

A PREDICTION OF OREGON'S FUTURE

Independence High School Girl Gives Interesting Address on Oregon's Future.

The first annual commencement exercises of the Independence High School at the opera house last Friday evening attracted the attention of an audience that taxed the capacity of the room.

The decorations, in which the class colors and class flower predominated, were beautiful and evinced remarkable taste. Flowers were abundantly used throughout the room and added to the beauty of the occasion.

Each number of the program was well rendered and brilliancy of that was manifested in the compositions. By request we publish the address given by Miss Dickson, one of the graduates.

The future of Oregon never looked more promising than it does today. The hand of destiny is pointing so unmistakably to a brilliant future, that even a novice can read the signs of the times. Once a wilderness so unpromising that it evoked derision in the halls of Congress, Oregon has become today the land of promise and opportunity.

Dating back from the time of our earliest pioneers such as Father McLaughlin and Dr. Whitman, there has ever been in the Oregon air, a spirit of progress and enthusiasm. The conditions which are responsible for this, will of themselves, create a great empire here.

The climate is one very strong factor. Here winter blends into spring, and spring mellow into summer. The blistering violence of March is unknown—no blizzards, no tornadoes, no destructive hail, or electric storms are experienced. The air is a tonic, giving health to the infirm and courage to the weak, while its sunshine creates optimism and cheerfulness. The glories of its opal tinted dawns, the indescribable beauty of its sunsets, and the nameless witchery of its twilight, are the works of a divine painter.

One of the most striking tributes that could be paid to the climate and soil of Oregon, is that Portland, the chief city of the state, has won a clear title to the "Rose City." This is no mere assumption, Portland celebrates the rose season in June, each year with a festival of roses, which is growing more and more successful with each succeeding season.

The festivals held in June, 1910 and '11, were far superior to anything of the kind ever held before in the west, and from the indication of things, the rose fair, which is to be held this month, in the city of Portland, will be a most brilliant success.

Another factor, which is going to greatly influence Oregon's future, is its strategic location. It is now at the front door of the nation, a position which will be emphasized more and more as time goes by. The far reaching influences which are bound up in the warp and woof of society, thus find their significance and justification in the settlement and development of their state.

Aside from the influences just mentioned, there has been good progress in railroad development, and this will be an important factor in the improvement of general conditions.

Besides the completion of the Spokane, Seattle and Portland railroads, on the north bank of the Columbia river, from Pasco, Wash., to Portland, a distance of two hundred and twenty-one miles, there has been built in Oregon, over two hundred miles of new railroad within the last two years.

But that which is going to have the greatest influence upon Oregon's future is the building of the Panama Canal. From the time when Balboa first crossed from ocean to ocean, and in the name of his sovereign, the King of Spain, formally took possession of the Pacific coast, its history and development has ever been closely related to the isthmus of Panama as a commercial highway. An ocean to ocean canal has ever been in mind, Spain, Portugal, England, France, each have given more or less time, money and to the attainment of this end. But it seems only fitting that

the completion of this great work should fall to the United States.

Without a doubt the horticulture industry will be more directly influenced than any other unless it be lumber. Oregon has one fifth the standing timber of the U. S. An estimate of the value of the lumber output in this state is over thirty million dollars annually. But lumber is a bulky commodity and must be hauled long distances to market and owing to the high cost of transportation, only the best grades are shipped.

But now with the completion of the Panama Canal the cost of transportation will be reduced to such a low rate that all grades of lumber will find a market.

The surface of our state has been but scratched, its producing possibilities, in a measure but tested. There fore it is well to remember that what splendid opportunities the new century discloses to us will be increased beyond measure as population moves westward and our state reaches a higher state of intensified cultivation.

The Willamette valley, known as the hop center of the world, is in itself an empire, and in time to come and that not far distant, its products of fruit and horticulture products will be enormous. Many experienced observers, who have had occasion to investigate this valley, pronounce it unsurpassed by any equal area in the world.

Oregon has not only climate and soil suitably adapted to wheat raising, fruit growing, and diversified farming but the land itself has much general attractiveness, which has a strong appeal to those who wish to live where there is a combination of circumstances and conditions that can give that zest to life that is not found where there is constant struggle with outward conditions.

