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PROPERTY OWNERS SHOULD ASK COUNCIL TO IMPROVE STREETS

City Dads are Reluctant to Use Power Conferred by Amendment to Charter Until the Citizens Signify Their Willingness

More than a month has passed since the amendment to the Stayton city charter was ratified by the people to enable the property owners to improve the streets and charge the expense to those directly benefited thereby. The city council is reluctant to order any improvement done unless the property owners affected first signify their acceptance of the improvement by a petition. This places the initiative right up to the property owners; and it can easily be seen that if anything is to be done this year, NOW is the time to start it. Public spirited citizens who want to see the town progress, should get out petitions asking for this work.

In an endeavor to make more clear some of the points of the Bancroft Act, which apply under the amendment, we subjoin the following:

When the council has commenced the improvement of a certain street, and has assessed the costs, etc., to the property directly benefited, the owner

can, if the assessment is \$25 or more, within 10 days after notice of such assessment is first published, file with the city recorder a written application to pay his assessment in installments. Such application shall contain a provision that the owner agrees to pay the assessment in ten annual installments with interest at the same rate as that paid on the bonds sold for such assessment, but the interest in no case shall be greater than 6 per cent.

There seems to be mighty little chance for graft of any kind in this Act as it provides that the lowest bid is to be accepted and only 5 per cent is to be added for engineering work, advertising, etc.

If the property owners on any street want improvement, now is the time to do something. Next week we will have some more to say, and will give facts and figures concerning improvements which are about to be undertaken in Silverton.

Birthday Surprise Was Pleasant Affair

(Special to The Mail)
Sublimity, Ore., July 24—Mrs. H. L. Crump was the pleased recipient of a birthday surprise party last Sunday. The affair was planned by relatives, who gathered at the Crump home while Mrs. Crump was at church, and had a bountiful feast spread out upon her return. The repast was greatly enjoyed by all, and was followed by an afternoon of games and music. The guests remained until late in the evening, and voted the affair an entire success.

Only relatives of Mrs. Crump were present, and comprised the families of J. B. Van Handel, Wm. Van Handel, Antone Van Handel, John Van Handel, Arnold Van Handel, Henry Senz, Felix Van Ermen, Nick Zimmerman, and P. M. Hermens.

VISITORS ENJOY WEEK-END PARTY AT RANCH

A very pleasant week-end party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E.G. Siegmund on Lone Pine Farm, closed Sunday with a trip to Silver Creek. Though a heavy mist fell, the spirits of the party were not dampened in the least and a very pleasant day was spent by all.

Those enjoying the trip were: Misses Helen Luthy of Salem, Mabel Gardner of Stayton, Marie Crawford, Zena and Mildred Hawthorne of West Salem, Merta Siegmund of Lone Pine Farm, and Messrs. Frank Laux of Stayton and Nairne and Lawrence Siegmund of Lone Pine Farm.

COUNTY POULTRY SHOW

At a meeting of the executive board of the Marion County Poultry Association held last week at Salem, the date of the next annual show was set for January 13-18, 1913. The merits of the different birds will be judged by Elmer Dickson of Oregon City.

A special effort will be made by the association to capture the \$25 prize offered by the state fair board for the best county exhibit. Those who have fancy or new breeds are requested to communicate with the secretary, Mrs. Ella Plank of Woodburn with a view to placing them on exhibition.

\$500 FOR PRIZES AT STATE FAIR BABY SHOW

The State Fair board has voted \$500 to be used as prizes for the Eugenics Exposition planned for September 4. This is a feature of the State Fair this year for the first time, and it is expected it will attract a great deal of attention. It is to be really a scientific baby show, children up to three years old being eligible for prizes. A \$50 silver cup will be offered for the best boy and the best girl in the show and six cups for the best boy and best girl in three divisions, the ages running from 6 months to three years.

Medical experts will judge the children entered from the standpoint of physical perfection, such as livestock is judged. O. M. Plummer has been made superintendent of the Eugenics show and is hopeful of having 200 children entered at Salem. He hopes the various granges, commercial bodies and districts will hold local shows in each county, sending the best boy and girl from the county to the state competition.

WITH NATIONAL GUARDS

Friends here have received word from Norman Davis stating that he is with the Oregon National guards, now in encampment in Washington. Young Davis joined the state militia in Portland, where he has been for some time.

Scenes In a Fearful Railway Wreck Near Corning, N. Y.



