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HILL ROAD MAY YET COME TO STAYTON

Last Year's Surveys May Have Been But Preliminary To Road From Salem To Timber

ALBANY WANTS THE ROAD

Logical Route Would Be Through Stayton and Richardson Gap to Timber Says Evening Telegram

The evening Telegram of November 16, comes out with the rumor that the Oregon Electric will build a railroad from Salem through Stayton and Richardson Gap to the big tract of timber in the Sweet Home district. Although the rumor was denied at the Hill headquarters, yet there is enough in it to refer the inquiries to President Gilman of the S. P. & S. Ry., who is in Honolulu at present, but is expected home by November 25.

The Linn county papers are loud and vociferous in their claims that the new road into the immense timber holdings up the South Santiam will branch from the main line at Albany, and ignore altogether the Salem-Stayton claims.

If the new mills that are to work up the logs were to be placed at Albany, they would have very good grounds on which to base their claims; but as it is acknowledged by all that the mills will be located at Portland, it would seem to a person with good judgment that Salem would be the place for the junction.

If this be true, Stayton's chances for a railroad in 1917 were never brighter. Another aspect of the proposition is the fact that in time the merchantable timber will all be used up in the Sweet Home district and the railroad would be left without the tonnage necessary to keep it up, if it branched at Albany. Coming from Salem through the rich Waldo Hill, Stayton and Jordan country, it would always have a country tributary that would provide tonnage and passengers even after the forests were relegated into the limbo of the past.

Who knows but that the men who spent money for railroad surveys from Salem to Stayton during the last summer did not have this same thing in mind.

Dr. C. H. Brewer reports a fine daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Ignatius Ruef, who live east of Stayton, on Nov. 18.

INDUSTRIES CRIPPLED BY LAWS

The fruit industry at best is not very profitable and in many western states is crippled by foolish restrictive laws.

Growers say they find it almost impossible to make anything on apples and yet we advertise that as one of our pet industries.

Recently at Tremonton, Utah, a cider manufacturer received a carload of cull apples and had to pick out many on account of wormholes.

He offered to sell them at low prices to poor people who were glad to come and get them as they cannot afford to buy the perfect apples. The local fruit inspector stopped the sale, holding the state law did not allow sale of imperfect fruit to the general public.

The Bear River Leader says this is a foolish gag law and should be repealed, and that such drastic laws have nearly killed the fruit industry.

Growers allowed to sell their apples without spending as much as the crop is worth to make the package attractive to millionaires.

In Oregon a similar fool law prevents manufacturing jellies from the waste and windfalls of the orchards, and jellies are bought in the east.

There the apple growers have not so many fool laws invented by soft headed college graduates who never work for a living at any industry.

TOMORROW NIGHT FRIDAY, NOV. 24

Whatever you do, do not fail to see "The Noble Outcast" played by the Sublimity Dramatic Club at the Star Theatre, tomorrow night, Nov. 24.

These young people are drawing phenomenal crowds at Sublimity, Jordan and at Aumsville, and guarantee to please you.

The people who have seen them work at the places above are loud in their praise, and you will laugh and cry in turn if you see "The Noble Outcast." Popular prices: Adults 25c children, 15c. Curtain at 8:15.

WILL BUILD ADDITION

C. A. Silbernagle and Sylvester Bender were over from Jordan Monday for a supply of door frames, windows, etc., for the new addition to the Mary Lord's Catholic church at that place. The new rooms will be used for the teaching of music and for a dining room. The music room will be supplied with organ and piano, and will add much to the entertainment of the young folks.

THANKSGIVING

The United States has one holiday that is peculiar to itself. One that was instituted in the rock-ribbed new England States—Thanksgiving.

Be thankful that you have plenty to eat and wear, a decent home, and happy rosy cheeked boys and girls.

Be thankful that you live in a land of free schools, free thought, free speech and free press.

Be thankful that you are a working unit in the United States of America, the Best Country on Earth.

BANK STATEMENTS SHOW A BIG GAIN IN DEPOSITS AND LOANS

On another page of The Mail will be found the statements of the Stayton Banks. There is every reason to be proud of these statements this month, as they are the best that have been made in the history of the town. It is an acknowledged fact that banks reflect the financial pulse of the community, and the condition of the Stayton institutions surely is healthy and growing rapidly.

