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RIVER WORK NOW WELL UNDER WAY

Good Force of Men Clearing Surface in the Path of the Proposed New Channel

TO USE STEAM SHOVEL FOR EXCAVATING WORK

Task of Improving River Will Prove a Large One

With between fifteen and twenty men and several teams clearing the surface for the proposed new channel of the Santiam, work has begun in dead earnest on the river improvements to be made here by Linn and Marion counties. That it is a task of some magnitude is proven by the character of the river bed at the point where the work is going forward. A good sized force of workmen will have to be employed for some time in making the desired changes.

The work now being done is the clearing away of surface obstacles that lie in the path of the proposed channel. This new channel will cut away from the present stream at about three hundred yards above the bridge, and will head straight for the center bridge span, instead of curving to the north as does the present channel. During the storm season a huge pile of driftwood became stacked up at the point through which the cut must be made, and the workmen are now engaged in clearing this away.

To make the work more difficult, the surface is strewn with boulders, and it is likely to prove a hard task to clear these away. The assistance of a steam shovel is expected in another day or so, but it is doubtful if this contrivance will be able to handle the rocks very deftly. Should it be necessary to haul the material excavated away in wagons the work will assume much greater proportions. Tom Smith is directing the force of men now on the job, which is made up of citizens residing in this vicinity.

Riley Thomas who is at work with the crew, sustained a painful injury Tuesday. While cutting away some of the driftwood, he lost his footing and fell, striking his head against a log. The blow cut a slight gash on his head and cheek, and split his ear. One of his ribs was also cracked and his body badly bruised in the fall.

MANY INSTITUTES BY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

In the annual report of farmers' institutes sent by the Oregon Agricultural College to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, it is shown that up to July 1, there were held institutes in every county but one, a total of 72 institutes, holding 115 sessions attended by 10,633 people.

An institute train giving instruction in general farming made a run of 952 miles, stopping at 12 stations at which the attendance at lectures given by 9 experts was 4,325. A "round-up" institute held at the Moro branch experiment station was attended by 250 farmers, and 33 other special institutes had an attendance of 13,150.

During the year there were 29 state lecturers from the college who did some institute work, 37 local speakers, and from 1 to 5 state lecturers were sent to each institute, receiving no compensation for this extra work.

Insufficient funds have made it impossible to respond to all requests for institutes. A new feature of the work was the poultry demonstration car operated over the Southern Pacific lines in the Willamette valley, making 50 stops and reaching 21,932 people.

Postmaster Says Annoyances Must Stop

The following communication from Postmaster Watters is self explanatory: U. S. Postoffice, Stayton, Ore.

Section 18, page 54, Postal guide, July, 1912, under miscellaneous instructions to postmasters says: "Postmasters must depend upon local authorities to prevent disorderly persons from committing breaches of the peace in their postoffice. When local protection is refused, the department can only close the post office."

We know that a great many minors are continually causing annoyance to the patrons of this office by opening and closing boxes, scuffling, crowding, etc; and that the same is not only annoying the patrons but the postmaster and assistants as well. We also believe that said minors are doing so with the knowledge of parents or guardians, and it will be necessary for us to put the matter before the local authorities unless said annoyances are stopped. So take notice, and do not cause us the trouble of such proceedings.

Respectfully,
W. S. Watters, P. M.

AUTOMOBILE EXCURSION

Touring Interior Oregon this week is a big party of representative Portland business men, who are making an automobile excursion to Lakeview under the auspices of the Portland Commercial Club. Everywhere along the line they are being accorded every possible courtesy and Central Oregon's well known hospitality is being extended.

To the visitors the trip is a veritable voyage of discovery. Many have never seen this great undeveloped country before and to them the sight of the farms being carved out of this new territory, many of them bearing their first crops this year, is a revelation. It is certain that Portlanders will have a better understanding of that great country after this excursion.

ASKS DISSOLUTION OF COMPANY PARTNERSHIP

Alleging that the defendant refuses to allow him his rightful share of the proceeds of the Stayton Electric Light company, A. L. Shreve Friday brought a suit in the circuit court against Dora B. Shreve, his alleged co-partner in the company, for the dissolution of the partnership, says the Oregon Statesman. It is also alleged that the defendant insists that the plaintiff pay all the expenses of the business out of his share of the earnings.

