

SHALL WE IMPROVE THE HIGHWAYS

Is the Question Mr. Carter Wants Answered.

HE IS PEOPLE'S HIRED MAN

And Will Act According to their Instructions.

Representative Carter wants the farmers of Clackamas county to let him know how they feel about the proposed construction of hard surfaced roads in Oregon and particularly in Clackamas county. Mr. Carter evidently thinks automobile dealers are behind the good roads movement. That was the notion eastern farmers entertained years ago, but now that they have seen the benefit of the practical side of the matter they are the most enthusiastic supporters of the good roads movement. Cities do not grow unless they improve their streets. The city of Portland spent over four million dollars in 1910 on hard paved streets during the year 1910. This immense sum was expended because the property owners knew that it would improve the value of their property. Without these improvements people would not build on the streets. If farmers desire to increase the value of their property they will encourage their members of the legislature to work and vote for the measure now before the legislature.

In the following communication Representative Carter makes known his desires:

Gladstone, Jan. 14, 1911.
Editor Courier: One of the most important questions to come before the present legislature is the road measure, especially the five road bills to be presented by the Portland Good Roads Association.

There will be a tremendous pressure behind these bills, consisting of the automobile manufacturers, dealers and automobile clubs. They are planning to take the legislature by storm by coming to Salem on a special train, three or four hundred strong.

Now, you farmers and laboring men and small taxpayers, what are you doing towards letting your representatives know where you stand on this question? The adoption of these measures means the expenditure of over two million dollars on the roads of the state during the next two years. This money must be raised by taxation.

We are here to represent your interests, but how are we to know what you want in the way of legislation unless you make your wishes known? Now I suggest that you get together and talk over the measures likely to

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT AT CANBY STATION

Mrs. J. W. Gordon Killed While Crossing Railroad Track.

The sudden death of Mrs. J. W. Gordon occurred Thursday evening in Canby. Mrs. Gordon resided on the opposite side of the track from the business section and was making a short cut to the store, crossing the track at an angle above the regular crossing and following the track some little distance south, at the same time the Shasta Limited was going that way. The pilot of the engine struck her and death was instant.

Mrs. Gordon is survived by six sons, Earl Gordon of Walla Walla, Emil, Harry and Claire of Canby and Lionel and Delbert of this city, and one daughter, Mrs. Walter Wells of this city. Mrs. L. J. Lagason of Oregon city is a sister.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY FAIR MEETING

The Stockholders Will Hold Annual Meeting in February.

The annual stockholders' meeting of the Clackamas County Fair Association will be held in Oregon City on Saturday, Feb. 4, being two weeks from next Saturday.

At this time the report of the president, secretary and treasurer will be read, including a complete financial report of the association for the past year. Plans will be discussed for the fair for the coming year and much business of importance will be considered. Every stockholder is urged to be present as a great deal depends upon this meeting as to the future of the fair.

The fair held by the association last fall was the best of any ever held and was given credit of being the best county fair in the state, and it is hoped that this year's fair will even surpass that of last year.

The directors of the association at present are: J. W. Smith, president, Aurora; O. E. Freytag, vice president, Oregon City; M. J. Lazelle, secretary, Oregon City; O. D. Eby, treasurer, Oregon City; Geo. M. Lazelle, R. S. Coe, W. W. Everhart, John Risley, G. B. Dimick, John Lewellen, and W. H. Mattoon.

come before the legislature, especially the road question, and do it immediately, and send your views, whether for or against the proposed road bills, to your representatives at Salem. If you fail to do so you cannot blame us if we fail to please you by our course in the final settlement of these questions. E. P. CARTER.

WILLAMETTE RIVER ON A RAMPAGE

Heavy Fall of Rain Causes Rapid Rise, but Not Dangerous.

A Chinook wind, melting snow and a tremendous downpour of rain caused the Willamette river to rise more rapidly on Tuesday night and Wednesday than for many years. On Wednesday morning the gauge at the Willamette paper mills read 13 feet and nine inches and on Thursday morning it reached 23 feet and five inches, while at up-river points the river had reached a height of 62 feet. From observations made at the mills it was not considered that the rise would be more than five or six feet more, and that there was no danger of a terrible flood.

The Southern Pacific road is very badly crippled. They have numerous washouts and the track is submerged both north and south of the city. It will probably be some time before they can repair the damage.

