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OLD BRIDGE NOW PRACTICALLY REMOVED

False Work Spans Santiam Instead of Old Structure—Northern Approach Remains

STEEL ALREADY BEING SWUNG INTO ITS PLACE

Little Chance That High Water Will Interfere Now

The bridge crew has been making great progress with the structure across the Santiam at this point. Judge Butler of Linn county is in charge of the work, and under his able direction very noticeable strides have been made in the task of replacing the old bridge with the new \$60,000 steel span across the river.

All that now remains of the old bridge is the north approach, which has been left to the last for the sake of convenience. As the workmen tore away the old structure they erected false work from which the steel girders could be swung into place. This false work is now complete, and steel is already being handled at the south approach. In a short time now, the structure will begin to take on some semblance of what its finished appearance will be.

The heavy rains are now over for the season, and it is improbable that any high water or bad weather will greatly interfere with the progress of the work. A freshet just at this point in the construction would prove very troublesome on account of the necessarily temporary character of the false work.

The original crew of workmen has been increased from time to time until it now numbers thirty-odd bridge men. The workers are a quiet, orderly set and are not causing any of the trouble that sometimes follows in the wake of construction work of this kind.

PLAN A CAMPAIGN FOR NORTHWEST PROGRESS

Seven Governors of Northwest states have joined in issuing a proclamation calling a Northwestern Development Congress to meet at Seattle June 5 to 8. The states of Oregon, Washington, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Idaho are represented in the call and these will all have representatives at the Congress.

The chief purpose of the conference is to plan a campaign for the more rapid development of the states interested and suggest ways and means to stem the tide of emigration from the American Northwest to Canada. An elaborate program for the gathering has been prepared. Governor West, C. C. Chapman, Secretary of the Oregon Development League, Carl R. Gray, president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway, and "Bill" Hanley are Oregonians who will deliver addresses.

FORMER STAYTON LAD IS KILLED IN THE EAST

According to an eastern exchange, Wm. Laffoon, the sixteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Absolom Laffoon, and a former resident of Stayton, was recently run down and killed by a passenger train on the Big Four railroad near Templeton, Ind. The boy, who was a deaf-mute, was learning the printing trade at the Indiana State School for the deaf. He had become homesick and was walking from the school to his home in Kentland when the accident occurred.

Young Laffoon was a nephew of W. J. Hewett of Stayton, and will be remembered by many Stayton people.

RIPE STRAWBERRIES

The little daughter of O. V. Myers on Tuesday presented the Mail staff with a handful of ripe wild strawberries, which she had found on her father's place. These are probably the earliest strawberries found in this vicinity. In a proclamation just issued, the governor names this coming Saturday, May 11, as good roads day and calls upon the people of the state to pause in their employment on that day and to give careful consideration to the question of good roads construction.

CARTOONIST PLEASSED AUDIENCE ON TUESDAY

Talented Artist and Lecturer Greatly Appreciated at Christian Church Entertainment

The entertainment given by W. A. Elkins, the traveling cartoonist, reader and lecturer, at the Christian church Tuesday night, proved very instructive and entertaining. The audience, which was unfortunately small, was very appreciative, and the performance was deserving of a much larger crowd.

Mr. Elkins has considerable talent both as an artist and public speaker. His range of drawing Tuesday night included caricatures, landscapes and sketching, as he illustrated such well known selections as Riley's "When the Frost is on the Pumpkin" and "The Old Man and Jim," also Simpson's "The Beautiful Willamette." A combination of talents such as Mr. Elkins possesses is decidedly out of the ordinary, for there are a thousand artists who can merely draw, to one who can not only draw but address an audience at the same time.

BOOK ON DEVELOPMENT OF NORTHWEST ISSUED

"How and Where to Secure a New Home in the American Northwest" is the title of a fifty page book which has just been issued by the Northwest Development League, giving complete information about vacant lands in the seven northwest states together with values and crop reports. Probably the most valuable feature of the book is that it gives the names of one or more commercial secretaries in every county of seven states, where information may be obtained about land, industrial or investment opportunities.

The book is sent free by addressing Will A. Campbell, St. Paul, Minn.

JORDAN SCHOOL HAS FINE CLOSING PROGRAM

The Jordan school closed last Thursday, and a closing day program was held. The neighbors gathered at noon with a bountiful lunch, and a pleasant time was had. O. A. Burch, the teacher, has received an invitation to return next year, the parents of the district being well pleased with the showing he made this term.

Uyma Brotherton, who lives two miles from the school, enjoys the distinction of having attended every school day during the entire seven-months term. She walked the two miles each day, and was never tardy.

