

Oregon Elks in the East

The Oregon Elks who attended the recent grand lodge and carnival in Baltimore, went sight-seeing in Washington a few days ago. The party includes Dr. E. B. McDonald, of Baker City, deputy district grand exalted ruler for the state; P. W. DeHuff and wife, of The Dalles; George B. Small, of Baker City; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Paterson and Robert Wallbrunn, of Baker City; Dr. W. H. Byrd and daughter, Miss Winifred, of Salem. The other members of the Oregon delegation, John Lamont and H. C. Hippo, of Portland; J. H. Pearce and Rev. L. Frybicki, of La Grande; are visiting in Philadelphia.

Throughout the grand carnival the Oregon contingent industriously distributed among Eastern Elks a vast amount of literature advertising Oregon and the Lewis and Clark expedition, and in the parade decorated their carriages with streamers bearing the words: "Oregon Elks, Lewis and Clark Fair, 1903." The delegation found that the fair is but slightly known in the East, and say it should be extensively advertised in order to give it the prominence it deserves.

To Recover Timber Lands

The first of the suits to be instituted by the federal government for the recovery of lands granted under the fraudulent affidavits made before Marie L. Ware, as United States commissioner at Eugene, were filed in the United States circuit court at Portland yesterday afternoon. The defendants named are G. B. McLeod, William H. Watkins, James E. Warrick and Samuel L. Carson, and all four have been cited by United States Commissioner Bladen to appear before him on September 7th and show cause why the lands granted them should not revert to the government.

The suit was begun by District Attorney Hall in the name of Henry M. Hoy, acting attorney-general of the United States. The allegations of the complaints in each case are exactly the same, excepting the difference of the localities of the lands alleged to have been fraudulently involved. In all 480 acres so far are involved. They are located in township 24 south of range 1 east of the Willamette meridian. The first filings were made, according to the affidavit, by Watkins, Warrick and Carson, in 1897, and proofs were issued by the Roseburg land office in 1901, upon the presentation of fraudulent affidavits, which were sworn to before Miss Ware.

All three of the parties, the complaint alleges, were fictitious, and the names were used only in order to gain the lands, which were afterwards transferred to McLeod, who now holds them. Watkins, Warrick and Carson are supposed to have lived in Cottage Grove, and, although the commissioner has cited them to appear, the officers do not expect that they will ever be seen. The three are in the minds of the officers, simply non-existent persons.

An Indian Killed

For the first time in many years the United States authorities have been called upon to prosecute an Indian for the murder of his fellow tribesman. Yesterday afternoon United States District Attorney Hall was notified by telephone that an Indian by the name of Frank Winniebit had murdered an Indian policeman by the name of Pelet on July 26th, at the Warm Springs Indian reservation.

Just how the unfortunate affair happened is not known, but the district attorney was informed that the murderer attacked and killed his victim by stabbing him with a knife. The murder was committed at the Warm Springs Indian reservation, and the murderer was immediately placed under arrest.

If convicted, the murderer would be hanged in Portland, the offense coming within the federal jurisdiction.

Wants a Divorce.

Jennie M. Beardon has filed a complaint in the second department of the circuit court, asking for a divorce from R. W. Beardon, alleging abandonment and desertion. The couple was married at Lexington, Morrow county, March 11, 1886, and, according to the complaint, defendant deserted his wife in 1890. There are two children, Earl, aged 15, and Marie, aged 12 years. The plaintiff asks for an absolute divorce, and for the custody of the children.

THE OLD RELIABLE

Just a Few Hop Notes

S. G. Pugh, of Chemawa, one of the leading hop growers of that neighborhood, sold the remnant of his last year's crop to E. C. Herren, of this city, last evening, and the hops were this morning loaded and shipped to London. The lot contained 120 bales of strictly choice goods. Last fall Mr. Herren bought 69 bales from Mr. Pugh, a part of the same crop, at 25 cents, and even higher figures were offered to Mr. Pugh for the remainder of his holdings at that time, but he declined to sell, holding for an advance. The hops were strictly choice, and were the product of 30 acres. Mr. Pugh says that this year, from the same acreage, and with fully as good cultivation, he does not expect more than 90 bales, his being one of the few yards in the county that did not reach the standard anticipated.

The Eugene Guard has the following concerning hops in its issue of last evening:

"C. L. Fitchard, buying for his company, today took charge of the Thornbury lot of hops, consisting of 40 bales, and consigned them to Eastern markets. Figures private.

