

There Is No Better Investment for Stayton Than a Bond Issue.

DOCTORS GO AWAY FOR YEAR

Radical changes have occurred in the local field of medicine and surgery this week. Two established physicians both left the first of the week for extended trips east, and one of the doctors will visit Europe before returning.

Dr. C. H. Brewer of this city, who has been in active practice here for the last 11 years, left Sunday, accompanied by Dr. J. H. Brewer of Salem, for an extended tour, which will include the more important medical centers in the eastern states and Europe.

The doctor has long contemplated this trip, in the interest of medical research, and had intended leaving several months ago, but owing to extreme weather conditions in the east deferred the trip until the present time.

He has made special arrangements with those in charge at the various cities at which he will study, whereby, instead of viewing surgical clinics from the amphitheatre, as is ordinarily the case, he will assist and do operations under the directions of the best surgeons in this country and in Europe.

Among those in this country with whom he has made this special arrangement, are the Mayo brothers, of Rochester, Minn., Drs. Murphy, Ochsner and Beck, of Chicago, Morris and Brewer of New York, Kelly of Baltimore and Cabot of Boston.

He will spend several weeks with each of these men in actual, practical work, studying the latest and most approved methods in modern surgery, diagnosis and practice of medicine; also, he will visit and study medical methods at the Presbyterian, Cook County hospitals of Chicago, Roosevelt and Bellevue hospitals of New York, and the Massachusetts General Hospital of Boston.

In Europe, the doctor will spend some time at the world famous Vienna clinic. From there he will go to Berlin, Germany, to study the methods in vogue at that great clinical center. On the tour he will spend a few days in Paris and then journey to Berne, Switzerland, where he has arranged for some special work under Dr. Koeser, the greatest living authority on the surgical treatment of hernia and the various types of thyroid disease.

When Dr. Brewer returns to Oregon, he will come via St. Louis, Louisville and other large medical centers of the South, where he will do additional work. He believes that the "best is none too good," and is taking this tour, in order to do work with, and learn the latest methods in vogue, with the world's best surgeons.

Dr. Brewer will be greatly missed in this community, but he is fortunate in having the opportunity to study under present-day masters. His tour will last several months.

Dr. H. A. Beauchamp left Monday, also for New York, and will study there two months as a post graduate. He will take the higher courses, and work also as a surgeon in the hospitals. All that is to be learned in this greatest of American cities he will learn, and in the unexcelled hospitals and polyclinics of the metropolis he will familiarize himself to the utmost with the work he has taken up in life. He will return to Stayton.

But let no one think that Stayton is without physicians. The little old town by the Santiam still has two of them. One of these, Dr. F. H. Thompson, is already well known as Dr. Brewer's successor, and has an established trade.

The same thing may be said of Dr. W. Q. Tucker, lately of California, who comes here well recommended to take up the practice left by Dr. Beauchamp. Both physicians may be found at the former offices of the physicians who have gone east.

I. O. O. F. WILL SELL BUILDING

The Odd Fellows announce the sale of their old building, now occupied by the lodge hall and the Thomas Grocery for March 1, possession to be taken April 1, with 10 days' time to purchaser to remove same. The new I. O. O. F. hall, of concrete blocks, will arise in its place. Excavating on the site of the old Mail office has already begun but W. F. Thomas & Son are experiencing difficulty in finding anyone to haul their lumber for them in the present loamy condition of the roads leading from the sawmill.

DRAMA POSTPONED

The drama that was to have been given at Sublimity, Saturday night Feb. 26 by the young people of Coon Hollow, has been postponed.

FANDOM AGOG IN STAYTON

Baseball got a good start in Stayton Tuesday evening when between one and two dozen enthusiasts met together in the city hall and reorganized the local nine for 1910.

