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## SITUATION IS PICTURESQUE

Oregon City One of Most Beautiful Towns In State.

MANUFACTURING POWER

Willamette Falls the Greatest Storehouse of Motive Power West of the Mississippi River.

The special edition of the Portland Telegram contains the following words about the wonderful advantages of Oregon City:

Oregon City, on the Willamette River, 12 miles above Portland, is one of the most beautiful, as well as the most noted towns in the State of Oregon. No town could be more picturesquely situated. Historically, Oregon City is even older than Portland. It was at this town that much of the machinery of the pioneer government of Oregon at one time located. Here also, the only mint ever operated on the Pacific Coast north of San Francisco, was operated. The old beaver coins—the products of this mint—are still in existence, commanding a high premium.

But what gives Oregon City its special claim to recognition is not its historical associations, nor yet its picturesque location. What gives Oregon City its greatest reputation is its incomparable utilitarian advantages. It is here that are located the falls of the Willamette, from which is derived much of the electric energy that lights the streets of Portland, moves her street railways and drives the wheels of her mills and factories. The falls of the Willamette have given Oregon City a distinctive manufacturing reputation. These falls are the greatest storehouse of motive power west of the Mississippi river. Oregon City, in consequence of this distinctive advantage, numbers among her industries several power plants, a woolen mill, paper mill, saw mill and a number of other manufacturing plants. The surplus power is transmitted by wire to Portland to aid the metropolis in working out her industrial future.

Aside from her manufacturing prominence, Oregon City has prestige as a commercial and distributing point. Being the county seat and the largest town in Clackamas county, with a population of nearly 8000, Oregon City is prepared to meet every need of a commercial center. The town has two banks and a large number of substantial brick blocks. All lines of mercantile pursuits are represented. Her schools are as good as the

best in the State of Oregon. Many beautiful homes adorn the high bluff overlooking the river, and the town has the air of prosperity so characteristic of the growing West.

Oregon City has transportation and traffic communication with Portland through the main line of the Southern Pacific Railroad, the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company's electric line, and a line of steamers plying the Willamette river. Excellent opportunities are offered by Oregon City for more manufacturing plants.

### "The Sign of the Four."

The forthcoming engagement of "The Sign of the Four" which appears at the Shively Opera House Monday October 10th, is manifesting considerable interest. The dramatist has revised the story and has made more out of it than a mere detective adventure. He has written in a love story, and has introduced some charming comedy. As a play "The Sign of the Four" rushes along with a closely knit plot, not only untying the skein of criminal clues, but also rolling up a double skein of love affairs. During this, thrilling stage pictures shift rapidly. The characters are picturesque.

The pictures show the uncanny East Indian dwarf creeping in the window and murdering a miser as he gloats over his treasure; a beautiful woman playing a double role of guardian to the heroine and as a villainess; and the police scenes galore. The Hindoo knittutag, the piratical looking convict with a peg leg, the Thames character and Wiggins the street boy, with his "irregulars," are all good stage people.

The whole play is a thing to see and enjoy, not to criticize. If one has a fondness for detective stories, he can do no better than go and surrender his entire admiration for Sherlock Holmes. The spectator learns not only to marvel at the cunning of the character, but to worship him as a magnetic hero. Mr. True S. James assumes the character of Sherlock Holmes.

### Resignation Not Accepted.

By a vote of 65 to 30, the congregation of the First Presbyterian church last Monday refused to accept the resignation of Rev. Frank H. Mixsell. This vote was taken after a two hours' session. Mr. Mixsell resigned last Sunday, believing that it was for the best interests of the church. It is not known whether the resignation will be made to the Presbytery, which meets at Fairview next week.

J. W. McKay and A. Mattheson were re-elected members of the session and E. R. Andrews and David Williams were elected deacons. Fred J. Meyer was re-elected treasurer and Arthur Holden was elected trustee. Hal A. Rands was elected superintendent of the Sunday School.

### Favors Diversified Farming.

R. H. Snodgrass, the prominent rancher and stock raiser, of Meadowbrook, was in the city last Saturday. Mr. Snodgrass says the conditions existing this year, should convince all farmers that it is not good policy to depend on grain alone, as so many do. While not realizing the profits that he does in ordinary years, yet by the diversified farming in which he engages, and especially through a careful handling and sale of stock, he has been able to make a neat little sum even in this year of unexampled drought.

## NEWS FROM OVER STATE

Marion County Looks Well After Her Roads

OIL FUEL REPLACES WOOD

Ghouls Open Grave of Albany Minister's Daughter and Stripped Body of Its Clothing.