"The hops across the river are looking fine. A drive through the Davies place and Young's yard convinces one that the yield of Lane county this year will be up to the usual standard and quality. The increased acreage will probably add considerably to the yield of the county."

Best Ever In Salem

A splendid audience greeted the performance last night, notwithstanding the band concert in the Marion square. Every turn was warmly applauded, and all went away satisfied that it was the best vaudeville performance ever presented to a Salem audience. Little Baby Owen, the little 5-year-old star, proved a big drawing card, and won the hearts of all by her graceful manners. Eva Thatcher creates much laughter when ever she makes her appearance as the Irish lady. Campbell Bros., the expert jugglers and bag punchers, do a turn that has never been equaled in Salem, and their work is done with perfect ease. Dan McGreevy, the comedian, is always entertaining, while Chas. Chenoweth, the cornetist, always delights Park patrons with his magnificent selections.

Throughout the program is excellent, and those who have not visited the Park should do so this week. There will be an entire change Sunday.

May Play Game Here

Wednesday's Eugene Guard says: "The baseball directors today received information that Roseburg did not want to play with Eugene in Eugene next Saturday or Sunday. This unsettles the situation, when it was thought that the game would be pulled off here. It may be decided to pull the game off in Salem. In that case the Eugene management would get half of the gate receipts, which would, no doubt, be larger in Salem than in Eugene, on account of the close rivalry of the top-notchers of the league. The matter was to have been settled this afternoon, but the local directors came to no definite decision."

Brought Good Prices

People who think the fruit industry of small importance, can get some light from the following, taken from a California telegram of the 27th:

A hundred carloads of fruit a day, or 2,400,000 pounds, are now going East from Sacramento. Up to last Monday the number of cars sent East to all points beyond Ogden was 1717. They contained 41,398,000 pounds of fruit. Both the railroad officials and the orchardists say that the prospects are favorable for the shipment East this season of 122,000,000 pounds of all sorts of green fruits. This is equivalent to 8,000 carloads.

The New York, Chicago, Boston and St. Paul demand for all kinds of California green fruit is reported to be stronger than ever. The orchardists, through an executive committee, are routing the shipments in such a manner as not to glut the market in any of the Eastern cities. On this account prices are kept firm and steady. The severe winter and spring weather in many Eastern and Southern localities destroyed most of their fruit trees. This is the main reason for the high prices being paid for California fruits.

Owing to the good prices obtained in the Eastern markets, this season is the best California orchardists have had in 11 or 12 years.

Old Landmark Gone.

The first fire in the oldest town, except Jacksonville, in Western Oregon occurred on Wednesday, July 15. Two buildings were destroyed. One was the saloon building belonging to Gus Mitchell, the other the old building known as the Patterson hotel (in Scottsburg). The hotel building was an ancient landmark. It was built in 1850 by Mr. Scott, after whom the town was named. The lumber used in its construction was saved in use of the old-time sawmills then in operation at or near the town.

This building was older than Roseburg, Portland, Salem, Eugene or Ashland. Oregon City was then a very new frontier Oregon town. Jacksonville was a lively mining camp. Joseph Lane was then governor of the territory of Oregon. The county seat of

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Carloads of Watermelons

The Rogue River Courier says: The watermelon crop for the year will be a very good one, in spite of the extreme dryness of the season. In the little valley along Rogue river, west of Grants Pass there are probably 300 acres or more of the luscious fruit now growing. The heaviest grower this year is R. A. N. Reymers, who has some 65 acres in melons. T. P. Lee has about 30 acres and Lee Bros. some 25 acres. Elsmann Bros. have 35 acres and Lawson and Alverson about 10 acres each. Besides these are numbers of smaller patches in different portions of the valley.

Mr. Patterson bought the house and used it as a hotel, afterwards selling it to Mr. Copeland. Quite recently Mr. Garrison purchased the property, and to him comes the loss of the old landmark.—Gardiner Gazette.

Farewell Reception.

There will be a farewell reception tendered Rev. and Mrs. Geo. C. Ritchey at the First Christian church this (Thursday) evening, to which all members of the church are invited, also friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ritchey leave in a week and a half for their new pastorate at Anaheim, California, and their flock at Salem take this means to have a meeting altogether before they go.

Unique Photograph.

The Ross Cold Storage Company yesterday evening had a unique photograph taken at the Danner studio. A large cake of ice had been hollowed out, making room for a small child to stand in the cavity. The ice was then

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