This year's players, at this time, are lined up as follows: Jessie Shepherd, Captain and Manager. Byron Robertson, Guy Sloper, Fitz Goodman, Titus Archer, John Lau, John Thomas, Joe Klecker, Harvey Beauchamp, Cephus Hornbuckle and Ed Jackson.

Several other players are in prospect, but the team named above will first try out on the next clear Sunday before the regular nine is decided upon.

New suits, of maroon, will be bought this season, and the samples for these have been ordered. The next meeting is set for Tuesday night, March 1, in the city hall.

RACKET STORE FOR STAYTON

On Wednesday E. D. Alexander sold the last of his billiard and pool tables to E. T. Matthieu, and purchased the stock of the Watters Furniture Co., which he will move into the building he recently purchased of Hill Bros.

He will add considerable to the stock of furniture, and has ordered a stock of variety store goods, which will soon be in. He will continue the Star Printery, moving this into the same building. His daughter Frank will assist him in the store. A "racket" or variety store is one of the lines of business that Stayton needs, and we are glad to see the Alexanders branch out in this line.

POWDER ARRIVES FOR DYNAMITING BRIDGE

Powder is here for use in blowing out the Marion county approach to the Santiam river bridge at Stayton. New piers will then be placed on this side, father back toward shore than the ones which went out, and a new steel span about 200 feet long constructed.

AEONS ARE ENTERTAINED BY MISS DIVELY

The Aeons gathered at the home of Miss Norma Gardner Friday evening, and from there a roomy conveyance transported all to the home of Miss Lizzie Dively. A short business session was held, followed by a study of the Sunday school lesson. The remainder of the evening was spent in playing games after which refreshments were served. About 11:15 they wished a hostess many more happy birthdays and the merry party retired.

AUMSVILLE.

AUMSVILLE, Or., Feb. 24.—W. H. Howd of Aumsville was in town the first of the week on business.

Quite a number of young people went to Jefferson last Sunday to attend church. As it was raining and blowing pretty hard they did not get there until late and by the time the girls got there in a presentable condition the preacher was saying the benediction, but they stayed for evening services and report they had a fine time, considering everything.

At a rousing town meeting, last Thursday night, the people of Aumsville decided to incorporate the town. In the near future Aumsville will take her place among the most advanced and progressive towns in western Oregon.

H. H. White of Arkansas is visiting with his uncle, J. T. Linville. He says that Oregon beats Arkansas for rain. He has been in the state for a month and has seen the sun only once.

The Aumsville butcher shop has changed hands again. Mr. Plummer has purchased the shop and will take charge the first of March.

Violas Philippi of Kingston was in Aumsville the first of the week looking for sheep pasture.

Mr. Larson of Silver Creek Falls was in town last Monday after a load of mill feed.

Sherm Swank made a business trip to Portland this week.

STAYTON MAIL

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CITIZENS OF STAYTON NOW HAVE PRIVILEGE TO VOTE BONDS FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS

How did Rockefeller get his millions? How, indeed! No matter how the oil magnate got some of his millions, it is certain that he got most of them by the legitimate methods of the credit system. And it is by the credit system that Stayton can get its millions in values and thousands in population.

Bonds. There is the answer; we must have bonds in order to make public improvements to our streets and our town. It is a paramount issue with we people of Stayton; we can not ignore the fact longer, nor get away from it. It will require about \$20,000 in bonds to do it, to accomplish the desired end.

To this end the first meeting on the bonding proposition was held in the Commercial Club rooms in the Roy block Monday night. A second meeting, open to the public, will be held at the same place next Monday night. Be there.

The first meeting was not largely attended, but it was representative. Many of the leading citizens of the city were present, and they with others will be there next Monday. No matter who YOU are, come out.

Many of our readers do not know what a bond is; some of them think it is a mortgage on their property. Nonsense! Every town in the land, nearly, has a public debt, principally in bonds, and the most successful towns are those which bond themselves in a way commensurate with their needs.

