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ESTIMATE COST OF OPERATION OF PROPOSED RAILROAD FROM WEST STAYTON TO STAYTON

The railroad question in Stayton seems to have lost none of its enthusiasm, for the fact that owing to the town not having the required population to bond it was necessary that special legislation be had allowing us to bond the town, providing the voters so decided. This has been done and the bill has passed the legislature and has been signed by the Governor.

It was at first thought that the project would not meet with the approval of the voters, but every day the talk is getting stronger and in favor of a railroad.

It is the intention of those who have the matter in hand—and who are working with the city council, to call a public meeting in the near future, at which time the matter of expense, etc., will be explained thoroughly to them before it is placed before the people.

The following is a table of operating expenses. Read it, and when the meeting is called be there to express your views on it.

That the Town of Stayton bond itself for \$75,000 to construct a railroad from West Stayton to Stayton; that an operating company is to be formed who will lease the road from the town and guarantee the payment of the bond with interest as they become due, the payments to be distributed over a period of twenty-five years; at the end of this time, the bonds having been retired, the town will deed the railroad to the operating company.

A survey has been made and the cost of construction determined, which we believe to be very conservative.

The traffic survey, which it is agreed by prominent business men is also conservative, as well as an equally conservative estimate of the operating expense, is given in the following statement.

	Present Cost	Total Saving
1200 cars logs at \$ 3.00	\$ 3 600.00	by truck saving 4 500.00
450 cars lumber out at 10.00	\$ 4 500.00	9 000.00
100 cars wheat, flour and grain, 28 ton to the car, per ton at .50	1 400.00	2 800.00
36 cars of feed in 25 ton to car, per ton at .50	450.00	1 125.00
75 cars of potatoes, out at \$10.00	750.00	
1500 tons of excelsior out at .50	750.00	1 875.00
750 cords excelsior wood, in at .50	375.00	837.50
4000 cords slab and cord wood, in at .50	2 000.00	5 000.00
22 cars mdse. at \$15.00	375.00	750.00
20 cars live stock at \$10.00	200.00	
175 cars, less than car load lots in and out at \$20.00	3 500.00	7 000.00
Express, in and out	1 500.00	3 000.00
Passengers, in and out	2 000.00	
Miscellaneous, in and out.	1 500.00	3 000.00
Total income	\$22 900.00	Total Saving on items as given above \$18 037.50
Operating Expenses		
Engineer \$ 175.00		
Conductor 150.00		
Fireman 135.00		
Motorman 150.00		
Track Walker 100.00		
Per month \$700.00		
Per year \$8 400.00		
Maintenance and Depreciation, 5% on \$75,000	\$3 750.00	\$14 950.00
Total amount of receipts over costs of operation	\$ 7 950.00	

To be used in paying interest and providing a sinking fund for the payment of the bonds as they fall due.

The Brown-Petzel Lumber Company have formed connections whereby they have assets consisting of timber, logging road, and saw mill, and full equipment, amounting to \$480,000.00.

If the people of Stayton will vote for a bond issue to provide capital for the construction of said railroad, they need go no farther until the Brown-Petzel Lumber Company has taken the necessary steps to increase the output of their mill to at least double their present capacity.

A Banquet

A banquet will be given by the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal church to Professor B. F. Ford, and to all the soldiers, sailors, marines and men of the aviation corps living in the town of Stayton or immediate neighborhood, about the middle of this month. The day will be set just as soon as Professor Ford returns from France. He left Paris on the first of this month. He will have a great story to tell us at the close of the banquet about his going "over

the top" and all his other experiences in France and Germany.

We expect the largest and most enthusiastic meeting ever held in Stayton.

I understand Mr. Ford has received the French medal for bravery. W. J. Warren, Pastor.

James Mielke came up from Portland Saturday night to spend Sunday with home folks. He made the trip in a Ford with George and John Kohwein, whose home is near Jordan. The boys all returned to Portland Sunday night.

WHAT A SUBSCRIBER THINKS OF THE EDITOR

Some ten days ago the Mail listed a number of delinquent subscribers with a Los Angeles collection agency. This was done on account of the fact that we had a number of subscribers that were in arrears, and owing to the fact that we were about to make an affidavit as to the number of bona fide subscribers we have—to satisfy our advertisers, it was necessary that all back subscriptions should be paid. The results have been better than we anticipated in the fact that nearly all of the bills have been received in the way they were tendered—"just a bill from the poor editor for subscription—to help him pay his rent and keep a roof over his family's head."

