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NEW DAY FOR ROSEBURG

Supplementary articles of incorporation have been filed with the Secretary of State at Salem by the Oregon Electric Railway Company, which empowers that corporation to make extensions of its road to this city, to construct a branch line to Tillamook, another from Albany to Cascadia and still a third branch paralleling the main line on the west side of the Willamette river, leaving the line near Wilsonville and running to Eugene. A line is also scheduled through Salem running from Dallas to Mill City.

Some weeks ago the News published that \$20,000,000 in preferred bonds had been set aside by the Oregon Electric Railway Company, and with it, the statement of President Moffat of the company that Roseburg would be made the southern terminus of the road, from whence extension branches would be built. Further than this President Moffat would not say, but the articles of incorporation tell the rest of the story.

This is not only intelligence of the highest importance to the people of Roseburg, as it assures them railroad competition to Portland, but a railroad to Coos Bay via Myrtle Point and Coquille City, to Marshfield and North Bend. Perfecting plans on the part of the company has undoubtedly been the cause of the delay on the part of Messrs. Kuetner and Haas, and no one is sorry for the delay, since it has developed that they are backed by twenty times the ready capital necessary to build the road from this city to the bay. And there is yet plenty of time to secure the right of way and make the survey between now and spring, and that was all that could be hoped for in the start. The electric road can be built inside of a year where there is money to back the effort, and this being assured, the chances are very good for the people of Coos Bay receiving an invitation from the people of this city to attend a celebration of the completion of the line in 1910.

To this city a new day has dawned, a day of increased prosperity, a greater city and a much larger and happier population. Let us prepare for the good times in the future for us. They are surely coming, and are already on the way.

The business man and the producer must necessarily work together for material benefit. The merchant finds and builds up the market for the producer of his section, and commerce between the parties keeps money at home and in circulation.

A writer in Scribner's Magazine tells that the public domain is all gone, and that no more homesteads are to be had, save, perhaps, in the arid districts of the Pacific Coast states, and that because the West—once the mecca of ambitious young men, no longer offers the homesteader an opportunity the population now floods to the cities for employment. To a man in a New York office, even though his information is gleaned from reports by the Forestry Commission, this statement might seem apparently true. To us of the West who know of the millions of acres of unentered government land, the story is not taken seriously. It is true that the choice land is gone, but in the state of Oregon alone something like 16,000,000 acres of government land yet remain. Much of it is fit only for grazing, and lies remote from transportation, but with all these conditions, to contend with, thousands of sturdy American citizens may even now find good homes in this, the best part of Uncle Sam's domain. In the forest reserves are also innumerable tracts of land that some day, in the not distant future, will be thrown open to entry. Oregon has room for, and invites, all ambitious and self-reliant men and women who have the energy and pluck to shake the shackles of the congested centers from their shoulders and seek homes in the western land of promise.

At a joint meeting of the teachers of Jackson and Josephine counties a few days ago at Ashland, the Normal School question was out of the interesting themes discussed and resolutions condemning the action of the Legislature in withdrawing State support from the Normals, and also advocating the establishment of three Normals in the State were passed. Since four Normals were discontinued, two in Southern Oregon, one at Monmouth and the fourth at Weston, east of the mountains, the inquiry naturally arises as to where the proposed schools are to be located. On this important point the convention remained silent. Perhaps the convention assumed that the Legislature could wrestle with that problem, so that the blame for any disappointments might be placed on the lawmakers' shoulders. While we regret the absence of our Normal schools, it seems an impossible task to get the matter adjusted to meet general approval, and possibly that is why shrewd politicians impartially killed all four institutions.

To fully realize how Roseburg is growing one should view the city from some vantage point on the hill slope. East, west, north and south its wings are rapidly spreading into the valleys where only a short time ago was meadow or pasture. It is a beautiful view and inspiring.

Every farmer who drives into the city finds Roseburg's new pavements such an agreeable change from the former bad conditions of his streets that he cannot but express himself in highest terms of appreciation. The

universal approval of pavement means its extension to other streets.

Greater acreage perhaps is being prepared and planted to fruit in Douglas county this season than in any other previous year. Southern Oregon has, in its climate and soil, just the right elements to produce perfect fruit, combining size, coloring and quality, and as soon as these young commercial orchards, begun to bear sufficient to make their product a factor in the market, buyers will be on the ground to take the fruit. The fact of other sections of the Northwest claiming a monopoly on the fruit industry is not to be taken seriously. The energy the growers in those sections have shown, the painstaking care bestowed on orchards, and the business sense exhibited in organizing for the marketing of crops is where lies their great success, and in these important features they are worthy examples to follow. But in so far as those people having secured a corner on the apple producing soils and climate, it is all simply a claim unverified—Nature has been too lavish in Oregon for such a thing to be possible. Douglas county has many advantages to offer orchardists, and thousands of good home are awaiting development here.

The authorities at Washington has refused to mix up in the Cook-Pearry strife. They will not request Minister Eagan, at Copenhagen, to examine the records of Cook at the request of the National Geographic Society. This is eminently proper. Cook has been badgered and black-guarded enough by Peary, and he should be permitted to submit the proof of his discovery to the scientific men of Denmark for their decision without the government's interference on behalf of a committee that was in such haste to award gold medals to his traducers. If the scientific institution of Denmark decide Cook reached the pole, the great majority of American people will take care of Peary and Bartlett, while the National Geographic Society is in hiding with shame—if it has any.

Boost your own interests by boosting home industries.

THINGS WE THINK

Some people cheat the devil by having their bodies cremated.

The man who keeps his word can always find someone to take it.

The tariff rate on lumber was reduced just in time to let the north pole in on it.

Theater wagon should be more popular if it had a sidelong and curtained apartment.

Congress refused Uncle Joe an auto, but there are those who think he has a machine of his own.

It is now possible to send photographs by telegraph, but the face of a copper-colored person is liable to cause a short circuit.

It is predicted that the world is liable to come to an end any minute now—and we may never live to learn who told the truth about the new tariff law.

A nursing bottle has been found that was used 5900 years before Christ. We had presumed that the children of that early day boarded at home.

There are now three Sheets at the head of the Long Prairie, Minn., Argus. A writer with an inclination to pun might have some fun with a combination like that.

Be cautious when your wife begins bragging to the neighbors about what strong arms and wonderful staying power you have. She may have a carpet for you to demonstrate on.

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Joking about Taft's avoirdupois is getting to be pretty light humor.

If we could see ourselves as others see us, there wouldn't be nearly as many egotists.

The only time a kicker is applauded is when he kicks up his toes.

The "Merry Widow" hat is doomed. A hat like that couldn't stay on top very long, anyway.

It's a peculiar anomaly that in these anti-slavery days there are any number of people that you can buy and sell.

"Taft smiles in Milwaukee" was a recent headline on a daily. With apologies we would say that smile is making him famous.

King Alfonso's two-year-old son has been made a private in the army—but will continue to give orders to the royal commander-in-chief.

An eminent English scientist thinks we may soon be able to hold communication with the departed spirits. That may make it possible to go on another toot with the spirits imbibed a year or so before.

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PROCLAMATION NO. 2

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