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SALEM LINE IS NOW OPEN

Big Delegation From The Rose City.

WILL OBTAIN RIFLE RANGE

Special Feature For Celebrating Washington's Birthday In Portland.

Portland, Ore. Feb. 24th, 1908. The Oregon National Guard is very active in its efforts to obtain a suitable and permanent rifle range near this city. Besides being immediately available for the use of six companies, including those stationed at Vancouver, Washington, the range would attract any United States cruisers and other naval vessels to this port, since this practice is required of the Navy as well. The matter has been taken up with the United States War Department and strong possible indorsement has gone forward from the Portland Commercial Club and other organizations of Portland.

In celebrating the opening of the new electric interurban line between Portland and Salem on February 18th, the latter city entertained numerous delegations from the various cities of the Willamette Valley. Over a hundred business men went from Portland in the special cars. Great enthusiasm was aroused by the speeches of both visitors and Salem men, and all in emphasizing the necessity for wide-awake, aggressive advertising to develop both city and country. Salem contemplates an immediate campaign as a result.

Washington's Birthday had twice its usual interest and significance in Portland this year on account of this being also the city's first observance of "Rose Planting Day." Archbishop Christie participated in the exercises in connection with planting the thousands of roses which were borne to the parks by the school children. Vigorous two year old bushes were set out which will bloom generally by the first of June, for the Rose Festival. A distinctive feature of the grand parade planned for the Festival will be the entry of floats from different cities in the State—several have already designated floats illustrating some particular product of their section. This attractive representation will doubtless attract many visitors to these communities.

A branch of the work of the Portland Commercial Club which many people know nothing about the maintenance of an Oregon Information Bureau in Los Angeles, which has been wonderfully successful in its efforts to so interest California tourists that they may return to their eastern homes by way of Oregon. Oregon literature is distributed from several of the most centrally-located offices in Los Angeles and it is eagerly taken. The colonists rates, and particularly the \$30 fare from the great middle West to all stations in the "Beaver State" is emphasized in every publication given out. Eastern lectures are also employed to a limited extent and Mr. Robert J. Neyn Jr., of New York City, has just reported a most successful series, with audiences frequently

numbering in excess of one thousand adults. "They take in every word about Oregon," he writes, "and then fire questions at me."

MONMOUTH VS McMINNVILLE.

In a game of basket ball which ended 23 to 21 in favor of Monmouth at McMinnville Friday evening the comparative strength of the teams was not shown at all.

According to former reports in the papers Monmouth expected a hard and fast game but was badly disappointed as they have no floor or team work at all, depending altogether on fouls for winning games which they did not succeed in doing as they have in former games.

McMinnville secured on three field baskets on their own court which proves itself that they cannot play the game. The Monmouth boys didn't even get up a sweat as the umpire would hardly allow them the privilege of guarding their own men without calling a foul. Playing nothing but a little girls' game and shouting foul McMinnville center, who has been boasted through the papers in former games, didn't have a look in, he being simply outclassed from start to finish. McMinnville got pretty sore, their captain stopping the game in the middle of the second half and making the announcement that we were playing under an assumed name as O. S. N. S. which is untrue as we have played as the Monmouth A. C. and furthermore we do not have to play under an assumed name to get games or play ball which Referee Sims announced before the game as M. A. C. We are willing to back our word that we can defeat McMinnville 2 to 1 on any floor with an uninterested official which is the way to play the game, then leaving us a good margin to play for exercise. M. A. C. Mgr.

MONMOUTH.

Miss Evangeline Hart was over from Dallas Saturday.

Walter Day has returned to Portland after an extended visit here.

Miss Nellie Berry is attending Christian Endeavor convention in Eugene.

Ray Murphy was an over Sunday visitor in Eugene.

Miss Edna Guthrie has returned from a weeks sojourn in Eugene.

Miss Edith Fugate came up from Salem Friday evening.

Mrs. E. H. Hosner accompanied by her daughter Miss Allene joined Mr. Hosner at Newport Saturday for a few days outing.

C. L. Hawley and wife, of McCoy were Sunday visitors here.

A large crowd was in evidence at the carnival Saturday night a special car bringing Dallas and Independence people. The first prize was won by Miss Agnes Clark who represented Martha Washington. Prizes also being won by the gold dust twins, Lester Lindsey and Glen Work and by Carl Percival and Kersey Eldridge in Turkish garb.

Dr. Nehbras and wife returned Friday from a trip to Newport. The Dr. reports weather at the beach delightfully warm and pleasant.

Mrs. Lindsey visited friends in Turner last week.

O. S. Rowell came down from Albany and attended the carnival Saturday night.

M. L. Baldwin was up from Salem yesterday to adjust the loss on the goods of Mr. Long, the new butcher, which were lost in the river while loading them to come here.

