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## THE AEROPLANE.

From the days of "Darius Green and his Flying Machine" to the present, what a wonderful development in the art of flying there has been! When we see the aeroplanes rising above us, wheeling, circling, obeying every movement of the rudder, we certainly realize that man is learning to dominate the powers of the air.

Development and improvement both in the machine itself and the mastery of it is in great measure due to the war. Up to that time the use of the aeroplane had largely been for experiment and for exhibition. Its possible fields of transportation and of practical use were already efficiently occupied by other agencies.

With the war came the need, and mechanics and aviators responded to it. More improvement was probably made during the four years of war than twenty years of peace would have brought about.

Now that the war is over the development and skill gained will probably turn the aircraft to practical everyday uses.

The aeroplane is already utilized for carrying mail, and its field will undoubtedly be gradually increased to transportation of all kinds. Despite its present high cost of construction it requires neither franchise, rail nor trolley, and so it can compete favorably with other transportation agencies.

It is difficult to predict how general its use may become. It may some day become a customary thing for mankind to "fly upon the wings of the wind."

## UNLOADING ON NORTH DAKOTA.

A dispatch from Bismarck, N. D., tells of the plans of the Non-Partisan League to have the state of North Dakota take over the Equity Co-Operative Packing plant at Fargo.

This is to be done when it is determined whether or not the league can uphold the capvassing board's verdict on the public ownership and unlimited indebtedness amendments.

Only a short time ago the Equity Co-Operative announced its determination to increase the capital stock of the packing concern from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000.

If the Non-Partisan League state officials of North Dakota expect to unload this plant on the state, now is certainly the time to increase the capital stock. But why stop at three millions, why not five or as high as ten millions and then ask the state to buy the common stock of the concern at par.

After viewing the North Dakota situation, it is doubtful whether any western state will want any of this socialistic crowd in control of their institutions.

Strongheart stands on the banks of his happy hunting grounds and smilingly looks upon the people who have formed the United States of his country and raised it to the laurel rank of the earthly nations. He says: "Forgive me white brother, I thought you cruel to take my country from my people; my gods from their altars; my civilization from its barbarians; my place from among the nations of the world—but white brother, the great white Father planned that for my people and that for your people. How could red man, unfit in arms, unlearned in science and unskilled in intelligence have lifted his weak tomahawk with enough power to smash the more savage tribes of 'loch and los' that was growing, growing in the bear fields across the big brook. To what better hearts or thrifits could I have left my country."

In our moment of rejoicing for the boys who will return to their homes and loved ones, let us cast a look toward Him who holds the souls of the fallen who will not return and whose glittering valor rests alone on the simple band of his mother's, his father's, his sister's or his brother's arm in the form of a golden star.

Will some wise person please inform us: With the President and army on one side of the ocean, Congress and the Supreme Court on the other side of the ocean, and the navy all over the ocean, where is Uncle Sam?

The news of Germany's bankruptcy will not be likely to surprise us when we realize that she not only had to support an army in Europe but also an army of three hundred thousand propagandists in the United States.

It certainly takes nerve for a visitor, uninvited in the first instance, to make a second visit without an invitation. This is what the "flu" is doing throughout the country.

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## SCHOOL NOTES

Cecilia Mielke—Editor

The high school was honored by the following visitors during the past week: Miss Margaret Fehlen, who was here from Portland, where she is employed in the office of the Northwest Steel Company; Miss Lila Ware, a University of Oregon student, who spent several days here; Melvin Nipple and Albert Warren, members of last year's graduating class. Melvin is at present employed in Portland and Albert is attending Willamette university at Salem; Miss Clara Shirzinger and Mr. Charles Lair of Portland, who have been visiting at the Charles Hottinger home near Sublimity. They were accompanied by Miss Grace Hottinger.

Mr. Horton and Mr. Grover are both wearing smiles due to the arrival of the much needed scientific apparatus for use in Biology and Physics.

Ernest Aegerter and Lynn and Wallace Neal are fervently praying for the cold weather to cease. They are the boys in the bachelor quarters and their chief complaint seems to be that it is so cold their cook will not rise early enough to allow them to get to school by nine o'clock. This seems to grieve the boys terribly.

The Joseph Hamman children are confined to their home owing to influenza in the family.

Lawrence Mulkey went to Mahama last Sunday but was unable to get back in time for school on Monday. Lawrence does not say just why he was detained and therefore we have come to believe Mahama holds some attraction for him.

The high school students have been enjoying after school and after supper skating. Numerous parties have been formed, to participate in the pastime while it lasts. Needless to say that the ice has never broken through.

Mrs. Lair is suffering from an attack of influenza which will necessitate her absence from school for some time.

Mrs. Humphrey and her pupils have had the card which they received from Mr. Ford framed and placed on the wall of their school room. Mrs. Schifferer and her pupils have also done the same.

Hugh Rossell has been absent from school for several days with a case of real old fashioned la-grippe.

The fifth and sixth grades are at present studying decimals and Mrs. Schifferer reports them as doing good work.

The third and fourth grades have finished their readers this week and will immediately begin a review of them. The fourth grade has also finished Hygiene and Geography and will begin their review at once.

