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## ANOTHER FRANCHISE WANTED

**Salem and Eugene and Salem  
and Mehama Interests United**  
Connect With French Line at  
Fair Grounds.

F. W. Watters appeared before the Salem city council last night and asked for a franchise in the name of A. Welch for an electric line through the city, that is to be part of the Salem and Eugene and Salem and Mehama system. The ordinance was read and referred to the ordinance committee and Mr. Watters has gone to Portland today to confer with Mr. Welch and his associates. A survey from Salem to Eugene via Albany is to begin at once and the work pushed.

A Salem special says: A petition was presented to the city council asking for a franchise over several streets of the city, from the northern to southern limits, with an outlet upon the Willamette river, for an entirely new electric railway system. The purpose of this is to construct a line of railroad from this city southward as far as Albany, on the the initial stretch, and contemplates an extension to Portland on the north and Eugene on the south with a lateral or feeder branching from the main line at Turner to Mehama.

The franchise is asked in the name of A. Welch of Portland. He is backed in the enterprise by eastern capital, whose identity is withheld from publication at present, but the circumstances surrounding the scheme smacks of Hill interests very strongly. The petition for the franchise covers two separate lines, both of which have their starting point at the Fair Ground store on the Portland-Salem road, where it joins with the original L. B. French right of way. One traverses certain prominent streets thru the residence portion of the city, terminating at the river brink, calculated to give an outlet to the system into Polk county. The other takes a river course through the city in a nearly direct line to the southern limits, and will connect in the vicinity of the reform school with the line that has already been surveyed and for which right of way has been secured from this city to Mehama.

The specific conditions mentioned in the franchise, are that work must be begun within six months after the granting of the franchise, and the entire road completed between this city and Albany within two years. This indicates that there is need of hurry in the completion of the project. Mr. Welch, who is at the head of the Willamette Valley company, recently sold out his interests in the Eugene and Eastern to Story and others who are promoting a system of lines out of Eugene. He is devoting his entire efforts upon the present project, which contemplates a continuous system of electric railway from Portland to the southern boundary of the state, with laterals reaching out to the most fertile sections of the valley, having no rail outlet to the principal markets. Two crews of surveys will be placed in the field the first of next week, and will complete the surveys, according to the designs of the promoters, as they proceed.—Capital Journal.

A crew of fifteen men passed through Albany from Portland, for the summit via Lebanon. They will survey a line across the mountains into Crook county, retracing the old survey of fifteen years ago. They were fully equipped for several months work, the Oregonian declares to run a line to Ontario, and there is little doubt that it will be followed by the extension of the road. The survey into Crook county will be an easy one.—Albany Democrat.

NOTICE.—Having sold our hardware and furniture business, all persons indebted to us are requested to call and settle as soon as possible.

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People all over the United States are hungry for more details of the colonist rates. Letters are arriving from all sections of the State, asking for exact rates from different points thruout the United States, to Oregon. From Kansas City and other Missouri River points, St. Paul, Duluth, and Winnipeg, the rate is \$25. from Oklahoma City and St. Louis \$30, Chicago \$33., Buffalo \$42.00, Cincinnati and Louisville \$38., Des Moines \$29., Indianapolis \$35.85, Boston \$49.90, New York \$50., Pittsburgh \$42., Memphis \$37.50, Birmingham, Alabama \$44.50. Each ticket is \$2.50 less when bought to points east of Umatilla. The rates given above cover almost the entire country, and are the same proportionately from all smaller stations. Keep in mind that tickets must be bought reading to your station.

### Mysterious.

Sheriff Culver, of Salem, after a trip to Thomas after the Salem livery team left at the barn of S. A. Zeysett, reports something mysterious about the affair. The team was used by R. H. Wilmerston, who had worked for the Lyons Lumber Co. at Berry, under N. H. Wheeler, afterwards going to Oregon City, and back to Salem, and had made arrangements to go to work on a planer, for the Albany Lumber Co., when the mill started up. He hired the rig for a ride into the country, was intoxicated when he reached Stayton, and Mr. Zeysett says was in bad shape when he was at his place before going into the barn to sleep. Now he thinks that the man either committed suicide in Thomas Creek which runs close to the barn, or went out of the barn in the night and fell in and was drowned. No other clue has been secured as to his whereabouts.—Albany Democrat.