You pay a tax on your horses and your cattle, don't you? And you will pay it again next year, won't you? Yet does such tax preclude you the right to sell your horses or your cattle whenever you please? No! Neither does a bond prevent you selling your property, because a bond is a tax.

And where we are paying a 5 mill tax today in Stayton, under this proposed bond issue we will pay only 2 or 2 1/2 mill tax, besides getting our improvements immediately and paying off the present outstanding indebtedness of \$6,000, which matures next December.

Let's do it—vote the bonds. Again reverting to Rockefeller—do you know that he has millions in bonds, in notes, in credit, still outstanding? Do you know that as quickly as one matures, he puts forth another? So, if an individual can make money that way, why not a town?

Stayton can do it, and will. We want to see it done. The nation's business is done on credit. For every dollar on deposit in the banks today there are fifteen dollars outstanding; that is to say, the total bank deposits of the United States exceed by 15 times the total amount of money in circulation. One dollar does the work of \$15. And not at all strange when we look at the wealth of the country in agriculture, lumber, transportation systems, livestock and real estate. Were the United States to pay cash for every transaction, even Spain would be a superior nation to America; yet as conditions are in Stayton (financially speaking) this town is no better off than if it were right in the heart of Spain while all our neighboring towns are bonding themselves for public improvements and forging ahead. Another instance, if the United States had not created a national debt in 1861, the Union would not have been saved; and the same is true of cities put to the test in the war of commercial advancement and prestige.

People going into a new town invariably judge it by its looks. Does anyone except a mossback really believe that Stayton looks attractive today? Usually, when a town does not appeal to them, they pass on thru, tell what they have seen and are seen no more. Neither does that town see any of their scores of acquaintances who might also have come to that town, this town, were the first impression favorable. Can we afford to lose this influx? Think it over. Such impressions are particularly true of the commercial man, who spreads the news broadcast, impartial as to whether the report be good or ill.

Permanent improvements, and good streets on grade, create favorable impressions. For every dollar expended on such improvements ten dollars will be returned in new business, more population. Yet to get such improvements we must have money, and this money can be obtained in one way only, credit. Credit means a bond.

To one in office can possible misspend the bond money, when voted, because its use will be specifically provided. Just as soon as a majority of the people become aware of what a bond is, and of what it means to Stayton, one or more competent engineers will be invited to make careful surveys and estimates of the proposed expenditure. Then when obtained, the money will be spent in this way. It is proposed to pave the business district and the two main streets of Stayton, with a per-

LET'S THRESH THIS OUT.

If any there be among the citizens of Stayton who objects to a bond issue, let him now speak or forever after hold his peace.

But let him speak intelligently. Let him express his views (and the Mail will publish all reasonable views), but let him understand just what a bond is.

Some people not overly versed in finance imagine that an issue of bonds will plunge a community hopelessly in debt. Of course, this may be true in some instances; where the bond issue approximates the total amount of taxable property, for instance. But is this true of Stayton? Emphatically, NO!

We have in Stayton about \$300,000 of taxable property; the town indebtedness at present is \$6,000. The proposed bond issue will be in the neighborhood of say, \$20,000. With such a bond issue voted this year, it will be possible to take up the \$6,000 debt which accrues next December, make all needed improvements and at the same time reduce the taxation here from 5 mills to 2 or maybe 2 1/2 mills on the dollar.

A bond is a tax; that's all. Are we babes, that we shall not help ourselves?

manent base of crushed rock or rock or rolled gravel, on which in time may or may not be laid a top stratum of cement or asphalt. In the meantime, the bottom layer of crushed rock will answer every practicable purpose, and give us clean, hard and enduring streets.

When a man can borrow \$200 at 10 percent interest and earn 20 percent by so doing, he is foolish to borrow only \$100 and earn half as much. So with Stayton, which will earn annually in enhanced values and population the percent spoken of, besides enjoying good streets while the process is in operation.

