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MAKE TERMS WITH RAILWAY

Southern Pacific Will Build Underground Crossings.

TO ERECT NEW DEPOT

Railroad Corporation in Ex- Change For Trackage Rights in City Will Build Crossings.

The contest which has been waged for several years between the Southern Pacific and Oregon City, and which was finally taken to the Supreme court for settlement, has at last been adjusted in a manner highly satisfactory to both parties. At a special meeting of the city council Tuesday night the railway company in consideration of certain trackage rights allowed them on land lying below the bluff which belongs to the city, agreed to build three underground crossings at the intersection of Third, Seventh and Fourteenth streets for the accommodation of Oregon City people who have cause to travel from the lower part of the city to the hill.

The decision of the supreme court whereby it was stated that the property along the bluff claimed by the Southern Pacific belonged to the city, was handed down last winter. This put to rest the claim of the railroad company in that direction, and they have since entered into negotiations with the city officials to confirm their present trackage rights and to obtain certain concessions along the same lines from the city.

During the discussion in the council meeting Tuesday night, it was divulged that it is the intention of the railroad company to soon erect a large new depot on the site of the present structure. This step is taken in order to better accommodate the constantly increasing traffic here. The present depot has outlived its usefulness and has ceased to be adequate to meet the demands made upon it. Nothing further will be given out by the railroad company than that they have plans under consideration now for building a large depot here.

General Superintendent J. P. O'Brien, Superintendent L. R. Fields, Attorney W. D. Fenton and Engineer J. H. Donald of the Southern Pacific were present and made the proposition from the railroad company which was finally accepted. The matter was thoroughly discussed, and the city's interests were carefully looked after. It was believed that as the proposed improvements will cost about \$19,000 to build the city is getting its money's worth in making the deal. The new crossing will do away with a large part of the danger which is now present when residents of the city cross the tracks, going either up or down the hill.

The railroad company will build three subways under their tracks seven feet high and eight feet wide for pedestrians at the crossings of Third, Seventh and Fourteenth streets, and one twenty feet wide by fifteen feet high where the South End road will enter the city.

In return for these improvements, the city will grant to the railroad company the right to maintain their present tracks, and in addition there to build a siding 1200 feet long on the east side of their present tracks, as well as a second siding 450 feet long in a northerly direction. The company will be allowed to maintain their present section houses and to erect a new watering tank of a capacity of 65,000 gallons 100 feet north of the site of the present tank.

An ordinance providing for these changes will be drawn up and passed by the council soon. After the city has ordained to the above effect, the Southern Pacific will commence construction on the subways.

Swarm to Hop Fields.

Last Saturday there was a veritable swarm to reach the hopfields from this city and neighborhood. It is estimated that 500 people left Oregon City on Saturday alone. The boats and trains were already crowded when they reached this point and the boats refused passage to many on account of

their crowded condition. Owing to the shortage of the hop crop and the good prices paid for picking, it is said there is a surplus of pickers, who will not be able to get work. Picking was generally commenced this week.

Will Burn Oil.

Work was commenced this week on excavations at the woolen mill for two large oil tanks which will hold fuel oil for the boilers of the mill. The tanks will be made of steel and it will require a month to erect them. So soon as the necessary apparatus can be installed, the mill will discontinue the burning of wood altogether.

The crude petroleum will be shipped to the mill in tank cars on the line of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company, a spur from whose tracks will be run into the mill yards where the tanks will be located.

The oil has proved an ideal fuel at both the paper mills across the river and there is no reason to believe that it will not be fully so successful at the woolen mill. Besides being cheaper, it is much easier handled and furnishes a steadier heat. Before the introduction of oil at the paper mills, about 200 cords of wood were burned every 24 hours by the three large manufacturing establishments of this city. This was expensive and inconvenient to handle. The introduction of crude petroleum has apparently solved the fuel problem in this city for manufacturers.

MOLALLA GRANGE NO. 310.

The Members Eat Ice Cream, and Plan the Winter's Work.

Molalla Grange No. 310 had a very pleasant and profitable meeting September 8th. Although it came right in the midst of the str and exodus to the various hopyards, the "faithful few" that tarried yet a little while, demonstrated that where there is a will there is a way of overcoming seemingly unsurmountable difficulties.

