

# THE STAYTON MAIL

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## LUMBER ACTIVITY IN ELKHORN DISTRICT.

"There is going to be much doing in our section," said Postmaster Pope of Elkhorn yesterday. A French company of Michigan has taken a trial contract to deliver 10,000 ties to be cut along the Little North Santiam. If they can be floated successfully to West Stayton and put in readiness for shipping, a big contract of 1,500,000 ties will be forthcoming. In case the latter contract is made it will be the largest in the history of that section of the country. Naturally such a contract means much to our section and will give employment to many workers."

"The Ogle Creek Mining Company which is operating five miles north of Elkhorn has a 10-stamp mill running day and night and are working a 7 1/2 foot ledge milling ore," said Mr. Pope. "There has been some fine improvements on what is known as the county river road which has been graded to a 6 per cent grade and for which the people of the surrounding country have donated more than \$7,000. This gives us a splendid road from Melhama to Elkhorn."—Statesman.

## Fire at Shedd's.

There is said to be no doubt that the big fire at Shedd station Friday morning was of incendiary origin. An inspection of the remaining store building shows indications of coal oil having been poured on the floors and that an effort was made to scatter it among the stock of goods.

A story is circulated that a couple of tramps were in town the evening before, and were refused meals and otherwise coldly treated. Many believe that in revenge the hoboes sought to destroy the town. The tramps have disappeared and cannot be located. Some silverware was found in a sack hidden under the corner of one of the large warehouses near the railroad.

It is the general opinion that the four stores were fired simultaneously in an effort to wipe out the town. It is believed that kerosene was used in each case. The little city is sadly stricken, and the calamity will wreck the business enterprises of most of the losers. The loss is only partly covered with insurance, and even with this the greater number of those burned out will be unable to rebuild and again enter business.

## Cooper Family Reunion.

Friday last, June 7th, was the 74th birthday of W. H. Cooper, and a reunion of a part of that family was held in Stayton to celebrate the event. There are seven brothers in this family, W. H. being the oldest. The others are D. J., of the Dalles; Hon. J. S. of Independence; Col. J. C., of McMinnville; R. D., of Independence; J. E., of Portland; and E. W., of Albany. Nearly all of the brothers were present at the reunion. The party partook of an excellent dinner at the Stayton Hotel and the day was pleasantly passed in recalling incidents of the past, in which these men helped make the early history of Oregon. They are all men of standing in the communities in which they live and have hosts of friends over the state who will wish for them many reunions.

## Divorce Case.

John H. Swick, a resident of West Stayton, in this county, has instituted divorce proceedings against his wife Lillie M. Swick, and asks for the custody of the only child of the marriage Dolly Swick, aged about 4 years. He also asks for two-thirds of the real property which is owned jointly by himself and wife. The parties were married in Indiana seventeen years ago and have been residents of Oregon about eight years. Mr. Swick claims that his wife has been guilty of infidelity and names one Clyde Rucker as co-respondent, and the specific act complained of is claimed to have been committed in Salem on June 6 last. The papers in the case were filed by Attorney Carey F. Martin yesterday.—Statesman.

## A Prominent Industry.

We doubt if many of the readers of this paper have any idea of the size of the business transacted by the Stayton Excelsior Factory, of which Gardner & Stayton are the owners. This factory, located back of the flour mill, is an unpretentious institution to all appearances but nevertheless cuts a large figure in the amount of money handled in Stayton during the year.

The pay roll of this factory and the Gardner flour mill has for the past month or more been on an average of \$125 per day. The two institutions are now giving employment to about fifty men, and will continue to do so for some time. The excelsior plant will begin about July first running a double shift, working 24 hours a day, and will cut from 10,000 to 12,000 pounds per day. The company has a standing order for two tons per day from one firm. This plant is a valuable addition to Stayton, giving the farmers a chance to dispose of their balm timber, which has heretofore been worth little, and giving during the wood cutting season employment to a large force of men at good wages.