SCHALLER BROS. GOOD

Local patrons were well pleased with the exhibitions put up by Schaller Bros. who had been secured by manager Rizzo for the feature acts at the Stayton Theatre, Sunday and Monday nights. These performers came here direct from the Blich Theatre in Salem. Their tumbling and wrestling feats were very entertaining, and more than offset the unspeakable performance of the long haired prodigy last week.

Mrs. Sarah Cox left Monday for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. F. H. Thomas, in the Jordan neighborhood.

GOVERNOR NAMES SATURDAY AS A SPECIAL "GOOD ROADS" DAY

State Executive Sets Aside May 11th. as Time For Thoughtful Consideration of Our Highway Problem

In addition to setting aside a "Good Roads Week" in February, Governor West has named a "Good Roads Day" as a further incentive toward the intelligent discussion of and action upon the matter of highway improvement in this state. In a proclamation just issued, the governor names this coming Saturday, May 11, as good roads day and calls upon the people of the state to pause in their employment on that day and to give careful consideration to the question of good roads construction.

In his proclamation he says: "Good roads are essential to the growth and prosperity of our state. Bad roads will retard our advancement by keeping without our borders a class of citizens who would otherwise come

to join with us in the development of our rural districts.

"The good roads question is fairly before the people and it is important that the numerous bills which are to be presented to them at the next election, again be brought to their attention, that they may be given further study and consideration in order that a false start in road construction may be avoided."

It requires but little thought to realize the value of road improvement, but much thoughtful discussion is needed to work out the best method of securing it. This is probably what the governor had in mind when he set aside a day for the consideration of the problem throughout the state.

STAYTON WILL PLAY ALBANY ON SUNDAY

Manager Streff was unable to secure a game for the Stayton ball team last Sunday, as the Albany team with which he hoped to contract had another game already scheduled for that day.

For the sake of practice, however, the boys gathered on the diamond, and held a game with an all-star aggregation picked up around town. The line-

Davie, John Bailey and Bill Sestak. Many remarkable plays were executed.



Manager Streff last Sunday

up of the opposing team included such big leaguers as Jake Spaniol, Geo.



Spaniol's bat was four-cornered

as when Davie manipulated a slide (or rather, a roll) on home plate, and again when Spaniol knocked forty-eight fouls in the second inning.

The manager states that a game has now been arranged with the Albany Roadsters for this coming Sunday. The hub city bunch are some ball men, so a good game is assured.

Many New Threshers Bought by Local Farmers

Santiam valley farmers, particularly those in the vicinity of Stayton, are right up to the times in their farm methods and in the machinery they use. Russell threshing machines are rapidly growing in favor among these farmers, who are wide awake to their needs, and appreciate the best in this kind of machinery. Many sales of Russell outfits have been made in this neighborhood recently.

Siston A. Darby, who lives near Kingston, has bought a new Russell threshing machine complete, with 18 h. p. traction engine, 33x54 Russell cyclone separator with windstacker, bundle feeder, weighing bagger, and water tank.

Frank Thayer of near Jordan has purchased a new Russell threshing outfit of the very latest pattern. His outfit consists of an 18 h. p. traction engine, 33x54 Russell cyclone separator with windstacker, bundle feeder and weighing bagger.

Nick Enders of Jordan has bought a 20 h. p. Russell traction engine, and the machine has already been delivered to him. He is going to use the engine for grading roads, hauling rock, and for operating a rock crusher. Mr. En-

ders, who is a road supervisor, is a man who believes in making good roads, and he intends to have the right kind of machinery for doing the work.

John and Wm. Peyree of Macleay have purchased one of the largest Russell cyclone threshers made—it will be the largest in the county. It consists of a 40-inch cylinder, 64-inch rear, with windstacker, self feeder, and weighing bagger. This thresher will handle 5000 bushels of grain in one day. This gives the Peyree Bros. a complete Russell outfit, as they bought a high pressure 20 h. p. traction engine last year.

All the purchasers mentioned above, are among the best and most prosperous farmers we have in this vicinity. This fact should mean something to their neighbors. There is one thing certain: if a thresherman wants to give satisfaction to his customers he cannot find a better outfit than the Russell, which has been used here for twenty-five years and has been so improved as to be especially adapted to all conditions of grain in the Willamette valley. This machinery is sold on the Pacific coast by the A. H. Averill Machinery Co., of Portland. The company's special traveling representative in this section is Clifford Harold.

REVIVAL MEETINGS

Rev. A. C. Eaton, pastor of the Baptist church, announces a series of special revival services at his church, beginning next Sunday, May 12th. The meetings promise to be of unusual interest, and the pastor extends an invitation to all to attend. Rev. Eaton has not yet decided upon the length of the revival.

