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MAKING READY TO LAY RAILS

Electric Line to Molalla Soon to Be Commenced.

BRANCH FROM SALEM ROAD

Railway Will Strike West This Side of Canby, Passing Through Liberal to Molalla.

It was definitely stated Monday that within three months the Portland company that is securing a right of way for an electric line from this city to Molalla will start laying rails. This announcement will bring joy to the hearts of farmers and property owners along the line of the route.

The proposed line will branch out this side of Canby and go west to Molalla, passing about 1900 feet west of the corners. The line will go through Wright's place at Liberal, but will not strike any small towns en route, except New Era. There has been a strong effort made to have the survey made through Macksburg, but the promoters have concluded that heavy grades can be avoided by taking another route.

The right of way of the line from Canemah to Salem has already been secured and the deeds filed. The Molalla road will run on the same tracks as far south as the Kate O'Neil place near Canby, passing through New Era. It is expected that the entire right of way will be secured to Molalla inside of the next two weeks.

REAL ESTATE BRIGHTENING

Property Commencing to Move Lively and Agents Are Encouraged.

Real estate agents are becoming encouraged over the brightening prospects for transfer of property in Clackamas County and several important sales have been made during the past week. The summer has been exceedingly quiet and many complaints have been made, but with banner crops and high prices the fame of Clackamas as a producer has gone abroad and people from the east are coming in. The price of land in this county is low, and a trip over almost any portion will show just how thinly settled the county is.

W. F. Harris, the Beaver Creek sawmill man, who recently purchased 330 acres of timbered land near Redland at \$15 per acre, will move his mill near the property. Mr. Harris will get the money he paid for the land out of the timber alone.

C. A. Warren has negotiated the sale of property in Gladstone, disposing of one acre to A. E. Thompson, of Heppner, and three acres to D. C. Heistand, of the Cascade Laundry. Mr. Thompson is the owner of a hotel building in Heppner and is arranging his affairs to make his home at Gladstone. Both men will build cottages on their newly acquired property and will make modern improvements.

RAIN HURTS PRUNE CROP

Fruit Cracks Open On Trees and Pickers Are In Great Demand.

The prune crop of Clackamas County has been disastrously affected by the rains of last week, and thousands of pounds of Italian prunes have been ruined. It is feared a serious shortage of the crop will result.

The steady downpour of rain that lasted five days caused the ripe fruit to crack open on the trees. Reports have been received from Canby and other fruit centers that the Italian prunes were cracking open, the rain having had the same effect upon the prunes as on cherries utterly destroying their market value.

The petite prunes are nearly all dried but there are many tons of Italians on the trees and on the ground that are in danger of becoming mouldy. Wherever the fruit strikes the tree mould will set in and on the wet ground mould will appear within 24 hours. A small red fungus is first noticed and this later develops into a white fungus, which, when rubbed off, brings the skin of the prune along with it.

Notices are being scattered far and wide for pickers as the growers would take no unnecessary chances. Labor is daily becoming more scarce as the rain brought the pickers from the hop yards home in droves by every train and boat.

In the eight-acre field of J. H. Reid at Milwaukie, one of the largest and finest in the state, there will this year be but half a crop. Mr. Reid has ordered 3000 baskets, whereas in former years he usually bought 7000. The shortage is caused by cold frosty weather. Mr. Reid cultivated his grape field with unusual care, and for the first time sprayed the vines. However, the grapes will be fine in quality and size. Mr. Reid makes a specialty of grape production and his vineyard is considered a model in method and cultivation. The vines look remarkably clean and healthy.

TWO ESTATES PROBATED.

Will of Late Michael Walsh and Estate of George Forman.

The will of the late Michael Walsh, of Milwaukie, was admitted to probate in the county court and Mrs. Ellen Walsh, the widow, was named as executrix. The value of the property is about \$6000 and the heirs are the widow and the following children: John H. Walsh, Michael J. Walsh, Rosa G. Walsh, all of Milwaukie; Richard Walsh, of Portland and Frank and Ellen Walsh, of Seattle.