While gathered around the table spread, Oak Point ice cream was served as a "cooler". After the literary program, a peanut contest was suggested by the sisters, which was soon declared the order of the hour and for fifteen minutes much amusement prevailed in transferring peanuts on case knives into the enemy's fort. A contest is to begin with the regular October meeting and continue until next March. The highest point of merit is to be given for prompt attendance at all meetings; next highest will be original productions.

By order of the grange the worthy Master appointed a grange reporter whose duty it will be to report to county and state papers desiring grange news.

The subordinate grange by-laws recommended by the state grange will be adopted at the next regular meeting. The question chosen for discussion in October is "Which is the more profitable to keep on the farm, cattle or sheep."

The clerk of the bureau of information had chalked on his bulletin board "25 Angora Goats for Sale.—Sawtell Bros."

In absence of the organist, Bro. Alvin Perdue, the youngest member, presided at the organ. When the gavel fell for the day completed, members congratulated one another for the enjoyment of being present.

Ill of Heart Disease.

A man giving the name of O'Day was suddenly taken sick on Main street Sunday, and was unconscious for sometime. He was taken in hand by the physicians and put in the city jail. He was able to be about the next day. The man is a sufferer from heart disease and often takes such spells as he suffered Sunday.

End of Bitter Fight.

"Two physicians had a long and stubborn fight with an abscess on my right lung" writes J. F. Hughes, of DuPont, Ga. "and gave me up. Everybody thought my time had come. As a last resort I tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. The benefit I received was striking and I was on my feet in a few days. Now I've entirely regained my health." It conquers all Coughs, Colds and Throat and Lung troubles. Guaranteed by Howell and Jones Drug Store. Price 50c, and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

Sells Farm to Illinois Man.

Ex-Sheriff J. J. Cooke this week negotiated the sale of 82 acres of farm property belonging to A. W. Franco to J. H. Heater, late of Illinois. The price paid was \$1600. The land lies about three miles from the city in an easterly direction.

SHOOTS HIS PARAMOUR

Geo. Lauth Shoots Woman of Whom He Was Jealous.

SHOT IN COLD BLOOD

Gambling Man Resents Fa- miliarty of Woman With Other Men and Takes Terrible Revenge.

Mad with jealousy because his paramour, Mrs. Lenora Jones, spent her time with other men, George Lauth, a recent arrival in this city, fired four shots at her last Tuesday morning, three of which took effect. The shooting occurred at the home of the woman's father, J. M. Wood, the place being situated on the corner of Fourth street and Railroad Avenue. Coming to the house at 9 o'clock in the morning, Lauth pulled a blue steel, hammerless .38-caliber revolver and fired point blank at his common law wife, a bullet in the abdomen being especially severe.

As she fell to the floor, he dashed from the house, but was followed by Mr. Wood, the woman's father. Lauth offered no resistance as soon as he got from the house, but waited to be taken to the county jail. Constable Trembath took him in charge and soon landed him behind prison bars. Meanwhile Mrs. Norris and Carl were called to attend the woman, who was in a desperate condition. At noon she was taken to the hospital in Portland, where an operation was resorted to to save her life.

The cause of the shooting was supposed to be jealousy because the woman, with whom he was infatuated, allowed the attentions of other men. She had been away on a visit at Roseburg for some time, but returned here Sunday in company with a Southern Pacific engineer. The two went to Portland and the next morning Mrs. Jones returned alone. This visit is supposed to have roused the ire of Lauth, and he went after the woman in a premeditated fashion. He is said to have showed his revolver to an acquaintance the same morning and remarked that "this is the last day."

After he was placed in jail, he seemed to realize the rashness of his conduct and said he was sorry for what he had done, and that he had better have gone away. He eagerly asked for news of the woman and expressed himself as glad that she was resting easily at that time. He said that he had first met the woman in Aberdeen, Washington, about two years ago. She later deserted her husband and the two lived as man and wife. A dispute about the possession of a diamond ring was one of the things which led to the trouble and in a statement made just before being taken to Portland to the hospital, Mrs. Jones said that she was about to leave Lauth, and the division of certain property, such as the diamond was the chief cause of the trouble.

