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FRANCHISE GRANTED TO PORTLAND SOUTHEASTERN RAILROAD BY COUNCIL AT SPECIAL MEETING SATURDAY

GRANT ISSUED TO E. P. McMAHAN COMPANY TRANSFERRED TO PORTLAND SOUTHEASTERN ROAD—THREE YEAR GRANT

That the railroad question is shaping itself in the eyes of a few Stayton people is a conceded fact.

At a special meeting of the city council Saturday evening, the old grant that was signed to the P. McManan company for a franchise to build a railroad through Stayton, and which held good till the first day of January 1920, was transferred to the Portland & Southeastern, the company that is looking for a right-of-way for a through line from Portland to Bend.

On notification that the McMahan company had turned over their contract to the new company, the council deemed it advisable to call a special meeting and look into the matter.

After careful consideration of the matter a new ordinance was drafted to cover the cancelling of the old contract and giving the Portland & Southeastern road the following privileges:

"Commencing at a point in the center of First where said First street intersects the right-of-way of said railroad at or near station L 862-58; running thence south along or near the center of first street to its intersection with the center of Water street; thence easterly along or near the center of Water street to a point near or just easterly of the intersection of Third street; thence in a northeasterly direction over and across Fourth street; thence over and across private property to the intersection of Sixth street with the Salem ditch; thence northerly along the center of the east half of Sixth street to the

intersection of Hollister street. Also, commencing in the center of Water street at its intersection with First street and running thence westerly along or near the center of Water street and West Water street to the west end of West Water street. Also: Commencing at a point in the center of the East half of Sixth street with its intersection with Hollister street and running thence along the center of Hollister street the entire length thereof as now laid out and indicated according to the record plat thereof now on file and of record in the office of the county recorder in and for Marion.

The life of the new contract is three years. This may seem a long time, but when one considers that the government has not yet turned the railroads back to the individual owners—and that it will take at least—well, guess again—nobody knows how long.

That Stayton is in line for a railroad is a conceded fact and with the exceptions of a few of the (we don't need a railroad knockers—on account that it will raise our taxes) the project is meeting with a velvet feeling.

This company has men at work on a part of the road that will tap rich mining and agricultural sections of this part of the country and we are informed that the route is from Mount Angel through this place thence along the middle fork of the Santiam river through Withycombe and Quartzville Mining company to Three Pyramids (Three Sisters), then due south to Lava Lake, east to Lost Lake and through the Cascades at Hogs Pass.

Stayton has a number of live citizens who are over and above board. They get out and hustle to land every industry that heads our way—but they are handicapped by a few who can't see that competition is the

EUGENE DITTER BUYS DITTER-BELL STOCK

Eugene Ditter, son of Jack Ditter, has purchased the grocery department from Ditter-Bell Co. at Sublimity, and will continue in business at the old stand.

Eugene has been connected with the above firm for a number of years and has a host of friends who are glad to see him in business. He will carry a full stock of groceries, auto accessories, oils, etc., and will strive at all times to please his patrons.

Messrs Ditter and Bell the retiring firm have been in business in Sublimity for the past twenty years and have built up a general store business second to none in the valley. Their plans for the future have not been laid, but we hope they will see fit to remain in our midst.

KNOWS OF SPECIAL BAIT THAT GETS THE FISH

A party composed of John Thoma, H. T. Grace, George Brown and George Beedle and son will go to the coast Saturday in search of the big fish.

Thoma says he knows the best bait on the market and in fact told the editor how a friend of his caught fish by the wholesale.

We are not in a position to divulge the name of the bait but John says it is the best on the market—even suckers have been known to take it.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Blakely will be pleased to hear that a 6 pound boy arrived at their home at Berlin, Oregon, on July 20, and has announced his intention of making his home with them.

SALEM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA TO RESUME PRACTICE

Conductor John R. Sikes, of the Salem Symphony Orchestra announces that practice will be resumed the first week in October and in talking with the Mail reporter, the first of the week, he said he would like to make the organization state wide if he could. He invites all musical inclined people in this part of the county to get in touch with him as he wants members from all over the county.

If you can play any kind of an instrument and want to get into good company in the musical line write to Prof. Sikes at Salem.

Jordan Cheese Factory Ships \$10,000 Worth of Cheese to Los Angeles

In an interview with P. D. McIntosh, manager and cheese maker of the Jordan Cheese Factory, last week we learned that business has been exceptionally good with them. In June the factory shipped \$10,000 worth of the product to Los Angeles and will ship a car load this week to San Francisco.

The capacity of the plant is 1000 pounds of cheese a day and it is of the finest grade. They are behind with orders which shows that Jordan cheese is in demand.

life of trade.

Stayton is going to take on new life in the near future, and he who says nay, has a crook in his gun barrel.

This road cannot be built in a day but it can be built in the near future.

DELBERT MURPHY WRITES FROM ITALY

Trieste, Italy
June 22, 1919

Dear Mamma and Papa—

Will drop you a line to-day to let you know or at least give you an idea of this country because I have sure seen some of it. However I may be home by the time this letter reaches you.

There are things here that breaks my heart with pity for these people. There are things that are most beautiful too.