For various other reasons it is claimed that it is impossible for the plaintiff and the defendant to conduct the business as partners, and the plaintiff asks that a receiver be appointed for the company. The plaintiff claims that he established the company and that for many years he has given all of his time and means to the business of the co-partnership, while the defendant wrongfully refuses to permit the plaintiff to charge anything for his services, and refuses to pay her half of an indebtedness of \$3000 which hangs over the company. In addition to asking that the defendant assume her portion of the indebtedness, the plaintiff asks that he be allowed \$100 per month as compensation for his services as manager and operator of the plant.

"HARD TIMES" PARTY

A "hard times" party was held Saturday night at the home of E. Dunagan. About thirty young people were present, many of whom were attired in costumes that were fearful and wonderful to behold. Light refreshments were served, and the party broke up at a late hour.

PREPARING FOR LINN COUNTY FAIR

Entries for Exhibits in All Departments are Coming in Fast, and Promise Fine Display

IMPROVE GROUNDS FOR THE BIG ANNUAL EVENT

Management Gives Special Attention to the Amusement Features

Prospects for the coming Linn county Fair, August 28, 29 and 30 are very flattering and are the best since the organization, according to reports received from the officials in charge.

Entries for farm products, the school children's industrial department are coming in by mail each day and the outlook is for the best display in these lines ever put up.

The grounds have been put in the best possible condition, and the race track is exceptionally fine. Entries for the harness races have all been filled, with from five to eight starters in each race, being mile heats, best three in five, and some fast racing and a fine program will undoubtedly be shown.

A new board walk is under construction from the city to the fair grounds, which will be a great convenience to pedestrians.

The poultry department promises to be very large, and 100 coops have been added to the building.

The management is making every effort for the greatest display and amusement program ever given in the county.

WA HI CLUB SURPRISE

The ladies of the Wa Hi Club of the Waldo Hills gave Mrs. N. Siegmund a pleasant surprise on Wednesday of last week when the club members gathered for an informal afternoon at the Siegmund home near Oak Grove. The time was passed very enjoyably, and dainty refreshments were served late in the afternoon. More than twenty were present including five visitors who were Mr. and Mrs. Nott and Mr. and Mrs. Nott Jr., all of McMinnville, and Miss Robards of Portland.

F. R. Olin of Mill City, who is well known locally, is in Astoria for a few days in the interests of the Hammond Lumber company.

LEWISTON WILL HAVE A CELEBRATION IN 1915

Lewiston has been the first to suggest a big celebration in 1915 in the honor of the opening of the Panama Canal and the completion of the Celilo Canal. All sections whose interests are affected by the opening of the Columbia and Snake rivers will be invited to join in what will be known as the Lewiston-Celilo-Panama Celebration. Tentative plans provide for a big river excursion from Portland. The Lewiston Commercial Club has the affair in charge.

SUBLIMITY HALL NEARLY DONE

Jos. Prange the Sublimity contractor who has charge of the work on the new city hall at that place, was in town Monday and paid the Mail office a brief visit. He states that the hall is fast nearing completion, and that the finishing touches will be put on before the end of the week. The building is a two story structure, with council chambers upstairs, and a room for the fire apparatus on the ground floor.

Notice!

The Stayton Cattle that painted Red the sign in front of my store, do not know any better.

They judge human beings by their own kind.

G. D. TROTTER
Stayton, Ore.

(Paid Advertisement)

IS LITERAL HELL STILL ON THE MAP?

Local Pastors Express Views on Subject for Benefit of Readers of The Mail

(Editors' note—Following the suggestion contained in press notices of the International Bible Students Association convention, the ministers of the local Christian and Methodist churches have written expressly for the Mail, their individual opinions regarding the existence of a literal "Hell." We print these Articles verbatim.)

It appears that the International Bible Students Association has given considerable attention in a recent session to the subject of "Hell-Fire and Brimstone." The Christian religious world is getting more and more away from the idea of a literal hell-fire. Doubtless the oldtime ideas concerning a lake of fire grew out of the improper translation into English of the original texts on this theme. In our English Bible, the one word "hell" is made to represent several different ideas in the Hebrew and Greek. Sheol, Hades, Tartarus, and Gehenna are all represented in English by the word "hell." This is not always fair to the original meaning. Sheol is Hebrew, and means the grave; the unseen state. Hades is Greek, and means practically the same as Sheol, the unseen world. Both terms refer to the place of the dead. Thus the spirits of the dead, both good and evil, are in Hades. Tartarus is that section of Hades where the spirits of the wicked are confined; while the spirits of the righteous in Hades, have a place of peace and rest in Paradise, or Abraham's Bosom. (Luke 16:19-31) "Gehenna" is a Greek term used in the New Testament for the place of future punishment. This term may be properly translated "hell." Gehenna means "Valley of Hinnon," which is just south of Jerusalem, and where in ancient times the heathen god Moloch was worshipped in human sacrifices—parents burning their children to pacify the god.