Lauth will be given his hearing Friday, and he will then plead. It is understood he will enter the plea of not guilty and will stand trial. Attorney Grant Dimick has been engaged by the man to conduct his defense. During the week the man has been very nervous and realizes keenly his serious position. He says that his home is in Sparta, Ill., where his mother lives. He has a brother in Washington. He gives his age at 24 years, and is said to have been a gambler by occupation before he came here, he having worked in the Portland Club in Portland.

One of his limbs is an artificial one, he having met with an accident some years ago which rendered him incapable of hard labor and he took to gambling for a living. In appearance he is not a bad looking man and shows considerable education in his talk.

Mrs. Jones died from her wounds at an early hour Wednesday morning at the Good Samaritan hospital. Before her death she made the following ante-mortem statement:

"Knowing that I am about to die, the following is true:

"The man who shot me is George W. Lauth. I had been going with him two or three years.

"It happened at my father's house in the bedroom across the hall. I

asked him for the things he had of mine in Portland. He said he wanted the things he had given me, and I said he was welcome to them. He then said he wanted me, but I told him he could not have me because of the dirty, mean letters he had written in which he cursed me, swore at me and called me names.

"He said he would have me and then grabbed me and held me against the wall and shot me. Before I went to Roseburg I told him I would have nothing more to do with him and after my return from Roseburg, I refused to see him. He wrote a letter to me at Roseburg and said he would kill me, but I have not the letter as I burned it."

Lauth will be taken from his cell in the county jail today and given a chance to plead to the charge of murder in the first degree. His attorneys, Geo. C. Brownell and G. B. Dimick, state that the plea of not guilty will be entered. When told of the death of his victim, Lauth showed every indication of extreme penitence and sobbed aloud. He now realizes the terrible position in which his folly has placed him and the probable consequences of his acts. Should he be hanged as now seems likely, he will be the first white man ever executed for murder committed in this county. In early days there were four Indians hanged here for the murder of white men. Others have been sentenced to death but sentence has been commuted. Wilson the Milwaukee murderer, escaped hanging only by suicide.

The coroner's jury impanelled to inquire into the cause of death of Mrs. Lenora Jones, the victim of the insane jealousy of George W. Lauth on Tuesday, Thursday morning returned the following verdict:

"We the jury impanelled to investigate the cause of death in the case of Mrs. Lenora Jones, find that her name was Lenora B. Jones, and that she was aged about 28 years, and that she came to her death at the Good Samaritan hospital, Portland Oregon.

"We find that George W. Lauth purposely and of deliberate and premeditated malice killed said deceased by shooting her with a pistol September 8, 1904, about 9:30 a. m. in Oregon City, Clackamas county, Oregon, in a house located on the south side of Fourth street between Main street and the Southern Pacific railroad, from the effects of which shooting said deceased died September 7, 1904. Dated September 8, and signed by J. S. Purdom, A. B. Moore, J. A. Tufts, John Younger, W. W. H. Samson, A. M. Frost."

TO ADVERTISE STATE.

Judge Ryan Leaves for the South With Lots of Literature.

County Judge T. F. Ryan, accompanied by his wife, left Saturday last for San Francisco, Cal., where he will attend the Knights Templar convention and later the Odd Fellows' convention at Los Angeles. While away Mr. and Mrs. Ryan will also visit Long Beach.

Judge Ryan took with him a generous supply of advertising matter pertaining to the state and to the Lewis and Clark Exposition which he will distribute to the best advantage. The Exposition commission armed the Judge with a large supply of pamphlets telling all about the coming Exposition and he will scatter these about where they will attract the most attention. Attended at the two big conventions will be by delegates from all over the country, judicious advertising of this sort will probably prove most valuable to the state.

MAKE SHORT CUT.

Electric Line to Portland Will Reduce Time of Trip.

Commencing this month the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company will run their Oregon City cars over a cutoff from Sellwood to the eastern end of the Madison street bridge, thus cutting off a large part of the distance from this city to Portland and reducing the time necessary to make the trip. The way traffic through Sellwood and other way points will thus be hauled over the Sellwood cars. Assistant Superintendent Fields states that the trip will then be made in 40 minutes from Oregon City to Portland.

