

## PETITION FOR THE NICARAGUA CANAL

To the Honorable the Senators and Representatives of the State of Oregon in Congress,  
GENTLEMEN:

Your memorialists and petitioners are citizens of the United States and also citizens of the State of Oregon, and they have the honor to exercise one of their constitutional prerogatives in thus addressing their representatives in the Congress of the United States.

We, your petitioners, are of the opinion that the time has arrived when the people of the United States should take final executive action and forever settle the question as to the construction of the inter-oceanic canal connecting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans through territory owned and governed by the republics of Nicaragua and Costa Rica, whose territorial and sovereign interests are directly concerned, and whose explicit concessions, granting the exclusive privilege to the people of the United States to build and to operate the Nicaraguan canal have been provided and guaranteed as we are informed.

Therefore, your memorialists do most earnestly petition and request our senators and representatives in congress to take prompt and united action to the end that the government of the United States may on its own account proceed to build, finish, and control the Nicaraguan canal, for the following reasons:

First. The magnitude and national importance of this great enterprise can no longer be delayed without impeaching our sincerity, resulting in humiliation, if not dishonor, to the people of the United States.

Second. The construction and ownership of the canal by the United States is dictated by the principles of the soundest statesmanship, by consideration for our future safety and the safety of all the republics of America in their future relations and dealings with the other nations of the globe, promoting to the utmost degree the harmonious and intimate intercourse of all the republican governments which now occupy the Western Hemisphere, and will constitute our Gibraltar of the West for the protection, development and improvement of every American state, giving an imperishable activity to American commerce and an indestructible bulwark to republican governments.

Third. Climatic conditions, the location of civilized races and the history of maritime nations all point eastward and westward as the great highway for the bulk of the commerce and intercourse of the world. What the Suez canal has accomplished for commerce between Europe and Western Asia, the Nicaraguan canal will immediately excel in its important commercial results to the Pacific and Atlantic states in both North and South America.

Fourth. The speedy construction of this work under the authority and administration of the government of the United States suggests the importance of creating a department to be known as the Department of Commerce, coordinate and equal in all of its functions and duties to the Department of War or the Department of the Interior. Such a department, created to promote American commerce, should be subjected to such requirements and regulations in its administration and management of the interests of the United States in the said canal that our commerce, Eastern and Western, would receive a powerful impulse.

Fifth. In conclusion your memorialists do most earnestly invoke and request the enthusiastic activity of our senators and representatives in congress in bringing this important matter to a final and favorable conclusion to the infinite benefit of our fellow citizens of this commonwealth whose personal interests in the completion of this great inter-oceanic highway we justly regard as one of the most important duties of our faithful representatives to prosecute and defend during the next session of congress. And your petitioners will ever pray.

### The Misses Webbing.

The Webbing Sisters entertainment which had been extensively advertised was given Monday evening before a comfortably filled house. After a slight delay caused by the ladies having missed a train and so being late with but short time for preparation, a performance began which until its close interested and entertained every one of the spectators.

Piano Solo  
Miss F. M. Kenrick

Helen and Molus.....Sheridan K'noles  
(Selection from the Hunchback)

Characters:

Helen.....Lucy  
Molus (her cousin).....Rosalind

Recital—"The Jackdaw of Rheims".....Fogelby  
Perry

Roses! Roses!—A Dance of the Summer Flowers  
White Rose.....Rosalind  
Red Rose.....Lucy

Piano Solo  
Miss F. M. Kenrick

The Taming of the Shrew.....Shakespeare  
(Act II, Scene I)—Characters:

Petrucio.....Perry  
Baptista.....Rosalind  
Katharina (The Shrew).....Lucy

Song—"May I have the Pleasure".....H. G. Eaton  
Lucy

An April Jest—Especially written by A. T. Weston  
for the Misses Webbing.

Characters:

Rose.....Rosalind  
Lety.....Lucy  
Charles Warrington.....Perry

Scene—A room in a Country House.

Columbia—A Patriotic Sketch.....G. W. Cahoon

Characters Represented:  
America.....Perry  
Ireland.....Rosalind  
Scotland.....Lucy

(Introducing the Irish Jig and celebrated  
Highland Sword Dance)

The acting was clever, the dancing graceful and the effect excellent. Probably of the three talented sisters Lucy was the one favored by all. Altogether it was the best troupe that has visited the Grove in a long time. It was given under the auspices of the Rebekah Lodge I. O. O. F. and was as remunerative as anything could be at this season of the year.