We have received checks from a number of our live subscribers, who were in arrears, thanking us for having the nerve to charge \$1.50 a year for what they can get in the Oregonian for \$6, in fact some of them got real flowery—but omitted the flowers—telling us to keep right on and they hope that the Mail will prosper and become "the best paper in town" in time. For this we are grateful and hope that the sun may shine upon their heads "E Pluribus Unum."

Let's see, are there any more letters that will cheer the editor? No. Here is one that tells us where to head in at—it comes from a business man of Aumsville who is in the insurance business and has done SOME collecting himself.

Aumsville, Ore., 3, 3-19
Editor, Stayton Mail,
Stayton, Oregon

Stop your paper, I do not patronize men who send away and have their business transacted. Stayton has two lawyers who are able to collect all the paltry bills you have. I suppose you aid Sears & Roebuck and expect the home merchants to give your paper their ads. Yours truly,

Henry Steinkamp.

We are sorry dear Henry, that you have cast the Mail aside. It may not be worth \$1.50 a year as a "news" paper, but it has a cob skinned a mile—if you only knew it. Anyway we don't care what you think about us, but we thought it would be good policy to let the public know just how you feel when you receive a bill for subscription.

New Stayton Orchestra Gives Their First Dance

The O. D. O. (Olive Drab Orchestra) recently organized by J. F. Lau, gave their first dance in the Trotter building Monday evening, March 3, and upon their initiation were greeted by a large and appreciative crowd.

It is their intention to give weekly dances after the Lenten season is over and if suitable arrangements can be made for a dancing floor.

The orchestra is composed of the following members, Miss Gladys Hamman, Piano, J. F. Lau, Violin, Dan Doll, Cornet, Roy Follis, Trombone.

They are all thorough musicians and the verdict of the crowd was that the new orchestra was a "hum dinger."

O. M. Baker, local agent for the Ghevrolet at Kingston, made a business trip to Albany the first of the week.

STAYTON GUARD ELECT J. H. THOMA CAPTAIN

Company A, Oregon Guard of Stayton have elected a new captain, 2nd Lieutenant Thoma being elected to this position by the unanimous vote of the company. The election took place last Monday evening at a meeting called for that purpose. The selection of a captain became necessary on account of former captain Lambert being promoted to a majorship in Portland last October.

The election was conducted by Colonel Smith of McMinnville, who was former y captain of the Silton company. He was promoted to colonel before leaving Silverton. These deserved promotions were the result of active interest taken in the welfare of their respective companies. The Stayton and Silverton companies are among the best drilled in the state guard.

The election of Lieut. Thoma as captain was no surprise, as he has been one of the most active members, and was one of the promoters of its organization. He has unusual executive ability and no doubt make an excellent captain. It is not yet known who his lieutenants will be, as these offices are appointive.

Colonel Smith reported that he had received unofficial information that the state guard would be disbanded soon, the emergency for which it was organized no longer existing, and the legislature not providing for its further maintenance.

Notice to the Public

Commencing on April first, 1919, the blacksmith shops of Missler & Taylor and Wm. A. Cladek, of Stayton, Oregon, will be run on a cash basis. This is deemed necessary on account of our having to pay cash and high prices for material and help.

Messler & Taylor,
W. A. Gladek.

"THE PET OF THE CAMP" EXCELLENTLY PORTRAYED

On last Friday evening, February 28, the Sublimity Dramatic Club, which has been pleasing the people of Sublimity and vicinity for the past three or four years, added another wreath to their laurels when they presented to another large and appreciative audience one of the best home talent productions we have witnessed in many moons.

Each member of the company was particularly adapted to the character represented, and the work of each and every one showed the result of careful study and preparation.

The play, a western comedy-drama, abounds in thrilling situations, and also has a rich vein of comedy running through it which was principally handled by the two negro characters, Patsy and Adonis.

The writer has seen hundreds of home talent plays, but it remained for the Sublimity Dramatic Club to furnish the best evening's entertainment we have had the pleasure of witnessing since we were in Chicago (where the spoken drama still holds its own) in December 1916.

After the play, the hall was cleared and dancing was indulged in until a late hour.

In parting will say to the company as a whole, if you have anything else just as good "up your sleeve," shell it out.

"RUBE."

George Keech Boosts For Good Roads

The Market Road Committee, which was appointed for the purpose of laying out 125 miles of trade roads in Marion county, met in regular session at Salem on Tuesday and our representative from here, George Keech, reports that the committee have adopted the following roads for hard surfacing which will effect Stayton and adjacent territory.

