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## MEETING FAVORS IMPROVING STREETS

Petition Now Being Circulated For Presentation at Next Meeting of Council

## AMENDMENT OF CHARTER FIRST STEP NECESSARY

Light Bond Issue Proposed to Make Payment Easier

It was almost the unanimous sentiment of those present at the "Good Streets" meeting Tuesday night, that street improvement was a pressing necessity in Stayton. It would seem however that a roundabout course must be taken to secure this improvement, owing to the present provisions of the city charter. It appears to be necessary first to amend the charter as to empower the city council to float a bond issue, should a sufficient number of property owners on the streets to be improved, favor this method of doing the work.

Under this procedure, the council would submit such an amendment to the vote of the people, and in the event of its passage would be empowered to proceed with the work. The improvement would be paid by, and only by, the property owners along the streets improved; but to make payment easy for them, bonds would be floated to secure immediate funds. These bonds would then be redeemed by the payments of the property owners directly benefited. Taxpayers outside the improved district would not be in the least affected.

The meeting Tuesday night was called at 7:45, with J. R. Gardner in the chair. The committee appointed at the meeting last week, reported that all property owners approached were in favor of street improvement. Remarks were then called for, and a number of residents along Second and Third streets, including A. D. Gardner, Peter Deidrich, Jacob Spaniol, Willis Caldwell, W. A. Riggs, and L. L. Thomas responded voicing their approval of the movement.

Geo. Keech and Willis Caldwell were then appointed a committee to present petitions to property-owners along the two streets affected. These petitions ask the city council to amend the charter as suggested above, and to proceed with the work of improvement. Should sufficient signatures be secured, it is believed the petition will be approved.

The meeting then adjourned until tomorrow night when the report of the committee will be heard.

## CENTRAL OREGON HAS A FINE WHEAT FUTURE

Railroad President Calls Center of State Coming Granary of the Pacific Northwest

Central Oregon's opportunity is shown in a recent address of President Carl R. Gray, of the Hill lines in this territory, who pointed to that section as the coming granary of the Pacific Northwest. He said five counties in the interior have four times the area of Maryland, with one-thirtieth its population and more than one-half that of Iowa with one-sixtieth its population.

From this great area in future he believes, will come large quantities of wheat. The United States crop is decreasing and here is the chance for Central Oregon to supply this much needed commodity. Wheat exports have been cut more than half in two years, showing the American surplus to be rapidly diminishing. In President Gray's opinion, Central Oregon's future is brightest as a great wheat growing district.

Miss Mack will lead the Methodist Epworth League meeting Sunday evening. A special program has been arranged.

## RAILROAD MAN CLAIMS NORTH SANTIAM BRIDE

Ross Condit Weds Miss Emma McClellan—The Couple Will Reside in Crabtree

North Santiam has been forging to the front this season as a matrimonial center, a wedding at high noon last Sunday adding another to its credit. This time the happy pair were Ross Condit and Miss Emma McClellan. Rev. R. L. Morton of Salem officiated. The wedding was a quiet one, with only a few relatives and friends present. The bride wore a beautiful Lawnsdown dress trimmed with silk insertion with lace allover. She was attended by Miss Hester Reyell, an old friend and schoolmate. Glenn Munkers acted as best man, while Miss Georgia McLaughlin played the wedding march.

After the ceremony an elaborate dinner was served. The couple then left on the evening train for a short honeymoon. They received many beautiful gifts and remembrances from their friends. The groom is agent for the Southern Pacific at Crabtree, and the couple will make their home in that place.

## MR. TAXPAYER:

If you were not at the Good Streets meeting Tuesday night you have surely heard about it and are convinced that public sentiment favors speedy street improvement. Come to the special meeting Friday night and by further discussion do your share toward securing this improvement. Let's get it now when we need it most.

## O.A.C. ENROLLMENT MAY REACH 1000 THIS YEAR

Number Attending Special Short Courses Increases by 55 Percent Over Last Winter

An increase of more than 55 percent in the number enrolled in the winter short courses at the Oregon Agricultural College over the registration at the same time last year, is reported by Dean A. B. Cordley; and the prediction of Dr. James Withycombe, director of the experiment station, that the number would reach 1000 by the end of the farmers' week, looks to be well within probability.

This is the fifteenth year the special winter course has been offered, and the added facilities in new buildings and laboratories, additional faculty and equipment, will aid in making it by far the most interesting and most useful to the farmers, orchardists and stockmen of the state of any course in the history of the institution.

## WALDO HILLS WOMAN SUCCEUMBS TO INJURY

Wife of a Portland Realty Dealer Passes Away in the Rose City—Interment in Salem

Mrs. Evelyn Dabney, wife of a Portland realty man, and a former resident of the Waldo Hills, died last week at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland. She was 32 years of age.

Her death was due to injuries received last October in a train-wreck on the Goldendale, Wash., branch of the North Bank road, when she suffered internal injuries. She was treated at the hospital for a time and then removed to her home, but was taken back to the hospital when cerebro-spinal meningitis developed.