Oregon is rightly named "The land of opportunity" the progress which this state has made during the last few years, now remarkable, is only a forerunner of the wonderful development which will take place in the future. There awaits the homeseeker literally millions of acres of land much of which is capable of the highest state of cultivation. Oregon has 61,459,200 acres of land, and less than four million acres are cultivated at the present time. When all the available farming land Oregon is properly utilized, it will yield yearly to the channels of trade over five hundred million dollars.

Oregon's greatest need is intensive farming. Gradually the larger tracts were held by the pioneers are being cut into small farms and a splendid rural condition is being created, which is placing country life upon an entirely different plane from that in which it has been held in the past.

The immense development which is taking place here, offers in itself a rare opportunity. The movement in Oregon is not along boom lines, it is a safe, sane and conservative, and one will realize that there is here a united and progressive people, who are bent on the upbuilding of a great empire. And so, if it is worth while therefore to be in the fore front of progress, to be where the chief theatre of the world's events are taking place or will take place, to combine these considerations with those things that should make life worth while, to experience the force and the enthusiasm of new and better conditions, to feel the stir of extraordinary possibilities and opportunities—if these things are worth while, then live in Oregon.

PAID HIS FINE

Robert Steele Taken Before the Court For Assaulting an Officer.

Robert Steele was arrested at Buena Vista last week by the County sheriff upon a warrant charging him with assault and battery upon the person of J. H. Feagles of this city. Steele pleaded guilty in Justice Wilson's court and was fined \$25.00 and cost.

This case is the outcome of a drunken brawl in the city when the marshal, Mr. Feagles, attempted to arrest the participants, and was assaulted by Steele. Mr. Feagles arrested one of the parties connected in the affray and while he was thus engaged Steele struck him in the face. He subsequently fled and has not been apprehended until recently when his arrest occurred.

FAST HORSES TO ENTER FOR RACES

Preparations Nearly All Completed For The Spring Meet Next Week

Next week, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, will occur the annual meet of the Independence Driving Association, and with favorable climatic conditions it promises to be the most successful occasion that has yet been held in this city. Nearly every detail tending to the success of the occasion has been completed. While the entries will not close until tomorrow, practically all of the horses have been entered and the list comprises some of the fastest animals in the Pacific Northwest. For several days horses have been in training on the track and will enter in good condition.

The horse show on Wednesday and Thursday will also be an interesting feature of the races. Liberal prizes offered by the association will call out a large string of stock horses for the exhibition, and it is believed that the showing will excel any previous occasion.

The following is a list of the entries completed yesterday at noon: 2:15 pace—Sally Younger owned by Peter Cook of Rickreall, Or.; Tom L. owned by Swisher of McMinnville, Or.; Oregon Babe, owned by J. Kiger of Corvallis, Or.; Copper King, owned by John Walling of Salem, Or.; Mack N., owned by E. B. Brain of McMinnville, Or.; Kit Crawford, owned by E. E. Tilden, Fair Grounds, Or.; Baron Love, owned by Pendleton, Fair Grounds, Or.; Light Foot, owned by J. W. Merrill, Cornelius, Or.; Bonnie Antrim, owned by J. W. Todd, Portland, Or.; Halmont, owned by H. Rutherford, Salem, Or.

2:30 Trot—Mark H. owned by P. Cook of Rickreall, Or.; Lady Dillon, owned by E. E. Tilden, Fair Grounds, Or.; Killarney, owned by H. Rutherford, Salem, Or.

Free For All—Sally Younger, owned by P. Cook, Rickreall; Cluquito, by R. C. Strats of Independence; Vinnie Mann by E. E. Staats of Airle; Copper King by John Walling of Salem; Mack N. by E. B. Brain of McMinnville; Kit Crawford by E. E. Tilden of Fair Grounds; Hal Gray by Pendleton, Fair Grounds; Bonnie Antrim by C. W. Todd of Portland.

Two year old Trot—Robba Westby H. C. Fletcher of Salem; Patch McKay by L. Foske; Barbra by J. C. Buchanan of Cornelius.