Most men have to go without shoes. Food and clothing are out of sight as far as money is concerned. Sugar is unknown since the war. The flour we brought over sold for \$20.00 a barrel on the dock. Every bit of what was spilled on the street was picked up. There are many war cripples here besides the other sufferers. Food is being shipped in as fast as possible to give them relief.

Trieste is about the size of Portland. Only one building was hit by an Aeroplane bomb which done lots of damage. Trieste is also in the same latitude as Portland too, but is 10,500 miles east of it.

I went out to the battle fields 12 miles west of Trieste. Everything is laid flat to the ground. The ground is rocky and most of the fighting, here, was done in the open. I picked up 3 shell clips, 1 one pound shell, 1 gas mask, 2 bayonets, 1 helmet a piece of sharpnel 1 trench spade and etc.

Everything is much like it was last November, the automobiles and heavy guns having been taken away and in some places they even remain.

In one swamp where hand to hand fighting occured I saw 60,000 dead men on about 160 acres. It was a terrible sight and the fumes made a gas mask come in handy. Men torn to pieces in all shapes. Arms, legs, hands, feet, heads and bodies strewn all over the ground besides guns (rusted beyond further use), bayonets, shells and shrapnel shot in from the hillsides. Such was my first and last visit to a battle field of the world's worst war.

So far as I can see there will be some more war before long as these countries are remobilizing their armies. Peace must be dealt with care to prevent it.

We have been down from here to a place called Ragusa (Rahgoos'a) between Montenegro and Austria. It has wonderful sights also great historical relations about the time of Christ. I counted 12 different army and navy uniforms of different countries, Serbia, Montenegro, England, Austra, Italy, Germany, Turkey, France, Greece and the U. S. A. The beauties of ancient stone buildings with tile roofs and small railroads and streets loose their beauty in my estimation when I think of the U. S. A.

Even the hillsides there are made productive if there is anything on them like soil. Most every tree bears fruit or nuts.

It is too hard to earn a living here. Anything is cheap except food, clothes and cigarettes.

Personally I am in good health and hope all of Stayton is the same. With love, Delbert.

The Messrs Henry Lulay, Leo Willing and Ralph Tate have recently left for Eastern Oregon where they expect to find employment in the harvest fields.

LINN COUNTY FAIR SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18

The editor of the Scio Tribune states that the Linn County Fair, which will be held at Scio, will this year eclipse anything that has heretofore been held in the history of the association.

Now that the war is over there is no restrictions on anything and those having the fair in charge will leave nothing undone that will make this year's event one to be remembered by the people of this part of the state.

Leonard Gilkey superintendent of the agricultural department is making preparations for one of the largest showings of grain and other products. A premium list is being prepared covering all lines of exhibit and the prizes will be the best. Those interested should get in touch with the President, who will furnish full particulars.

NOTICE TO WATER USERS

To patrons of the Stayton Water System.

You are requested to use all care to prevent waste of water when irrigating or sprinkling and to comply with the regulations in regard to the use of hydrants.

Use but one hose at a time, with a nozzle or sprinkler on with pinch opening, and not leave a hydrant open at night.

Do not use hose without nozzle at any time.

If the useless waste of water is continued the city will be obliged to enforce the regulations even if the water must be shut off at the street connections.

I hope this will be sufficient.

J. B. Grier, Recorder

W. F. Klecker and family motored to Cascadia Sunday.

GOVERNOR'S POPULARITY IS GROWING FAST

The following telegram was sent to Governor Olcott by the Lane County Fair Association, of which Ray H. Wood is secretary, last Thursday:

"Can you arrange to do a parachute jump two or three days during the Lane county fair? The act may furnish you with thrills not experienced in your previous airplane work. We are counting on your well known nerve and audacity to prompt you to accept this invitation."

O. E. MYERS HOME IS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

Girl Temporarily Blinded From Electrical Shock—Wednesday's Electrical Storm Worst This Section Has Seen in Many Years

The electric storm which passed over this section early Wednesday came very near destroying the residence of O. E. Myers, who lives between here and Sublimity.

Mr. Myers said the house was struck in five different places and took fire in three different places. One bolt struck in the brick foundation and threw brick into the window where William Myers was sleeping about ten feet away. The telephone was put completely out of commission and was brought to town for repairs.

It was fortunate for Mr. Myers that all the boys were at home as he said it took some hustling to keep the home from burning. People who saw the place Wednesday morning say it is a miracle that some of the family were not killed.

While Carl Follis and Frank Harold were coming to town to catch the early stage, a bolt of lightning struck near them when they were close to the covered bridge across the river and Carl was knocked down and Frank Harold was somewhat stunned. The boys recovered in a short time and came into town. Carl was a little nervous but Frank was alright.

The Stayton Telephone office was put out of commission for a short time. Trees and fences were tore up along the path of the storm.

J. B. Van Handle's daughter, who was picking berries Wednesday morning, received an electric shock which left her blind for some time. She has fully recovered.

The two children of John Dozler, who were in the grain field early in the morning, were knocked down by the lightning. They were shaken up some but are none the worst from the shock.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Humphreys were visiting their son at Monroe the first of the week, returning Wednesday.



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