In the time of Christ Gehenna referred to that section of the Valley of Hinnon where all refuse from the city of Jerusalem was dumped, and where fires to consume the refuse were continually kept burning.

When Christ wanted to teach the fact of a future punishment for the wicked, He used the Gehenna near Jerusalem as a figure, or illustration. To the Jewish mind of that time, this meant utter destruction from which there was no future release. The burning refuse heap was the best representative of a future state of punishment that would convey a definite idea to the people of that generation. The term Gehenna is found in the New Testament in Matt. 5:22, 29, 30; 10:28; 18:9; 23:15, 33; Mark 9:43, 45, 47; Luke 12:5 and James 3:6, and is translated "hell."

If we believe the Bible is inspired we must accept what it says about hell. Personally, I do not hold exactly to the idea of a literal hell-fire. But I believe that in Hell there is a continual burning—perhaps a never-dying remorse that will burn the lost soul, as fire would burn a material body. I believe in the eternity of Hell. They who are to go into Gehenna (hell) have no assurance of ever coming out. Neither logic nor unbelief will blot Hell out. Hell is a necessity. The same arguments that will obliterate Hell—an everlasting Hell—will also obliterate Heaven and all eternity.

A person may not believe in Hell, but that doesn't remove its existence. "If all were good Christians there would be no opposition." I am willing to accept and believe all that the Lord has said in His Word concerning "Hell."

Roy L. Dunn.

Dear Mr. Editor:
You ask me an opinion concerning my

A PRETTY HOME WEDDING ON MONDAY

Miss Hally Grace Shelley Becomes Bride of A. E. Bradshaw at Impressive Ceremony

BRIDE IS WELL KNOWN AND POPULAR HERE

Shelley Home Is Prettily Decorated for the Occasion

Miss Hally Grace Shelley and Archie Eldon Bradshaw were united in marriage at 10:30 Monday morning at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Shelley of this city, Rev. R. L. Morton officiating.

Preceding the ceremony, "Love's Old Sweet Song" was very sweetly rendered by Mrs. J. F. Lau, after which the bridal party entered to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, played by Mrs. H. A. Beauchamp. They were preceded by the minister and the floral girls, Madde Morton and Leona Ward, who were appropriately gowned; then came the bridesmaid, Miss Katie Shelley and the groomsmen, F. W. Bradshaw; then the bride and groom. The bride was dressed in cream silk with a silk chiffon veil caught to the hair with knots of white sweet peas, and extending to the bottom of the skirt. She carried a bouquet of pink and white sweet peas. The groom wore the conventional black.

The ceremony was performed under an arch of clematis vines, filled with sweet peas. It was followed by a sumptuous wedding breakfast, at which the table decorations carried out the pink and white color scheme. The newly wedded pair then prepared for their departure on a wedding trip which, though a secret, is expected to have taken them to Portland.

On leaving, they were showered with rose petals by the members of the bride's Sunday school class, while other guests scattered rice broadcast. Miss Grace Crabtree smilingly caught the bride's bouquet as the latter tossed it from the carriage.

Among the out of town guests who attended the wedding were, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bradshaw of Mill City, parents of the groom, F. W. Bradshaw of Albany, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ward of Portland, brother and sister-in-law of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Loucks of Brownsville.

The presents were numerous and appropriate, and included many beautiful pieces of silverware, cut glass and Haviland china. The entire Shelley home was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Upon returning from the wedding trip the couple will reside in Albany.

The bride is the popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Shelley, and is one of Stayton's best liked girls. The groom is an employe of one of Albany's large merchandise stores, and formerly resided in this city.

belief of "hell fire," whether it is literal or not. My belief would have little to do with a fact and wouldn't change a fact one iota. But really it matters little whether hell fire is literal material fire,—is fire ever material and can you see fire?—or whether the word as used in the Scriptures, and the other expressions, as, "brimstone," "gnashing teeth" and "gnawing worms" and "smoke of torment" and "outer darkness" and "bitter tears" and "utmost agony" are figurative expressions of the eternal law. "Whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." This law is written on everything in nature "with a pen of iron."

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