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LITTLE TOWNS TO SPRING UP

P. R. L. & P. Co. to Place Land on Market.

2,000 ACRES INVOLVED

Most of Property Located Between Oregon City and Willamette on the West Side.

Possibilities of the establishment of many little towns are embraced in the report that the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company will place on the market within a few months more than 2000 acres of fine land, representing the bulk of the company's holdings. Most of this property is located along the banks of the Willamette River between Oregon City and the little town of Willamette, but there is also a large amount of land between Oregon City and Portland on the west side, several farms along the Clackamas River and also some property in the State of Washington.

H. W. Good, the late president of the company, two years ago talked of having the property placed with a land company and platted into town-sites. President Joseelyn, who is now in the East, will take up the matter with the directors during his absence, and their decision will be made known upon his return. If the land in West Oregon City is platted it will be quickly settled, and there is much of it that it fine residence property, being purchased many years ago by E. L. Eastham, who organized the Portland General Electric Company. Offers for the purchase of tracts have been steadily refused, but it now appears that the immense property will be marketed, the company retaining only enough for its needs in the conduct of its business.

Rapid growth would certainly follow the transfer of lots in West Oregon City, and this would probably necessitate the construction of a new bridge across the Willamette River at this point. If this should come about the company and the county would join in building a steel bridge that would accommodate the company's traffic, and cars would be run from Oregon City through West Oregon City and Willamette, connecting with the line of the Oregon Electric Company between Portland and Salem.

KILLED AT DAMASCUS.

Ernest Lehman, While Cleaning Well, Is Struck by Heavy Board.

Ernest Lehman, a prominent farmer of Damascus, was instantly killed on Wednesday afternoon by being struck

on the head by a falling board, while cleaning out a well. His two sons were working with him, when without warning a large plank, about four feet in length, fell from the top of the well, striking him on the head and crushing his skull fearfully. Lehman was 49 years of age, and is survived by a wife and several children. The funeral will be held today from his late residence at Damascus.

FIGHT FOR CHILD.

Mr. and Mrs. Genini Air Their Troubles in the Courts.

The fight for the custody of Sophia Genini came to an end Wednesday when the attorneys of Tony Genini and Mrs. Elma L. Genini stipulated that the child should remain in care of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mathews, her maternal grandparents, at Mackburg, until the disposition of the suit for divorce proceedings instituted by Mrs. Genini against her husband and now pending, is determined. Genini last week filed an application for a writ of habeas corpus to obtain possession of his daughter, and Sheriff Beatie brought the girl into court, but the mother of the child filed a suit for divorce and had the girl remanded to the care of the latter's grandparents.

Genini charges his wife with running about with other men, and states he found her in a Chehalis, Wash., lodging house with a male companion, who fired three shots at the angry husband. Genini swore out a warrant for her arrest, but they escaped from the state, and he followed them, his vigilance being rewarded last Wednesday by finding them in Portland. Here they were arrested and released on bail. Mrs. Genini in her suit for divorce, accuses her husband of striking her with his clenched fist, stating that he is indolent and refused to work, which forced her to seek employment in the woolen mill and in hotels and restaurants, in order to support herself and her child, but her husband as well. She also charges Genini with being an habitual user of intoxicants.

LAUGH IS ON LEWELLEN.

Difficulty at Clackamas Bridge Creates Considerable Amusement.

Courthouse attaches are laughing over a story that is being told about County Commissioner Lewellen, who is possessed of a huge bulk and a voice to correspond. Lewellen has been supervising the repairs of the Clackamas bridge at Parkplace, and Tuesday roundly censured some of the men employed on the work, with the result that every man on the job laid down his tools and walked off. "If you leave" yelled the Commissioner, "you will never be allowed to work for Clackamas County again."

Yesterday morning a new crew was put to work and after wrestling with them two hours Foreman E. D. Olds declared he must have his old force back again or he could not go on. Commissioner Lewellen, having cooled and realizing that the repairs must be completed without delay, consented to the resumption of work by the former employes tomorrow morning.

PREMIUM LIST NEARLY READY

Prizes for Exhibits will be Announced Next Week.

COVER VERY WIDE RANGE

Clackamas County Fair Officers Are Working Hard to Prepare For the Opening Day.

The premium list for Clackamas County's first annual fair will be issued early next week and the prizes cover a wide range of exhibits, from babies to products of the farm. County Judge Dianck, Mrs. Maggie A. Johnson, of Milwaukie, and County School Superintendent Gary worked Tuesday afternoon on the list of premiums and will have them complete tomorrow, when the arrangements of prizes for vegetables are turned in by O. E. Freytag.

The fair will be held in Gladstone Park, October 10, 11 and 12, the opening day immediately following the session of Clackamas County District Grange at Clackamas Station. Prizes will be offered for exhibits of horses, cattle, sheep, swine, poultry, vegetables, fruit, grain, grasses, flowers, sewing and fancy work, domestic process, works of art and ornamentation, and special premiums for boys and girls.

During the fair there will be a baby show, for which 11 premiums will be offered, and a substantial prize will be given for the best grange exhibit. The time until the opening day is very short and the officers are working hard to whip everything into line.