STAYTON BOY MAKES GOOD IN PORTLAND

Albert Roy Secures an Interest in a Large Jewelry Business in the Rose City

Word has been received here that Albert Roy, son of E. Roy our pioneer jeweler, has purchased a half interest in a jewelry store in Portland. He is now located at 250 Alder St. in that city. The firm name is Roy & Molin. Young Roy left Stayton five years ago and has resided in Portland since that time. He was successful from the first, and for more than four years now has had charge of the repairing department of one of the largest jewelry stores in the Rose City. He received his early training under his father, who is himself an expert in this line.

The young man has many acquaintances in Stayton. He writes that he will be glad to meet any of his old friends in his new location.

F. H. Thomas of Jordan was in town Monday.

ALASKA IS TERRITORY SAYS SUPREME COURT

Alaska is now a fully recognized territory—not because of any particular recognition on the part of Congress; but for the reason that the Supreme Court of the United States has said so. In deciding the case of the Humboldt Steamship Company against the White Pass & Yukon Railroad, the highest tribunal in the land said that Alaska is a territory and that the Interstate Commerce Commission has jurisdiction over all its railroads. This means that traffic discriminations must end, and also settles the much mooted question of Alaska's status in relation to the rest of the states and territories.

HOUSES GIVE WAY TO EXPOSITION PALACES

Houses are being dismantled and removed from the exposition site in San Francisco, in preparation for the 1915 Exposition. Workmen are now actively engaged tearing down structures that were landmarks in the Harbor View district. These buildings will be replaced by exposition palaces that are being planned by the foremost architects of this country. Homes that were valued at three and four thousand dollars are being moved to other sections of the city, and on the land they occupied will arise magnificent buildings that will cost in the neighborhood of \$500,000 each.

WA HI CLUB MEETS

The ladies of the Wa Hi Club, the social organization of the Waldo Hills, held a very enjoyable meeting at the home of Mrs. C. B. McElhaney yesterday. A good attendance is reported.

The previous meeting was held at the home of Mrs. J. M. King and a very pleasant time was had. A dainty luncheon was the feature of the afternoon.

E. C. Stoltenberg of Wayne Co. Nebr. is here looking for a location. He will probably stay as he likes the country.

GREAT SILVERTON CARTOONIST IS DEAD

Homer Davenport, Artist of Fame, Passes Away in New York City After Short Illness

WAS ONE OF OREGON'S FAMOUS NATIVE SONS

Death Hastened by Ghastly Drawings of Titanic Disaster

Homer Davenport, one of the most famous of present day cartoonists, died last Thursday in New York City, after a five days' siege of pneumonia. Worry and brooding over the grewsome cartoons he drew of the Titanic disaster, is said to have hastened his death. He had returned from a trip to Chicago, only a few days before the illness that proved fatal came upon him.

Davenport's passing was of nationwide importance, but the close of his career was of especial interest to Willamette valley people, for the cartoonist was himself a native of the Willamette. He was born in Silverton, and spent his early life in this valley. His rise from a farmer lad to a famous artist was a long, hard struggle, the success of which was due to his natural ability backed by hard work and strong determination.

Davenport's married life was not happy. His wife divorced him by agreement, and was given the custody of their three children. Following this separation Davenport betook himself to Goshen with his Arabian horses and his birds, and made his home with his livestock pets. Since that time not much has been heard of him except through his cartoons. He did not travel much and had few visitors.

Davenport was one of Oregon's most famous sons. He was known throughout the continent. Among his last drawings was a sketch showing a mighty hand reaching up from the sea, and drawing the steamship Titanic down to her last resting place.

"BRIDGE OF THE GODS" FEATURE AT FESTIVAL

Among the many attractions at the Portland Rose Festival will be "The Bridge of the Gods," the great open air spectacle which achieved such fame at the Astoria Centennial.

"The Bridge of the Gods" will be played on Multnomah Field June 8th and 10th. Five hundred Indians from the reservations, will participate, as well as the same number of white persons. Principal among the spectacular scenes will be the rupture of the great bridge which Indian legends say spanned the Columbia, the eruption of Mount Hood as a volcano and the passing of Chief Multnomah of the Willamette tribe of Indians in his fiery death canoe on the waters of the Columbia.

Miss Mabel Ferris, who dramatized the work, will be in Portland for the production, which is promised to be one of the most remarkable of the many Rose Festival spectacles.

COMMUNION CEREMONY AT SUBLIMITY CHURCH

The first communion was celebrated last Sunday at the St. Boniface Catholic church in Sublimity, with more than 100 children participating. The Rev. Father Abbott of Mt. Angel assisted Rev. Laineck, while several sisters from St. Mary's at Beaverton were in attendance. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity. Solemn High Mass was held at 8:30 a. m.

This coming Sunday the same ceremonies are to be observed at the Stayton Catholic church, with Father Laineck in charge.

North Bend, Ore., is planning to improve its streets.