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## DR. WITHYCOMBE STILL STANDS PAT

Asserts that His Tribute to Vale's Alfalfa was Result of Careful Examination, not Flattery.

Dr. James Withycombe, of O. A. C., has written the following letter to the Oregonian in explanation of his recent statement that Vale produced the best alfalfa in the state:

"Permit me to say in reply to the comment in the Baker City Herald, which you published in today's Oregonian, I wish to assure Brother Kenneday that I said just exactly what I meant regarding the alfalfa at Vale. In making what may seem an extravagant statement there was no thought of flattery, but simply expression of an honest conclusion after a careful examination.

"It may be of interest to your readers, as well perhaps to the editor of the Baker City Herald, if some facts are given relating to the financial returns from alfalfa production in portions of Malheur county. The farmers in the Malheur, Owyhee and Bully Creek valleys for the past few years have given considerable attention to the production of alfalfa seed. The industry, it can be said, has been phenomenally successful. For example, the first crop is cut for hay, yielding from two to three tons per acre, and the second crop is harvested for seed, which yields from \$50 to as high as \$85 worth of seed per acre. Thus the two crops yield an annual revenue of about \$100 per acre. If there is another section of Oregon that can duplicate this I have not yet had the good fortune to find it.

"It is to be sincerely hoped that more of this valuable alfalfa and fruit land will be brought under the ditch at an early date."

## District Fair

The District Fair of the Second Southern Oregon District Agricultural Society promises to be an event which will attract a great deal of attention. A year ago grounds were bought by Eugene as a place for Lane County's Fairs as good as any city in the Valley. The new grounds will be first used for Fair and Exhibit purposes next month, the District Fair taking place there from September 7th. to 11th. inclusive, five days in all.

The Committee in charge of the advertising has just put up hundreds of handsome lithographs and the Fair Association is working in earnest to make the Fair a grand success.

## "The Lion Tamer" at the Palace

There was something doing all the time at the Palace theater last night and those who like the "blood and thunder" style of films had their fill in the "Lion Tamer." This film is a story of love in the country, the unsuccessful suitor going to the city and joining a circus where, after a while, he becomes a lion tamer. His successful rival marries the heroine and in the course of time they visit the circus, are recognized by the disappointed lover, who steals their little one and for revenge places him in the cage with the lions and tigers. Employees of the circus rescue the lad and

a mob chases the man who has tried to revenge himself through stealing the little fellow. An exciting chase takes place, and the tamer leads the crowd a merry chase, finally returning to the cage of wild beasts with his clothes nearly torn from his body, and attempts to take refuge with his pets. Evidently the animals fail to recognize their master, for he no sooner enters the cage than the tiger springs upon him and kills him. The pictures in this film are exceptionally clear and those of the animals are as true as a camera can make them. One of the scenes is the ring of the circus where the ponies are performing and the performing elephant is also seen going through his stunts. The entire film is thrilling enough to satisfy the most fastidious and was very well received last night.

"The Secret of the Locket" is another good film, though not steady in spots. It tells a very pretty story, however, and the action of the players is good throughout.

Miss Spangler has two new illustrated songs, "The Sweetest Thing on Earth" being one of the prettiest things heard here in some time. The slides used in the rendition of this song are very beautiful and the music being handled by Miss Spangler furnished a bit of entertainment that was charming in the extreme.

This really excellent bill will be repeated tonight and there is no doubt but that there will be a large attendance. "The Lion Tamer" is well worth seeing.

## 3000 INSTEAD OF \$31,000

Man Who Tried to Hold Up City of Eugene Squelched

The city of Eugene won a big victory in the circuit court when the jury in the case of the city vs. Oscar Millican, to condemn right of way through Millican's farm for the canal for the city's big electric power plant on the McKenzie river, awarded \$3500 as the price of his land and damages. Millican asked \$31,000, while the city offered him only \$1500.

This suit has long delayed operations on the power plant. Now work will be rushed. It is hoped to have the plant completed by the first of January. It was planned to have it in operation by this time, but Millican, backed by the local electric company, which has attempted to thwart the city's plans, has delayed work many months by injunction suits.

## DROPPED DEAD

James B. Price, aged 67 years, dropped dead in this city yesterday at 5:15, heart failure being given as the cause. The funeral service will take place at the graveside in Kings Valley tomorrow, Friday at 10 a. m., under auspices of the Odd Fellows.

Mr. Price was visiting his sons Frank and Roy Price out toward the Philomath road. His wife was here with him and heard him fall from a chair on the porch. Mr. Price had not been ill and his death was wholly unexpected.

## For Sale

Deering Binder almost good as new; Price with trucks-\$65.00. S. BICKNELL, Corvallis, Ore. 8-6-tf-w  
For Rent—A small desirable farm, two miles south of town. Inquire 708 Third street, phone-1120 8-6-tf-w

## GETTING READY TO PAVE ABOUT EIGHT BLOCKS OF SECOND STREET

FIRST STEPS TAKEN BY WARREN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY'S MAN WHO IS HERE MAKING PRELIMINARY SURVEYS.

## PROSPECT OF WORK BEING DONE BEFORE RAINY SEASON

Cost of Only \$300 to \$450 a Lot, with Payments Extended Over a Period of Ten Years Makes it Impossible that a Burden Shall be Worked on those Who Have to Pay for the Improvement.