Superintendent Miller of the Willamette Falls Railway, said this afternoon that prospects are favorable for bringing the permanent site of the Clackamas County Fair to Willamette. Gladstone Park was offered by the Willamette Valley Chautauqua association as a temporary fair ground only, and next year the Fair Association will have to seek new quarters.

The land fronting the Willamette river below the town of Willamette is a beautiful spot that nature seems to have provided for a great display. There is ample room for a race track one mile in length. The officers of the Willamette Falls Company, of which the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company is a parent corporation, are ever willing to make concessions to the Fair Association and will give a lease on these grounds at an advantageous figure.

COUNTY FAIR CARNIVAL.

Attractive Features Will Be Shown at Gladstone Park. The directors of the Clackamas

County Fair Association have signed a contract with the management of the Clackamas Carnival Company to secure the attractions of this concern for the first Clackamas County Fair, to be held at Gladstone Park, October 10, 11, and 12 next. It is believed that the new feature will assist in bringing a large attendance to the Fair, as one of the principal attractions is an old-fashioned one-day country circus. There is also included a baby incubator, mirror maze and many other things familiar to patrons of carnivals and street fairs. The Reiss Carnival Company is the same aggregation that was with the Woodmen of the World carnival in Portland.

Milwaukie.

The Milwaukie school opened on Monday, September 16, with 146 pupils in attendance, which will be somewhat increased with the return of hop pickers. The teachers in charge are Mrs. Shaw, principal; Ella M. Costo, Estelita Niles, Katherine Costo, assistants. J. W. Hart, Mrs. Hart and Miss Hart left Saturday, September 14, for Illinois to be gone six weeks, where they will visit old friends.

Mrs. Anna Wetzel left Saturday evening for Chicago, where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. Berk, of that city. She will remain about three months.

Aaron Burkemeter left Tuesday morning for Forest Grove, where he will enter Pacific University. Wheel Gibson, who lives at Stanley station on the Estacada car line, fell from her horse last week and broke the bone of her left arm. She is improving and will return to school in a few days.

On Thursday, September 12 near Oak Grove a shock at the home of Frederick Hager and Miss Rose Parnell. Miss Alice Grossbacher was maid of honor and Mr. Joe Hart attended the groom. Rev. Mann, pastor of the German Methodist Church of Milwaukie, performed the ceremony. Only relatives and intimate friends were present. During the afternoon and evening a reception was held attended by a host of neighbors and friends. The bride arrived recently from New York.

Springwater.

Raining—and most always is in the middle of September, as I have observed the fall of rain and sunshine for over 40 years in Oregon. It might not come amiss to give the dates that we look for rain and sunshine: From the last week in September to the first week in November—sunshine. We may have some growing showers from the first week in November to February. Look for rain and see it sure as a good thing in February. We have two weeks fine weather, then somewhat blustery until the last of April, then sunshine until the middle of June, then one week's rain, then sunshine until the middle of September, sometimes a nice summer shower.

Thirty-three thousand bushels of grain threshed in Springwater this season as estimated. Fifteen thousand bushels cut for hay as clover was light.

The most of those that went to the hop fields have returned home. Ed Closter and family have not. They are visiting and picking prunes.

J. A. Shibley, wife and twins are on an outing and visit in Linn County.

Several new dwelling houses have been built in Springwater this summer. W. H. Kandle has just commenced his.

Clackamas.

The hop pickers have returned and the town shows signs of returning life. All made a few dollars if the hops were mouldy.

Rev. A. J. Hoar, of Parkplace, will preach at the Congregational Church next Sunday at eleven o'clock.

Richard Hartnell and others are marketing their fall crop of strawberries. Mr. Hartnell has sold several crates and still they ripen.

Hank Smith was taken quite sick Saturday evening while on the road. Neighbors found him and took him home.

Mrs. M. E. Prettyman and sister were visiting their mother, Grandma Gruber, last Saturday and Sunday, strong those up to the fifth grade.

School started Monday with a good attendance. Miss Munson has charge of the higher grades and Miss Arm-

Viola.

The lecture at the school house on Monday evening was well attended. We grasp more fully the immensity of the telephone enterprise.

C. C. Miller made a business trip to Oregon City Monday.

Mrs. Sevier visited her daughter, Mrs. Heinbothem, at the DuBois saw-mill Tuesday.

James Sevier has completed a very successful season's run with his threshing machine.

Antone Oberstaller bought a single buggy and harness the first of the week.

Mr. Graham has gone to British Columbia to work in the logging camps.

SCHOOLS OPEN IN CLACKAMAS

Park Place First to Resume Session for Fall Term.

OTHERS TO OPEN MONDAY

Dedication of John McLoughlin Institute Will Take Place October 6—Changes in Instructors.

Parkplace is the first of the schools of this vicinity to open and the Fall term commenced Monday morning. The enrollment is fully up to expectations and the book stores experienced a sudden rush of business Monday from purchasers of school books. The teachers of the Parkplace school are: Prof. L. A. Read, principal; Anna T. Smith, Daisy McAnulty, Alice Markart, Minnie Markart, Edith Armstrong.