### The Painting Jeffersons.

"The Siege of Belgrade," a comic opera by Cobb, was the first new production in New York in 1796-97. For it Mr. Jefferson's grandfather, Joseph Jefferson 1st, painted the scenery, and in it he played the character of Leopold. Mr. Jefferson's father, Joseph Jefferson 2d, who, like his illustrious son, was born in Philadelphia, was more manager than actor and more painter than either. As a boy he studied architecture and drawing, and he was also pupil to the scenic artist Robert Coyle, an Englishman of repute at that period.—Francis Wilson in Scribner's.

### "Ganderbone's" Forecasts.

(Carbondale Free Press.)

The bullfrog boometh from the ooze, the gentle cowfrog softly moos, the wife makes sweet blackberry tarts, and the kids are out collecting warts. The corn-belt farmers pray for rains, the boys have watermelon pains, and the new-born colt, tho somewhat frail, bats horse-flies with its stubby tail.

The little brains that dogs possess Become as sawdust, nothing less, And the crafty butterfly, unseen, Is making oleomargarine.

August was named for August Caesar, who reigned in Rome during the dull season, when Julius Caesar was spending the heated term at his summer villa on Fairbanks Cove. Augustus Caesar was a silly hairpin, and he made the silly season in Rome historic. Instead of chariot races in the Coliseum, he had races between messenger boys with fireworks in the seats of their pants. Another of the favorite silly season sports of Augustus was to have the gladiators go into the arena and have pillow fights. To a populace accustomed to the most bloody encounters between these big bullies, the spectacle of seeing them chasing one another with a bolster full of pinfeathers was so utterly ridiculous that the booby-match couldn't handle the crowd.

The summer boarder wakes at dawn To hear the rooster going on, To hear the lusty ducks and drakes And all the fuss the guinea makes. He hits the bedroom door a whack, Demands to have his money back, And dons his trousers front behind

The while he speaks his angry mind.

The wobbly calf, ingenious thing, conducts its mother to the spring, contrives to push her where her bag will in the cool, clear water sag, and when her milk is made ice-cold, he calls her out and seizes hold to give his tommy Paradise the while his short tail slugs the flies.

The chautauqua puts on more horse-power, and the outdoor lecturer has a hemorrhage of bad English in the shade of the sheltering elms. The word chautauqua is from the Greek letters chau (to), auq (talk) and ua (long), meaning to talk long. The long-named artist comes out from the city to paint a purple cow, and a brindle bull hits him where it will do the most good, dropping him into a distant briar patch with the nice precision of a golf player. The automobile comes out on the country road and has cirrhosis of the carburetor, in the throes of which it rids its stomach of an odd lot of nuts, bolts, screws and scrap-iron. The farmer hitches a span of mules to the thing and hauls it back to town, and the mules amuse themselves all the way in kicking the horn and hearing it go honk.

The pumpkin vine begins to run And drags the pumpkin thru the sun Until what had been plump and round Grows long and slim from covering ground.

The fool young horse, before the load beholds the roadster on the road and scatters passengers and freight from breakfast to the barnyard gate.

The boy whose wisdom has not dawned Goes swimming in a green-scummed pond

And gets, beside parental whack, Some sort of green rash on his back— Tho what he gets from mother's hand Is lower down, you understand.

Mars will retire to a position more remote from the Earth, and the Moon will be full on the 23d, which will be 23 for the Moon. The scientists who went to the Andes to view Mars from Nature's grandstand will start home, and they will compare notes on the ship. Prof. Longazo will claim to have seen one thing, and Prof. Munsterbitzenbossensduzen will insist it was something else. They will pass into eclipse hammering each other over the hay-mows with their note books. Prof. Munsterblitzenbossensduzen will kick a fine assorted lot of vermicelli out of Prof. Longazo.

And then the welcome Fall will come, And frost will nip the roofless bum, The paw-paw will come down kassquash, And a thicker shirt go in the wash. The farmer's wheat will go to town. The price will spot him and go down, And the corn-fed hog, ere long to die, Will banquet in the fatal sty.

But let us, even tho we sizz, extract from life what cheer there is. Let dogs, not men, in consequence of dog days, feel like 30c, September dear is almost here, and faintly falls upon the ear the sweet, harmonious kuchug of cider from the small brown jug.

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