MORE TALK OF CANNERY

It Is Being Very Favorably Received.

BIG ADVANCE IN REAL ESTATE

Tomatoes Alone Will Make It A Paying Proposition to the Stockholders.

Much interest has been manifested the past few days in the proposed cannery at this place. It has been decided to call a meeting of those interested to be held here Saturday and try and perfect the organization of a local company to handle the matter. It is believed that it will be unnecessary to build a large than a \$5,000 plant to begin with and by so doing the company will not have to incorporate for more than \$5000, which will be ample to build, equip and furnish the site for all additional buildings that will be needed for several years.

The putting up of a cannery here will mean an advance in the price of land from \$5 to \$25 per acre of all land adjacent to this town and a proportionate advance in the price of all farm lands affected by business of the cannery. This has been proven at Corvallis, where work has only just begun on the strength of the canning industry.

Tomatoes are the base of the estimates made by the Hastings people in determining earning capacity of the plants installed by them. We have several thousands of acres of land along the Willamette suitable for tomato culture and as the contract price usual for tomatoes is \$13.50 a ton, there is a good profit in raising them as the smallest yield we can expect here would be the average of other localities, 400 bushels, or 21 tons per acre. One gardener at Albany claims to have marketed 1500 bushels from one acre last year. The \$5000 cannery can use about 200 acres of tomatoes during the season and then be ready for the other varieties of fruit.

It is to be hoped that there will be a big turn out of farmers at the meeting for it is of the greatest importance to them that the cannery be a go. Shares in the incorporation will be placed at a popular price so that all the farmers may have a chance to purchase.

This is no skin game by outside people coming and asking for a bonus, but will be a home company and owned and controlled by home people and no one will be liable for more than the amount of the stock subscribed. Mr. Searles, the special agent for the Hastings company claims that if the contracts can be filled for all the tomatoes that can be handled this year by the cannery, it will be able to declare a handsome dividend and that with good management, it should pay for itself every year.

Married.

Sunday at high noon at the residence of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Mix, occurred the solemnizing of the marriage vows of Miss Eva Hanna and Mr. James Alderson. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. Douglas, of the Baptist church. The young

people are well and favorably known in this part of Polk county and the best wishes of a host of friends attend them wherever they go. They will make their future home in Independence.

NEWS OF THE NORMAL.

The coming three weeks promise to be busy ones for the students and faculty at the Oregon State Normal School. There will be two intercollegiate debates, the State Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest and two musical concerts all given in the Normal Assembly Hall.

Friday night, the 25th February, the Normal team will meet a team from McMinnville College in debate on the question: Resolved that strikes on the whole have been beneficial. Monmouth supports the affirmative and is represented by Herbert Goode, leader; Percy Stroud and Mary Whitney, colleagues.

Next Monday, a concert will be given in the Assembly Hall by the Gamble Concert Party. This is the company that gave such a delightful entertainment two years ago. They could not be secured last year, much to the disappointment of the music lovers of Monmouth and Independence. A special motor will be run for the accommodation of Independence citizens.

On the night of March 6 will occur the second debate, when the Normal will meet the Agricultural College on the question: Resolved that the Pacific cruise of the U. S. navy is justifiable. Both teams are composed of lady students, those representing Monmouth being Miss Robinson, leader and Misses Blanche Goodwin and Effie Galbraith, colleagues. The Normal has the affirmative.

March 7, Mrs. Mary Bowden-Babbit will present her music pupils in public recital. Those who were so fortunate to attend Mrs. Babbit's pupils' recital last year will not wish to miss the program this year.

On March 13, eight of Oregon's leading educational institutions will compete in Monmouth in the annual intercollegiate oratorical contest. From one hundred and fifty to two hundred bright young men and women from the colleges will be in attendance and the air will be vocal with college yells and songs. The eight orators will represent the University of Oregon, Oregon Agricultural College, Albany College, Willamette University, Pacific College, McMinnville College, Pacific University and the Oregon State Normal school. Mrs. C. A. Bryant is the Normal orator.

Trade with your home merchant when possible as all the money you pay to him helps to build up your home town and lessen your taxes. The mail order house don't help you to get rid of your surplus eggs and other farm produce. Your home merchant owes it to you as well as himself to make you a reasonable price on what he has to sell, for he can, and no doubt will give you the same article for the same money it will cost you from the mail order house. Try him and see.

It is never too early in the season to begin to defend the poultry from the vermin. If mother hens will care for the young, begin now to clean up and prepare the brood coops for early spring. A good coat of crude petroleum inside and out will destroy all possibility of lurking vermin in these coops, and liquid lice paint well rubbed into the roosts and the crevices free these from infestation. They begin their campaign the first warm days of spring; get ahead of this by applying the liquid lice killer several times before the warm days come. Country Gentleman.

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