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WHAT is said to have been the worst wreck in the history of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad occurred recently near Corning, N. Y., when an express train running at a speed of sixty-five miles an hour telescoped three coaches of a limited train. Forty-one persons were killed and as many more seriously injured in the crash, which came early in the morning while a dense fog prevailed. The greatest loss of life was in the rear day coach (wooden) of the limited, in which the locomotive of the express buried itself. The upper photograph shows the wreck of the express locomotive with fragments of the coach, the aisle matting of which is draped like a scarf over the tangled mass of steel and wood. The lower picture is of a steel car which sustained comparatively little damage. On the next day on the Ligonier Valley railroad, in Pennsylvania, another collision occurred in which twenty-one lives were lost.

ONCE MORE STAYTON WINS GAME

Locals Capture Fast Contest Sunday from Silverton by Decisive Score

Stayton won again! This time it was the bunch from Silverton that fell before the onslaught of the local boys, and the score was 6 to 2. The game

scoring Goodman. Robertson sacrificed, scoring Thoma, and Rock squeezed Burton in on a similar play.

In the second inning, Stayton pushed two more men across the pan on singles by Cole, Funk and Thoma. The only other score made by the locals was in the eighth, and was secured by Burton.

Silverton copped two tallies in the third, but throughout the rest of the



The way Cole looked.

was played on the Silverton diamond, and was witnessed by a number of Stayton fans, besides a goodly bunch of rooters from the town down the line.

The locals let no grass grow under their feet, and annexed three tallies in the very first frame. Goodman singled to left, Thoma duplicated, and Burton dropped a long one into center field,



Burton was on the job.

contest, they were held helpless by the locals. They very seldom succeeded in getting runners even as far as the first sack, thanks to Cole's steady control.

PURCHASE MILLINERY STORE

Executing an agreement made several months ago, Mrs. Merrifield and Mrs. Riggs have assumed charge of the millinery parlors which have been conducted by Mesdames Stayton and Robertson. The new proprietors expect to make a considerable addition to their stock, to accommodate the fall trade. They will remain in their present location in the Gardner building.

ON CAMPING TRIP

R. L. Dunn and wife are chaperoning a party of young people of the Christian Sunday school in a camping trip to the North Fork of the Santiam above Mehama.

Tom Smith, Joe Fisher and Gus Ekman returned Monday from a camping trip at Elk Lake. They report a good catch of fish.

WEALTH GALORE IN WEST, SAYS LAWSON

Well Known Writer Declares That Opportunity is Ever Present in the Great Pacific Northwest

OREGON IS WONDERLAND OF PLENTY, HE STATES

Willamette is Undeveloped Empire, With a Chance for All

The following story appeared in the New York World of July 14th. under the cognomen of the inimitable Thomas Lawson of "Frenzied Finance" fame:

"Were I graduating today from college, East, West or South, I would head straight for the great undeveloped Northwest.

"I would buy my ticket for Portland, Oregon. I would spend my first week in that splendid prototype of our old, conservative and intellectual, but withal courageous and hustling New England capital of a half century ago. While in Portland I would haunt the reportorial departments of the daily newspapers, the ever-welcoming rooms of the numerous business clubs and the booming departments of the great railroads and navigation lines centering in that superb Pacific metropolis.

"Then I would light out and into the modern paradise of happiness and dollars, the virgin interior of that wonderful state, a world in itself, containing to spare and then lots more hustle, prosperity and contentment for man, woman and child. If I were possessed of \$20,000 to \$50,000 capital, in a twelve month I would telegraph back to Bradstreet and Dunn to mark my rating at \$125,000, and then three twelvemonths later I would wire them to make it from half to three quarters of a million.

"If I had only my carfare, dictionary and fountain pen, I would send word to the old folks to watch out for the Christmas coming of the old home mortgage lifter, and I would bet my pal dog, for of course I'd have him along, against a pouch of tobacco that when Christmas came I wouldn't be making excuses for not coming East. Details? Bosh!

"When you wake up in Golconda you should not waste time looking for a business guide. All you need is a rake and a bag."