2:25 pace—Admiral Togo by Peter Cook of Rickreall; Silver Maud by E. C. Key of Forest Grove; Tom L. by Swisher of McMinnville; Leo by R. C. Staats of Independence; Copper King by John Walling of Salem; Dixie Smith by E. B. Brain of McMinnville; Miss Stokings by C. J. Daniels of Eugene; Hal Gray by Pendleton of Fair Grounds; Light Foot by J. W. Merrill of Cornelius; Aidine by C. W. Todd of Portland.

2:20 Trot—Mark H. by Peter Cook of Rickreall; Wild Girl by E. C. Key of Forest Grove; Dolly McKirney by Geo. L. Livisher of McMinnville; Lady Malcolm by J. Kiger of Corvallis; Lady Dillon by E. E. Tilden of Fair Grounds; Killarney by H. Rutherford of Salem.

2:15 trot—Wild Girl by E. C. Key of Forest Grove; Padishah by H. Fillman of McMinnville; Dolly McKirney by Swisher of McMinnville; Lady Malcolm by J. Kiger of Corvallis; Lady Dillon by E. E. Tilden of Fair Grounds; Killarney by H. Rutherford of Salem.

Entries for the running races will close on Saturday the 15th.

A HOME INSTITUTION

The Farmers State Bank of Independence is a home institution. With one exception, its stockholders are local farmers and business men all owning homes in this section. The capital stock of \$25,000.00 is fully paid.

These shareholders are all patrons of the business houses of Independence. This bank pays interest on time deposits.

We solicit your business, call and see us.

ROSE FAIR

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold their annual Rose Fair at the opera house next Monday afternoon and evening. A good program will be rendered in the evening for which an admission fee of 10 and 15 cents will be charged.

The following prizes are offered: For the best collection of tea varieties, First prize, \$2.00; Second prize, \$1.00. Best collection of five, First prize, \$1.00 Second prize, 50 cents. Best specimens of white, red, yellow and pink, first prize, 50 cents; second prize, 25 cents.

It will be a treat to hear the ladies' quartet in the evening.

MAN COUGHS AND BREAKS RIBS.

After a frightful coughing spell a man in Neeah, Wis., felt terrible pains in his side and his doctor found two ribs had been broken. What agony Dr. King's New Discovery would have saved him. A few teaspoonfuls ended a late cough, while persistent use routed sinuate coughs, expelled stubborn colds or heals weak, sore lungs. "I feel sure it is a Godsend to humanity," writes Mrs. Effie Morton, Columbia, Mo. "for I believe I would have consumed to-day, if I had not used this great remedy." Its guaranteed to satisfy, and you can get a free trial bottle or 50-cent or \$1.00 size at all druggists.

Fruit Growers

To be effected at an early date. Commodity rate \$1.50 Cut on All fruit (except apples) to Cincinnati, Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New York. To Boston \$1.55 cut which is a reduction of 25 and 35c over all other rates. To be put in effect by Southern Pacific Co. This includes pears, peaches, plums and similar fruit.

TAKE IT WITH YOU

Subscribers of the Enterprise who contemplate a vacation at the sea shore, mountains or elsewhere this summer, may have the paper sent to any address if they will call upon the Enterprise or drop a postal card in the postoffice.

The charge will cost you nothing. You will all want to know what is going on at home during your absence and there is no better way to obtain the information than through the local paper.

An Excellent Performance

J. W. Busby's Minstrels played to a crowded tent last night. They were by far the best minstrels that have ever visited the city under canvas. Have an excellent performance, especially the dancing, while the old-time minstrel performance and songs delighted the audience. They carry a fine band and are tuneful, musical and entertaining. Yates Center Advocate, Independence, Tuesday June 18.

PREVENTS A DROUTH

The weather man spoke words of encouragement to the Portland Rose Carnival people a week ago but he seems to have over estimated Oregon Rain fell on the first day of the carnival and has continued more or less each day up to the present time. If in case of drouth at any time, Portland will advertise a Rose Carnival, crops in the state will be preserved.

