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Arrival and Departure of Trains
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Arrive	Southern Pacific	Depart
11:30 a. m.	Passenger	1:30 p. m.
5:40 p. m.	Freight	6:40 a. m.
11 a. m.	Corvallis & Eastern	11:15 a. m.
8:35 a. m.	Passenger east	6:30 a. m.
1:20 p. m.	" west	2:15 p. m.
4:35 p. m.	" east	5 p. m.
8:35 p. m.	" "	1:40 p. m.
1:15 p. m.	Sunday Trains	11:15 a. m.
*Daily except Sunday. All other trains daily.		

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Mails Open From	Mails Close For
7, 10 a. m., 12 m.	Portland 5:30, 10:30 a. m., 12 m.
10 a. m., 2, 5 p. m.	Albany 5:30, 10:30 a. m., 5:30 p. m.
7, 10 a. m., 12 m.	Washington and 10:30 a. m., 12:30 p. m.
10 a. m., 5 p. m.	Eastern states 5:30 p. m.
11:30 a. m.	California and 10:30 a. m., 5:30 p. m.
10 a. m.	Philomath and 12:30 p. m.
12 m.	points West 12:30 p. m.
7 a. m.	Monroe 1:30, 5:30 p. m.
5 p. m.	McMinnville and 12:45 p. m.
10 a. m.	We side points 12:45 p. m.
5 p. m.	Mill City and 5:30 a. m.
10 a. m.	way points 5:30 a. m.
5 p. m.	Philomath and 8:45 a. m.
10 a. m.	Alsea 8:45 a. m.
5 p. m.	Monroe stage 2 p. m.
	Philomath stage 9 a. m.

MIGHTY EASY TO EXPLAIN

The Portland Telegram recently commented on the present cost of living and said it would like to know the cause for such a marked advance in the price of all food supplies. The Oregonian answers the query in the following pertinent manner:

"It's mighty easy to explain why the cost of living is high. No mystery at all about it. Staple articles for the household, especially of food, are scarce. Men and women and boys and girls don't like to work on the farm. They are averse to the labor, or kind of labor, necessary for the production of wheat and potatoes, cabbage and beans; the care of kine, attention to calves, lambs and poultry; protection of fruit trees and selection and preparation of product for market. They prefer to live in towns and cities—all who possibly can—even on small salaries and to complain that flour, beef and mutton, butter, eggs potatoes are outrageously high.

"From this basis all prices are forced upwards. Household, furniture, for example, bears much higher prices than a few years ago. Lumber, wood and bricks are higher. Wages of all workmen have advanced—though not in all occupations to the proportion of the advance in articles of food. Wages in the lighter employments, indoors, are perhaps but little higher. The heavier part of the burden of higher prices seems to fall on these. But these people still don't want to live in the country

and grow wheat, potatoes, pigs and sheep, or work in the orchards or logging camp.

"Again, the dwellers of the towns and cities, where complaint is made of high prices, must have better houses, better and greater variety of food, better clothes and better furniture. Quite right all this, too; but it is incompatible with the lower cost of living that prevailed in former times. Social expenses, too, continually grow and increase. Travel is more extensive and more general. Rents are higher, because better houses are required; and taxes are higher, because public expenditure always keeps well in the lead of all other growth and progress. Formerly we spent in Portland little on streets, nothing on bridges, and had cheap schoolhouses and no parks. But we are "going some" now. Rents in Portland, except for a very few corners, pay but moderate returns; in many cases not more than taxes and other necessary charges. Building indeed is active, but rents can go no lower. Demands on property are so great that the tendency is rather upward.

"But food prices will decline in proportion as food production increases; and it is the only way. Moreover, food production will increase only as greater proportions of our people turn their faces toward the country and cultivate the soil. It is useless however, to employ exhortation on such a subject; for the tendency of population is continually to the towns and cities—making relatively fewer producers and more consumers. Upon an endless list of articles of food consumed in our western cities we pay not only the price in Iowa and Missouri, but the freight charge and the profits of a whole line of dealers. No mystery about these prices, nor about the prices of all the various articles of manufacture from distant places, including even a large part of our building materials and nearly all our clothing. Yet after all, many think we are more generally prosperous with high than with low prices; and there's an argument on either side.