Beginning at a point two miles east of Stayton on Mahama road, thence to Stayton, Sublimity, Aumsville, Turner and Salem. Also commencing at oak tree on Stayton-Turner road, running south to Crawford school house thence on to Marion. Also commencing at Everett Downing's corner on Stayton-Silverton road, thence running to Waldo corner thence on to Salem. A more detailed account will be given in the next issue.

REAL ESTATE IS ON THE MOVE

A number of properties in the Stayton vicinity have been sold within the past ten days. Some of the deals made by Geo. A. Smith, our local real estate man are the Rudolph Kusy farm of 150 acres sold to Joseph Hendricks; the John Heiderer farm of 107 acres sold to J. A. Wourms and the Trotter corner to E. T. Mathieu.

A couple of other farms have been sold, but details are as yet unobtainable. George has been working over time the last month as is evidenced by the sales he has made. He reports that he has several other buyers with whom he can do business providing he can get good farms for them at prices that seems right to them.

Now, if we had a railroad leading into Stayton and the several industries that would spring into active existence as a direct result of convenient transportation, quite a considerable part of the dormant city properties of the town could be sold into the hands of town home builders and industrial laborers.

UNION HILL RESIDENT DIES AT AGE OF 69

William Fulton Hedges died at the home of his brother-in-law, Dave Pattoff, at Union Hill on March 4th, at the age of 69.

Deceased has been in failing health for some time and came to Union Hill some time ago in the hopes that the change would be for the better.

He lived in Portland for a number of years where he operated a ferry at St. Johns. He was well known here and in the city of Portland.

The funeral was held at Union Hill on March 6th and was in charge of W. A. Weddie of the Ringo Undertaking parlors of Stayton. Interment was in the cemetery at Union Hill at ten o'clock.

Deceased leaves a wife to mourn his taking away.

The Catholic Order of Foresters held an enthusiastic meeting in their hall in Stayton Wednesday evening for the purpose of honoring the Petrok brothers, who lately returned from service in Europe. A jolly time was had and the boys told some interesting stories of their trip across the pond.

MNAVY DESERTER TAKEN TO BREMERTON

Henry Smith last week received the following telegram from the Navy Yard, Puget Sound, Washington.

Chief of Police, Stayton, Ore. Charles R. Russell declared a deserter from this station. A reward of \$50 offered. Reported he is staying at home of E. H. Meyers. Description list and offer of reward being mailed to you.

G. B. Slocum,
U. S. Receiving Ship,
Puget Sound, Washington.

Mr. Smith immediately telegraphed back that there was not a Charles R. Russell at the Meyers home, but that there was a Charles Russell Street, whom he believed was the deserter they were seeking.

Instructions then came to take him into custody and to deliver him to the U. S. Receiving Ship, at the Navy Yard, Puget Sound, Washington, and receive the reward. Henry then went to the Meyers home, and without any any trouble arrested young street and brought him to town, placing him in the local jail, where he was kept until Friday morning. Henry then deputized his son North, who returned to Bremerton with the deserter.

The description list which was mailed to Henry, gave the information that Street enlisted at Minnesota, April 20, 1918, for the duration of the war. Residence claimed was Des Moines, Iowa, where he said he was born April 15, 1897. His nearest living relative given, was Elsie Potter, who is known here.

This is the 2nd or 3rd time that Street has deserted and the penalty is very severe, being death, or such other punishment as a general courtmartial may direct.

Prominent Turner Man Dies From Accident

Robert Rockwell Tracy, aged 22, superintendent of the Turner telephone line, met with an accident near Stayton on Monday at one o'clock while at work, from which he died at 5 o'clock the same day.

Robert, with a crew of men were in the act of resetting a telephone pole, the same being suspended in the air by some wires. A passing automobile caught in one of the wires which caused the pole to drop, striking Robert on the head. He was immediately taken into the Len Walker home and medical aid sent for. Dr. Brewer responded to the call.

Robert was made as comfortable as possible and it was thought that he was not seriously hurt, being conscious and talking with those near him.

Later in the day he became worse and died at five o'clock in the evening, death being due to a fracture at the base of the brain.

Deceased was a stockholder in the Turner telephone company, and lived with his parents near Turner.

Funeral services were held at Turner Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Rev. Warren of the Methodist church, of Stayton, officiating. Interment was in the Turner cemetery.

Deceased leaves a father and one brother, Clinton, to mourn his loss.

B. F. Berringer of Lyons and Ed Taylor and Mr. Passens of Mehama, were in town for a short time on Wednesday.