The Stayton State Bank comes out with an increase of \$6,000 in Loans and

Discounts over the last statement issued in September, and an increase of \$33,000 in deposits.

The Farmers & Merchants Bank shows a correspondingly increase of \$9,200 in Loans and Discounts and an increase of about \$20,000 in deposits.

Stayton and vicinity should be proud of these financial institutions; for upon their growth and expansion depends to a great degree the growth and expansion of its own business and that of the surrounding territory.

PROGRESSIVES NOMINATE CANDIDATES

The Progressive party held their convention in the Methodist church Tuesday evening and nominated the following candidates: C. D. Stayton and A. D. Murphy for councilmen, J. B. Grier for Recorder, C. A. Beauchamp for Treasurer and Chas. Staab for marshal.

They also elected three committees to serve the party during the ensuing year. The committee is composed of A. D. Gardner, J. R. Miller and J. R. Gardner.

The convention was not very well attended it being reported that there were only twenty-three persons present. The vote cast for the various nominees was as follows: For councilmen, C. D. Stayton, 17; A. D. Murphy 13; W. A. Weddle, 12, and Mrs. J. P. Wilbur, 1; J. B. Grier received the unanimous vote for the convention for recorder. For Treasurer, C. A. Beauchamp 12, and Mrs. J. P. Wilbur 10, For Marshal, Chas. Staab 12 and W. F. Follis 11. The central committee was unanimously elected, there being no opposition.

THOMAS FAMILY WERE VERY EARLY PIONEERS

In a talk with T. H. Thomas of Thomas Creek, this week, he stated to a representative of the Mail that his family could be considered one of the very oldest in Oregon.

Frederick Thomas came to Oregon in 1845 from Missouri and built the first warehouse ever put up in Portland on a claim he took up on what is now Front street. Mr. Thomas was a veteran of the war of 1812, and after a year in Portland, came to Scio where he took up a claim on Thomas Creek which was named after him. He had several sons, one of whom, William, drove the first truck in Portland, two yoke of oxen to a sled. A long way from the buzz wagons of today.

Another son, Washington Thomas was the father of L. A. C. J., Riley and Frank, who are all well known to Stayton people. Still another son, John, was the father of T. H. Thomas. Two of Frederick Thomas' sons William and Charles, live at Gates, Ore., at the advance ages of 83 and 81 years.

NOTICE!

The Hamman-Stout Stage will make freight trips to Salem only one day a week (Thursday)

GETS CHECK FROM HERO COMMISSION

Clair B. Baker, a Southern Pacific trainman, at Portland, Ore., has received a check for \$1,000 from the Carnegie Hero fund Commission for risking his life to save W. A. Salisbury and Archie O. Ramsden from drowning in the Willamette River during the summer of 1911. Ramsden, while swimming, was seized with cramps. Salisbury attempted his rescue but was overcome himself. Baker then plunged in and saved both. The check from the Carnegie Commission follows the receipt by Baker of a bronze medal testifying to his feat. Salisbury shared the same honors as Baker, having received the same amount and a duplicate medal. Previous to his rescue of the swimmers, Baker, while yardmaster, saved a two-and-one-half-year-old child from death under the wheels of a switch engine. The locomotive was rounding a curve when he saw the child straddling a rail on a trestle. Baker rushed out ahead of the engine, seized the child and jumped with it into the canal below—just in time.

Mrs. Jos. Kearns started for Ala. Monday for an extended visit with friends and relatives.

CITY ELECTION WILL BE MONDAY, DEC. 4

The regular city election will be held in the City Hall on Monday, Dec. 4. The polls will be open at 9 a. m. and remain open until 6 p. m. Two councilmen, a recorder, a treasurer and a marshal are to be elected.

J. R. Miller, Grant Murphy and Jess Shepherd have been appointed by the city council as judges and clerks of election.

SKATING RINK HAS BEEN STARTED

A. S. Davie has put in a roller skating rink in the Opera House, and opened up for business on Wednesday evening of this week.

Quite a number of young people availed themselves of the opportunity to skate, and if it looks as if it would be a success. The rink will be open again on Saturday night, Nov. 25.