The track of the Portland Railway, Light and Power Company was under water from Nasf to Boardman and street car service was discontinued on this side of Jennings Lodge, but was resumed again Thursday morning. The bridge over the Clackamas has been pronounced in a dangerous condition and passengers to Portland are compelled to procure a transfer and walk over the bridge. Conditions were the worst between Risley and Concord. The trouble was not occasioned by a rise in the Willamette, but from the water on the nearby hills, and as there was not sufficient water to escape the street car tracks down from the south end of the city, the office and freight sheds of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company in the south end of the city were flooded suddenly Wednesday afternoon, the turbulent water rushing down from the south end road through Third street past the brick mill into the Willamette river.

The bridge over the Madison street canyon in Kansas City addition is in a dangerous condition and has been closed to traffic. A huge landslide of many tons of earth, carrying trees and stumps, struck the underpinning of the structure Wednesday night, carrying out two bents and making the bridge unsafe.

Water coming down the hill past the Seventh street steps played havoc with a big electric light pole and threatened to throw it down, but a gang of men made it fast and a watch will be kept upon it.

The school directors have placed a night watchman at the Barclay school building, where water has flooded the basement, and a watchman has been stationed at the Abernethy bridge. The upper pulp mill and the grinders were temporarily shut down.

Washouts have occurred on all the roads leading out of Oregon City and it will probably be some time before full communication is restored.

MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

City Asked to Assist in Arresting Contagious Diseases.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Oregon City schools, held Thursday evening, matters of the new high school building were discussed, as were matters of health, and the city authorities will be asked to cooperate with the Superintendent and report all cases of disease, either contagious or infectious, when either occurs in the homes of pupils or with the pupils themselves. Supt. Toose and the teachers are vigilantly striving to keep the health conditions normal and would be grateful when informed when the children have been exposed. The pupils are not allowed to remain in school if it is known that they have been exposed.

The board has authorized the purchase of new blackboards for the mathematics room of the high school and the contract for the next year's wood has been let to Fred Wourms for 300 cords of wood at \$8.90 per cord. The superintendent has reported several cases where children could not attend school, as the bread winner of the family had been either permanently injured or was dead and the children did not have sufficient funds to be able to attend, and material aid has been ordered for such cases.

THE GOOD ROADS BILL BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE

Synopsis of the Measure Now Before Oregon Solons.

The good roads bill now before the state legislature provides for an appropriation of six hundred and eighty thousand dollars, one-half of which shall be available in 1911 and the remainder in 1912. Each county in the state will be entitled to receive ten thousand dollars in 1911 and ten thousand dollars in 1912, to be used in the construction of permanent roads.

Counties desiring to accept the money appropriated by the act must provide a fund of twenty thousand dollars to be used for the construction of permanent road beds in that county. Such roads shall begin at one of the permanent or short haul places in that county, or shall connect with a permanent road leading to the place, and it shall be so located that when constructed it will constitute one of the main traveled roads to that place.

All roads constructed under the provisions of the act shall be under the exclusive direction and control of the state highway commission. Whenever the county court shall have complied with the requirements of this act and shall notify the state highway commission of the fact arrangements will be made for the work of constructing road beds to commence.

Roads constructed under the provisions of this act shall be constructed according to the best and most scientific methods, so as to make them as durable and permanent as possible.

If any road or any part of a road constructed under the provisions of this act shall be done by contract, specifications showing what is to be done shall be prepared in duplicate and one filed with the highway commission and the other with the county court. Notices inviting bids for work must be published in two papers published in the county where the work is to be done. Whenever any work is done under the provisions of this act other than by contract, citizens of the county shall be given preference as far as possible.

Counties which do not take advantage of the provisions of this act during 1911 may use its entire allotment during the year 1912, and in that event the work must proceed until sixty thousand dollars shall have been expended.

Whenever the construction of any road shall have begun during the year 1911, such construction shall proceed until completed without reference to whether it shall be completed that year, and the same course will be pursued as to work done in 1912.

Any county which does not take advantage of the provisions of this act before the end of the year 1912 shall forfeit rights to any money appropriated by this act.

To fully carry out the provisions of this measure four other bills have been introduced. One provides for a state highway commission to consist of three members to be appointed by the governor who shall serve without pay. The bonding act providing for issuing bonds by counties for the purpose of raising funds for work on state highways; the convict labor law, providing for using state penitentiary convicts on public roads in the state, and the act permitting prisoners in county jails to work on roadways in the counties in which they are confined.

A Community of Interests

Jennings Lodge is to have a community club. This was decided at a meeting held on Thursday last. The meeting was attended by about 40 people, and before adjournment 21 signified their intention of becoming members. The club will work for the improvement of the community, and will make efforts to have intending home-seekers locate in that vicinity.

