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## WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THE VALLEY

A Front Page Editorial on a Few of the Reasons Why the Willamette Valley Should Wake Up and Re-adjust

The writer, with another business man of Stayton, took a trip to Salem by auto, and from Salem to Portland by the Oregon Electric the later part of last week and were impressed by several things that were seen on the trip.

In the first place the fact that seemed the most potent was the vast acreage of idle land, covered with trees, brush and stumps, good for nothing but the pastorage of a small percent of live stock. Land that is good tillable land too. Land that will produce almost anything grown in the temperate zone. Along the road were immense signs telling of the wonderful possibilities of these lands, 5, 10, 15 miles out of Portland at from \$400 to \$800 per acre. Do the land agents and subdivision sharks think the people are foolish enough to pay such enormous prices for land when good land can be bought near large eastern cities at less than half? Of course there are a few suckers who have bitten, and their small clearings dotted here and there looks like the occasional oases in the Sahara desert.

What Oregon, what the Willamette Valley and its tributary valleys need, are home builders—men with brain, brawn and business to clear the Willamette Valley of its brush, stumps and rail fences and make it flower like the valley of the Nile.

This can only be possible by the reduction of prices asked for uncleared and unimproved lands.

It is unnecessary to state that the hills, covered with a perpetual growth of timber will take care of themselves. The outside world wants timber, and will want it more and more each year as the eastern lumber built is depleted. The foothills with their thousand tumbling streams of energy gushing from the everlasting mountains of granite and snow will blossom into factories and mills to use that wasting power.

### Location is Desirable.

Stayton is located at a point that is as natural as a land locked harbor. The fertile rolling foothills to the north, and south, the possibilities of power almost untouched, and an empire of evergreen forest at her back. What more could you ask? The one magic word transportation. The survey line is almost done—The right-of-way men are at work—and it will be a shortsighted man indeed who will deny a right-of-way across his place to unlock the treasures at his back door. Think well before you turn down the right of way across your farm. It means dollars to you and yours.

## Hot Cross Buns at the BAKERY

## WOOL MOHAIR



We are in the market for Mohair and Wool and will pay the highest market price. Sacks furnished free. Large or small lots bought. Phone us for quotations. We want your Mohair and Wool. We need it in our business.

Custom Carding for Comforters and Mattresses.

Your own wool recorded and Renovated.

WILBUR WOOLEN MILLS CO.  
Stayton, Ore.

## BIG CROWD AT "HICKS AT COLLEGE"

The high school auditorium was well packed Tuesday night to see the last entertainment of the four that had been arranged for last fall, "Hicks at College" by the high school.

The stage was prettily arranged in all the scenes and the hits as the play proceeded received rounds of applause. C. P. Burmester, as the inventor of "Brains" was there with the hot air stuff, while Roy Follis and Guy Hurt, as Tom Horton and Fritz Jordan, college boys, acted the part even to the "coffin nails." Will Ryan as the "Prof" made quite a hit and Stanley Forrest should be renamed Percy by all means. Leo Klecker as the reporter, kept his pencil working overtime, and Paul Shreve as the proprietor of the "Pal" ate nearly all the ice cream intended for the guests. Gladys Hill and June Kearns, two seniors interested in Horton and Jordan acted just as silly as if they had been the real thing, while Wanda Brown, as the waitress was just as pert and just as flirtatious as a waitress could be. Seima Schuff acted the housekeeper to perfection as did Marion Alexander the part of maid. No one knows who the bill poster was as he kept his back to the audience, but by the way the kiddos giggled it must have been "Prof."