COLD CREEK MINE WILL SHIP ORE NEXT SPRING

Writer Tells Of Beauties Of Nature And Good Fishing To Found On Little North Fork

PORTLAND IS INTERESTED

Catipillar Truck To Deliver Twenty Tons Per Day Next Summer From Lyons

P. H. Endner, of the Cold Creek Mining Co., Incorporated, writes of a trip up the Little North Fork that every auto tourist and others should take next summer. This is a fisherman's paradise, with mountain scenery as a setting, and with interesting things to see all along the road. Mr. Endner says in part:

"One of the finest auto touring trips on the coast is from Portland on the East side Pacific Highway to the Borden hill where you turn to the left at sign board, Monitor, Silverton and Stayton. Keep on this road to Stayton in time for a good county dinner at the Hotel Stayton, and the proprietor will direct you up one of the finest drives in the Northwest, up the Little North Fork of the Santiam river, which is a fine days drive, returning to Portland in the early evening."

"Our many eastern visitors would enjoy the mountain scenery on both sides of the river; no great hills to climb, this road is cut for quite a way out of solid rock, and all in fine condition. Passing along this road one can see several mining camps of gold, silver and copper until one reaches the Black Eagle mine, when the road comes to an end for a time. This is the largest mine in the district and is well supplied with machinery, and with several tunnels, one being 1700 feet into the mountain. This is a copper mine. After seeing this you can go by a good trail to Great Elk Lake, that is two miles long and 1 1/2 miles wide and full of luscious trout; an ideal summer camp ground, where our Eastern visitors could enjoy a few days or weeks, climbing the mountains to see the many beautiful sights. This is a trip that should be made by all who can. We have made it three times the past season and look forward to repeat it next season."

Mr. Endners also states that he and his partner are striking fine ore in their mine, and have all arrangements made to take out 20 tons per day by caterpillar to Lyons for shipment.

OUR THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

President Wilson again safely returned to the White House. Our Democratic friends are jubilant and thankful because their candidate and principles have triumphed over the Republican candidate and platform, so naturally our Democratic friends feel in a mood to be thankful to our republican friends. We say that they also have reasons to be thankful although their candidate and platform did not win for the reason that the vote of protest that was manifest against the policies of the past administration will be heeded by our president, for the president is always the president of the entire U. S. A. Hence our republican friends have reasons to be thankful. So with our own business; we are thankful to all our friends and also our critics. To our friends for the support they have given us. To our critics who have also been our friends by coming and telling us of mistakes we may have made. Our critics (and we hope we have none of that class) who talk about us to their neighbors and not us are like the lady who made a batch of tea, threw away the juice and served the dry leaves that were bitter to the hostess and guests alike, throwing away the best part of the program. We are not doing business under a cloak of religion or politics, but for the sake of making your dollar go as far as possible and a decent living for us. We will use our ability to the utmost and treat you all fair and impartial under these conditions. We are thankful to you all but not with the thanks of the turkey which graces your Thanksgiving table and yet with a feeling of a spirit that we are trying to do our duty to our fellowman. With that spirit the convincing factor in our business we invite you to be our customer. We are thankfully yours,

W. F. KLECKER

A DISAPPOINTMENT

That the horse buyer failed to come to Stayton last Thursday was a disappointment to many farmers, who had brought in horses. The reason of the delay is unknown so far. The advertising order plainly stated Stayton, Thursday, Nov. 16. The Mail is sorry this happened, but can see no way whereby it could have been avoided.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The high school pupils will be on deck to earn the first money for their new gymnasium, with a Christmas Bazaar on Dec. 9th. Watch for posters and ad of this event which will be unique in character.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday morning at the Methodist church the pastor will discuss "Marks of The New Birth or How I May Know I Am a Christian" a continuation of the topic of last Sunday on "The New Birth". In the evening there will be a special service and a number of short addresses on the general topic of "Thanksgiving", the topic announced last Sunday for the evening being postponed.

The Sunday School meets at 10 o'clock with Mrs. Lockhart superintendent, and the Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. with Miss Hamman as leader. The public is respectfully invited to all these services.

Prices Are Advancing

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DEPARTMENT

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