At a meeting of the State Board of Building Commissioners held Tuesday afternoon it was decided to purchase the Coleman tract as a site for the new institute for the feeble minded. The Coleman tract is made up of various farms and contains about 538 acres, distributed as follows: James R. Coleman, 130 acres at \$90; Mrs. Z. Miller, 130 acres at \$30; C. P. Guard, 46 acres at \$55; M. P. Dennis, 44 acres at \$31; William H. Simpson, 103 acres at \$65, and the Jos. Thiel 85 acres. The price of this tract is held at about \$120 per a.

## NEW HEARSE.

W. E. Thomas, the popular Stayton undertaker and embalmer, has added a new funeral car to his equipment for caring for the dead of this community. It is one of the latest pattern and up-to-date in every respect. Although the car is an expensive one, Mr. Thomas wanted the best to be had, and secured it.

Press dispatches state that the S. P. company has purchased the C. & E. Railroad and will take possession in two weeks. A. B. Hammond, president, tendered his resignation at Albany Monday. The Curtis Lumber Co of Mill City has been shipping lumber to Yaquina, and this week a large ship load was taken out of that port. It looks as though Yaquina might again be made a harbor.

## Country News.

### "Ole Oleson."

The welcome rain has come at last. Mrs. F. G. DeVoe and grand daughter have returned to the farm, after spending the winter in Salem.

Alfred Fox spent Sunday evening at the Shelly home.

Miss Jennie King is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Gilmore.

Rev. McElroy will preach at the Union Hill church Sunday at 11 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. McElhaney were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tate Sunday.

George Downing, Dick Tate and Clarence and Marion Hunt left Sunday for Silver Creek Falls where they will spend a few days fishing for trout.

Mrs. Chas. Brown, of Stayton, spent Monday and Tuesday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Staiger.

W. H. King has returned to Salem after a few days stay on the farm.

Mrs. Mary Castile, who was reported on the sick list, is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hahn left Saturday for Hood River where they will spend a few weeks visiting their daughter Mrs. Phillips.

Robt. Downing and wife, of Salem, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Downing.

A. Cooley who has sold his farm will locate near Silverton.

Miss Ethel Burns is visiting with her brother Paul Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilmour are the happy parents of a daughter.

## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that my wife, Lily M. Swick, has left my bed and board without just cause and I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by her. JOHN SWICK.

Dated June 8 1907. 19-2t



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15.00 " " " 12.50 suit  
12.50 " " " 10.00 suit

There is no occasion for any one not having a new suit of clothing for the Fourth of July celebration when you can get dependable goods at such prices.

Our well known King and Kingsbury Hats are built for style and service—every well dressed man wears a Kingsbury.

## Lecture To-night.

Mrs. Mattie M. Sleeth, of Portland, State Organizer for the W. C. T. U. of Oregon, will deliver an address at the M. E. church this (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock. She spoke to a small but most appreciative audience last evening, for owing to the very short notice that we had of her coming, many were prevented from hearing her.

Mrs. Sleeth is a gifted speaker and those who hear her once are eager to hear her again. It is expected that a large audience will greet her to-night.

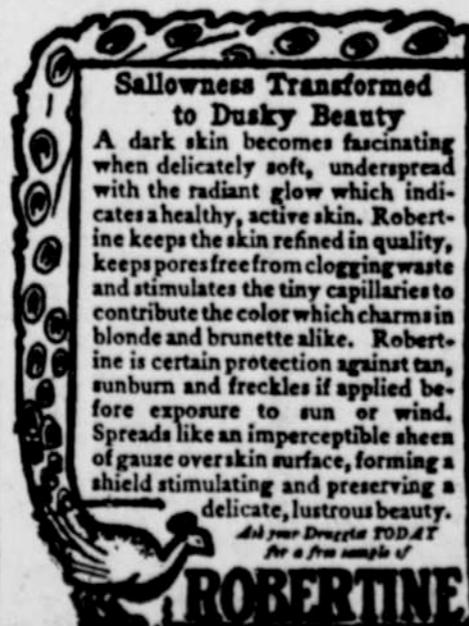
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## Wash Goods

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