The estate of the late George Forman, who died at Barton August 7, 1906, was admitted to probate and the widow, Sarah M. Forman was appointed administratrix. The value of the estate is about \$2500 and in addition to the widow the heirs at law are George Forman, son, The Dalles; Roy Harry Forman, son, The Dalles; Frank Marshall Forman, son, Ashwood, Ore.; Frances Dorothy Forman, Elizabeth Martha Forman and Percy Forman, of Barton, Ore.

FREE DELIVERY BY JANUARY 1

Improved Service Secured After Long Effort.

OPENING FOR CARRIERS

Some Sections of City Will Not Enjoy Privileges Until Sidewalks Are Built.

Inspector O. C. Riches, of the post-office department, was in the city Friday and made a thorough inspection of the city. He was shown around by Postmaster Tom P. Randall and found that conditions had been complied with for the starting of free delivery in this city. The city has posted the names on the streets at each corner and business houses and residences have all been numbered in compliance with the regulations of the department. Mr. Riches will recommend the commencement of free delivery, but because of the slowness of official procedure it is not likely that the service will be commenced before

CREDIT MOSTLY HIS



POSTMASTER RANDALL Who has been untiring in his efforts to secure free delivery.

January 1, 1907, a little more than three months distant.

Examinations will soon be held for the examination of applicants for the positions of carriers. The salary is \$60 per month to start and there is a scale of increase. Two deliveries per day are contemplated. Two or three carriers will be employed, and the present force of clerks in the local postoffice will be transferred to the classified service, and will hereafter be under the rules of the Civil Service Commission, but will not be required to take an examination.

The establishment and maintenance of sidewalks is necessary for the extension of the service, and for this reason there are probably some sections within the city limits that will not enjoy the privileges of free delivery. However, the service will be extended as fast as conditions are complied with, and until sidewalks are built residents can secure service by establishing mail boxes at the nearest point to their respective homes reached by permanent sidewalks. The territory which will be served will have the following boundaries, with the Willamette River as the Western boundary line:

From the Basin easterly on South First street to Center street, northerly on Center to First, easterly on First to Madison, northerly on Madison to Fifth, easterly on Fifth to Jackson.

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ECONOMY IS NOT FOR HIM

Editor Ballard, of Milwaukie, Finds Fault.

JANITOR IS UNDERPAID

Failure of School Board to Advertise Results in Criticism of Very Rough Sort.

Here's pretty kettle of fish! Milwaukie has internal troubles in the shape of a squabble over the affairs of its school district and Charles Ballard, editor of the Milwaukie Bee, is held directly responsible. The Board of Directors took an economical streak and advertised for a janitor by posting a notice in the postoffice, never think that they were inviting a "roast" from the Bee because they did not use his valuable advertising clams.

Ballard also took exception to the offer of \$25 per month for a janitor, but it is stated that this was the amount the taxpayers authorized the directors to pay. The Bee came out last week with the following spiel:

"We notice from a placard posted up in the postoffice that the Board of School Directors wants a janitor. They didn't advertise it in the Bee, because that would have cost them 15 cents. Perhaps, too, they didn't want to advertise to the world that they had a forty dollar job that they wanted somebody to do for twenty-five dollars. We have a very economical Board of Directors. If we were swearing men we would say too d-d economical. We pay more money to a man to set type for us than the district pays to the man who should take the lead in moulding the characters of the children of the community. For instance: We had a fine teacher here three years ago, Professor L. A. Read. His home was here. His interests were here. He was a good man and he was a good teacher and so far as we have heard there were no complaints against him, yet they let a little backwoods town like Parkplace take him away from us because they were willing to pay him something like what his services were worth. We know nothing about the present principal of our schools. We trust we have a good man, but we will venture this assertion, that if he is worth anything at all he will not stay here two years, for some little country school like Concord or Willsburg will offer him \$10 a month more than he is getting here, and Milwaukie will let him go, and put up with a cheaper grade. We will see what we will see."