## HON. W. C. HAWLEY ANSWERS TELEGRAM

In response to the telegram sent to W. C. Hawley relative to the distribution of the money derived from the sale of the O. & C. lands, the following letter has been received:

Dr. H. E. Beauchamp, Mayor,  
Mr. E. M. Olmsted,  
Chairman School Board,  
Mr. George Keech,  
Pres. Commercial Club,  
Stayton, Oregon,

My dear Sirs:—

Replying to your favor relative to the distribution of the receipts from the Oregon and California land grant lands, I beg to say that I have not been a party to any proposal that will cause the removal of any of the value of the grant from Oregon. I believe that we are entitled to all the value of the grant, and that Congress so intended. The plan of the Ferris-Chamberlain bill of revesting title in the government, however, operates to take from Oregon her exclusive right in these lands, and has opened the way for others to come in and claim a division of the proceeds. In addition to the loss or reduction you complain of, your county schools will be for many years deprived of the taxes formerly derived from the lands, because when title reverts in the government the lands become non-taxable, and the loss of these taxes annually will be many times greater in amount than any amounts to be received by your county at some indefinite future time, from the sales of the lands and timber, to be placed in the State school fund. It is my intention to do all I can to have the largest percentage possible obtained for Oregon in the distributions proposed when the bill comes up before the House for when all the value really is ours we would not be justified in being content with any smaller amount, but we may be forced by superior voting strength to take less, under the theory of this bill. Truly Yours,  
W. C. Hawley.

### UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Each Saturday will be a Bargain Day at Young's Cash Grocery.  
Saturday April 22, Royal Baking Powder 1 lb. 40c. Arbuckle Coffee 1 lb. 20c.  
Young's Cash Grocery.

## TEACHERS' INSTITUTE SATURDAY

Stayton Entertains Teachers From Many Nearby Districts. Enthusiastic Papers Read at the Meeting

The local teachers' institute held at the high school last Saturday was attended by a large number of teachers from Mill City, Jefferson, West Stayton, Aumsville and many districts near Stayton. Among the visitors and teachers from Salem who came with Supt. Smith were Mr. and Mrs. Gannett, Mr. and Mrs. Axley, J. W. L. Smith, W. W. Williams and Assistant State Supt. Carleton.

The first number on the program was a paper by Miss Crabtree on the subject of "Teaching Grammar." It was one of the best papers on this question that the writer has ever heard. It touched all the vital points in the teaching of English, in regard to methods and manner of presentation. The paper was highly commended by all the teachers present.

W. F. Gannett, of Salem spoke on the question of "Defective Children." Prof. Gannett, who is a graduate of the University of Maine, has made a special study of this question. The speaker pointed out many cases of children who did poor school work because of some physical defect, which if known, could be easily remedied.

Prof. Axley, head of the history department of the Washington Junior High in Salem, gave a very interesting talk on the "Teaching of History and Civics." He emphasized the importance of vitalizing this subject and teaching it in such a way that the students will become more interested in public affairs.

In the afternoon Mrs. Pratt presented the subject of "Primary Reading" by giving a demonstration with some of her pupils. It is needless to dwell upon Mrs. Pratt's ability in this line as that is well known to the people of Stayton and is recognized by educators all over the state.

Prof. Hoffer gave the teachers a talk on "Music in the Schools" by showing actual work being done in our schools. A class of third grade pupils gave a very pleasing recitation showing conclusively the value of music. Stayton is the only town in Marion County, outside of Salem, that is teaching music in the schools.

Assistant Supt. Carleton discussed at length the work outlined by the State Teachers' Association. Mr. Carleton pointed out the value of this work and asked the co-operation of all teachers in making a success.

Many pleasing comments were made by the visiting teachers in regard to the building, equipment and courses of study offered by this school.

### PUTS LINE IN MILL CITY

Joe Peery made a trip to Mill City the later part of the week and rented a room there where he will have on display his samples of woollens for made-to-measure clothes. Joe is a hustler, and will make the mill town every Sunday.

### EVANGELIST COMING

Evangelist John Lewtas will commence a series of meetings at the M. E. church Sunday, April 30. Full announcement next week.