The West Oregon City, Willamette, and Oregon City public schools will be opened next Monday morning, and the McLoughlin Institute will open at the same time. Rev. A. Hillebrand, principal of the institutes states that their six rooms will all be occupied and prospects are bright for a successful term. The institute will be dedicated Sunday, October 6, with appropriate ceremonies, and among the speakers will be Archbishop Alexander Christie, H. W. Scott, editor of the Oregonian, and Frederick V. Holman, the historian of McLoughlin.

Several of the schools of Clackamas County will resume this week and by the first of October nearly all of them will be in session.

Claude Turrell was Saturday elected principal of the Eastham building by the board of directors of the city school, succeeding M. S. D. Viola. M. Godfrey, who resigned to take charge of the Willamette school. Mr. Turrell is 28 years of age and a native of Michigan. He is a resident of Milwaukie.

Mrs. Beatrice Harrison, of Portland, was elected teacher of the first primary grade of the Eastham Building to succeed Miss Frances Myers, who has been elected teacher of the second grade in the Harrison school at Portland. Mrs. Harrison formerly taught in the public schools of Portland and for the last three years has been in the Tillamook City schools. Her preparation was acquired at Grand Rapids, Mich.

Miss Maude Cooke left for Pendleton Saturday evening to do seventh grade work in that city at a salary of sixty dollars per month. Miss Cooke took her degree at S. D. from the Monmouth Normal last June, and is one of our promising young teachers.

BODY IS EXHUMED.

Charles Ainsworth, Morphine Fiend Was Son of Portland Woman.

Charles Ainsworth, who died from an overdose of morphine on Wednesday morning of last week in the Anderson lodging house, and who was supposed to have no known relatives, was given a fitting burial yesterday morning. Ainsworth, whose name was supposed to Rice, was interred in the county cemetery by Coroner Holman, who held the body for several days. None of his relatives appeared to claim him, however, until Wednesday, and accordingly the body was exhumed and was re-interred yesterday in Mountain View cemetery. Ainsworth was only 19 years of age and was the son of Mrs. Price, who has a lodging house on Third and Couch streets in Portland. He had contracted the morphine habit while serving in the United States Army.

Maple Lane.

Hop picking is nearly over and most of the pickers have returned.

Mrs. Willis and Mrs. Stafford, of Moburley, spent Friday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miles.

Shirley Swallow has returned after a two-months' outing at Long Beach. Mrs. Lewis returned Monday from Silverton, where she has been picking hops.

Mr. Smith has been building quite an extensive poultry house. He intends making it a part of his farm work.

Mr. Davis is blasting stumps and clearing land on a large scale this fall.

Lyman Derrick and Albert Mantz were at home Sunday.

C. B. Robinson has completed his barn, which greatly improves the appearance of his place.

Miss Darling returned last week from California, where she has spent the last year.

Mr. Robertson is helping Mr. Parkman dry prunes. He has all he will be able to dry.

Lyman Mack is soon to leave us for Eastern Oregon, where he will engage in the butcher business.

Lambert Beard is clerking for A. Robertson, and likes the work very much.

Lawrence Mautz is hauling wood again, after a short vacation in the hopfield.

Mr. Moran's hand is slowly improving.

The Grange Fair promises to be a success. The programme and arrangements will be given later.

Minister's Salary Raised.

The fourth quarterly conference of the First M. E. Church was held in the parlors of the church Tuesday, and it was found that the finances of the church were in excellent condition, and after a very harmonious meeting a unanimous invitation was extended by the board of fidelity to Rev. R. C. Blackwell to return to the Oregon City charge for another year as pastor of the M. E. Church, and that his salary be increased from \$50 to \$100.

COLLECTION OF 1906 TAX

Sheriff Beatie Has Received \$217,131.06 Since March.

BALANCE IS \$13,875.64

Delinquent List to be Made Up in October, When Time for Last Half Payment will Expire.

Clackamas County officers are busy preparing their semi-annual reports for submission to the county court. In the office of Sheriff Beatie the second half of the 1906 tax is being received, money coming in at the rate of several hundred dollars daily. Sheriff Beatie and Deputy Baker are extremely gratified over this year's collection of taxes. The total amount of the roll is \$238,754.88, and there has been collected in cash \$217,131.06. The amount of the rebates given for prompt payment of taxes is \$248.18, making a total of \$222,879.24, and leaving a balance of \$13,875.64. The time for the payment of the last half of the 1906 tax expires the first Monday in October, when the delinquent list will be made up. Up to April 1, when the time for giving the 3 per cent rebate expired the sheriff's office had collected \$205,328.11. County Assessor Nelson is now at work putting the finishing touches on the 1907 roll, which will soon be turned over to County Clerk Greenman to be copied and extended. The valuation this year will be materially increased, and the Assessor expects that the roll will total about \$265,000, which is an increase of \$27,000 over last year. The annual expenses of the county in general disbursements, aside from roads and bridges is about \$33,000 and the increase will cover a year's expenditures, with the present rate of levy.

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