FURNISHED FREE

The Department of Agriculture at Washington has just issued its 1911 Agricultural Year Book—a bound volume of several hundred pages containing much interesting and instructive information regarding agriculture, horticulture, stock raising, etc. Each Senator and Representative has a copy of this Year Book for distribution and any farmer can secure a copy by sending to one of the members of the Oregon delegation.

Clapp to Oppose Root.

St. Paul.—As the result of a conference between Ormsby McLaughlin, of New York; Gifford Pinchot, and leaders of the Roosevelt movement at Minnesota, Hugh T. Halbert, of St. Paul, announced that United States Senator Moses E. Clapp, of Minnesota, probably would be a candidate for temporary chairman of the republican national convention in place of Senator Root.

BIG BANQUET IS GRAND SUCCESS

Hotel Lerona Commenced Business Last Evening With Elaborate Spread.

Yesterday was a busy day at the Hotel Lerona, and from early in the morning until time for the banquet, the large force of help worked diligently in completing every arrangement for the Grand Opening, which occurred in the evening, and which is universally expressed as being the most pleasant occasion of the kind ever recorded in the history of this city.

More than one hundred guests were in attendance, among whom were prominent people from different parts of the Willamette valley. An excellent musical program rendered by the Independence orchestra added much to the interest of the occasion.

The banquet was really more than was anticipated. Mr. Walker left nothing unfinished, or nothing out of the bill of fare that might serve as an addition to the success of the joyful event. He did even more to make it the most pleasant occasion ever held in Independence, than was expected of him, and he is highly deserving of the many congratulations which he is daily receiving.

Without doubt the Hotel Lerona is the nicest hotel and most neatly furnished of any in the Pacific Northwest located in any town outside of the large cities. The selection of the furniture and the complete arrangement of the rooms show a remarkably brilliant taste on the part of the proprietor.

When the hour for the opening came the house was well filled with guests possessing that joyful spirit and feeling of good fellowship necessary for the success of all like occasions.

The Hotel Lerona is now open to the public and that it is highly appreciated is evinced by the abundant patronage it is receiving.

THANKS AWFULLY

Editor H. E. Browne is still securely mounted on the editorial tripod of the Independence Enterprise and says he is there to stay. A few days ago, Bro. Browne supposed he had closed a deal for the sale of his paper to Washington parties. They put up a cash forfeit but later found that they could not raise the coin and had to give up the completion of the deal. The Observer is pleased to know that Bro. Browne will continue in the newspaper field in Polk county.—Polk County Observer.

RAIN HELPS CROPS

Rain has fallen in the Willamette valley more or less every day during this week, placing all crops in good condition. Without an excessive fall of moisture within the next few days crops will be greatly benefited and everything now points to a successful harvest.

The hop crops, especially on the bottom lands, were not suffering for want of rain prior to this week, as the ground in all bottom yards was in excellent condition for production, but growers claim the crop will be more or less benefited as a result of the showers this week.

The rain fall occurred, fortunately before haying had commenced and there will be no loss by reason of too much water while the hay is down, as was the case last year.

Winter wheat throughout the state could not be better and harvest will begin early under favorable climatic conditions during the remainder of this month.

The crop prospects this year is stimulating trade in all branches of industry.

The population of this immediate vicinity having largely increased during the early spring, the help problem, which has so often bothered the farmers, is settled for the time being and the husbandmen of Independence are jubilant over the outlook.

WANTS OFFICE

Mr. Suver of Dallas, the young man seeking the office of surveyor on the democratic ticket, and who is acting surveyor at the present time, was in the city last week looking over the political situation. Mr. Suver is a native of Polk county and well and favorably known here.

THE BIG RED CHERRY

Oregon is not only the home of the "Big Red Apple," but it is also the home of the big red cherry, which is much in evidence at the present time. Bushels of them are now on the market.

GOPHER GUN ACCIDENT

Mr. Fox, a farmer residing near Rickreall, met with the loss of a finger and thumb last Friday by the accidental discharge of a gopher gun. While he was investigating the workings of the infernal machine it exploded with serious results.

SAVE FOUR BITS

Take advantage of the bargain period now in effect, and secure the Enterprise at the rate of only \$1.00 per year. This includes both old and new subscribers. Remember that we are also making a low rate on the Twice a Week Portland Journal.

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