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Railroad Prospects Brighten; Work Commences on Right of Way

County Commissioners Plan River Work Here To Control Changing Channel of the Santiam

WORKMEN CLEAR RIGHT OF WAY ON SALEM, STAYTON & EASTERN

Road Will Be Rushed and Construction Work Will Be Completed by January 1st., Declares Promoter

Announcements made this week by J. F. Mounce and by Salem and Portland papers, indicate that the plans for the Salem, Stayton & Eastern railroad, upon which Mr. Mounce has been working for some nine months past, are rapidly assuming definite and tangible shape. The promoter states that the actual work of clearing the right of way was begun near the Battle Creek school house last Monday, and that the work will be pushed through at once between Salem and West Stayton. From there into Stayton Mr. Mounce declares he is depending upon this city assuring him a complete right of way. He states that this was promised him at the mass meetings held here. Upon his being guaranteed clear right of way the promoter agrees to rush the work, and states that January 1st., will see the construction work completed. Sunday's Oregon Statesman has the following writeup on Mr. Mounce's project:

Begin at Battle Creek

Beginning Monday morning at a point on Battle Creek six miles southeast of Salem, J. F. Mounce will begin clearing right of way for the Salem, Stayton & Eastern railroad, an electric extension of eighteen miles from Salem to Stayton, which as far as can be learned at present, will be entirely independent of any other roads which tap Salem or other Willamette valley towns. The builder of the road and the man who has contracted for the right-of-way is J. F. Mounce. The names of other persons connected with the line have not been made public, but it is said on good authority that one of the railroad kings of the world is behind the project and that his name will be announced in about ten days.

The Route Followed

Leaving Salem at a point in the southeast section of the city and passing a short distance south of the school for the feeble minded, the road will extend southerly along Battle creek within two miles of Marion at a point where it will intersect the Southern Pacific road. Thence it will lead on to West Stayton and Stayton. The line will pass directly through the Rosedale prune section and will cross 20,000 acres of land lying between Stayton and Marion which has been subdivided by the Willamette Irrigated Land company. The road will be extremely easy of construction, having the advantage of a water grade the entire distance.

Completed by January 1st.

The new road will do both a freight and passenger service. It is the intention of Mr. Mounce to have the track laid over the entire eighteen miles by January 1. Ballasting the road and otherwise preparing for traffic will depend upon weather conditions, and traffic may not be in operation on the line until well along into the spring months.

Stayton Franchise

Stayton has granted to Mr. Mounce a franchise good for thirty years, giving him privileges on four of the principal streets of the town. He has contracted for every inch of the necessary right-of-way with the exception of three miles which is guaranteed and which will be secured within a few days. Mr. Mounce has such faith in the good will and sincerity of the people with whom he has had dealings

that he does not hesitate to begin actual work on the new line tomorrow.

Depot Facilities

The new road will be the first to enter directly into the town of Stayton and depot facilities will be provided in that city. No arrangements have yet been made for depot space in Salem, but it is not considered a bad guess that trains on the road will be accommodated in the proposed union depot which is to be bounded by Liberty, Commercial, Marion and Center streets.

Advantages of the Line

Since the territory lying between Salem and Stayton is adapted to diversified farming, producing both cereals and fruits and also wood in large quantities, the road will be a much welcomed advantage to the farmers in the intervening section. Produce shipped into Salem may be transferred without difficulty and sent out over the mainline of the Southern Pacific, over the Oregon Electric or west over the Salem Falls City & Western. Further, it will convenience passenger traffic between Salem and Stayton, not only by doing away with the necessity for persons driving from one town to the other or going from West Stayton to Stayton by team or automobile, but aside from that considerable convenience, several electric trains each day will be run over the road.

FORMER STAYTON GIRL IS A TALENTED READER

Madame Rozetta Proffit, a daughter of Mrs. A. V. Shelley of this city, who is now an accomplished elocutionist residing in the East, is reported as making good in her chosen profession. Madame Proffit recently gave a recital before a select audience in Gardner, Mass., according to the Gardner Gazette. The entertainment included a reading of "Blue Bird," the story written by Maeterlinck, the famous dramatist. After reviewing the pleasing presentation of this playlet, the Gazette continues: Madame Proffit is an accomplished reader, with a clear enunciation and pleasing personality and a thorough knowledge of the drama. Those persons who failed to hear her missed one of the best entertainments of a similar nature ever given here.

WORK IS PROGRESSING ON DEITRICH BUILDING

P. Diedrich's new cement building is now assuming quite definite outlines. The blocks have almost all been laid and the interior work will soon be commenced and pushed rapidly. The building will probably be ready for occupancy about October 1st.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICES

The minister of the Christian Church will speak Sunday morning on the subject: "The Lord's Day and its Observance." The subject is worthy of the careful attention of every Christian. Aim to hear the sermon. The subject Sunday evening will be, "A Plain Question."

Dr. Jas. Thomas of Seattle is here this week visiting relatives and friends.

