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## FESTIVAL AT FLORENCE WILL BEGIN MAY 20

**RHODENDRON QUEEN WILL RULE LANE COUNTY'S SEAPORT CITY AND AMUSEMENTS WILL BE THE ORDER OF THE DAY—CLAM BAKE, PICNIC DINNER AND EXCURSION TO LAKES PLANNED**

Posters are out announcing the arrangements for the rhodendron festival to be held in Florence May 20. The exercises will commence at 10 a. m., when Queen Rhodendra will be crowned by the "Poet of the Sierras," after which she will be presented with the key of the city by the mayor.

After her proclamation regarding the day's festivities will follow a triumphal procession on the river, headed by the queen and her maids of honor.

An address will then be delivered at the hall by John H. Hartog, of Eugene.

At 12 o'clock a picnic dinner will be served in the rhodendron grove. In the afternoon a program of music, recitations and drills will be rendered by the different schools on the river.

A number of athletic contests of various kinds will take place at which suitable prizes will be awarded.

A clambake will be given on the beach at 6 o'clock, followed by a callthumpan parade in the evening. A reception will be held in the evening and a grand ball will take place in the hall.

The next day there will be an excursion to the beach, also to the lakes.

**Launch Burned.**  
The launch Alberta, owned by A. P. Knowles, was burned last Friday afternoon at Mapleton, together with the boat-house, causing a loss of several hundred dollars.

Silas Knowles was on board the launch, which was lying at the boat-house when the fire started, and came near being seriously burned.

He had just been balling out the craft and a lighted match fell on the boat, causing the blaze. The flames caught the building and consumed it also.

**Milking Machine**  
A few days ago Eugene R. McCornack received a milking machine, which is the first of its kind to be used in this vicinity.

The machine was purchased from the Hazelwood Creamery Company, and is to be used on the McCornack ranch on North Fork.

Mr. McCornack is among the most progressive men in this section, and is always on the lookout for improvements in dairy equipments.

**Local Notes.**  
A real estate deal was negotiated yesterday by which W. A. Brown sold his twenty-acre tract of land south of Glenada to Sylvester Bacon for \$472.50. The deal was made through the Florence Real Estate Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Bacon will move to the place at once and make it their home.

A deal was negotiated a few days ago by which P. N. Frederickson sold his ranch, known as the Workman place, to J. M. Young. It lies on the Siuslaw river a few miles above Acme. The price paid was \$1800 for the land, with stock and household furniture.

A fine time is reported at the poverty social at Acme last Saturday night.

For the most appropriate costumes Mrs. John Bacon received the first prize, a dish of salt; Mrs. Tom Saubert the second prize, a cake of soap, and Mrs. Brickie third prize, a pair of shoe ties.

A party was given to Eldon Curry last Saturday evening at the residence of J. Schreuder in honor of his fifteenth birthday. About twenty young people were present and spent the evening in playing games of various kinds.

The band boys are preparing to give an entertainment in Florence on the evening of May 16. They should be well patronized.

Wednesday afternoon Rufus Johnson had a scow load of young cattle taken up the river to Point Terrace. He purchased them from Mr. Schuster and others on Tsiltecos Lake.—The West.

### STANLEY KETCHEL KNOCKS OUT JACK SULLIVAN

San Francisco, May 9.—Stanley Ketchel, of Montana, knocked out Jack (Twin) Sullivan, of Boston, in the twentieth round of their fight at Colma today. The fight was scheduled to go 35 rounds, but Sullivan succumbed in the twentieth after one of the bloodiest ring contests seen in recent years. Although fairly knocked out by a series of body blows, Sullivan claimed that he had been struck low, a claim which the referee refused to allow. Ketchel was a 10 to 7 favorite. About one thousand sailors from the fleet witnessed the contest.

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### MR. BALDEREE'S POSITION ON LAND GRANT QUESTION

Dexter, Or., May 8, 1908. Ed. The Guard:—I have read in the Oregonian of May 7 what purported to be a letter written by Attorney-General Bonaparte to "Mondell, in which he gives the lumber companies every advantage, and the actual settler no right at all.

I have been interested in this matter for more than a year. I am now an actual settler on the N. W. 1/4 of Section 35, Tp. 20 S., R. 1 W., Willamette Meridian. I give the exact location as a matter of accommodation to Bonaparte, or anyone else who may come in search of trespassers.

The first encouragement and advice I had came from United States Land Commissioner Ballinger. On receipt of his letter, I became interested and have since sought all possible information upon the subject. I made application to the O. & C. R. R. Company, a year ago, to purchase one hundred and sixty acres of their land, agreeing to faithfully and honestly endeavor to comply with all the requirements of the law touching the Land Grant. My application being rejected, after due consideration, and advice from those whom I believe are competent to give it, I decided to settle upon the land, which I did, and am proceeding to try the matter out in the courts, according to Mr. Ballinger's advice.

A short time ago Mr. Townsend and Attorney-General Bonaparte went before the House Committee and stated that the R. R. Company could lawfully sell their land to actual settlers at any time before the forfeiture was made. Now, Mr. Bonaparte says: "Mr. Settler, you are a trespasser; lumberman, go ahead and saw your wood."

While there seems at this time a good deal to discourage the actual settler, I myself shall not quit until I at least locate the department of justice.

No doubt there has been some injustice done in the matter of filing applications, and I believe the manner in which the locations and filings were made has had a good deal to do with Bonaparte's opinion. I believe if those who applied to purchase the land had all gone out and settled upon it, it would no doubt have been satisfactory to the Department of Justice. There are many who, instead of doing their plain duty, and trying to right a great wrong, are today standing back, waiting for an opportunity to gratify their true dispositions; by saying, "I told you so," and it is for the benefit of those that I quote from the Congressional Globe of April 1, 1870, a part of the discussion upon the act of May 3, 1870.

"Mr. Smith of Oregon. The bill will state, is one in which the interests of the government have been carefully guarded. There has never been a land grant in which those interests have been so carefully guarded as in this bill." Mr. Lawrence, does this bill make any provision in regard to actual settlers?

Mr. Smith of Oregon. It provides that the land shall be sold only to actual settlers in quantities not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres to each person and at a price not exceeding \$2.50 per acre. It is the most carefully guarded bill ever presented to this House.

**Mr. Sargent.**  
The gentleman from Indiana (Mr. Holman) also says that the lands along the Union Pacific now sell for ten dollars per acre. The lands that bring that price must be of very limited quantity, but if they are worth that, it is the road that has given the value, for without it they would be worthless. Under this bill the lands can never realize but \$2.50 per acre to the company, even if the road makes them worth one hundred dollars per acre."

I gave a few friends the numbers of their locations "free gratis," and we did not go into the matter with any other thought than of doing our duty to our fellow men in the cleanest manner possible. We thought in the beginning that asking fees for location on the R. R. land was altogether wrong, and would prove an injury to the cause.

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