### School Directors Meet.

The school board held a meeting Saturday night in the clerk's office with all members present. Bill of Mr. Dixon for cleaning school house, \$10, J. T. Smith fixing blackboards, \$15, and Mr. Hendricks for firewood, read and allowed. Mr. Hyde moved and Mr. Smith seconded that a clause be inserted in the contracts with teachers providing that all lost time be made up, carried. A warrant for \$180 in favor of the Sun Insurance Co. was ordered drawn, carried. Adjourned.

### Want the Hillsboro Motor Line.

The incorporation of two new companies recently, having for their object the revival of the suburban electric or motor line from the terminus of the Barnes Heights and Cornell mountain road to Hillsboro, west of the city, is being gladly welcomed, and many hopes are expressed that the actual work may soon be carried through to completion and the line put in operation.—Thursday's Portland Telegram.

### SCOGGINS VALLEY.

The long looked for showers have come at last and we think they have done good work in putting out the forest fires.

Mr. J. B. Jackson had some fence burned the fore part of last week, but had it replaced by the Dennis Bros.

Mrs. Sarah Hall's daughter and son-in-law D. Rhodes who have been visiting with her for some time, returned to their home in Bay Center, Wash., Tuesday, the 27 ult.

Quite a number from our valley expect to begin picking hops this week.

Mr. T. W. Sain made a flying trip to Portland last Thursday.

Mrs. G. W. Spurlig of Lebanon, Linn Co., is visiting at Geo. Jackson's this week.

The Wilcox Bros. are fast pushing their hop house to completion, to be in readiness for the new crop. The Endeavorers talk of giving a poverty social there in the near future.

### GASTON.

Mrs. Stoner of Rickreall, Polk county, has been stopping at Dr. J. W. Morrow's for medical treatment.

Mr. Beaty of this place has raised some of the finest white oats that we have ever seen. The seed came two years ago from Washington, D. C. Last year he raised enough for seed, he now has about 2000 bushels. It would pay the farmers to take a look at them. Mr. Beaty has also raised a fine crop of black oats that are perfectly clear of wild oats.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruff, after spending about two weeks with friends in Gaston, have returned to their home in Portland.

Mrs. William Cambie and son from Pempton are visiting with her father and mother Mr. and Mrs. Aimoran Hill.

There is being a good deal of hay shipped from Gaston at the present time notwithstanding the low price.

C. A. Raymond made a business trip to Portland last Friday.

Miss Clara Jeter after spending her

vacation with her parents in this place has returned to Portland to resume her position in Olds & King's store.

Little Alice Rolston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rolston, is very sick, her recovery is considered doubtful.

S. C. Tupper has closed up his business in Gaston and gone to Portland to go into the commission business.

Edward Jeter has gone to Portland in the employ of S. C. Tupper.

L. C. Walker and family with other friends passed through Gaston last Saturday on their way to the hop fields.

Joseph Gaston was in town this week looking over his farm.

We came near having a law suit in Gaston this week, but both parties took the advice of the Justice and settled their difficulty.

### GLENCOE.

Our P. M. has traded off his mountain ranch to a Portland gentleman.

C. W. White made us a flying visit Friday last.

Grandma McKay is quite poorly again.

Hop picking is in full blast in this part of the country.

The farmers are all about through threshing except late oats and buckwheat.

W. E. Mays and wife went to Portland this week to purchase furniture for their new house.

Mrs. Charles Boss has returned from a months visit to her parents in Washington.

A neighbor who lives not far from Glencoe came in the latter part of the week with blood in his eyes looking for the miscreant that shot his old hen.

C. W. Meek of Idaho was in our city this week looking after some business matters. He reports every thing flourishing on the Nes Perse reservation since Uncle Sam commenced paying the Indians their allotment.

Hans McMan of the Han's Manufacturing Co., of Portland, was looking after business in our city this week.

Prof. Phillips and our shoe maker visited Portland this week.

Judge Cornelias and family has returned from a short visit to the coast. The Judge reports having a good time.

Pap Goodin and family are expected home to day.

Quite a number of our neighbors have gone out to pick hops.

Glencoe is still improving. Hon. C. Carl is building a fine chicken house.

Our worthy deputy P. M. Johnnie Dorland has a farm. The public need not be surprised if they hear of something in the line of matrimony in near the future.

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