### MAKE START FOR ALASKA

G. C. Eksman and G. P. Kearns made their initial start for Alaska Saturday morning, and on Monday morning Glen Porter left for Seattle where the three young men will take boat Thursday, April 20, for Anchorage. The trip will last seven days and will be a delightful one along the green shores of Uncle Sam's northern possessions.

Wm. Nendel has remodeled the front on the south side of his livery stable and has a neat and commodious entrance room for his feed store. He will carry all kinds of feed and supplies for hogs, cattle, chickens and horses. See him before buying elsewhere.

## PEARL HUMPHREYS DIES SUDDENLY

The many friends and relatives of Pearl Humphreys of near Shaw, were surprised and grieved at his sudden demise at his home, Saturday April 15, of congestion of the brain, caused by an abscess.

An immense crowd gathered at the home Monday to do honor to his memory and to lay him to rest with loving hands in the Rock Point cemetery. R. L. Putnam of the Christian church in Stayton, officiated.

Mr. Humphrey was but 34 years of age at his untimely death and leaves, besides his wife and two smaller children, three brothers, Floyd, Arlo and Harry, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Humphreys of near Shaw and a host of other relatives and friends. He was one of the most popular young men of the Waldo Hills, where he was born, and raised. He was sincere, honest and loved by all, and a consistent member of the Christian church of Aumsville for the past nine years.

Marion county can ill afford to lose men of his type in the prime of life.

### CARD OF THANKS

We most sincerely thank our friends and neighbors for their kindly assistance shown us during our hour of trial occasioned by the death of our beloved Pearl Humphrey. Also for the beautiful floral offerings and for the attendance at the funeral in honor of his memory.

Mrs. Pearl Humphrey and Relatives.

Theodore Rizzo made a business trip to Salem Monday.

## STAYTON GRANGE HAS BIG MEETING

Last Saturday was a Red Letter Day in the history of the Stayton Grange. There were representatives from Turner, Aumsville, Fox Valley and several others, besides the State Master, E. C. Spence of Oregon City; Mrs. Zella Fletcher, County Deputy of Salem, and John P. Robertson of the same city.

S. H. Heltzer gave an interesting talk on "Education, from a Farmer's Standpoint," and Mr. Robertson helped his hearers to understand "Credits and Taxation."

There were also addresses by other members present including Mr. Spence and Mrs. Fletcher.

Besides the usual feast of good things provided by the Granger's wives, the crowd was treated to a musical and literary program that was much enjoyed.

All in all, it was a day that Stayton Grange may well be proud, and the growing membership had several new names added to its list.

## SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10 a. m.  
Church service 11 a. m. with Easter sermon by pastor on "The Fact of The Resurrection."  
Junior Epworth League 3:30 p. m.  
Senior Epworth League 7:00 p. m.  
Church Service 8:00 p. m.  
With sermon by the pastor on "The Bed Too Short and The Covering Too Narrow."  
Friday night Choir Practice.  
Wednesday 8:00 Prayer Meeting  
Thursday 2:30 p. m. Ladies Aid Society  
The public invited to all services.  
E. B. Lockhart, Pastor.

## SERVICES AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Thursday 8:00 p. m. Prayer service and sermon on "Prayer."  
Friday afternoon, Ladies Aid Meeting  
Bible School Lord's Day 10 a. m.  
A joint Easter program with the Kingston Sunday school in the interest of National Benevolence. Let us make it a banner day.  
Preaching 11 a. m. Subject: "The Resurrection of Jesus."  
Communion 12 m.  
Basket dinner and fellowship with visitors.  
Christian Endeavor 7:00 p. m.  
Preaching Service 8:00 p. m.  
Subject—"The Two Covenants."  
Everybody invited to all the services.  
R. L. Putnam, Pastor.

## OREGON INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

The Week's Stories About Enterprises, Payrolls, Industries and and Community Development. Capital Coming Here For Investment.

Holland—Parties out locating chrome iron ore which will be mined here on a large scale.

