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HIGHWAY TO THE SEA.

With a little improvement in the channel of the Willamette, deep sea vessels could anchor at Oregon City. Such vessels, in former times, were frequently seen at Oswego. Dredging of a few shoal places would make the way clear as far up as the falls. Much of the way the channel is very deep. The interest of Oregon City demands the improvement now.

Factories and manufacturing enterprises, whose products are carried to the consumer by water transportation, are greatly handicapped by the necessity of a transfer at Portland. The paper mills make large shipments by steamer to San Francisco and frequently to Oriental points.

The success of those operated here prove the desirability of the location. Competition and high rents in Portland will eventually force utilization at Oregon City of an immense power that is now diverted to the larger city.

With convenient shipping facilities at Oregon City, there is no reason why the rich and wonderfully productive areas of Clackamas county should seek a market in Portland. Our products are not consumed there. Portland is nothing more than a distributing point and aside from lack of shipping facilities, there is no reason why the distributing point should not be the point nearest the place of production.

Citizens' think about it. Consider whether you have done your part. It is time to be up and doing.

REGARDING OUR CONGRESSMAN.

Congressman Williamson is urging, with prospects of success, the opening up of a twenty-five foot channel in the Willamette for a mile and a half above Portland. This will make the Oregon Water Power and Electric Railway Company's river front property desirable dockage property for about the same distance.

Now we wonder what chance there may be to interest Congressman Hermann in a proposition to extend this twenty-five foot channel as far as the falls in the Willamette. He suggested the idea in a recent political address in Oregon City. Surely he did not have in mind the exchange of a gold brick for votes.

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After all, Clackamas county seems to be an easy proposition. Her public interests have been so long subordinate to schemers, private ambitions that a good part of her population has ceased to consider itself more than a flock of submissive lambs. But nothing equals the madness of an enraged sheep. And there will be a day when this population will become aroused. On that day let the Hermann ilk beware.

LITTLE MEN IN HIGH PLACES.

A Portland minister who has hitherto attracted no particular attention looms all at once into prominence. This not by reason of any great achievement in his ministerial calling but in a manner outside of things spiritual.

The remarks of this divine at the grave of a departed brother may not have had any intrinsic value. At this solemn occasion it has become the custom for a minister of the gospel to offer words of consolation to the bereaved. The man who would not willingly lend his services at such a time from other than mercenary motives is not fit to be present on such an occasion—much less to have charge of the services.

Incidents, such as this, create a contempt for the church and for religion itself. Not properly, of course, but just as certainly in the minds of those who reach their conclusions from first impressions and who do not give the matter sufficient consideration to realize that a man of this kind has no conception of religion and is not sufficiently elevated in thought that association with him can be morally healthful.

It is to be hoped that the church will not be so short sighted as to tolerate this man either in its ministry or in its membership. He is fit for neither.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

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- P. J. Hansen to R H Lima, w 1/2 of nw 1/4, sec 33, 5 1 e, \$6120. J A Lee, et al, by guar, to P J Hansen, sw 1/4 of sec 30, 5 1 e, \$4900. G D Elliott to W H Lindsay, sw 1/4 of sw 1/4, sec 8, 2 2 e, \$700. O W P Townsite Co to I Moore, lot 11, blk 18, Estacada, \$75. B Cronin to C H Mattocks, lots 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, blk 21, Canby, \$150. Willamette Falls Co to R N Rogers, tract C, Willamette Falls Acreage tracts, \$200. F M Amen to C O Boynton, 41 acres in sec 22, 4 2 e, \$500. R R DeShazer to Burgin and Hoover, s 1/2 of sec 14, or nw 1/4, sec 36, 1 3 e, \$500. H F Connor to T M Burgin and A F Hoover, sw 1/4 of sec 25, 1 3 e, \$1. M G LaForest to D E Moldrum, lot 8, blk 68, Oregon City, \$540. B Warren to J C Gatzka, 122.65 acres in sec 7, 3 e of 3 w, \$550. B Adams to L V Leabo, ne 1/4 of nw 1/4, nw 1/4 of ne 1/4, sec 35, 5 1 e, \$3025. B Adams to J A Ridings, se 1/4 of sw 1/4, sw 1/4 of se 1/4, sec 26, 5 1 e, \$2025. A J and C E Leland to F Mosherberger, e 1/2 of sec 1, 5 1 e, \$3500. A L Christensen to J R and E Nash, blk 6, 15 16, 24, 25, 27, Robertson, \$3000. J Cressy to F J Cressy, lots 5, 6, blk 28, Milwaukie, lots 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, blk 2, Robertson, \$80. R Scott, trustee to J R Hale, lots 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, blk 2, Robertson, \$900. G S Wright to J W McAnulty, 53 acres in sec 28, 2 2 e, \$300. J T Apperson to J C Percell, 6.53 acres in claim 69, 2 2 e, \$15. J W Loder to R Oglesby, 1.3 int in 2.88 acres in Fisher claim, 2 2 e, \$75. J Rancy to A B Allen, 30 acres in J G Swafford d l c, 3 2, e \$3500. W W Webb to J H Bramlett nw 1/4 of nw 1/4, sec 3, 7 3 e, \$150. I Brunnen, et al, to J P Jensen, 23.80 acres in 5, w, \$800. J S Holm to L S Holm, 10 acres in claim 58, 1 1 e, \$1. J G Nee to A J and K Lais, 7 acres in 5 1 e, \$200. J W Loder to W A Hollinshead, s 1/2 of lot 1, blk 1, Green Point, \$10. E M Howell to D B Eastham, prt lot A, Buena Vista, \$150. O W P Townsite Co to R W and W F Cary, lot 8 blk 6, Estacada, \$250. R W Cary to W F Cary, 1/2 int in lot 15, blk 6, Estacada, \$1. E and W M Skeen to G White, 50 acres in and near claim 37, 4 2 e, \$250. T P Carstensen to G E Loder and P L Nash, 232.07 acres in 33 e, \$1110.