WILL OF STAYTON MAN ADMITTED TO PROBATE

The will of Elijah Weddle was admitted to probate in the county court Friday, and W. A. Weddle of Stayton was named as administrator of the estate. Elijah Weddle died April 27. The appraisers of the property are S. H. Heltzel, J. R. Gardner and W. H. Hobson. The heirs-at-law are Margaret A. Weddle, widow, Stayton; J. R. Weddle, son, Toppenish, Wash; Ruby J. Boiles, Hill, Calif; J. N. Weddle, Seio, Ore; O. L. Weddle, son Stayton; E. A. Weddle, son, Stayton; W. A. Weddle, son, Stayton; Annie Burson, daughter, Stayton; Bonnie Collier, daughter, Oakville, Wash; and Luster and Ruby Sandman of Stayton, children of Mary Sandman, a daughter of Elijah Weddle.

SCRUBBED THE BILLS

When his laundry bill showed a charge for washing four greenbacks, George B. Rowan of San Bernardino gaped in astonishment.

He looked through his laundry and found that a neat pile of carefully ironed and starched bank notes had come home with his weekly wash. They amounted to \$64, which he remembered having failed to remove from his clothing before sending it to the laundry.

CRAWFISH ON MENU AT SOCIAL IN SUBLIMITY

(Special to The Mail)
Sublimity, Ore., July 24—A crawfish social was the unusual entertainment held here Sunday night at the home of Louis J. Schott. Mr. Schott and Paul Zuber secured a good catch of the juicy fish during the afternoon, and invited a number of friends to partake of them. Eating was the main feature of the social, but the party also found time for games and music. Those present included the families of Geo. Bell, Frank Riesterer, John Zuber, Paul Zuber, and Geo. and Anna Prange.

SUBLIMITY WEDDING

(Special to The Mail)
Sublimity, Ore., July 24—A wedding was solemnized at the local Catholic church at 9 o'clock this morning, when Mrs. Martha Schott became the bride of George Glover. The ceremony was a quiet one, Rev. Father A. Lainck officiating. Both parties are well known in this community. They will continue to reside here.

NORTH SANTIAM GIRL IS RAILROAD MAN'S BRIDE

Miss Edith Jarvis and John Bradley of Jefferson were married Wednesday July 17, at the home of the bride's mother at North Santiam, Rev. R. L. Dunn officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Effie Jarvis of that place and is well known in this neighborhood. The groom is at present at work on the Electric line between Salem and Albany. Miss Mamie Reese was bridesmaid, and Gilbert Beal acted as best man. A number of relatives and friends were present. The festivities ended with a social dance in the evening and the boys took advantage of the opportunity by giving the young couple a charivari.

HAND BADLY BURNED

Harry Downing, while filling a cigar lighter from a small bottle of gasoline, Tuesday evening managed by some means to accidentally set off the mechanism of the lighter, igniting the gasoline which burned both his hands severely. He will not be able to use his digits for some little time.

SUBLIMITY MAN VISITS HIS CHILDHOOD HOME

Chas. Hottinger and Mrs. J. A. Ditter of Sublimity and Louis Hottinger of Mt. Angel, have returned from a trip to Indiana. They were called East by the serious illness of their mother, Mrs. Chas. Hottinger, Sr., who however, they report as much improved.

Chas. Hottinger had not seen his old home for 19 years, and found conditions there much changed, although in his opinion the East is not as progressive as the West. He met a number of his old schoolmates whom he had not seen for 30 years, and altogether, had an enjoyable trip.

FROTH FOR LIFE

An employee of the American Express Co., at Omaha, last week found a package containing \$8000.00 in currency belonging to the Metz Brewing Co. Being an honest man he promptly returned the money to them. The company, in reward, gave him \$200 in cash and an order pledging the brewery to deliver to him free a case of beer every week as long as he lived.

OVER \$1 A FOOT FOR DROP IN A SUBMARINE

For going down 200 feet under the surface of Puget Sound in a submarine, eight men received \$250 apiece, not long ago. This submarine is a vessel built by the Seattle Construction & Dry Dock Company for the government. The descent into the deep was for the purpose of demonstrating the little craft's ability to withstand 13,248 pounds of pressure to the square foot. The test was successful in every way and the men got their money for putting in just ten minutes of time. Another submarine of the same model is to be launched from the same yards in the very near future. Several similar ships are also being built there for the Chilean navy.

RUNAWAY ON MONDAY

A team belonging to J. M. Corbin of Linn, Co., broke loose Monday and took a spin around a block. They cut the corner at the Stayton Bank too short and tried to take the corner of the bank with them but failed. They were finally stopped near the ditch on Third street, not much the worse for wear.