New money and payrolls make big and prosperous cities.—Sacramento Union.

Ione—Farmers union contemplates building 60,000 bu. grain elevator.

Eagle Lumber Co. in Tillamook Co. sells \$200,000 timber to U. S. Government.

Mill City—Hammond Lumber Co. planning to build six miles railroad.

Eugene—S. P. Co. will spend \$100,000 on new equipment in this city.

An army bill with 75 hours a month vocational training would mean much in the way of national industrial efficiency.

Yoncola—Theil Bros. building large warehouse—district to erect \$15,000 school.

Seaside has selected site and adopted plans for \$30,000 school.

Baker—Contract let for construction of Welch block.

Coquille—Ross & Curry started manufacturing sand brick.

Baker—Twenty stamp mill at Conner Creek mine started up. Oregon banks reduce interest rates on time certificates to three per cent. Public ownership of utilities would be more hopeful if there were more public ownership of officials.

Portland—public works department prosecuted for working men over 8 hours.

Marshfield—Contract let to grade county road to Coquille for \$63,000.

Portland—\$40,000 will be expended improving Oaks park.

Three new concrete buildings are being planned for Tillamook.

Capital secured to double capacity of Hood River cannery plant.

Too many towns are ready to spend \$5,000 on a Billy Sunday tabernacle that would not put up a dollar for a new cannery.

Railroad employes could not choose

a more inopportune time to ask for a general advance in wages. When the devastating war in Europe is over the question confronting American wage earners will be that of finding a market for their labor instead of fixing a price for it.—James J. Hill.

Astoria—McEachern Construction Co. lays keel of first ship built on Young's Bay shipyard April 20.

Cottage Grove—Big placer mine strike reported on Steamboat river. Hard fight for lower taxes in Lane County being made by the Cottage Grove Sentinel.

Myrtle Point—City Council orders 24 blocks in business part paved.

Federal grand jury uncovers frauds of \$1,000,000 that has been taken from citizens of the United States by band of sharp operators selling pretended titles to O. & C. land grant lands.

W. J. Clark, editor of the Independence Enterprise and candidate for the legislature, is heartily opposed to the enactment of further freak laws to hamper industry and keep capital from coming here to develop natural resources.—Cottage Grove Sentinel.

Why are towns dead? Because they expend their energies on matters relating to the next world and utopian theories of reform.

Astoria—Methodist will build \$25,000 church here.

\$50,000 paper package factory to be built in Portland.

Coquille—Brick yard proposed here.

Hillsboro—After months of idleness Merrell Lbr. Co. starts.

Mills all along C. & E. Ry. in Linn Co. opening up.

### SCHOOL RALLY APRIL 22

Saturday, April 22nd will be a big day educationally for Aumsville. Eight of the adjoining districts have been invited to be present and several have indicated their intentions to be present.

County Superintendent Smith with his county workers and two or three good speakers will be present. Supt. Smith has had charge of the program and all arrangements except local.

Three contests, including one on declamatory ability, will be held between the schools. Good speakers are promised and each school will have several numbers. A ball game of the county high school series will be held in the afternoon.

The Executive Committee of the Parent-Teachers' Association has taken charge of the arrangements for the large basket dinner to be held at noon. The program will commence at ten o'clock sharp at Hein's Hall.—Record.

In the case of Short vs. Etzel in the Circuit court last week the Plaintiff was given a judgment for \$425.

## NOW IS THE TIME

Royal Worchester Corsets

Ideal for Spring Styles

Back Lace \$1.00 up  
Front Lace \$1.50 up

## Ginghams, Percales, dyed with Old Dyes

Two cases of gingham just opened. These are all of the old dyes and as fast colors as any gingham have ever been.

Extra Wide 34 in. Amoskeag 12 1-2 per yd  
Zephyr Gingham, smooth finish 15c yd  
36 in. Percale Full width 13c yd  
Black and white Stripe Flaxon 18c yd

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