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THE GRANGE

Conducted by J. W. DARROW, Chatham, N. Y. Press Correspondent New York State Grange

GRANGE LIFE INSURANCE.

The Subject Will Be Discussed by the National Grange in November.

At its last session the national grange recommended that the state granges discuss the advisability of inaugurating a life insurance feature in the grange, and each state was asked to appoint a committee to co-operate with the national grange committee. It is constituted as follows: W. K. Thompson, master of the South Carolina grange, chairman; B. G. Leedy, master of the Oregon grange; Governor N. J. Bachelder, master of the New Hampshire grange; W. F. Hill, master of the Pennsylvania grange, and F. B. Wolcott, master of the Kentucky grange.

New Hampshire has had a grange life insurance company for thirty years, and it is in a prosperous condition. The states of Oregon and Washington have a similar insurance company together, but there are probably not more than half a dozen of them, if as many, in the United States. While there is much to be said in favor of this proposition, it also has its objections, and it would probably require years to bring it to as great perfection as the fire insurance companies have reached.

LEGISLATION DESIRED.

Some of the Things the Grange is Attempting to Do.

The legislative committee of the national grange has outlined certain matters upon which they deem legislation is desirable, and the forthcoming sessions of the various state granges will doubtless take action along these lines.

Relative to national aid to road building it says that the policy of the government in appropriating moneys for river and harbor improvements warrant the extension of the said policy to road building, and they refer to the bill of Congressman Currier (N. H.) as embodying the views of the national grange in this matter.

Relative to the interstate commerce commission they believe that the said commission should be given authority to regulate matters between the transportation companies and the people when unjust charges or discriminations are made in the transportation of persons or property in interstate traffic and that the rulings of this commission should be maintained until reversed or annulled by a competent court. They refer to the bill of Congressman Cooper (Wis.) as embodying their views in this matter.

Concerning the pure food law, they believe there is a demand for some sort of legislation that will protect the people in the use of adulterated or other foods and ask for the enactment of Congressman Hepburn's (Ia.) bill.

They favor also the establishment of a pure's post. They believe there is an entire absence of valid objections to the system and that such a system should be immediately established.

They also favor the consolidation of the bureau of forestry with the department of agriculture.

A Degree Team.

Harold Hill, Me., has the honor of having a degree team that is excelsior in deed as well as in name. This team is composed solely of ladies, thirty-three in number, whose costumes are silk and velvet and sparkling with jewels. There is also an auxiliary of nineteen young ladies, whose part in the work is to execute difficult figures and drills, which they do with remarkable accuracy and precision.

Persistent Effort Necessary.

Farmers must not expect reforms without constant agitation and persistent efforts in pressing their demands. It will not amount to anything simply to show the inequalities of taxation or the necessity of retrenchment in public expenditures. These demands must become as household words, and they must be repeated again and again until justice and fairness prevail in the enactment of legislation to correct evils.

A Steady Growth.

National Secretary C. M. Freeman of Tippecanoe City, O., reports for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1904, 27 new granges and 9 reorganized, and for the year ending then, 281 new granges organized and 82 reorganized, making a total of 363 virtually new organizations for the past twelve months, which is a very excellent showing.

Let All Participate.

Instead of listening till out of patience to prosy, long winded, dry as dust speakers, how it cheers and enlivens the grange to hear members say a few words each. These short and spicy speakers are far more helpful to the interest and good of the grange than the lengthy harangues of ever-astating talkers.

Let every one who can possibly do so attend the state grange meeting of his state. It is something he can ill afford to miss.

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