

## CLUB MAKES GOOD MOVES

### Work For New Year Being Planned Out

## WILL ASSIST GRANGES

### In Making State Meeting Best Ever—Believes O. W. P. Should Lower Fare to Portland

The Oregon City Commercial Club held a special meeting at the club parlors Monday evening at which time the matter of a reduced fare to Portland over the Portland Railway Light and Power Company's lines was taken up and various matters of interest to the people of Oregon and Clackamas county were put forward with the intention of having something done that would benefit the city and county.

Meeting with the board of governors was Jas. A. Roake, representing the Citizens Improvement Club, and Attorney Lowman of the railway company.

It was the expression of the board that there should be a reduction in the fare and a committee of five was appointed by President Thomas F. Ryan to take charge of the matter and carry it to a proper conclusion. The committee appointed was as follows: Messrs. Frank Busch, representing the Commercial Club; A. Knapp, city council; J. A. Roake, Civic Club; K. S. Larsen, citizens; and G. W. Frederick, Hill Club, who will work with President Ryan. The matter has been placed entirely in the hands of this committee, and it is proposed that they call a rally meeting of the citizens of the city in the very near future so that an expression may be gained as to the desires of the public along this line.

It was the opinion of those present at the meeting that the railway company should reduce the fare to 15 cents one way, twelve and one-half by using the commutation tickets, making a rate of 25 cents round trip, and the committee will work on this basis.

It was also ordered at the meeting that a committee of five be appointed by President Ryan to take up the matter of the meeting of the State Grange in this city next spring, and work with the Granges of the county in making it one of the most successful state meetings ever held.

The committee on transportation reported that upon request the Southern Pacific Co. has changed their schedule and are now stopping the Silverton local which had been making regular flying trips through Oregon City.

The annual meeting of officers of the club will be held Saturday, January 15, in the club rooms, a special having been prepared by the entertainment committee for the occasion.

## WILLAMETTE VALLEY THE APPLE'S HOME

### Destined to Become Greatest Apple-Producing Section in the World

### Crop in the East Decreases While in the West It Increases

W. H. Williamson, secretary of the State Board of Horticulture, gave an address before the Portland Apple-growers' Association at a recent date, at the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Williamson stated that while the population of the United States is increasing at the rate of 2,000,000 a year the tendency for seven or eight years will be for the apple crop of that part of the country east of the Rocky mountains to decrease. The speaker gave his opinion that the Willamette valley will become the greatest apple-producing district in the world, but that this will not occur until the farmers have awakened to the vast possibilities and the right kind of apple raising communities have been started by growers who know right methods. Methods in apple raising are revolutionizing, as is the case in all kinds of farming. "The bulk of the apple crop will be produced west of the Rocky mountains in the future; and there is no reason why we can not make Oregon the leading apple-growing state in the Union if this is done it will be because we use our brains. We must continue to farm apple growing communities similar to Hood River the district. There is no danger of too many apple trees being planted, but on the contrary, the danger is that not enough will be planted."

## County Clerk's Report

Deputy County Clerk William Mulvey compiled the following tabulated report of the records of the clerk's office for Clackamas county for the year 1909: Total receipts, \$7,738.43; Marriage licenses, 376; Total number of cases instituted in the circuit court of Clackamas county were 346 of which 392 were divorce proceedings, 886; Fishing licenses, 631; Number of insane committed to the asylum, 12; 49 aliens declared their intention of becoming citizens of the United States during the year of 1909.

## Enters Attachment Suit

A suit has been entered by James A. Cook, through his attorney, O. D. Eby, against the North Coast Engraving Company, of Bellingham; W. A. Garrett and J. E. McCluskey, also of Bellingham, for the sum of \$1500 on a promissory note, dated January 5, 1909, payable in one year, with interest at 8 per cent from that time to January 5, 1909, and for attorney's fees and costs. An attachment on real property at Clackamas, which is owned by one of the defendants, has been made. This property consists of one-half acre with residence and other buildings.

## OREGON CITY MAN GETS APPOINTMENT

### H. L. Kelly Accepts Position of Superintendent of Argentine Fisheries

### Friends of H. Leighton Kelly will be pleased to learn of his success.

Mr. Kelly of the United States Fisheries Commission, recently superintendent at Trail, Southern Oregon, left Monday afternoon for Washington, at which place he will sign up a three-year contract with the Argentine Republic, South America, as superintendent of the republic's fisheries located at Buenos Ayres. Mr. Kelly will then proceed to New York, from which place he will take the P. & O. liner for Liverpool, thence to Madrid, Spain, and from which point he sails for his destination in South America. Mr. Kelly is an expert fish culturist, having long experience in this line during his superintendency on the Rogue river, and also while connected with the United States hatcheries on the Clackamas river. He will ship a large supply of fish eggs from New York City to South American points.