The officers are: President, H. H. McGovern; vice president, Charles F. Redmond; secretary, Calvin Morse; treasurer, George Betz, Sr. The club will meet the first Wednesday of each month.

Sunday School Union.

Next Saturday afternoon at 2:30 a meeting will be held in the First Baptist church of this city for the purpose of organizing a Sunday school graded union. Mrs. Wilkinson of Portland will conduct the meeting and all who are interested in this work are cordially invited to attend.

HOLD THEIR ANNUAL MEETING

Clackamas County Sunday Schools in Session

INTERESTING ADDRESS

Election of Officers for Ensing Year—J. W. Loder President.

Last Saturday and Sunday 'the county Sunday School convention was held in the Presbyterian church of this city. There were delegates from Boring, Estacada, Milwaukie, Canby, Springwater, Logan, Central Point, Jennings Lodge, Oak Grove and other schools in the county, and there were some who were unable to be present owing to the inclemency of the weather. There was a report from nearly every school in the county and the talks by the different speakers were full of interest and inspiration. The principal speaker was Rev. Charles A. Phipps, general secretary of the Oregon Sunday School Association, who addressed the people Saturday evening on the subject, "Making Good."

At the Sunday evening service Mr. C. A. Phipps gave an interesting account of the World's Sunday School Convention held in Washington D. C. June last. The Oregon delegation had the distinction of making the trip from Portland to the capital city without change. The railroad will be able to make such a trip, but a dial said it could not be done, but it will be a kindly interference of the powers that enabled the party to travel the intricate network of tracks in Chicago and then speed onward rejoicing. Never in the history of conventions in Washington had there been such an interest taken in things religious as when this convocation gathered from all nations of the world to meet in solemn assembly. The president of the World's Sunday School Association was Rev. F. B. Meyer, one of the most eloquent preachers of the world. So we were glad to see his church gave him a three years' leave of absence with full pay. The first speaker to be introduced was President Taft, who welcomed the delegates and paid a high tribute to the work of Sunday School all over the world. He said immediately after his instruction was given on the secular school, that the youth of the land must look to the Sunday School for spiritual training.

The conclusion of his speech there were calls for Mrs. Taft and the president led the parade of the land to the front of the stage where she bowed and smiled most graciously.

All the delegates wore badges, those from North America wearing red and the foreign delegates blue. The badge was no north or south, east or west, just North American.

Delegates sat on the platform. The Japanese, the Turks, the Africans and many others, six hundred in all, gave a touch of color to the whole. How the delegates sang! A choir of 1300 trained singers led by Prof. Foster made the vast convention hall reverberate with the old songs dear to everyone. One of the favorites was "I Love to Tell the Story," and the vast audience sang it over and over again. The pianist was a wonder and above the voices of the singers could be heard every note as distinctly as if but one voice was carrying the melody.

Mr. Phipps spoke of the men's parade, how but for three things the parade would have been much more of a success than it was. In the first place it rained—not the gentle showers of Oregon, but raindrops as large as a man's hand fell in rapid succession. In the second place the negroes had planned to march with the white men, but that morning there appeared a notice in the papers that no black man would be permitted to march. Thirdly, just as the parade was about to start it was discovered that there were two non-union musicians in the line, so 600 union musicians stepped out of the procession. Despite these drawbacks the men marched with floating banners and flying pennants. Another parade that attracted such attention was a parade of young people dressed in the costumes of seventy-five different nations. At the head of the parade was a youth garbed in white and carrying a large banner with a cross upon it.

On the wall of the convention hall was a map of the world fifty feet long. On the last night of the convention when the audience was seated there flashed across the map a brilliant electric cross which thrilled the people as they gazed upon it. The exhibition of the British and American Bible Society was unique. There was a pyramid formed of Bibles printed in over 600 languages and dialects. There were a great many noted men present at the convention, laymen as well as clergymen, and foreign missionaries, and they all made a plea for the Sunday School. The missionaries told of millions of people yet un-reached by the influences of Christianity and it is to the Sunday School they look for the evangelization of the world.

The following officers were elected for the county Sunday School organization: President, Mr. J. W. Loder; vice president, Mr. O. W. Boring, of Boring; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. W. A. White; superintendent of teachers' training, Miss Iva Roake; superintendent of home department, Mrs. D. C. Latonette; superintendent of the elementary department, Mrs. S. McDonald; superintendent of the temperance work, Mr. J. R. Ely of Kernerville; superintendent of adult movement, Ralph Eddy.