Marion county has purchased a quarry of traprock for road building purposes, and has a rock crusher at work in it, says the Oregonian. The county will crush all the rock that the farmers will haul upon the roads, and the outlook is good for some first class road building in the vicinity of the quarry, near Salem. In a few years we shall hear that homeseekers coming to Oregon from the East are willing to pay extraordinary prices for land adjacent to these rock surfaced roads that are hard and smooth twelve months in the year. The property owner who looks well after his own interests is a believer in good roads and is willing to make the investment necessary to secure them.

H. C. Thompson, manager of the Cottage Grove Electric Light Co., made a trip to Salem Saturday for the purpose of investigating the system of oil burners which has recently been installed at the Salem Woolen Mills. Mr. Thompson informs the Leader that the wood question is the most perplexing problem connected with the light plant, notwithstanding the fact that we are in one of the greatest timber regions in Oregon. It is difficult, he says, to get wood in quantities. In most cases punky wood is mixed in with the good. The price he declares, is no less in quantities than by the cord. "We can buy 200 cords at a time, if we choose, and it is impossible to get the material at a less rate than the householder pays for a single tier or a single cord."

Miss May Pierce, daughter of a former Albany minister, died and was buried last week at Boise, Idaho. The next morning the sexton discovered that the grave had been tampered with. It was found that the casket had been opened and the body stripped. Part of the clothing had been carried off and part was in the casket and the lid of the box was thrown on upside down. A braid of the girl's hair was hanging outside of the box. A watch was kept for several nights on the supposition that the ghoul would return to complete his work. The parents went out with the undertaker and redressed the body.

Curtis Veatch is the slayer of the largest black bear known in Western Oregon. For six years this giant bear has terrorized people in the vicinity two miles west of Cottage Grove. Farmers and stock raisers have suffered from his depredations. Veatch has repeatedly tried to get a shot at brain, but unsuccessfully until late Saturday afternoon. He was in the woods after stock, when he came upon a massive fellow, who was

chased by dogs and started up a tree. Mr. Veatch got sight of him and one shot between the shoulders brought him down. The carcass was brought into town Sunday morning and was declared by old experienced hunters to be the largest black bear ever seen in Western Oregon. Members of the Commercial Club purchased the big fellow. The pelt will be mounted and placed in the rooms of the club.

The Salem Journal has figured out that red clover pays \$34 an acre in Oregon, Logan Berries \$350, strawberries \$156, grapes \$300 to \$400, alfalfa, \$50, a thirty-eight cow dairy, \$4000 per year, onions \$1,000, to \$1,500, indicating that there is some money in other things than wheat.

### A Voice From the Valley.

Word comes of another accident in the Oregon City locks. The Altona is reported to have struck a rock in passing through the locks and sank accordingly. The steamer people criticize the management of the locks. However this may be, 'tis but another reminder that the Oregon City locks operated for a high toll are a continual menace to trade, and the interests of the Willamette Valley demand their requirement and operation by the government free of tolls. Our congressmen could not give attention to any more important matter from the standpoint of valley trade.—Albany Herald.

### Flood in Eastern Oregon Dawn.

A second flood, almost as great as the one last July, swept through Mitchell at 3 o'clock Saturday morning, doing considerable damage, but causing no loss of life. The cause was a water spout in the hills east of the town, and the people saved themselves by rushing to adjoining hills. Many buildings were flooded by this second visitation, which has greatly alarmed the inhabitants as to the permanency of their structures. In some of the buildings the subsiding waters left mud 15 inches deep. A big black cloud over the mountains caused the residents to be more than watchful. Shortly after the storm broke over the hills in which the creeks that unite near Mitchell find their source, a great body of water came rushing down the canyons and poured through the town in one big wave. Residents rushed to the nearby banks in time, else a number would probably have been drowned. The high water lasted over an hour.

### Undergoes Second Operation.

In February, Miss Marie Hosey, 17 years of age, a daughter of James A. Hosey, of Greenpoint, was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, where a surgical operation was performed on her by Dr. Miller, for appendicitis. Since she never fully recovered her health, and on Saturday she returned to the hospital. This time an abscess was removed from the abdominal cavity by Drs. Miller and Wolf.

### Landen's Body Found.

The body of Louis W. Landen, who was drowned while fishing in the Clackamas river above Cazadero last Sunday, was recovered Tuesday afternoon and taken to Portland. The young man's father came down from Salem and had the river dragged, with the result that the body was finally recovered. The interment was held in Salem, where the parents of the deceased reside.

Adams Bros have just received the latest styles in mens clothing from Crouse and Brandegee, of New York.

