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May Construct Road, Salem to Bend via Stayton \$500,000 Company Incorporates For Purpose of Building Line Rumor That Hill Has Secured Control of Corvallis & Eastern, Gives Added Plausibility to Plan

PROPOSED ROAD COULD NOT MISS STAYTON ON DIRECT LINE EAST

Gap at Head of Santiam Is Logical Pass to Eastern Oregon Country--It is Thought Hill is Behind Present Move

Two new developments in regard to a possible railroad through Stayton occurred the last of the week, and the possibilities they afford are being discussed with much interest locally.

The first was a rumor that the Hill people had secured the Corvallis & Eastern, and would take charge about March 1. The story, as told, is that Harriman gave the road to one of his daughters, who offered it to the Southern Pacific, but the company preferred to have a lease of it; that the Hill people slipped in and bought the property and that it will change hands as stated. Whether a fact or not, the story is plausible.

Company Incorporates

Next came the announcement in Salem and Portland papers that articles of incorporation had been filed by a company that proposed to construct a railroad from Salem to Bend, by way of Stayton and through the gap in the Cascades east of this city. This story is also exceedingly plausible, especially if the feeling that the Hill people are behind this move proves true. Interest is heightened by the fact that Louis Hill is now in the Willamette Valley on business. Regarding this proposed road the Capital Journal has the following to say:

Route Proposed

One of the most promising of the many railroad projects inaugurated in the Willamette valley in the last two years is that announced in articles of incorporation which have been filed in the office of the secretary of state by the Oregon Railroad Company, which proposes to construct an electric line from Salem to Bend, in Crook county. The line will leave the Willamette valley by way of Stayton, traversing Linn county and the Cascade mountains and joining both the Hill and Harriman lines in the Deschutes valley near Bend. It is believed to be a Hill project.

BREAKS LEG

John Rucker had the misfortune to get a bone broken in his leg last Friday in a runaway. Although thrown out of the buggy, John had the grit to hang to the lines until the horses were brought to a stop. He had two passengers in the vehicle at the time and it is extremely fortunate that no more damage was done.

Dr. Beauchamp fixed up the injured limb, but Rucker will be confined to the house for some time.

GETS MILL POSITION

W. A. Weddle has been employed by the Petzel Sawmill as manager of the mill department and head sawyer. He will not do any contracting and building this summer, but will still do architect and designing work in spare hours. Phone him at 3x8 for anything in that line.

John Huber of Linn county was in town Tuesday.

The company announces a capital stock of \$500,000. The incorporators are J. F. Mounce, A. L. MacLeod and G. A. Kyle. J. F. Mounce has been operating in and around Salem for the last eight months, making public merely the contemplated construction of a short local line from Salem to Stayton. G. A. Kyle is an engineer of national reputation, and was assistant to Colonel Stevens who started construction of the Panama canal. He is at present in Chicago. MacLeod is in Portland. Both men will be in Salem within a week and the details of the railway project are expected to be made public when they arrive.

Probably a Hill Move

There is little doubt that the proposed railroad construction is a Hill move. J. F. Mounce, who began the preliminary operations here, is believed to be a Hill forerunner. Mounce began operations in Salem last fall, by procuring right of way between Salem and West Stayton. It was his intention to build into Stayton, but he experienced difficulty in procuring right of way between West Stayton and Stayton, a distance of four miles.

It is understood that construction work on the line will begin without delay.

General Development

The completion of this new line will be the fourth new line entering Salem in two years. In the last year the new Fir branch has been built and the Southern Pacific steel bridge across the Willamette connecting up the east with the lines of the Salem, Falls City & Western on the west. A line will be constructed to Silverton and north. In addition the Oregon Electric has completed its line to Eugene, and the road has been in operation for several months. Also the Portland, Eugene & Eastern will complete its projected line into the prune belt south of the city.

TO PAINT CURTAIN

Next week E. Woods will commence work on the Stayton Theatre curtain and scenery. There will be three or four sets of scenery besides the drop curtain. The scenery will include a street scene, two interior scenes and a woodland scene. The drop curtain will be a special work of art. It will contain spaces for advertising which will be placed in an entirely new and novel manner. Mr. Woods will show a miniature of his scheme next week.