Prospects Good For Prosperous Fall Season

According to all reports, Prosperity has touched the Pacific Northwest as with a magic hand. While this section has not been in the "dumps" like some other parts of the country, it felt the general depression for several years; but now things are on the up-grade once more. Merchants report collections much better and the approaching fall comes with bright prospects. The impending presidential election does not seem at all menacing. One of the best signs is an advance of \$2 in the price of logs. Because of the magnitude of the lumbering business hereabouts, this is important. Crops promise to break many records, which means that the agriculturists are going to replenish their bank accounts. It is a time for optimists.

APPLES FOR COMPLEXION

Apples are better than any cosmetics according to an authority on this subject. This is an important bit of news for the fruit districts of the Pacific Northwest and should be used by them in getting a wider range of publicity for the Washington and Oregon apple. Addressing the International Apple Shippers' Association recently, U. G. Porder, of Baltimore, said: "If women knew eating apples will do more to make their complexions beautiful than all the other face remedies in the world they would eat the luscious fruit morning, noon and night." It is expected that there will be a big increase in the demand for apples.

WALDO HILLS FARMER ON YELLOWSTONE TRIP

J. T. Hunt and wife of the Waldo Hills expect to start to-day for a trip to the Yellowstone National Park. After a couple of weeks at that place they will visit Lewiston, Idaho, Helena and Butte, Montana and Spokane, Washington. They will be gone a month and will probably make several side trips before they return.

POWER MEN HERE

H. C. Brokaw, and A. C. Coonradt, field surveyor and engineer respectively of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, were in Stayton last Thursday on company business.

Miss Laura Clark of Redlands, Calif., is visiting at the Ed. Siegmund home.

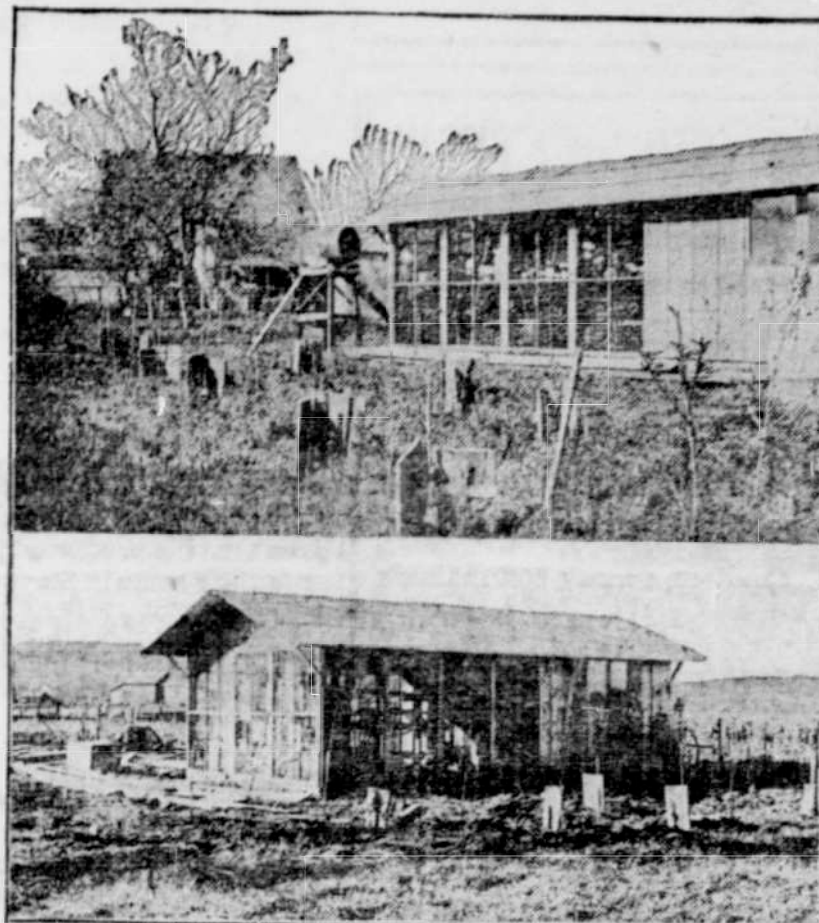
THIRTY MILLION SALMON FOR OREGON STREAMS

The population of Oregon is to be increased between 30,000,000 and 35,000,000 this year, only the newcomers are young salmon and not people. That number of baby salmon will be liberated into the streams of the state from the various hatcheries. The fish, when released, will be from five to eight months old and are expected to be able to fight their own battles thereafter.

LODGE MAN HERE

W. A. Wheeler Grand Master of the I. O. O. F. of Oregon and Editor of the Pacific Odd fellows was here this week. He will be here again Saturday night and pay the local lodge an official visit.

Insectary or "Bug House" of the Oregon Agricultural College



THE Oregon Agricultural college at Cornwalls, Ore., has a new insectary in which problems in the control and extermination of insects are studied. The students call the building the "bug house." Experiments are now being conducted with the cherry slug, wood boring beetles and the canker worm. Tests of insecticides and different sprays are being made on apple trees close to the insectary, and the results will be recorded. The spraying tanks and small trees upon which the insect experiments are being conducted are shown in the upper picture.

HONEST NOW, DON'T THIS BEAT HELL?