## MAYOR ASKS FOR DAMAGES

Alleges Mrs. Hoskins Defamed His Reputation. PLACES AMOUNT AT \$250

Mr Dimick Denies the Truth of the Insinuations Made by Defendant Over Her Signature.

Two hundred and fifty dollars is what is asked by Mayor Grant B. Dimick from Mrs. M. Hoskins for defamation of his good name and reputation.

Last week's Courier published from Mrs. M. Hoskins a signed communication, in which Mrs. Hoskins went on the war path. The mayor was indignant upon reading the article, and concluded to bring suit and the papers were filed in the Justice Court Tuesday. He denies the truth of the insinuations in the communication and after quoting portions of the article, the complaint says: "That the said words and statements published as aforesaid were false and defamatory, and were published, printed and circulated with malice by the said defendant for the sole purpose to and did injure the reputation of this plaintiff in his good name and reputation in the sum of \$250, and by reason whereof this plaintiff has been damaged in the said sum of \$250."

"Wherefore plaintiff prays judgment against the said defendant for the sum of \$250 and for his costs and disbursements herein."

### REVISION WILL BE MADE.

Council Agrees Not to Pass Present Form of Ordinance.

The regular monthly meeting of the city council was held Wednesday and the ordinance granting a franchise to the Southern Pacific Co. was held for further consideration until next Monday evening, when a special meeting will be held.

The petition of Sarah A. Randolph for the vacation of Eight street from Buchanan street to the Morton road was referred to the street committee to report at the next regular meeting. An ordinance was passed authorizing to purchase for \$150 a three foot strip from the southerly side of the Cochran property in lots 3 and 7 of block 49. This strip will be used for the purpose of widening the alley through this block.

The ordinance establishing the grade of Center street, and assessing the cost of the last improvement of this street, were passed.

The ordinance authorizing the construction of a sewer in district No. 4 was passed. This is a new district and consists of the property near the two German churches on Eighth street, having been omitted from sewer district No. 63 when established.

An arc light was ordered established in Elyville, to be placed at the intersection of the road leading to the cemetery and Molalla Avenue. A light was also ordered established at Eleventh and Jackson streets. The

matter of draining Sixth and John Adam streets was referred to the street committee.

The bids for the improvement of Third street were read, but no action was taken. The street committee will submit a report at next Monday's meeting. The bids were as follows: I. D. Olds, \$1302.70; Batdorf Bros., \$1311.25; Jones & McKay, \$1564.

The monthly report of the city recorder showing the receipts for the month of September was read. The receipts were \$580.80, divided as follows: Fines, \$35; cemetery, \$72; licenses, \$405; miscellaneous, \$28.80.

The ordinance granting to the Southern Pacific Company a franchise to maintain its main and side tracks on Railroad Avenue will be revised and will not be passed in its present form, which is objectionable to many of the property holders of this city.

This much was accomplished Monday night at a special meeting of the city council, through a conference between the members of the council and the committee appointed at last week's mass meeting. The injunction proceedings that were contemplated by the committee will be stayed, pending a final disposal of the ordinance.

The council agreed Monday night to revise the ordinance before finally passing it. It seems likely that a harmonious understanding will be obtained through the efforts of the committee, and that the members of the council will listen to the voice of the public opinion, which is almost unanimous against the passage of the ordinance, as it has been drawn. Amendments will be made to the ordinance, and after first reading it will be republished.

The following suggestions have been offered to the council by the citizen's committee in regard to the proper amendments that should be made:

First—That the franchise be limited to 35 years.

Second—That gates and flagmen be maintained at the Congregational church and at Singer's hill.

Third—That the underground subways at Fourth and Seventh streets be at least 8 feet high and 35 feet wide and the city reserves the right to construct subways to be at least 20 feet overhead at such other places as the city may need.

Fourth—That the subway at Third street be 26 feet wide and 15 feet high.

Fifth—That the company maintain and keep clean all the subways and light those at Fourth and Seventh streets.

Sixth—That the plans and specifications for improvements be made part of the ordinance.

Seventh—That the ordinance declares that non-performance by the company to be grounds for forfeiture.

Eighth—That the Southern Pacific Co. be required to pave the street between the rails for a distance of 18 inches on each side of the track whenever the city improves any of the streets intersecting the railroad.

Ninth—That the grade at Seventh street remain unchanged.

Tenth—That the time for the beginning and completion of the improvements be made definite.

Eleventh—That the subway at Third street be connected with the fourth end road on the grade heretofore established.

Posters are out for the 20th Century Grange Fair and dance, October 21 and 22nd. One of the features of the fair will be the evolution of the sock from the sheep's back to the farmer's foot.

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