The first step in the paving of Second street from the Occidental mill to Mary's river flat, a distance of eight or ten blocks, was taken this morning when a representative of the Warren Construction Co., in conjunction with City Engineer Porter, began surveys. This expert is now at work on the north end of the street, and will remain in Corvallis just as long as is necessary to prepare complete plans and specifications for all the streets the officials feel will be paved within the next few years.

### Good Service at No Cost

The Warren Paving Co.'s engineer is the expert who made surveys and prepared plans for the paving of Eugene, Medford, Roseburg, Ashland and Albany, and he comes to Corvallis at no expense to this city. Nor does he come here under promise or obligation on the part of Corvallis. The Warren Co. puts down the bitulithic pavement that has seemed so acceptable to other cities and the object of the expert's visit is to prepare the most complete plans possible for submission to the council. It is understood that these plans are to be the property of Corvallis, for submission to other experts or for any other use to which it may seem desirable to put them. While the plans and specifications are for bitulithic pavement, the basic work is invaluable, and can be used for any pavement that may be laid.

### Council Will Pave

While no contract has been considered, or could be let before the middle of September, the very fact that Warren's man is here is proof of the company's belief that Corvallis is going to do some paving at no far distant date. And the probability is that the construction company is not wrong in its surmise. The city council is heartily in favor of paving Second from the Occidental mill to the flat, and Monroe, Madison and Jefferson at least one block. In fact the council proposes to do this if the proposal is not referendomed. However, an investigation has convinced the city council that a large majority of property owners in the district named are strongly in favor of this paving and that it be carried through this fall. It is even believed that several residence districts could be paved without any particular opposition, but this will not be attempted this fall, as time before the rainy season is limited.

### Will Begin at Once

The special council committee appointed to investigate paving at Portland and other cities, to procure prices, etc., will go to

Portland Monday and on their return the council is likely to get busy so that if any work is to be done this fall it can be proceeded with immediately. A rough estimate is that the paving of Second street will cost \$5000 a block, the street being 52 feet wide. This means about \$400 per lot of 50 feet. On narrower streets the cost will be less, of course. From Van Buren street north the paving would be but 32 feet wide.

### Not A Burden

The fact that long time payments can be arranged makes it impossible for any to be burdened by the cost of paving. Where parties desire it, ten years will be given and at a rate of interest lower than the money can be borrowed for through any of the usual channels. A residence lot of 50 feet would cost from \$300 to \$400 to pave, and could be paid for at \$30 to \$50 a year, plus interest. This could not be a burden on any. The more ground the greater cost, of course, but certainly the better able to pay. With any real portion of the city paved the increased property values in two years would more

than cover the entire cost of paving.

### Ought to Go This Fall.

It is to be hoped there will be no hitch in paving Second street this fall. While a great many of the people seem to be enthusiastic over paving, there are some who need such an object lesson as a pavement on Main street would prove. They could see it there during the worst season and note its worth and beauty. It is gratifying to note that the council is of the disposition to push this along as rapidly and as far as seems advisable.

## HAWAII WILL ATTEND

Island People Interested In Commercial Development

Hawaii will attend the Denver session of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress, the delegates being appointed by Governor Frear, the chamber of Honolulu and the Hawaiian Promotion committee. At the Oklahoma session of the Congress Hawaii appealed to the western commercial sentiment in behalf of Pearl Harbor, and as a result of agitation, to which the Congress contributed largely, the government recognized the justice of the Hawaiian claims. Last year at the San Francisco session Hawaii had a large delegation, which was appointed more in appreciation of the work of the Commercial Congress in her behalf. This year the delegates will ask the commercial bodies of the Trans-Mississippi section to make some vigorous representations in behalf of immigration, which is now the very great question agitating the Hawaiian mind. Hawaii wants the right kind of immigrants. She wants the land laws applied to her public domain, and, most of all, she wants the islands completely Americanized as a bulwark against Oriental invasion of any kind.

### Newport Property.

Sixty choice lots more or less in Newport, Oregon, (one of the most healthful and popular summer and winter resorts, near the terminal of the Southern Pacific Railway, at the Pacific Ocean) for sale or will exchange for other good property. Property near Corvallis preferred. Address M. S. WOODCOCK, Corvallis, Oregon. thurs. tf

## SALEM IS UP AGAINST IT TOO

Question of Bicycle Riding on Sidewalks is Disturbing the Peaceful Quiet of State Capitol.

The time-honored bicycle question is up for settlement in Salem again. On one side are the women's clubs and those citizens who do not ride wheels, who are trying to induce the Council to pass an ordinance ruling wheels off from all sidewalks, and on the other side are the bicycle riders and many business men who feel that laboring people cannot afford to pay 20 or 30 cents per day car fare, and who want the present ordinance enforced requiring the wheelmen to keep to one side of the walks in the district where they are allowed to ride.

The Council has been considering a measure greatly increasing the scope of the territory in which bicycles shall be tabooed and requiring riders to dismount every time they meet a pedestrian. The bill is so sweeping it is believed to have little chance of passage. However, the riders are aroused and have organized the Bicycle Riders' Protective Association, elected officers and propose to appoint a large number of bicycle policemen, who will help the regular force enforce the law against scorching. The new association is in favor of retaining the present ordinance without amendment.

Salem really should not try to put on such metropolitan airs. It is much more satisfactory to let the bicyclists own the earth, and the sidewalks too, as they do here in Corvallis, than stir up trouble over such a little matter as the fancied rights of pedestrians to have the sidewalks all to themselves.

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