And now comes "Taxpayer" and presents the side of the board of directors. Taxpayer defends the School board for its economy and intimates that Mr. Ballard is trying to give the impression to the public that Milwaukie has a cheap school.

The editor of the Bee seems to have a grievance against the School Board because they did not advertise that they needed a janitor for the school in his paper. He says if he was a swearing man he would say the Board was too d-d economical.

"In these days of extravagance it is good to know that some men believe in economy of the public money. Perhaps the Milwaukie taxpayers believe in that old fashioned virtue—economy—as one member of the school board is serving his 23rd year and another member is serving his 10th year.

"The Bee further says they want someone to do a forty dollar job for twenty-five. The taxpayers voted the janitor's salary at the annual meeting and the Board is doing the best they can to live up to that vote. The Bee refers to Prof. L. A. Read leaving Milwaukie on account of the salary.

If we understand this correctly, Prof. Read asked the board for permission to put a substitute principal in the school so he could accept the principalship of the Parkplace school, as he preferred the high school work there, and the board allowed him to do so in order that the board at Parkplace might have a chance to see his work and elect him the next year.

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WILD ANIMAL CLUB MEETING

Citizens of Molalla Country Will Organize a Mutual B.untly Society.

MOLALLA, Or., Sept. 20.—(Special Correspondence).

Molalla has taken up the work of organizing a wolf, cougar and wild cat club. A citizen's meeting was held last Saturday and another meeting will be held on Saturday, September 29, at 8 o'clock P. M. Everyone interested in exterminating said animals in the south half of Clackamas County is invited to attend the meeting.

The boundary line begins at the junction of Padding and Molalla Rivers, thence up the Molalla River to the mouth of Milk Creek, thence to Molino and on due east to the summit of the Cascades. A bounty of \$15 is to be paid on wolf scalps; \$7.50 for cougar scalps and \$3.50 on wild cat scalps, all scalps to be accompanied by two witnesses to the carcass. One dollar membership fee is paid on joining the club, which is for advance assessments. When the funds get to low to pay for each of the bounties another dollar is called for. It is expected that so many will join the club that the "death rate" of the said wild animals will only cost a trifle to each member, 5 or 10 cents. Membership roll will be circulated in every neighborhood of the territory. Remember the date of the next meeting of the club, Saturday, September 29, at which time the club will adopt its by-laws, effecting a permanent organization. It is thought best by many to also include foxes in the bounty list; also to specify that coyote pups under two months old shall only receive one-fifth bounty, or \$3 per scalp, in order to discourage the coyote industry. This and several other fox questions will be discussed and adjusted to the best advantage to the mutual benefit of the club.

MEYER LEFT HIS FAMILY

Woman and Babe Abandoned By Husband and Father and Are Destitute.

Mrs. Diana Meyer and baby are in a destitute condition and she appealed Friday afternoon to the authorities for relief. She states that her husband, who whipped her and their child, left her a week ago last Friday, stating that he was going to look for work. He took with him all of the money she possessed and told her he would write her and as soon as he secured a position, would send her some funds. Since his departure, Mrs. Meyer has heard absolutely nothing of him.

She called at The Courier office Friday afternoon and related a sad story and later communicated the facts to Deputy District Attorney O. Schuebel, who referred her to County Judge Dimick, and it is probable that the county will assist the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyer were married four years ago. They came here from Seattle during the Lewis and Clark Fair, and purchased two lots in Bolton, paying \$50 down. Mrs. Meyer is about 30 years of age and her mother lives in Wisconsin. She has been staying at the Doty home in Bolton with her baby.

TANGLE WITH P. G. E. CO.

Inspector Reports Wiring Is Defective.

LIGHTS MUST BE RAISED

Outside and Inside Installation Is Poor—General Conditions Not Satisfactory.

At a special meeting of the city council last Saturday night the committee on streets and public property was authorized to take steps to correct the conditions surrounding the wiring of the Portland General Electric Company as reported by a representative of the Board of Underwriters of the Pacific Coast. The company notified the council that it was willing to raise the lights on Main street.

