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Stayton Citizens Awake We May Get Railroad Must Furnish Right

The Portland and Southeastern Railway Company gave a banquet to the citizens of Stayton and vicinity last night. The banquet was given at the Stayton Hotel. The hotel was filled to overflowing. The purpose of the meeting was to make a definite proposition to the citizens of Stayton and vicinity as to what would be expected of them in the way of securing a real transcontinental railroad. The railroad was represented by Mr. M. Lynott who has had charge of the work for several years.

A letter was read from the board of directors of the Portland and Southeastern Railroad Company setting forth what would be expected of this locality. The letter stated that they would expect the citizens of this vicinity to furnish a right-of-way from and including the L. S. Lambert farm northwest of Stayton, easterly to Linn county line beyond Mehama following their present survey.

It was stated positively that the railroad company would not demand any money or other bonus, but that the right-of-way would have to be furnished or else the people back of the proposition would be obliged to look elsewhere for a route through the mountains.

It is conceded that the cost of a right-of-way, if purchased, would exceed the cost of construction in many instances and the railroad people stated that if Stayton and vicinity really want a railroad they must show that fact to the people back of the enterprise by furnishing the right-of-way for the road.

Representatives of the road stated that they would not demand the right-of-way until the road began construction work and that they would agree in the right-of-way agreement to have the road constructed and in actual operation within two years. However, they demand a showing of good faith on the part of the citizens of Stayton and vicinity in the way of an agreement that the right-of-way would be furnished when demanded.

The present railroad project commenced over three years ago, but on account of the war they were unable to continue. The United States government having taken over the control and management of all roads during the period of war. It is expected

that this condition will soon be abrogated and roads will be permitted to operate under their former management.

It is a matter of common knowledge to those who have investigated this proposed route that it will be one of the most productive lines within the state of Oregon. There are other localities making an effort to induce these people to change their route further south, but they have advised the local people if the right-of-way is secured there will be no change.

Mount Angel was also represented at the meeting, each of whom gave a detailed outline of how they had secured its railroad connections, and they are now out after this one.

Mr. J. W. Mayo is chairman of the right-of-way committee. He stated that before the business was closed he would expect to have every man and woman in the eastern part of Marion county on the committee unless the right was secured.

Nearly everyone approached for right-of-way through their property have been very reasonable. Many have donated it for the good of the community. Others who are in some instances quite seriously inconvenienced on account of the location have agreed to do all they could. Of course there are a few who have indicated that they would expect an abnormal sum for the right-of-way. It is hoped that every person through whose property this road will run do what they can to help the cause along, for every dollar paid will have to be raised by subscription locally and it is only a matter of being public spirited for a common cause and the general welfare of the entire community.

Another feature is that every one is vitally interested in the future development of this section of the county. It means an increase in the value of property, a shorter haul for the farmers, and other transacting business.

This is about the only community in Marion county without railroad accommodations and it is hoped that this condition will soon be eliminated.

The Hotel Lesley was the scene of the gathering and with the well laden tables of good things to eat there was not a dull moment, in fact the speakers had to talk real strong before they could get the attention of the audience. The hotel management was profusely complimented on the service and manner of conducting the best spread ever put before the people of Stayton.

Birthday Party

Delightful hospitality was extended, on Saturday, by Mrs. Harry A. Beauchamp, who entertained about twenty ladies in honor of her mother Mrs. J. H. Hawley. Reminiscences of pioneer times was a feature of the afternoon and many interesting incidents were recounted by Mrs. Hawley whose parents crossed the plains by ox team in 1847. A piece of plaid silk was displayed by Mrs. Hawley which her father purchased in San Francisco in 1849 the famous "gold mine" days. He was twenty-one days making the trip home to Portland by sail vessel.

The home of John Sandner of near Scio was the scene of a pleasant gathering last Thursday when about twenty of his married friends gathered at his home to pay him their respects on his 27th birthday. A large birthday cake decorated with 27 candles held down the center of the table which was laden with lots of good things to eat. The event was held in the evening and the color scheme of green and pink was carried out. Music and games helped to make the evening a merry one.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Humphreys made a business trip to Portland Monday of this week.

BRIDGE ACROSS SANTIAM UNDERGOING REPAIRS

As a result of the petition circulated some time ago asking the county courts of Linn and Marion counties to raise the approach to the steel bridge across the Santiam river at this place, a crew of men have been put to work and the north approach to the bridge will be raised five feet.

The approach is very steep and it has been difficult for loaded auto trucks and horse drawn vehicles to make the main bridge.

Judge Bushy of Marion county and Commissioner T. J. Butler of Linn county were here Tuesday and looked over the work that is being done. The work will be paid for jointly by the two counties.

The large timbers which are being used in the repair work were furnished by the Brown-Petzel lumber company. The timbers are 54 and 58 feet long.