## OREGON CITY WILL WELCOME SETTLERS

### Should Profit by Mistakes of Others in Failing to Provide for Reception of Newcomers

Oregon City is in the lime light through the whole East and is surely attracting people from various quarters of the globe. It now behooves our moneyed men to begin at once to plan for the proper housing of all who might come here with a view of making this picturesque little city their future home. Do not wait till hundreds have arrived and are shut up in tents and huts like they are in Albany and other cities in the valley. Now is the time to make proper provisions for the eastern people.

## Good Bill at Electric

The Electric theatre was fortunate in the extreme when they secured the "Queen City Four," comedy sketch artists and quartette, the voice of each being equally good and soloists deserving of the many encores which they daily receive. The young comedian, Kurtz Keene, is splendid in the "Wall Street Gaffer," also his slang is new and jokes fresh, "no chestnuts" there. His Hebrew impersonation is commensurate, and the illustration by Jack Mitchell also is creditable. The Electric's motion pictures are favorites as every one is interested in the American Biograph reels. In fact one will always be pleased with the bill at the Electric.

## IS HEADED THIS WAY

### Portland Desires to Extend Limits

## WILL FIND US AWAKE

### Meeting at Oak Grove Lets New Light on Talked of Extension. Fare Reduction Wanted

Clackamas county would be the loser a number of thousands of dollars if a large number of Northern Clackamas county residents leave their way. They would like to see the city of Portland extended south to the Clackamas river and are making a very noticeable move to further their ideas along this line. It was formally announced to the public at the joint meeting of the Gladstone, Oak Grove and Milwaukie Improvement Clubs held at Oak Grove last Thursday. It was a very good meeting. Speeches on many subjects that concerned the welfare of all three clubs were listened to, and many interesting talks were given.

The meeting was opened by an address on the "Reduction of the fare from Oak Grove to Portland," by Mayor Streib of Milwaukie and he was followed by an excellent talk on "The annexation of all of Clackamas county north of the Clackamas river to Multnomah county," by B. Lee Paget of Oak Grove, who seemed to favor it. Thomas E. Ryan gave an interesting address and others who followed were: Mrs. Stella Salisbury, W. L. Lyon of Milwaukie; A. J. Holstead of Milwaukie; Mr. Thomas E. Ryan; Mrs. Thomas Gault of Gladstone; E. P. Carter and H. E. Cross of Gladstone. During the evening the guests were highly entertained by the Gladstone Male Quartet.

At the head of this great movement is B. Lee Paget, secretary of the Portland Trust Company. Mr. Paget has for several years made his home in Oak Grove, which he would like to see in the city limits. He has enlisted in support of the movement W. E. Truesher, editor of the Milwaukie News and an attorney of that town. Mr. Truesher is comparatively a newcomer to Clackamas county. The argument for the annexation of northern Clackamas county to Portland is found in the assertion that the taxes in Multnomah county are lower than in Clackamas, and that the county roads of Multnomah are by far the best in the county.

Because of electric lines and transportation rates the extreme northern portion of Clackamas county looks to Portland as a trading point, and it is bound to cut considerable figure in the proposition. Estacada would like to see their town become the county seat of a new county to be formed from the territory that is now proposed to add to Multnomah, but this is not considered a reasonable idea at this time on account of the sparsely settled condition of that section of the county and the comparatively small value of taxable property. It is possible, however, that these people would support the movement to join the big city.

No active campaign has yet been made, but another meeting of the promotion clubs of Oak Grove, Milwaukie and Gladstone will soon be held, when it is likely that definite steps will be taken to formulate some plan to bring the whole scheme directly before the people interested.

## Early Closing Suits People

There is no good reason why all the shopping cannot be done before six o'clock in the morning, and the opportunity to enjoy a few hours in the evening with their families. The movement was started within the past week here in Oregon City and is meeting with success, as all the stores are closing at six o'clock p.m. except Saturdays and "pay days" and the people find they get along just as well for that spot of thread or a package of needles until the next morning.