The cars will take the new tracks at the golf links and run along the river bank to the Madison bridge. This will be a decided advantage to passenger traffic from this place, doing away with a large number of stops along the old line.

WAS OREGON'S FIRST CAPITOL

Building Now Occupied by Wilhelm Tell House

LEGISLATURE MET THERE

Hostelery Was This Week Sold by Former Owner to Business Man From Eugene.

The Wilhelm Tell House yesterday changed hands, the new owner of the hostelry, J. N. Woods, formerly of Eugene, taking charge of the property. The sale was made during the past week, the consideration being \$2000 for the hotel business and furniture. A. H. Griessen, the retiring proprietor still remains in control of the bar, while the building is owned by Portland parties. Mr. Woods has been in business in Eugene for the past five years.

The building which the hotel occupies was the first capitol of the state and for nearly 10 years held that distinction. In the old days from 1840 to 1850 when Oregon City was the center of the official life of the state, the legislators met upstairs in what is now the Wilhelm Tell House. During the reign of the Provisional government, which was organized in 1843 and continued until '49, this building was the official capitol. In 1849 the territorial government came into force with Governor Lane at its head. The first session of the legislature under the new regime met here, but the capitol was soon moved to Corvallis, where it remained only a short time, after which it went to Salem.

The building was erected at an early date by J. L. Morrison, who when last heard from was still living on the Sound. At the time the upper part of the building was occupied by the legislators of the state, the same hall was used by the Masons as a lodge room.

At the time when this old hotel figured so prominently in early Oregon history, the government of the state was directed by Clackamas and Yamhill counties which were larger in extent at that time and were the only organized counties in the state. Later Washington and Marion became counties. Prior to 1850 Clackamas county occupied an immense territory, stretching from the Rocky Mountains in the east to the Willamette river in the west and south to the California line. It also extended to the Canadian boundary on the north, but went as far west as the crest of the Cascades.

Of this immense territory Oregon

City was the official center. Governor George Abernethy had his residence at Green Point, but the site of his house, which stood on the river bank, has been washed away by the high water. The old walled brick well which stands on the river bank just below the Abernethy was his old well. At that time the Legislature was of course much smaller than at present, but those prominent in the early history of the state gathered here for the session of the Legislature. John G. Campbell, Kilbarn, Lovejoy, Tavault, Gov. Abernethy and Dr. John McLaughlin were then familiar figures in Oregon City's streets. This old building is observed with a good deal of veneration for it marks the first civil government in the immense territory which has since been divided up into many states.

Hatchling Salmon At Salmon River.

Master Fish Warden H. G. Van Dusen was in the city last Thursday and said that there were at present about 1,300,000 Chinook salmon eggs being hatched out at the Salmon River hatchery, from which he had just returned. A dam across Salmon River is being built to facilitate the take of salmon for spawning purposes, as racks which have been used heretofore, have proved unable to withstand the current of the river and have been repeatedly washed out. The dam will be permanent and will render the work of taking salmon easy.

Of Interest To Sick People.

We have all the sympathy in the world for sick people, and want to treat them in a serious way. There is no humor in pain and affliction, but hard earnest fact. It is impossible for the patient to impress on others the extent of suffering they endure, and their anxiety for relief. To get well or be relieved is their one thought any remedy that will bring this about has their everlasting gratitude. We have thousands of letters from people who have had dyspepsia, sick-headache and bilious attacks, who tell us how thankful they were for having used Dr. Gunn's Improved Liver Pills. They are sold at all drug stores for 25c per box. Only one for a dose. These pills remove the cause of disease and make the skin clear and healthy looking.

Moves to Make More Certain.

A motion in the case of Dr. E. A. Sommer vs Lizzie Ropple was filed during the past week, wherein attorneys for the defendant move that the complaint make more definite and certain the allegations against their client and that the plaintiff specify definitely what professional services are unpaid for.

Child Buried Sunday.

Jame Riggs, the 14-months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Riggs, of Clackamas Heights, died Saturday afternoon and was buried from the residence Sunday afternoon, Rev. Father Hillebrand of St. John's Catholic church officiating.

Marriage licenses were issued on Saturday to Joseph Sobeski and Mary Boylan; Henry W. Jowett and Jane Bailey.

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