason to believe that he will make good. His partner, Mr. Eddy, is at present engaged in business at Willamini. Both are young men with pleasing personalities and up-to-date business methods, which insure a continuation of a well established business.—Enterprise.

Theater Opens

The moving picture show opened last Saturday night with a large attendance and a very good show. The house was well filled, standing room being well taken.

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

Reception for New Students Last Saturday Night

STUDENTS ARE CONTINUING TO ENROLL

It is Expected That the 500 Mark Will Be Reached By the End of the Week

The first social event of the Summer School was the reception tendered the new students by President and Mrs. Ackerman. The gymnasium was transformed into a veritable drawing room and the walls were beautiful with maple boughs and pennants. There were pennants for the Oregon Normal School and one for each county in the state as well as one honoring Oregon's Guests, under which, when the students were asked to group around their various banners, sixteen members of the Summer School, representing almost as many states, assembled. Promptly at eight o'clock the guests began to arrive and were greeted by President and Mrs. Ackerman and the other members of the Summer School Faculty, all of whom were in the receiving line. Beside the Faculty, President and Mrs. Ackerman were assisted by the Misses Mettie, Grettie, Skinner, Doty, Pallett, Michel, Nyquest, Jackson, Williams, Pearson, West, Porter and Messrs. Arehart, Winters and Ranie Burkhead who did much to make the new students feel at home. The first part of the evening's program consisted of a vocal solo by Miss Hoham after which President Ackerman welcomed the Summer School students to the Normal in his usual happy manner, to which Mr. Moore of Multnomah County, responded. Mr. Moore paid a high tribute to the work of the Normal and urged the students to put their best into their work for the value to them would be inestimable, closing with Elbert Hubbard's preaching, that "Shirkers get paid what they are worth." Mr. Macy of Independence, followed with a vocal solo. Mr. Butler then announced that the students would form in line in counties and headed by their county pennant join the Faculty, led by President Ackerman and Miss Parrott, in a grand march. The marching, countermarching and serpentine of the nearly five hundred students through the lighted campus was most effective. The return to the gymnasium was followed by a solo by Mr. Gilmore. Punch and wafers were then served to the guests, after which all said good-night feeling that all were friends and all members of the Oregon Normal School. The music by the Student Body Orchestra of Salem added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

Miss May Sevis of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, has been the house guest of Miss Todd for the past week.

Mr. C. H. Jones, Editor of the Oregon Teacher's Monthly, spent two days of this week at the Normal in the interest of his

Salem Cherry Fair

Salem, Ore., July 1.—Visitors at the Salem Cherry Fair held July 2 and 3, and with which is combined a real old fashioned Fourth of July celebration, will have an unusual treat in seeing Fred De Kor, one of the best known and most spectacular bird men in the country. De Kor will fly from the Fair Grounds at Salem on the afternoon of July 3; he calls himself the "Daredevil of the Air," and by all accounts lives up to his reputation thoroughly.

Glides, dips and flops are among the least showy of De Kor's stunts in the air. The famous "loop the loop" is performed, as well as spiral and zig-zag flights. Flying upside down he skims through the air with swallow-like smoothness and speed. His exhibition gives a good idea of the advance of aviation in the last few years, and indicates why the bird men have played such a large part in the European conflict.

To match the speed demon in the air, there has been arranged for the same afternoon, motorcycle contests, to be staged on the mile track at the Fair Grounds. The foremost speed artists of the country are to be present to take part in the exhibition. As there is probably nothing faster on wheels than the demoniac little motorcycle, a meet full of thrills and plenty of excitement is assured.

"I am practically willing to admit," said F. G. Deckabach, Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, "that I believe that this Cherry Fair will be the most successful from the point of view of entirely meritorious attractions, that has ever been staged in Salem. Every angle of the arrangements is progressing satisfactorily, and we have even pledged the weather man to good behavior."

The two busy days of the Cherry Fair are to be followed by a solid week of the Salem Chautauqua, which is to be held July 5-12. It is thought that many from the surrounding country will probably plan to spend ten days in Salem, and take in the entire bill.

Miss West spent the week-end in Portland.

It is very gratifying to those interested in better rural schools to note the crowded classes in Rural Methods. This certainly augurs well for the future.

The students are continuing to enroll. The 500 mark will probably be reached by the end of the week.

The County Groups met on Monday evening and effected their organizations. All are looking forward to the "Stunt Evening" which has come to be one of the big events of the Summer School.

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THE CHAUTAUQUA ON AT DALLAS

Speakers of Merit to Handle Various Subjects

WHOLE WEEK OF GOOD ENTERTAINMENT

Circillo's Excellent Band Will Delight and Entertain Attending Visitors

Dallas is scheduled for a pleasant and instructive week of entertainment commencing Saturday, July 3rd, and lasting over the 10th, during the visit of the Ellison-White Chautauqua at that city.

This noted company held forth there last year for a week, and the prospects are that the pleasures and benefits this season will excel their previous visit.

Speakers of wide reputation and merit will be in attendance, and not the least feature, will be the presence of Circillo's famous band to delight lovers of excellent music.

Dallas Band Gave Concert

Some forty autoes, filled with chautauqua boosters from Dallas, among whom were the members of the Dallas band, came over on Monday evening and the band gave a concert on the Normal campus.

There were 600 or 700 people out to enjoy the music, but the main object of the visitors was to invite citizens of this vicinity and students of the Normal to visit the Chautauqua at Dallas the coming week.

Boys Invade Campus

For the third time Oregon grade school boys have come to the O. A. C. campus to study, work and play. They learn to know the common field crops, how to produce, harvest and utilize some of them, and to know some of the most common insects and diseases of orchard, field and garden. Some of the smaller boys get a little homesick for the first few days but this soon wears off and all are sorry when the time comes to leave.

Boy Badly Injured

There was an accident in Independence a couple of days ago in which a youth was jammed between two autos and very seriously injured. It appears that each auto was trying to avoid collision with the boy on the bicycle with the result that the boy was caught between the autos in a head-on collision.

Pastor at Christian Church

George C. Ritchey of Newberg has been secured as pastor of the Christian church here and will move to this place about July 11. A Mr. Jones filled the pulpit last Sunday and will preach here again next Sunday.

School Meeting

Remember that the annual school meeting takes place at 8 o'clock Saturday evening in the public school building. A director and clerk are to be elected and other business attended to. Do not fail to attend.