International Bible Students Association Repudiates Eternal Fire and Brimstone

The International Bible Students association at its midsummer convention in Washington, D. C., passed a resolution about "Hell-Fire and Brimstone" that thoroughly routed tradition and the old ecclesiastical line-up, and caused a noisy upheaval that will echo and re-echo throughout the religious world for some time to come.

Briefly, the convention repudiated the old theory of a literal eternal punishment for the wicked. The Mail is in receipt of press notices from the convention, and we print herewith the resolution in which the progressive step was taken.

"Resolved: That it is the sense of the International Bible Students delegates here assembled, that we do not find the Bible to teach the doctrine of a literal 'hell-fire' or place of 'fire and brimstone' for the punishment of the wicked; but that secular history of the formation of the creeds of the Middle Ages reveals the fact that for various reasons, either wisely or unwisely, the doctrine of torment in 'hell-fire' was added to the Gospel as taught by Jesus and the twelve Apostles, necessitating many ridiculous interpretations of the Lord's parables.

We, therefore now unreservedly repudiate as thoroughly unscriptural the teaching of a place, state or condition of a literal 'lake of fire and brimstone' for the torment of the wicked; and, further, we believe from many personal testimonials that the vast majority of ministers of all Protestant denominations have privately repudiated the 'hell-fire' theory, but have for supposedly good reasons HESITATED TO FULLY INFORM THEIR CONGREGATIONS; and, further, we believe, on this account thousands and perhaps tens of thousands are being driven into skepticism or infidelity."

Incorporated in the resolution was an appeal to every minister in the United States to publish in his local newspaper a statement declaring whether or not he believes the Bible to teach the doctrine of a literal lake of fire and brimstone as a state, place or condition for the eternal punishment of the wicked.

Following this suggestion, and believing that the subject is of sufficient interest to justify our doing so, we have interviewed local ministers, and expect next week to be able to publish their individual opinions in the matter.

MORE LOGANBERRIES

Loganberry culture, a new industry, is growing to large proportions in this state. At Brooks alone 34,000 crates were shipped to a Portland cannery, netting the growers \$31,000. A total of 37 cars of loganberries was shipped from Brooks this year. The acreage given to this fruit is constantly on the increase. One man will set 200 acres in Polk County during the Fall and plans to install canning, drying and bottling machinery.

Henry Mutschler is having a new coat of paint applied to his house.

HOTEL MEN TO ADVERTISE

Hotel men of the state have launched a campaign to attract Eastern tourists to Oregon. At a recent meeting of the state association, it was decided to carry on extensive advertising and publicity work throughout the East to show the scenic beauties of the Pacific Northwest to the intending traveler. It is the plan to distribute many folders and pieces of attractive literature illustrating this subject.

Surveyor Byers of Salem was here this week, surveying the Cramer tract west of town.

RIVER'S CHANNEL TO BE MOVED, IS PLAN

Extensive Work on Santiam Proposed by the County Commissioners to Hold Stream in Check

\$15,000 MAY BE SPENT ON THIS IMPROVEMENT

Work Will Probably be Completed Before Rainy Season Begins

A move that is expected to effectually prevent further serious changing of the channel of the Santiam near this city, is about to be undertaken by the commissioners of Linn and Marion counties. The rapid changes made in the course of the river during the storm seasons of recent years, have made some precautionary measures imperative, and the commissioners after several investigations have decided upon a plan of action.

To Change the Channel

According to those informed of the matter, considerable dredging will be done, as a result of which the main channel of the stream will be thrown back from its present trend, and carried by a great trench 150 feet wide that will take it under the main span of the new bridge. When this has been done steps will be taken to hold it in that position, and to prevent its returning to the old channel during high water. To this end, changes will be made farther up-stream on the island southeast of town, and a lengthy stretch of rip-rap work will be put in along the north bank of the river above the bridge. It is reported that the work as planned will entail an expenditure of between twelve and fifteen thousand dollars.

Will Start Work Soon

In order to complete this improvement before any high water is experienced, it is expected that work will be commenced very shortly, and a good force of men will probably be placed on the job. The action of the river during the past few years has necessitated some such work to prevent its speedy shifting. If allowed to run its own course, it is likely that before spring the Santiam's channel would not be under the new bridge at all, but would swerve even outside the north approach.

SCHOOLHOUSE FOR GATES

Gates is to have a new two room school house with two playrooms in the basement. The building is to be equipped with a heating plant, modern plumbing etc. Below are the accounts of the bids of different contractors, as opened Monday by the Gates school board.

Edward Keep, Albany,	\$3595.
S. M. Singleton, Albany,	\$3287.
W. A. Weddle, Stayton,	\$3240.
J. W. Knapp, Salem,	\$3228.
A. F. Hawkins, Mill City,	\$2944.
Avery Ellis, Gates,	\$2928.

SELLS BUTCHER SHOP

J. M. Merrifield sold his interest in the Stayton Butcher Shop to Walter Overlander this week. According to Mr. Casteel the transfer has already taken place. The new firm will be known as Casteel and Overlander. It is not known at present what business Mr. Merrifield will engage in.