As a last tribute to ex-president Theodore Roosevelt, the flag on the school house was placed at half mast Wednesday. At the request of Professor Grover, Mr. E. Shepherd, who is an old veteran, came to the school and gave a short talk in the high school assembly and in each of the grade rooms. This was in memory of the ex-president and after the talk all arose to pause for one moment in reverence to the passing away of a man whose death has caused nation wide weep.

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ministration has been largely, one of cleaning house from the beginning, and he certainly has accomplished wonderful results in many directions. He found the affairs of the town in a chaotic condition; it was in debt something like \$7000; the ordinances of the town were in a deplorable condition; it was practically impossible to determine with any degree of certainty what the laws of the town were; this condition was due to the fact that ordinances of the town had never been indexed or codified; there were many amendments and repealing clauses, and I know of one instance where an ordinance was passed repealing one that had been repealed several years before; concrete sidewalks were almost nonexistent; the fire department had inadequate equipment; and many other things were in a deplorable condition from the standpoint of modern work.

Under the administration of Mayor Buchanan the town debt was entirely paid off, and a substantial balance has been shown on the financial statement for general purposes; many blocks of concrete sidewalks have been constructed; the fire department has been supplied with an efficient chemical engine; over a mile of water mains have been constructed and put into actual use; the ordinances of the town have been revised, codified and indexed in a modern way; the boundary lines of the town have been established; a substantial and permanent steel bridge for the water mains across the Stayton Water Power Company's canal leading to the pumping plant has been constructed and paid for; a modern primary law has been enacted; a restriction of voters has been provided for, and many other things too numerous to mention have been accomplished during his administration. It is deserving of mention that these things have been done without going into debt, and in fact with nearly \$5000 still in the town treasury.

The future of every town depends upon its own efforts. It goes without saying that any town may prosper indefinitely and other towns and the rest of the world will not complain. The financial status of the town and of every business interest depend largely upon the support of the people of the surrounding country. Yet no special effort has ever been made to make Stayton an inviting center to trade. We need better streets; better lights; drainage and general civic improvements; our buildings need painting all over; the town; old unsightly fences and buildings should be removed; yards cleaned up and decorated with some definite plan; and many other things could be done to make Stayton a beautiful city and a more inviting place.

Our streets should be kept in good condition the year round. The principal highways leading into the town and our business streets should receive first consideration. Good streets will cost something to maintain but we cannot afford to not have them. They cannot all be improved at once, but some definite plan should be established for improvement and development of our streets until they are placed in a modern condition.

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entirely eliminating the road district feature. Leaving the matter of highway improvement entirely to the town as a municipal corporation.

The present charter provisions of charging street improvement to the abutting property in general use throughout the state, and is in harmony with the Bureau of Roading Act, which permits the property owners to pay for their street improvement in ten annual installments, if they so desire. No doubt it is an equitable way of making improvements, however this plan has not met with popular approval within the town of Stayton. The results are, that we have not improved our streets to any noticeable extent. Results in what courts and in the connection will state that it is important that some plan ought to be adopted that will insure permanent street improvement.

The time is coming when it will be necessary for us to consider a plan for drainage of the town, with a definite sewage plan. The general health of the people depend largely upon the sanitary condition of the town. A well defined plan for drainage will be of municipal importance in this connection.

Our lighting system needs special mention. Our street lights in particular have never been satisfactory and it is not probable that they will be in the near future. The public health and safety are affected when the lighting system is not in proper condition. The street lights in particular have never been satisfactory and it is not probable that they will be in the near future. The public health and safety are affected when the lighting system is not in proper condition.

The street lighting system will be improved if the town can secure a more uniform system and improve the service in general. In this connection I will state that we ought not to be restricted to pay the increased rate until the improvements are actually installed. At the present time there is no contract between the town and the electric lighting company. In my opinion a contract covering the public lighting of the town would eliminate the possibility for trouble in many instances, that have been a source of annoyance in the past.

The water system from a municipal ownership standpoint has been a success. It has in the past taken care of all demands for water, however, the time will soon come when it will be necessary to consider substantial changes. It is important that these matters be considered before the immediate necessity of the situation arises. Although the water funds are kept separate from the general fund, the first cost of the system was paid for out of the general fund, and has never been repaid to the general fund. It is my opinion that the water fund will be able to take care of all replacements if the first cost was donated to it.

Provision is specially favored, from almost every standpoint, and doubt but owing to a combination of circumstances that are apt to have never been favored with a railroad. Railroads, like other business enterprises, are established where definite results are in prospect. If Stayton had a railroad our mills and factories would be able to compete with the outside world. It is generally conceded that a substantial payroll in the main support of all towns. This would necessarily follow if Stayton developed into a shipping point. It is my opinion that we could afford to take some definite action to induce a road to build into town.

In conclusion will state that the time has come for the active participation of every citizen of the entire town, and every individual if we want to give our town a better future. The question is not how much we can get, but how much we can give. I believe that this is to be an era of prosperity throughout the entire Northwest. The way has been laid out what a community needs in the way of public funds for a good cause. It has proved the value and necessity of co-operation. We can do the same things in connection with our municipal improvements with a proper organization for co-operation with definite plans for results. This we must do, if Stayton is to develop into a thrifty industrial city.

Respectfully submitted,  
—Grant Murphy,  
Mayor.