The Phez Co.'s truck with Jess Shepherd at the helm came into town Wednesday with a load of crates for Chas. Gehlen, who will buy blackberries during the season. The season will open soon and last year Mr. Gehlen said he bought blackberries till further orders. This year he will be better equipped than ever to handle fruit.

A Mean Trick, Anyhow

Last Sunday while four girls were bathing in the cool and sparkling waters at Silver Creek falls a man walked up to the piles of clothing and gathered up the entire wardrobe of one of the young ladies and disappeared in the timber. Little effort was made to stop the stranger and the young lady returned home clad in a disappointed smile and an Indian blanket.

WILL TALK ON PROHIBITION

Worldwide Prohibition of the liquor traffic as the next and final step in temperance reform will be advocated by several speakers who will conduct a campaign in Oregon between October 13 and November 9, both inclusive, under the direction of the Anti-Saloon League of America with the co-operation of the Anti-Saloon League of Oregon.

The speakers will be Rev. Louis Albert Banks, of Boston, preacher and author; Rev. Dr. Ira Landrith, also of Boston, educator, lecture and prominently connected with the Christian Endeavor movement; Rev. G. M. Hammond, of Nashville, Tenn.;

George D. Conger, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Washington and Louis R. Horton, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Idaho.

Practically every city and town of any size in the state will be visited by one or more of these speakers and admission to all meetings will be free. Both men and women, it is announced, are invited.

Law enforcement in the United States, coupled with importance of the election or appointment of officials favorable to enforcement also will be urged by the speakers.

Dr. Brewer recently removed the tonsils and adenoids of both the sons of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Sanders, and also of the small daughter of M. S. Burson of Mill City.

FIRST STAYTON MAN TO TAKE AIR RIDE

V. Dare Sloper, he of the "High Ambitions," went to Salem Friday in company with Dr. Brewer—as he said to keep the Doctor company on the trip. The Mail reporter learned that that was only a "Hoax" as Dare has, for some time, been determined to take a ride in the flying machine that has been taking passengers up close to where all good men expect to go when they leave this earth for good—from the fair ground at Salem, at \$10.00 per fifteen minutes.

Dare belongs to several lodges and has several calouses from coming into contact with the different goats and when he entered the arena, when the flying machine was anchored, his heart sort of stood still—and then began to take a firm hold of his Adams Apple. He pulled down his chin, wiped off his vest and said to himself: "I'll take a chance" and up he went 5,000 feet above us all.

In describing the feeling Dare said: "Before I knew it we were circling the State House dome and then we dipped down towards the city and again we were up in the air. The Center Street bridge looked like a toy and the street cars were mere trifles to what I sell to the kids at Christmas time and about the time I thought I was enjoying the trip the blamed machine took a dip and we landed where we started from."

John Pieser, who has been in France in Base Hospital work for the past year, returned to Sublimity, Wednesday. This leaves only two of the Sublimity boys across the pond, Roy Downing and Frank Raucher, who are expected home any day.

Mr. and Mrs. George Beedle have been enjoying a visit from Mrs. Beedle's sister, Mrs. H. J. Wait, of Portland, and Mrs. Caughell, Mrs. Beedle's sister-in-law of Salem, the past week.

Tell President of Mexican Murder



Mrs. John Correll and her 16-year-old son are now in Washington, from their ranch near Tampico, Mexico, where facts regarding the murder of the husband and father, John W. Correll by Mexican bandits are being placed before President Wilson. The Carranza government realizing the seriousness of the situation at a late hour agrees to "punish" the bandits. Correll was killed when he interfered as the bandits shot at his son—and two assaulted his wife.

GROCERIES OF QUALITY

Look more to the quality of your Groceries than to the price. When you buy cheap groceries they are cheap. If you want the best groceries the market affords, buy here. You will get full value for your money.

Summer Goods

New white wash skirts in great variety of styles and materials. Gingham aprons and house dresses cheaper than you can make them. Summer underwear.

Shoes for men, women and children. This store has no unworthy stock to offer or to advertise. Satisfaction is guaranteed.

Summer Clothing

Samples of tailor-made clothing from the celebrated International line of men's guaranteed suits. From the large line of samples you can choose the latest styles.

Twenty years experience in measuring and fitting suits and garments for men and young men. Fit and materials guaranteed.

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Joe Pieser, Joe Fisher, Everett and Marble Crabtree and Henry Smith went back of Mad Creek at Camp 14 last Saturday after blackberries. The boys were very successful and returned with close to 70 gallons of berries.

J. H. Hendershot has been a busy man since the electrical storm last week, repairing telephones. The Mail office phone is still out of commission and will be till repairs are received from Portland.

Ed Bell is back at work in the bank after a two week's vacation the most of which was spent near Goldendale, Wash. He visited for several days with the Andrew Rauscher family, formerly of Stayton. Ed reports a most enjoyable trip and says that he saw many things of interest while away.



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