Mrs. Dabney leaves many friends in Marion county to mourn her death. Interment took place Sunday in the Waldo Hills cemetery at Salem.

## LAUNCH NEW PLAN OF ROAD SALEM MEN MAY FINANCE LINE

### BOOSTERS OF CAPITAL CITY FAVOR PROJECT

Electric Road to Stayton Is Indorsed by Board of Trade at Informal Luncheon

According to The Statesman, the luncheon of the executive committee of the Salem Board of Trade at the Hotel Marion Monday, resolved itself into a booster campaign for a railroad to Stayton and Mehama.

M. E. Reed, a consulting engineer of Portland, who was surveyor for the Oregon Electric in selecting routes for that extension south to Albany and Eugene and to McMinnville, appeared by invitation and exhibited maps and blue prints of a survey for a proposed electric line to Stayton. He proposes to run almost due East from Salem about five miles then southerly to within one mile of Macleay, then through Shaw and due east to Stayton, the survey being entirely practical, a distance of seventeen and a half miles from the Oregon Electric depot in Salem, on a grade of not to exceed 2.2 per cent.

The grade from Shaw to Stayton, about five miles, was practically level and on the entire line there was not over a 6 per cent curve. He gave the cost of construction from carefully prepared estimates on every cut and fill, bridge and culvert, for such a roadbed and such rolling stock as the Portland Railway, Light & Power company line, to be \$17,000 per mile, or a total cost of construction and equipment, of \$301,000.

The average earning capacity of cars in the United States is 23 cents a car mile. The earnings of the Oregon Electric is 59 cents a mile. Using the average figures as a basis, and running one car every hour for passengers and one train every day in each direction for freight, makes the earning cap-

### ESTIMATES PRESENTED BY PORTLAND ENGINEER

Total Cost of Construction and Equipment, He Says, Aggregates \$301,000

acity of such a line \$50,000 a year. He declared it would pay dividends from the first day, and cited the Mount Hood line, which had paid dividends from the second month. He also planned a branch line from West Stayton, and a branch line from the turn five miles east of Salem to Silverton, and a branch to Silver Creek falls to develop that summer resort.

Reed stated that he was a practical engineer, and not a promoter. He wanted that end of the business taken up by Salem people, to handle for themselves. Before leaving Portland he had secured an agreement to make traffic arrangements with one of the great lines now operating to Salem, which would at once put the line into a position of doing big business. He also stated that several bonding companies had offered to take hold of the proposition and float the bonds, if 20 per cent of them were first sold in Salem. In other words he wants the people along the line to raise \$60,000 to \$70,000 to buy bonds, and the balance would be taken by eastern capital.

Considerable discussion was had concerning the feasibility of the plan, and a majority of those present, expressed themselves heartily in favor of it, and willing to assist in financing the road.

The matter was then referred to a special transportation committee for investigation.

Henry Downing of Shaw and W. L. Freres of Stayton were present at the meeting, and made some appropriate remarks concerning public sentiment in this vicinity on the matter of a railroad.

## MYSTERY OF THE ORGAN OR THE MISSING HARMONY

Rumors of hostility in the atmosphere—vague, mysterious, dire rumors, come from Mehama. Exclamation points and question marks abound in the town to the east. And it's all because of an organ that has forgotten to whom it belongs.

Now this organ has a history. Several years ago it was purchased by a Mehama young people's society, and later was installed by the society in one of the churches there. But that church slowly dissolved, and now the building and the organ have not been used for some time.

Finally a wise citizen advocated put-

ting the organ in the school house; and it was done. But the other church suddenly discovered the urgent need of an organ. Accordingly, a self-appointed committee moved the instrument from the school house to the parsonage, where it was installed in state, and now the strains of "Please don't take me home" can be heard by the passerby.

But a question has arisen: Whence the authority for so much moving? And who owns the organ, anyway? Mehama is looking for a modern Solomon. And in the meanwhile, rumors of hostility—vague, mysterious, dire rumors, come from Mehama.

## BANKS SELECT OFFICERS AT ANNUAL ELECTION

The two local banks held their annual stock holders' meetings on Tuesday of this week, pursuant to the provisions of the state law in the matter, and selected officers for ensuing year. The Farmers & Merchants Bank made no changes in its officers or directorate, while the only change made by the Stayton State Bank was in the office of Vice President. The executives of the two banks are as follows:

### THIRD CHURCH DEBATE WILL BE HELD WEEK FROM NEXT TUESDAY

The third debate of the series being given under the auspices of the Epworth League of the Methodist church will be held a week from next Tuesday, January 23. The subject to be dis-

cussed will be: "Resolved, that Religion has done more in civilizing the world than Commerce." Herschel Shreve will lead the affirmative, while John Taylor will head the negative side.

The Methodist Club of young men met at the parsonage last Friday evening for a pleasant informal gathering.