There was a sentiment expressed at the meeting in favor of compelling the company to place the Main street wires underground, but the city has not determined just what rights it has, as the company has already granted a franchise on Main street. The summary of Mr. Stone's report on the condition of the electric company's wiring follows:

"General conditions—Outside installation, bad; inside installations, poor.

"General defects—Unapproved wire and fittings, and general use of commercial (non-standard) cord used to carry circuits. Absence of proper protective devices, cutouts and switches at entrance to buildings.

"Special features—Poles of insufficient height on Main street supporting wires carrying the following circuits: 12,000 volts, A. C.; 2200 volts, A. C.; 230 volts, A. C.; 110 volts, A. C.; 500 volts, D. C.

"The above circuits cross the telegraph and telephone wires at the Junction of Main and Seventh streets, and are crossed by the poorly insulated trunk of the farmer's telephone line at the same locality.

"Wires carrying high voltage are strung along Main street at such a height as to prove both a hazard and a menace to firemen in the performance of their duties."

The council decided to install a new arc light on the corner of Main and Sixth streets, but this will not be done until the tangle with the Portland General is straightened out.

The Sixth street assessment ordinance, the ordinance for the sale of bonds for the improvement of J. Q. Adams street and the ordinance authorizing the street committee to make a contract for a culvert over Singer Hill creek were passed.

A. Mihlstein was awarded the contract for the construction of the new sewer in district No. 5. His bid was \$1823.55. The other bids were:

George Gordon, Portland, \$2774.83; Gould & Mears, Hood River, \$2551.88; Harry Jones, Oregon City, \$2424.71; Giebisch & Joplin, Portland, \$2640.94; Keating & Fraimney, Portland, \$2856.95.

The chief of police was directed to enforce the ordinance relating to cows running at large. Complaint has been received from the third ward.

The Milwaukie school opened Monday with an attendance of 460 pupils, and Professor Alderson expects this to be increased to 500.

THE NEW AND THE OLD

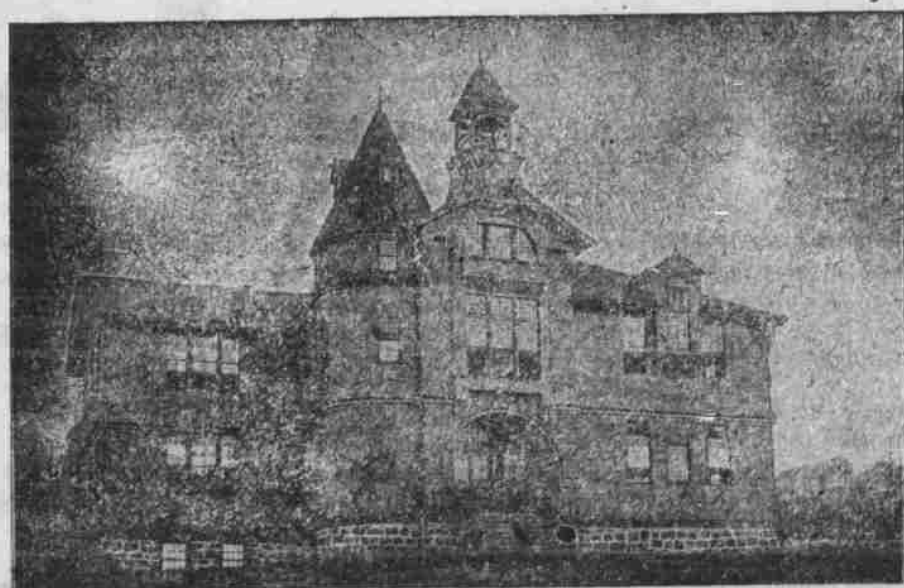


Deputy Sheriff Robt. W. Baker



Former Deputy Shirley Buck

VACATION DAYS ARE OWER



BARCLAY HIGH SCHOOL