

PORTLAND CAPITALIST BUYS THOMAS RANCH.

The sale of R. Thomas of his 200-acre farm five miles down the river, to a Portland capitalist, which has just been consummated, brings into this county new capital and more development work, but it takes from our midst one of the most respected and prominent families. This property lies along the river and adjoins the Elsmann ranch, contains 20 acres of full bearing commercial orchard, and a large proportion of cultivated land. The terms of sale are not mentioned, although Mr. Thomas says the price is satisfactory. Mr. Thatcher, the purchaser, although he will not personally conduct the farm, will develop it through representatives.

The Thomas family will remain here a few weeks and then remove to Portland where Mr. Thomas has a business opening under consideration. About 20 years ago Mr. Thomas came to Grants Pass and conducted a grocery business for three years, selling to Bobzien & Moss, which store is now the White House Grocery. He then went to New York to take charge of one of the departments in the largest department store on Fifth avenue, remaining there three years and returning to Grants Pass to enter the furniture business. Five years ago his health failed and he went onto the farm, where energy and business judgment made for him a handsome profit and the outdoor exercise restored his health.

METHODISTS NOW LEAD BASKETBALL SERIES.

The basketball at the Boys' club gym, last evening between the Methodist and Presbyterian teams closed with the score favoring the Methodist quintet, 36-25. The Methodist boys again demonstrated the result of consistent practice in developing team work for points rather than depending upon individual work, and thus the score tells the same old story. Both bunches started the game hard and fought with all the vim they had; Smith and Herrick again winning the plaudits of the crowd for their well worked plays in getting the ball into the basket, and the Methodist guards doing good work in keeping their opponents covered; while Stinebaugh played the whole game for the Presbyterians, making all of their points.

In the preliminary the Methodist juniors took the game by a close margin.

Only one disagreeable feature has marked these popular contests to the present, and that is the outburst of rowdiness on the part of a few of the spectators who seem to delight in

trying to make themselves as prominently a feature of the evening as the contest itself and become very rudely personal in so doing. It is hoped that no more outbreaks will take place, as nothing is more detrimental to the good feeling existing between the clubs.

Friday evening the Christians and Presbyterians will mix and a good game may be expected. On account of the O. A. C. Glee club, which will sing in the opera house that evening, the big game will start promptly at 7:30 and will be over in time for all who wish to attend.

WIRE BRIEFS.

VALE, Or., Feb. 13.—Three thousand rabbits were clubbed to death by farmers in a drive here. The roundup covered an area of three square miles.

GREENVILLE, Cal., Feb. 13.—Drop a dollar in the slot and turn on the faucet for your "booze." This was the system followed by a bootleggers distillery in a lumber camp here until the officials got busy.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 13.—George Brayall, 17, attempted to hold up his clum. George Simpson as a joke. Simpson had a baseball bat and Grayall went to the hospital. Three ribs, the doctors say.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 13.—Steeped in firewater, three Indians imported for a charity cowboy carnival, swept down Spring street at midnight, pursued by their custodians. Federal officers are looking for the man who sold the booze.

SAD NEWS CONVEYED TO WIFE OF CAPT. SCOTT.

HONOLULU, Feb. 12.—That Mrs. R. F. Scott is today advised of the death of her explorer-husband, is the belief of wireless officials here. The steamer Aorangi on which Mrs. Scott embarked to meet her husband has a wireless range of but 30 miles, but this, in the opinion of experts, should not have prevented her from picking up messages of Captain Scott's death from wireless outfits covering a much longer range. The Aorangi reaches New Zealand February 27.

3,000 PRISONERS RELEASED.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 12.—Three thousand prisoners were released from Belem prison here during the progress of today's battle, scattering over all parts of the city. Anarchy already prevails in several sections.

FARM RESIDENCE IS BURNED ON THURSDAY

The farm residence of Wm. Anderson, about 12 miles down Rogue river from this city, was destroyed by fire at noon on Thursday, the fire having caught from a stovepipe passing through the roof. Mrs. Anderson was at Grants Pass Thursday and there was no one at home except the daughter, Mable, who, when she discovered the fire, endeavored to save the contents of the house with the assistance of Mr. Emerson, a neighbor, who saw the blaze. A portion of the household goods were saved, but the loss will foot up to several hundred dollars besides the building, with no insurance.

There had not been a fire in the stove since early morning and the only explanation possible is that the roof boards had been smoldering for some hours before the flames broke out. The fire had gained great headway before discovered.

"ON TO WASHINGTON" SUFFRAGETTE SLOGAN.

METUCHEN, N. J., Feb. 13.—Expressing no fear of the bad roads ahead the "On to Washington" suffragette army of 16 from New York started for Princeton early today. They expect to arrive there late this afternoon.

"General" Rosalie Jones, leader of the band, has named her followers "The army of the Hudson."

The army presented a bedraggled appearance when it arrived here, the muddy roads affording but few dry spots for the dainty feet of the women.

TWO MORE DYNAMITERS RELEASED FROM PRISON.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Bonds for the release of William Shorne and E. H. Hoolihan of Chicago, two of the union men convicted at Indianapolis for unlawfully transporting dynamite, were submitted here today for the approval of Federal District Attorney Miller.

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GEN. MAUS GOES EAST.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., Feb. 13.—Brigadier-General Maus, commander of the Department of the Columbia, which will cease to exist after February 15 under the new army re-organization, has today received orders to proceed immediately to Albany, N. Y., to join his brigade. This is the first brigade of the First division, reported to have been ordered in readiness for Mexican service should President Taft so order.

PACIFIC TELEPHONE LIXEMEN ACCEPT COMPANY'S OFFER.

PORTLAND, Feb. 13.—It became known today that the Portland lixemen in the employ of the Pacific Telephone Company have voted in favor of accepting the company's offer of \$3.75 a day. The vote was sent to California to be canvassed as well as the vote from all coast cities.

OREGON NATIONAL GUARD READY FOR DUTY.

PORTLAND, Feb. 13.—Although no word has been received indicating that their services will be needed in the Mexican crisis, the Oregon national guard is in readiness to take the field.

"Should an army of occupation be called, the Oregon militiamen are ready and eager for service," said General Finzer. "Conditions are so chaotic in Mexico that it is impossible to foresee what a few days may bring forth. We may be called on at any time."

MOTORCYCLE INJURES TWO HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS.

PORTLAND, Feb. 13.—The police are today searching for the driver of a motorcycle who, while traveling at the rate of fifty miles an hour, dashed into a heavy of high school girls and seriously injured Hortense Pheasant, aged 18, and Marion Barton, 17. The girls were returning from a picnic in the suburbs and were walking along a road when the motorcycle dashed into their midst without warning. The driver escaped without his identity being learned.

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News, Virginia, all four transports there are being fitted up. They are the Summer, Meade, Kilpatrick and McClellan.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Instead of only two transports preparing for quick trips to Mexico from Newport

Artistic job work at the Courier.

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