SMALL FARMS IN DEMAND

County Records Show Call Is For Little Tracts

- August Dibbern to C. E. Robinson, 9 1-2 acres near Corvallis, \$10.
- United States to Newton Rust, 103 acres in Alsea Valley.
- Ardella Ann Archerd to Fredrick F. Lewis, 103 acres Alsea, \$850
- Sarah E. Denison to W. A. Hurd, 80 acres south of Philomath, \$10.
- Emily C. Pernot to N. B. Travias and wf., 5 acres south of Corvallis, \$10.
- Fred W. Strake et al to Chas. J. Buck, 39 acres northwest of Corvallis, \$10.
- Margret J. Norton to Ezra M. Sherwood, 40 acres near Blodgett, \$2100.
- Alice K. Bell to E. B. Carey and wf., 50 acres north of Philomath, \$2100.
- E. J. Barrett to E. M. Perfect, 5 acres near Albany, \$100.
- Thomas J. Childs to Fredrick E. Freeman, 107 acres in Alsea, \$10.
- C. F. Hahn to H. L. French, parcel of land near Corvallis, \$10.
- Lafayette Rhodes to Fred Fenske, 24 1-2 acres in Alsea, \$10.
- Livonia Locke to M. E. Gragg and wf., Lots 5 and 6 Bl. 9 N. B. and P. Avery's Add. Corvallis \$800.
- E. A. Norton to Caroline Hayes, Lots 7 and 8 Bl. 2 N. B. and P. Avery's Add. Corvallis, \$10.
- G. F. Frink to R. B. Watson and wf., Lot 129 Bl. 33 Broan's Add., Philomath, \$1600.
- F. A. Martain to John Moore and wf., 53.32 acres south of Corvallis, \$3800.
- Alfred C. Schmitt to A. Wilhelm, undivided 1-2 of 471.75 acres near Monroe \$10.
- Joel Friend and wf. to John M. Linsey and wf., Lots 45-55-56 Bl. 12 Philomath, \$2100.
- Heirs of Sena A. Cooper to Geo. W. Cooper, 42 acres west of Corvallis, \$4000.

Start Work On Survey

Sufficient money has been raised by subscription for the Coos Bay-Oregon to Idaho Railroad to insure starting

work on the survey. F. A. Haines, the chief engineer, will start out this week with his surveying gang and will probably begin work somewhere in the mountain districts, the object being to secure a 1 per cent grade from Marshfield to Roseburg. Francis H. Clark has been appointed attorney for the railroad company.

FARMERS ARE REJOICING

Recent Rains Promise Good Crops in the Willamette Valley

Benton and Linn Counties have been visited by the most welcome rain in their history during Saturday night, all day Sunday and during that night. The farmers have been most discouraged on account of a lack of rain, and today they are rejoicing and encouraged in the belief that the crop will be up to the usual standard of excellence.

Spring and Fall grain has been much benefited. The hay crop, which had suffered most on account of the unusual drouth, will make almost a full crop.

The fruit crop gives evidence of being a good one, especially along the line of cherries, berries and plums. Apples are showing up well and pears will bring their usual quota of fruit to the grower. Pasturage, which was suffering for lack of nourishment, will now yield feed until late in the Summer months.

Farmers and business men were so affected by the poor crop conditions that they began to hedge and prepare for a poor season. This has all been dissipated and today the usual optimism prevails and all business lines have been quickened to new life and activity. The oldest resident of this section cannot remember when such conditions existed as prevailed before the coming of the late rains.

Salem Germans Incorporate

The German Society at Salem has elected August Auckestein, president John Stillman, secretary; A. G. Magers treasurer. The society has been incorporated for \$10,000. The purchase of a fine building lot opposite the Willamette Hotel will be made this week through Meyer & Bell and work on a substantial business block will be commenced in a short time. The German Society will occupy part of the building with a theater, gymnasium and club-rooms.

Good News at Gold Beach

Representatives of Guggenheim who

has large fishing interests in Alaska, are at Gold Beach looking over the cannery property of the late R. D. Hume, and there is little doubt that he will take over the plant together with the large holdings of timber and farming lands. Two companies are on the ground to take and ship salmon "mild cured" and the fishermen expect to make good money when those companies get ready to handle the salmon.

Mammoth Views of Lane County

Lane County is to be represented at the Portland Commercial Club by a series of mammoth photographs, painted by hand in the true natural colors, and the women of Portland are to be invited to inspect them on special occasions. The pictures are 4x6 feet and are to be appropriately framed. Their size will not permit of their being hung on the walls, nor can they be seen to the best advantage if stood on the floor, so special stands will be made for them.

The Commercial Club of Eugene, of which John Hartog is manager, has been preparing for this unique exhibit for several months past, and has employed some of the best artists in the country. The beautiful Willamette," as seen from Eugene, will comprise a set of panoramic views; the giant firs of the Cascades and the stately larch of the Coast Range will be depicted, true to nature while there will be several series of views of orchards in bloom, the grounds about the State University, and the pretty falls of the McKinsie and the Siuslaw. Several Coast scenes are among the number.

Lane County has the advantage of a greater variety

of scenery than many of the counties of the state, as its boundaries extend from the Cascade Mountains on the east to the Oregon Coast on the west, and take in the lovely valleys of both ranges, as well as the main Willamette and its principal tributaries in every direction from Eugene. The exhibit is to be sent to the Oregon building at the Seattle Fair, after the citizens of Portland are given a chance to take it in.

Improving School Facilities.

The contract for the construction of the new school building in the north part of Forest Grove at the corner of Main street and First avenue, North, has been awarded to Loynes & Moore, of that city, for the sum of \$11,311. The other bids were as follows: John Taylor, \$11,340; Starrett & Son, \$11,485. The contract calls for the completion of the new structure by the middle of September. Forest Grove has engaged 14 teachers for the coming year and the proposition of adding the 11th grade for the coming year is to be put to a vote of the patrons of the district on June 20.

C&E Refuses To Build.

Corvallis & Eastern Railroad has filed an answer in its suit with the railroad commission. Some time ago the commission ordered the company to construct a depot at the town of Lyons, on the C. & E., on the complaint of the citizens of that place, but the railroad company failed to comply with the order and the matter was taken before the circuit court. The answer says the courts have no jurisdiction to compel them to erect a depot as asked by the commission.

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