Coming down to the selfish viewpoint, to the individual citizen: "Don't it help me?" Does it help No. 1? You bet it does, and at half the expense now incurred. For, if we, as a whole, can vote this bond and expend the money, it will better the town, and a better town makes it better for the individual. Our children, who will help bear the expense, without such bond would drag along as we have dragged until now, but with the bond we shall be able to leave them something in increased values and earnings with which to pay off this very bond. It's really a simple case of compound interest. If we pay our money out in taxes, we get back doubly in actual results just in proportion taxes paid, for taxes are based on values.

No person can sanely dispute that we are better men and women than our ancestors, and we are crude indeed if we don't want to make our children better men and women than ourselves. Had it been the intention of the Creator to have man stand still, we never would have been created. The world advances, and Stayton must advance with it or be lost in the shuffle.

Take as an instance of progress the magnificent farmers' roads leading out of Sublimity! Has Stayton got such roads? Which place, then, think you, gets the benefit of such road publicity? And when we say Sublimity we mean as well Albany and all towns much farther afield.

What we have in Stayton today may have been all right six years ago, but it is not all right today. Yet, if we don't vote these bonds, we shall be more archaic 10, 20 years hence than we are in 1910.

It's up to us to better our own conditions if we can do so, and we can. No one is coming here to help us, or to invest, unless we help ourselves and make this initial investment ourselves. You, who have objections, shoot them in, and let us answer them convincingly, if you are open to argument, and you are.

STAYTON SUNBEAMS.

Dr. Beauchamp wishes to announce to his patrons that he left Feb. 19 for New York, and other Eastern cities where he will do some special medical work for the next two months. During his absence, Dr. W. Q. Tucker will have charge of his practice.

Korinek & Mielke have received their new line of 1910 model buggies, which are now on exhibition. Call in and see them.

Charles Gehlen has bought out the interest of John Gehlen in the general merchandise firm of C. & J. Gehlen, effective Saturday.

Jesse Shepard, Forest Mack, F. A. Robertson and V. V. Davie went to Salem one day last week.

Guy Kearns visited his parents a few days this week. He is going to school in Salem.

The mother of J. M. Ringo is visiting himself and wife here.

GOOCH.

GOOCH, Or., Feb. 22—Wedding bells are chiming.

Wilbur Fank of Scio was a visitor at Gooch Friday.

Harvey Johnson and family moved to Gooch Monday. He is employed as planer man.

Ralph Patterson of Fox Valley was in town Sunday.

MEHAMA.

MEHAMA, Or., Feb. 24—The telephone lines have been repaired and are in commission again.

Jos. McMillin has been sick, but is reported better.

Mrs. Nora Mariels and baby are visiting at the Imbler home.

The postmaster announces a new schedule of mail departures. The mail leaves Mehama for Lyons at 8:30 A. M. and 1:30 P. M.

Mrs. Pennebaker is reported better and her friends are glad of her recovery.

Grandma Mulkey has not been well for sometime.

William P. Mulkey has been awarded the contract for carrying the mail from Mehama to Lyons for four years, beginning July 1.

Several of the young people spent Tuesday evening with William Mulkey and wife.

"My dear," said a lady to her husband, "there must be a lot of iron in your system."

"Why do you think so?"

"Because you invariably lose your temper when you get hot!"

OAK GLEN.

OAK GLEN, Or., Feb. 24—John and Joe Neitling went out hunting wild cats Monday. They started early in the morning, but thinking of snow but when they came into the South-burn the snow was four feet deep and they hadn't seen a track of a wild cat or anything else, so all they could get was to home and get their nights sleep.

Joe and Verda Neitling went to town on business last week.

Jim and Vic Dumar were on business to Sublimity last week.

P. Burghardt was in town Friday.

George Etzel was in town Saturday.

His Temper.

Discoveries.

So many famous discoveries have turned out to be re-discoveries that we become cautious about asserting that any event or achievement was the first of its kind.—John Diska.