## Tax Levy Announced

The county court of Clackamas county has announced the tax levy for the year of 1910 to be the same as that of last, 14 mills in all, but the general fund is cut to .75 of a mill, as against a little better than 3 mills last year while the state and the school tax remains practically the same. Enough was added to the road and bridge tax to offset the decrease in the general fund, bringing it up to a total of 7.54 mills for this purpose. The balance of the appropriations is divided as follows: State tax, 2 1/2 mills and the school fund receives 3.15 mills, or enough to make the total 14 mills in all. The total value of assessable property of the county as compiled by County Assessor, J. E. Jack is nearly \$20,000,000 less than that of last year being \$22,087,000 as against \$24,000,000 in 1909. The reason assigned for this fact is that last year thousands of acres of timber land was assessed as such which have since been returned to the government and are therefore now exempt.

## New Bank in Oregon City

It is rumored that the Austrian element is soon to start a bank in Oregon City. The information came from Mat Justin, proprietor of the Mount Hood saloon, who stated that Joseph Kraker of San Francisco was in the city and looked the proposition up and reported very favorably on it. Kraker is the San Francisco representative of Frank Torck, the Chicago-Austrian millionaire, who has banking interests in both Chicago and San Francisco. It was just recently that a new bakery was established by the Austrians, of which nationally there is quite a colony in Oregon City.

## MILL TO RESUME OPERATIONS SOON

### Oregon City Mill and Lumber Company Organizes New Corporation

The large plant of the Oregon City Mill and Lumber Company will resume operations soon. Monday afternoon there was a meeting of the stockholders in the office of Latourrette and Latourrette, which time resolutions were passed authorizing the issue of fifty thousand dollars preferred stock, to draw six per cent interest per annum, said stock to be delivered to the secured creditors in lumps for the same amount of their claims. There was also a clause in the resolutions stating that no dividends would be paid on the common stock until the interest and principal of the preferred stock had all been paid. At this meeting a new corporation was organized with officers as follows: President, Geo. W. Bowen of Portland; vice president, J. W. Moffett of Oregon City. The new directors chosen were J. W. Moffett, Geo. W. Bowen, W. L. Bowen, R. G. Baker, E. W. Barris, Messrs. Baker and Barris hold the largest lumps of preferred stock.

## MACHINERY WILL START HUMMING

### L. Gill Purchases Local Furniture Manufacturing Plant

The Oregon City Furniture Manufacturing Company closed hands last week, L. Gill purchasing the interest of S. L. Oswald who has owned the plant for some years. The new company intends to install much machinery and place the plant on a competitive basis with the factories of the kind throughout the country enlarging and adding new machinery as the business may demand.

Special attention will be given to the manufacture of all kinds of millinery work for inside finishing, the production of which will be always kept in stock in quantities that will insure the business a sure piece to obtain what they desire on short notice for the construction of busses and all remodeling. It is the intention of the new company to also enter the field in the manufacture of various kinds of furniture, and in this connection it is very obvious that every one will be successful, as the plants of this kind are very scarce in the west and the demands are continually growing.

The outlook for 1910 is very promising and already orders have been obtained that will keep the mill in operation for some time.

## THE COMET AND HOWELL

Scientists claim Halley's comet will give the Pacific coast a close brush this year on May 18, between 11 and 12 o'clock p.m. and the brush will be something spectacular.

The earth will then pass through the last of the 20,000,000 mile tail of the celestial visitor and the result ought to be as dazzling a piece of fireworks as this generation has ever witnessed.

Prominent with the early settlers of Oregon was Joshua Howell, who with his wife has resided at Clackamas for the past 45 years. Mr. Howell is among the few men of Oregon, who well remember the appearance of Halley's comet in 1835. At that time he was a boy of about six years in Columbus, Ohio. He says the comet was unusual in size and brightness, and resembled a rainbow, but with a long tail, seemingly close to the earth. When it was first seen the ground was covered with snow, and the reflection from that great heavenly body on the white mantle was marvelous to behold.

The women in the town where Mr. Howell's parents resided thought the comet of the world had come and made ready for death. They expected the snow to turn to oil and the tail of the comet to reach the earth and set it alight, and were greatly wrought up.

Mr. Howell says the comet appeared every night for a long time, and everyone looked for it. He also remembers the "fall of the stars," when the heavens were illuminated by thousands of meteors, which also frightened people by the thousand.

With the beginning of the new year Mr. Howell has just rounded out the eighty-first year of a strenuous life, and recalls many interesting incidents among such making features in the nation's history.

## Interesting Men's Meeting

Last Sunday evening a special meeting worthy of note was that of the men's meeting at the Congregational church. The meeting was carried out under the instructions of the officers of the brotherhood. E. C. Avison took charge of the services, assisted by W. W. Miller, Key Oakley, and reached an able, harmonious and together with a chorus of men's voices assisted by James Willock, violinist. The meeting, which was attended by a large congregation, was of thorough interest and full of instruction and followed along the line of the betterment of man in the daily walks of life.