Manager Rizzo is to be congratulated upon securing the high class work contemplated by Mr. Woods.

TAXES ARE DUE

Taxes are now due and payable, with a 3 per cent rebate if paid before March 15th. Those not desiring to pay it all before March 15th, may pay one half before the first Monday in April, with no rebate, and the other half on or before the first Monday in October, following.

Is Entertained at West Stayton Party

(Special to The Mail)

West Stayton, Mar. 6--Mrs. Cassie York was the guest of honor at a pleasant party held at the McInnis home here Wednesday evening. Mrs. York has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. McInnis and the affair was arranged in her honor. The time was pleasantly spent at cards, music and conversation and at midnight a dainty luncheon was served, to which all did ample justice.

MERRY MINSTRELS ARE TO BE HERE SATURDAY

The Greatest Aggregation of Jubilee Singers in America will Positively Appear at the Opera House in Stayton, Saturday Night, March 8.

This Company has had twenty-five years of undisputed success. They carry a band of their own and challenge anyone to produce anywhere, dancers who are their equal.

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You will Laugh and get Fat for Two Mortal Hours at these Singers, Musicians, Dancers, Comedians and Fun-makers. There will be no Disappointment, no Postponement. Out-of-Town people are especially invited to come and see the greatest of all, the Nashville Jubilee Students. Remember the date and place, Stayton Opera House, Saturday, March 8.

ORGANIZER HERE

C. O. Sarnain of Portland, District Deputy for the W. O. W. is here in the interest of the consolidation of the two camps at this place. He is an Al hustler as the Editor of this paper can testify, having been acquainted with him some time ago in Southern Oregon. The W. O. W.'s should give Mr. Sarnain all the support possible, and help build up their lodge to be a credit to the town. A special meeting has been called for Friday night, March 7.

FIRE HIS BED

A traveling sign painter blew into town last Saturday and proceeded to tank up. Deputy Marshal Fehlen ran him into the cooler, and after searching him, left the paint spreader to pleasant dreams.

Soon after, smoke was seen issuing from the City Bastille, and upon investigation, Mr. Dauber's bed was discovered to be in flames. The fire was put out and once more the Weary One sank into the arms of Morpheus. Selah!

FORMER RESIDENT RETURNS

W. R. Munkers and wife of Lexington, Oregon, are here visiting his father B. F. Munkers and other relatives. Mr. Munkers is back in Marion County for the first time in thirty years. He finds much change in that time and is very much surprised at the improvements in Stayton as well as the surrounding country.

Miss Jennie King of the Waldo Hills was in town Saturday. Mrs. M. E. Fletcher made a business trip to Portland and Oregon City the first of the week.

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, the New Lady of the Land



WIFE OF RANCHER ISCALLED BY DEATH

Mrs. W. H. Downing, Wife of Sublimity Farmer, Passes Away

Great sorrow was occasioned among the residents of the Waldo Hills this week by the death of Mrs. Augusta Downing, wife of the Hon. W. H. Downing, who passed away Saturday, March 1st. Death was due to Bright's disease, and the deceased had been in a critical condition for several days.

Mrs. Downing was raised in and about Salem, but had resided in the Waldo Hills since her marriage in 1903. She was 49 years of age.

The funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the Episcopal church in Salem. The church was filled with friends who had come to show the last token of esteem for the deceased. Music was furnished by the church choir which sang "Lead Kindly Light" and "There is a Blessed Home." Many beautiful flowers were brought by friends. Interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. T. B. Patton, J. T. Hunt, Edward McKinney, William Tate, Thomas Hill, and J. McElhane acted as pall bearers.

OBITUARY NOTICE

Augusta Downing, beloved wife of W. H. Downing, departed this life on March 1, 1913, aged 49 years, 6 months and 3 days. She leaves a husband, a mother, Mrs. Susan Newton, and a brother, Cecil Newton to mourn her loss. The mother and brother are now residents of Seattle, Washington.

Mrs. Downing was born on a farm near Albany. The family moved to Salem in 1876, where she lived until her marriage, which occurred March 11, 1903. During her residence in Salem she made many friends, all of whom affectionately remember her.

During the brief time of her married life her home has been in the Waldo Hills, and she was active and prominent in all social matters there, and in the promotion of all good and laudable enterprises.