Odd Fellows Meet.

The prize team of the Northwest, which belongs to the Hassalo lodge of Portland, were in Gladstone Saturday evening and gave the degree work to the Odd Fellows of Gladstone. The Ladies Aid Society served a delicious lunch at midnight.

PRODUCE UNION NOW ORGANIZED

Mr. O. E. Freytag Will Be Manager of New Concern.

The Oregon City Fruit and Produce Union has engaged O. E. Freytag as manager and will open business within a week. This association is very fortunate in securing his services. The union has a large membership and will no doubt handle a great deal of farm produce.

Efforts are being made by this association to lease a warehouse and store rooms near the S. P. depot.

Musical at Gladstone

There will be a musical and dramatic entertainment at Gall's hall, Gladstone, Saturday night, given by two Bible school classes, assisted by home and foreign talent. There will be special features and laughable numbers.

CONVICT VIOLATES HIS PAROLE

Fails in Effort to Induce the First National to Cash Check.

Just after the First National Bank opened Friday morning, two men came in, one of them presenting a check on the Scio, Linn county, bank, drawn by C. W. Beard. The men were unknown to Cashier Myers of the First National and he declined to cash the check until he had heard from Scio or received telegraphic instructions to cash the check. The men then left the bank. Not long afterward the telephone rang and the constable of Scio told the bank people to hold a man posing as C. W. Beard if he should call at the bank, and no sooner than the conversation was over the phone again rang. This time it was the man who had tried to cash the check. Miss June Oshman, who is the bank's stenographer, answered the phone and understanding the message told the man that word had been received and at that the man came to the bank for his money, to be received by Charles Burns, whom Mr. Latonette, the bank president, had called in and who immediately took Beard down and confessed. It is said that he was once in the state penitentiary and that he has a brother by the name of C. W. Beard who has funds in the Scio bank. Beard was taken back to the Salem penitentiary.

FARMERS' WEEK AT AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Plans for a Big Meeting in February About Complete.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Jan. 16.—The annual Farmers' Week Course at the Oregon Agricultural College has been set for February 13 to 18 and the plans for the week are being rapidly brought to completion. In addition to the regular lecture and demonstration work in fruit growing, orchard work, marketing, soils, drainage, farm management, stock raising, home management, insect and disease pests, butter and cheese making and kindred subjects, two special features in the form of discussions and demonstrations on the subjects of good roads for the state and irrigation in the Willamette valley will be added to the program.

A large copy of special lecturers, many of whom are representative men of this state, have been secured to assist the college experts in carrying on the work. This has made it possible to fill every hour of the day from eight in the morning until ten at night with special features.

A poultry show, at which the best fowls in the Northwest will be exhibited, is scheduled for the last day of the session.

Monument Plan Approved


Monday night the Mountain View Hose Co. No. 4 met in their rooms and after the usual business was transacted the important question of the firemen's monument to volunteers was brought up and the plan approved, the company pledging \$25 to the fund. George Haskins and N. A. Elliott were appointed a committee with power to act in conjunction with the committee from the other fire departments. Four out of the five companies have indicated it, the movement being started by Green Point Hose Co. No. 5. Each company so far has pledged \$25.

There are three fire commissioners to elect, who work in conjunction with the council's fire committee. George Haskins, was nominated as candidate for fire commissioner, and Charles Sanderson was named by the Fountain Hose Co. No. 1, and there is one more to be selected. The election will take place the first Monday in March.

Arrest of a Scoundrel.

Last Thursday evening, George Schiller, a baker of Portland, called at the boarding house conducted by Mrs. Keifer on Seventh street and stated that he desired speaking to a young lady there. The young lady claiming that she did not want to see him aroused his temper and another boarder of the boarding house was compelled to step out and order him away. Schiller had been drinking and got sore on being turned out, so pulled out his gun and threatened to kill Ora Frank, the man who had ordered him away. Finally, after a lengthy discussion, Schiller left and Frank notified the night officers, Cook and Green, who traced Schiller to a downtown saloon and arrested him.

Try It These Cold days



- Place your household electric fan on the floor near a steam or hot water radiator.
- Point the fan in the direction of the radiator, straight at it.
- Notice the difference in the temperature of the room in a few minutes.
- The fan makes the radiator warm more air without the consumption of additional fuel.
- Try the experiment suggested and see if it doesn't help you save on coal bills.

Portland Railway Light and Power Company

ALDER STREET AT SEVENTH