## TOO MANY FIRES

We believe that it is quite unnecessary to have drunken fights and brawls on our streets every few days and we further believe it to be entirely the fault of our day police force that this disgusting thing is permitted to continue. There has recently been three or four such occurrences which lasted in each instance anywhere from ten minutes to half an hour, and that too with the red light calling the attention of the officers of the city, but without success. The matter should come before the council and the officers should be told their duty, if this has not already been done. Get 'em up on "the carpet" a few times. It might help matters—if that does not have the desired effect, well there's another remedy.

## TEACHERS PREPARE FOR THE INSTITUTE

### Will Be Held at Clackamas Jan. 22, and Many Will Attend

### Questions of Vital Interest to All Who Are Interested in Educational Work Will Be Discussed

The program for the second local teacher's institute, which will be given in the Clackamas school house, January 22, is the following: The "Certificate of Teacher," Austin Winn, of Harmon; "The Daily Program," O. E. Ransby of New Era; "Opening Exercises and How to Teach Questions," Mrs. Emil C. Shaw, of Milwaukie; program by the Clackamas schools; "How Much Attention Should Be Given to the Practical in Education," T. P. Kendall of West Oregon City; "Social Exhibits at the County Fair," H. H. Eccles of Canby. The address of Prof. Kendall is the most vital question that is up for consideration at this date and is one suggested by County School Superintendent Gary. Much discussion is expected on this subject. This will be an unusually instructive and interesting program and a large attendance is expected.

## OSCAR D. EBY



Sixteen years a resident of Clackamas county—The Courier's choice for County Judge, and a man fit for the place.

## ROAD SUPERVISORS FOR CLACKAMAS

### Four New Districts Are Added. Some Appointments Are Yet to Come

The Clackamas county court has selected the new road supervisors. Four new districts have been added. In district No. 10, Eastman, Walter Sniffin has been appointed to succeed Archie Yocum in the Legu district. Fred Gerer is succeeded by Joseph Gill. Leander Mattson succeeds Max Leitold in the Clackamas district, and J. J. Malott is the appointee in place of John Fane. In the district No. 11, George Oglesby has been named to succeed K. W. Zimmerman in district No. 27. L. E. Marquardt has been succeeded by L. N. Jones, in district No. 35. J. B. Jones has been appointed to succeed O. H. Edwards in district No. 45. Thomas Ostrowski succeeds A. B. Henderson in district No. 46 at Barton. Sherman Lyons takes the place of Carl J. Hanson, and in district No. 41, G. R. Woodie has been appointed in place of A. J. Kitzmiller. W. E. Munpower has been named in place of Dan Watterson. J. E. Sifer, who is named as supervisor of the newly created district No. 41, was formerly supervisor of district No. 3, which has been divided. The following district appointments have not yet been made: Nos. 8, 33 and 43. The supervisors in these districts during the last year were: David Douglas in No. 8; J. W. Smith in No. 33, and Steve Douglas in No. 43. The appointments follow: No. 1, W. H. Counsel; No. 2, W. B. Wezler; No. 3, Henry Froge; No. 4, G. B. Linn; No. 5, C. M.

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## AN IMPORTANT COUNCIL MEETING

An important meeting of the city council was held Monday evening for the purpose of obtaining cheaper rates for the arc lights in Oregon City. It is expected that with the ending of the present contract in June, a new contract will be drawn up at the Portland prices. This has been proposed by the Portland Railway, Light and Power Company, and will save the city from sixty to eighty-five cents on a light per month. The company also ordered the placing of new poles in place of the old ones which are to be removed.

At last meeting of the council, a petition was handed in from many business men of Oregon City and vicinity, asking for an improved street leading to the railroad siding on Center and 16th streets. The committee reported Monday night that the Southern Pacific Company would commence the construction of a 18 foot gravel street, between 14 and 16 street along Center. Work will begin immediately. The rest of the meeting evening was spent in discussing the amendment to the city charter, which will be voted on at a special election held in February. The classes were carefully gone over and each councilman instructed in their different phrases and a publicity campaign will be commenced at a near date.

## Why Not Be Comfortable

A general invitation is extended to visit the Rest Room, second floor Masonic Temple. Warm and comfortable. Take the elevator. All the late papers and magazines. This has been provided by the people of Oregon City through the efforts of the Woman's Club. Not only a welcome, but an urgent request is sent broadcast throughout the county to make yourself at home in these beautiful quarters when you are in Oregon City.

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