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ELECTRIC LINES

DEVELOP COUNTRY.

Traveling on the electric line between Portland and Salem is rapidly equaling the anticipations of the builders of the Oregon Electric company's trolley system, says the Catholic Sentinel of Portland.

Within a comparatively short time the lands available for this class of industry will be completely subdivided and the large holdings in the hands of individual farmers will be succeeded by many small orchards, gardens and berry fields—each for a home for a family.

Intensive farming is more and more employed by the new owners of these acre tracts. Values of land will increase in the next two years to double the price prevailing at this time, and as in all other instances of electric railroad construction, population will flow along the line of the trolley route.

When the present county court took charge of the county government, it was confronted with a debt so large that the task of removing it seemed almost hopeless. The county roads had received little or no attention for a period of nearly four years, and therefore were sadly in need of repair, and in many cases absolute reconstruction.

The roads will show much evidence of intelligent work and the bridges will all be found in a safe condition. Many new steel bridges will be found where there is a demand for them. To accomplish this result it has been necessary to expend many thousands of dollars. It requires money to build bridges and roads. Though this is true, the court has, by strict attention to business, and by carefully guarding every possible avenue where the county funds might escape, have been able to make all necessary improvement and at the same time reduce the county debt to less than \$65,000.

The Chamberlain forces would like mightily well to give out the impression that there is a war on among the republicans. In other words, "the desire is father of the thought" as it were, with reference to the reports spread by the democratic papers to the effect that the Fulton men were getting their knives ready for Calk.

throughout the state, but we do come pretty near knowing whereof we speak when we say that eastern Oregon republicans, regardless of previous preferences, will support Mr. Calk. The republicans in this neck of the woods are republicans, and are willing to abide by the party choice.

The city officials should hang up a cup at the fountain. Farmers and others as well, often wish to quench their thirst at the fountain, but find no cup.

The rains last night smothered the dust in fine shape. A thorough soaking at this time will add a few dollars on those which will result from the recent rains.

Commercial clubs throughout the county are electing new officers and instilling new life by placing in office men with new blood. Watch the county. Something good will result.

ANTI-SALOON. This space belongs to the Temperance forces of Union County.

Had you heard the latest on Kansas? No? Well, 'y George, it's a good one! They are actually saying the state is likely to go back to territory-hood. The fool people down there in that benighted land of grasshoppers and fanatics have elected a fanatic for governor, and he has also a fanatic in the office of assistant attorney general, and between them they are very likely to turn that once promising commonwealth back to the Indians and prairie dogs.

The whole blumfusticated trouble is this: They've got the fool idea from somewhere that a whole state can be run without the beneficent and productive influence of the always wide-awake saloon man; that really after the years of centralized effort to make himself appreciated, he has proved a failure and his millions are not needed.

Well, what a breed of cattle the Kansansites must be, anyhow! They seem to want their grain fed to the animals instead of to their boys. Years ago, the grasshoppers cleaned out their crops for them, and when these no longer continued to come, the broad-minded saloonist set up his brewery in their midst to take the place of the grasshopper as far as possible, and I'll be tee-totally jumped up if those Kansas cranks did not say they really preferred the 'oppers, although they wanted neither. The dumbness of these jayhawkers is what puzzles the country, and will have to be explained to congress when they present their application for territory-hood. You see, the saloon bought and used millions of bushels of their farm products and turned them right back to the people. The farmer had a snap; the saloonist was fair, he gave money for bushels; boys learned to drink (that was not his fault) and that gave him more dollars for the farmer, and thus it ran: More boys, more money for more bushels; more boys for the saloon, more money for the horny-handed son of toll, etc. Now, these slow-minded people are raising more grain, more boys, have more money and no saloons and few drunkards.

Just read the following: Hon. C. W. Trickett, assistant attorney general of Kansas, furnishes the following facts concerning the closing of saloons in Kansas City, Kansas: This city is the metropolis of Kansas, with a population of about 100,000. The inhabitants are largely wage-earners and represent every nationality. We are located on the border, only an invisible line separating us from Kansas City, Mo. The city ranks fifth in the list of manufacturing cities of the United States.

One year ago there were 256 saloons in this county, 200 gambling dens and about 50 houses of social evil. Today there is not a saloon, no open gambling den, nor a disorderly house. It is the largest city in the world without these dens of vice, and as we have now existed about 12 months without them, it affords a living example of the fact that a large city can grow and prosper without such evils.

At the commencement of the contest a large number of our people thought it would ruin business and destroy our prosperity, but it has stimulated business in all lines.

Our population has increased at a greater rate than ever before. The deposits in the banks have

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gained by one and one-half million dollars. The merchants upon our streets have had to employ additional clerks. The attendance in our public schools has increased largely, and we have had to employ 18 additional teachers. The teachers inform us that this increase is largely of boys and girls of from 12 to 16 years of age, who prior to the closing of the saloons were compelled to assist in supporting the family, by reason of the father spending his wages for drink.

The charitable institutions report a reduction of more than two-thirds in the demand for aid. The juvenile court, which has the care of dependent children, has had but two applications in the past 18 months, while prior to the closing of the joints from eight to 88 children required aid and assistance each month.

Prior to the closing of the joints we sent from 15 to 25 young men to the reformatory every year. In the 12 months since closing we have sent but two.

The expenses for prosecuting criminals have been reduced \$25,000 per annum. Expenses for the police force have been reduced as much more.

For the first time in 25 years the court of common pleas of this county opened its term the first Monday in May without a criminal case.

The city courts, created for the express purpose of trying petty suits, for the collection of rents and grocery bills, and formerly crowded with a black docket every day, have now practically no business, for the reason that the people are paying their bills instead of being sued for them.

A year ago this city was trying to devise ways and means to spare the money to build additions to our city jails. Today the doors of the jails swing idly upon their hinges and we have no use for those we have.

One year ago, not to exceed two business men on the principal thoroughfares of this city would have favored the closing of saloons. Today there are not two who would favor opening them.

Twice since the saloons were closed we have held a city election at which the issue was presented to the people, and at each election the people have

endorsed present conditions. Every bank is loud in praise of the present civic situation. The city is clean, crime is at a minimum, merchants prosperous, real estate advancing.

This city is now the experimental station of the world. If Kansas City, Kan., can close its saloons and keep them closed, and if the closing produces prosperity, happiness and contentment, then it is reasonable to assume that such results will follow a like policy in other large cities.

CONTEST NOTICE. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Oregon, March 25th, 1908.

The United States of America, and Frances Harris, plaintiffs, vs. William H. Patten, defendant.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Frances Harris, contestant, against Homestead entry No. 10188, made May 15, 1901 (C. C. 8300), for the SE 1/4 Section 8, Township 3, N., Range 40, E. W. M., by William H. Patten, contestee, in which it is alleged that the said William H. Patten wholly failed to comply with the homestead law prior to proof; that he failed to maintain residence prior to proof and has since wholly abandoned said entry, and that said alleged absence from said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer, seaman, or marine during the war with Spain or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged, and said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m., on June 2, 1908, before the register and receiver of the United States land office in La Grande, Oregon.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed April 29th, 1908, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

F. C. BRAMWELL, Register. R. H. LLOYD, Attorney for Contestant. 4-2-9-16-23-30

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Committee Meeting. A meeting of the county republican central committee is hereby called to be held in this city Monday, May 4, at 8 p. m. This meeting is called for the purpose of electing delegates to the state convention. J. H. PEARE, Chairman.

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