Mrs. Downing was a very ambitious woman, untiring and painstaking in all matters that claimed her attention. She had high ideals and her life has been one of usefulness, and has made a lasting impression on all with whom she was associated.

The funeral service was held at the Episcopal church in Salem, of which she was a devoted member. The interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery by the side of a number of sisters and brothers who had preceded her.

She is at rest and we trust that her life and character may ever be present, as a guide and monument to better and nobler manhood.

Her nature was a delicate one, but few persons were gifted with a mind more analytical, logical and clear. She too was possessed of a very quiet and gentle disposition, ever having a kind regard for the best interests of her neighbors and friends. It was none of hers to ever "murmur or complain" while she sought to smooth down all disappointments. All who shared with her in this last illness can attest to a blissful sweetness and a teachable spirit.

She was a member of the Episcopal church, walking worthy of her vocations, "with lowliness and meekness with long suffering--forebearing one another in love."

An amiable life is a beautiful one. A real true life is none the less sublime--but, then how potent is life, when one can gather together, all the little de-

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WATCH THESE BIG REALTY OFFERS

by S. H. HELTZEL

Good 5 room house on First street Stayton, a snap at \$1000. Terms.

One full block in Stayton, improved and situated in the center of the town. This is a bargain as it can be cut into eight lots and the money doubled. Price, \$4000.

3 acres improved, 5 room house, barn, orchard, etc. Close in, and in city limits of Stayton. Price \$2800. Terms.

For Sale--97 acres 3 1/2 miles south of Stayton, 60 acres under cultivation, good buildings, hay, grain, stock and farm tools complete goes with the place. Well improved, running water. Price \$8500. Terms.

25 acres unimproved, partly cleared, 1/2 mi. from town, river bottom. Price, \$1625. Terms.

94 1/2 acres 2 miles from town. One half under cultivation. Balance valuable timber. Well improved. Price \$70 per acre. Terms.

25 acre farm 1 mile from town. Good bottom land. One half under cultivation. Good improvements. Price \$4000. Terms.

TO GIVE RING AWAY

Genuine Diamond Ring, solid gold mounting to be positively given away. For information call at Mack & Riggs Millinery.

The subject at the Christian church Sunday morning will be "School of Christ," Sunday evening "A Christless Reformation."

An attempt was made to burn the school house at Gates last week.

Mrs. S. H. Burson visited in North Santiam Friday.

Mr. Macey, a furnishing goods man of Corvallis, was here Monday looking over Stayton with a view of possibly locating here.

S. H. Helzel made a business trip to Albany the first of the week.

The last week of reduction in price. Drugless Methods at the Drugless Institute. Call now.

Fine business property, building is 25x50 and is newly built. A new 6 room modern cottage on same lot goes with this. Both will rent for \$30 per month. Price \$3200. Terms.

2 acre tract, 3 blocks from Stayton P. O. Price \$1500 cash.

103 acres, 6 miles from town. Good improvements. Price \$45 per acre.

I also have a small well improved farm near Sublimity for sale. Terms.

FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE REALTY CO., S. H. Helzel, Manager.

J. F. Richards and wife of Fern Ridge were in town Tuesday.

Joe Foltz and sister of Jordan made a business trip to Stayton Tuesday.

John Mack of North Santiam was in town yesterday.

Pat Lambert of Mt. Pleasant made a business trip to Stayton Wednesday.

Mrs. Lula Carey of Linn county visited at the home of her mother Mrs. M. J. Queener yesterday.

Floyd Robinson was seen again on our streets this week.

At the Methodist Church next Sunday morning the pastor preaches an expository sermon on an island experience, "A God, or a Man or What?" In the evening subject will be, The Man with the Set Face.

W. E. Nesbitt of Salem made a business trip to Stayton Tuesday.

Albert Roy, wife and baby are here this week visiting Mr. Roy's parents.

John Henkel has purchased a two acre place near Raleigh Harold's just across the river, and expects to build a home in the near future.

Mrs. Cramer got the free hat at the Mack & Riggs Millinery opening last Saturday. Over 150 ladies visited the store during the day.

Miss Bob Morton spent Sunday in Albany.

Miss Stella Burson who has been in Eugene for some time returned home Saturday.