## MINISTER HONORED BY A BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

Rev. A. J. Hunsaker is Recipient of Very Pleasant Affair Held Wednesday Evening

Rev. A. J. Hunsaker was the surprised recipient of a pleasant party last evening, yesterday being the occasion of his seventy-eighth birthday. Rev. Hunsaker was lured to the home of his niece, and was completely surprised by the crowd of friends that greeted him on his return. More than twenty well wishing friends and neighbors were present at the affair. The evening was pleasantly spent, and appropriate remarks were made by Dr. A. C. Eaton and others present.

Rev. Hunsaker has the distinction of having helped organize the local Baptist church in 1873. He was ordained in this county, and has been in the ministry for 42 years, during which time he held regular pastorates in Albany, Brownsville and McMinnville. During the past year he has been supply pastor of the church here. For many years Rev. Hunsaker had charge of the Baptist general missionary work for the north Pacific coast, and had numerous interesting experiences while engaged in this work.

## MR. MERCHANT:

Stayton needs a Commercial organization to work in the interests of the town. It matters not if you call it a Chamber of Commerce, Merchant's Association or Board of Trade, for you are aware of the amount of good any one of these can do. We need it. It's easy to get. Let's get it.

## NORTHWEST HELPLESS IN STORM KING'S GRIP

Silver Thaw, Climax of Cold Spell, Does Immense Damage in Oregon's Metropolis

The northwest was for several days this week in the grip of one of the most devastating phases of winter storms, a silver thaw. In Stayton it was severe only for a day and a half, but farther north the country was rendered helpless for several days by the icy monarch.

In Portland particularly, the damage done was large and far reaching. Lighting systems were demolished, wire communications were cut off, street car lines were demoralized. The streets were covered with the slippery, icy substance, and Portland people experienced a situation very unusual in that city.

On Monday and Tuesday the weather turned warmer, and the warm rain has succeeded in removing nearly all traces left by the icy monster.

## IMPORTANT MEETING OF PHONE COMPANY

Rates on Business and Residence Phones Raised at Gathering Monday Night

Pursuant to a call issued by J. M. Ringo, Sec. of the Stayton Mutual Telephone company, the stock holders of the company, met in the city hall Monday, January 8, at 7:30 p. m., with Pres. Henry Smith in the chair. After much discussion it was decided to raise the rates on business phones to 50 cents per month and residence phones to 33¢ cents per month, or \$1.50 per quarter for business phones and \$1.00 per quarter for residence phones. It is also understood that the local or switchboard charges of non-stockholders is to be remitted. So you will not have to O. K. or guarantee a local charge if a friend or neighbor uses your phone in your residence or place of business.

The old officers were all re-elected except the retiring director.

## PARTIES ON HUNT FOR MISSING MINER

Man Who Left Gates Three Weeks Ago Has Not Been Seen or Heard of Since

## IS BELIEVED TO HAVE PERISHED IN THE SNOW

Two Searching Parties Scour Mountains For Clues

Last seen on December 21st, as he set out into the hills, Joe White, a miner in the employ of Churchill & Upton is believed to be lost in the mountains between Gates and Quartzville. Two searching parties are scouring the country for traces of him, but because of the extreme cold that has been experienced since he disappeared, there is little hope that he will be found alive.

On December 21st, White set out from Gates, heavily loaded down with blankets and provisions. Several persons tried to dissuade him from starting particularly Clifford Wolf, who had made the trip a few days previous, and who declared the road almost impassable. White, however, had arranged to meet his employers in Quartzville at a certain date, and was determined to go. He has not been seen or heard of since leaving Gates.

Messrs Churchill and Upton waited in Quartzville until January 1st., and as White had not joined them by that time they concluded that he had remained in Portland. Accordingly they came out by way of the Foster and Lebanon road. Upon reaching Portland they discovered that White had really set out on the hazardous trip. They immediately notified authorities at Gates, and a searching party composed of Clifford Wolf and Lon Stewart began a systematic hunt for the missing man. On Monday another party of three arrived from Portland to assist in the search.

The first party left Gates on Sunday morning. They estimated that it would take seven days to make the trip in and out; and until they return, nothing can be known of White's fate. Each day's delay, however, increases the probability that he perished from cold, and that the searchers, even though successful will not find him alive.

Register at Queener's office. E. P. Heger of near Aumsville was in town Monday, renewing his subscription to the Mail.

## ORCHARD MANAGEMENT SUBJECT OF BULLETIN

Authority Issues Pamphlet Covering Points of Great Interest to Orchardists

An important bulletin on "Orchard Management" by Prof. C. I. Lewis, has just been issued by the division of horticulture at the experiment station of the Oregon Agricultural College. It is a 96 page book illustrated by 41 halftone engravings and drawings.

Opening with a discussion of Oregon as a fruit state, it covers the ground of the choice of site, clearing and preparing the land, buying the trees, time and method of planting, inter-cropping and cover crops, tillage, fertilizers, irrigation and pruning, profits and over-production. In short, the pamphlet deals with practically every problem that confronts the orchardist.

Dr. Brewer reports the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Reffling of near Shelburn, last Saturday, Jan. 6th.

Mrs. J. H. McHaley and daughter of Heppner, Ore., who have been visiting at the W. H. Hobson home, left Saturday for Portland where they will remain a few days before returning home.