

MOLALLA RAILROAD PROJECT REVIVED

Representatives in the City Looking Up Plats.

CITIZENS MUST AID PROJECT

Committee Appointed to Investigate the Matter.

A representative of the Salem, Falls City and Western Railway was in Oregon City Monday in the interest of a proposed line from Oregon City through Beaver Creek and the Molalla valley to Silverton. The representative was in search of plats and surveys of some of the paper lines that have caused a great deal of interest during the past year. He did not obtain the data however, as all of the original plats and surveys of the Oregon City, Beaver Creek and Molalla Railroad are in the hands of E. M. Swift, of Portland.

The Live Wires held a meeting on Wednesday and the project was thoroughly discussed. Grant B. Dimick was the principal speaker. Mr. Dimick says that it rests with the business men of Oregon City to build this railroad and he believes that \$25,000 can be raised here and that further aid can be secured from other sources later on. After obtaining the profiles, maps, plats and other data from E. M. Swift, of Portland, who worked several years on the project, it is thought the right way can be secured. Mr. Dimick named the following: George Harding, W. A. Huntley, Frank Busch and E. G. Caulfield, whom he will interview with the view of making them directors of the new railroad.

Court Square to Have Monument

The committee named by the different fire departments in the city held a meeting Friday evening in the rooms of the Fountain Hose Company. George Griffith was elected chairman of the committee and Al Cox was elected secretary. It was proposed to obtain a combination monument and fountain and place it in the court house square. \$150 have already been subscribed by the companies, and it is expected that before long the amount will be \$1000. A benefit ball will be given some time in the near future. The committee will hold another meeting in two weeks.

FARMERS TO HOLD REGULAR MEETINGS

Fruit and Produce Union Produce Good Results.

At the Farmers' Meeting held Friday in the county court room at 2 p. m., a large number of farmers from the surrounding country were present and many interesting topics were discussed and important addresses given by different members that were of much benefit to all present. Geo. W. Waldron, president of the Oregon City Fruit and Produce Union, gave a splendid address on packing apples. B. Kappenbender stated in a speech that several Hood River men were looking up fruit land in this vicinity last week and they remarked that the land that the people needed education along horticultural lines.

It was decided by President Waldron that these meetings be held in the county court room every Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock. During these meetings for the education of the farmers different phases will be taken up and prominent speakers will appear at different times. All subjects of interest to the farmers will be discussed and any questions that may arise in the meantime will be answered.

O. E. Freytag, manager of the Union, will take a prominent part in these educational meetings.

E. Kappenbender, O. E. Freytag and A. J. Lewis were appointed as a committee to arrange the program for the next meeting.

M. J. Lazelle, the booster man for the Commercial Club, is co-operating with the farmers in these meetings, as the advancement of the country is sure to make an effect on Oregon City. Mr. Lazelle was also appointed to attend to the advertising of these meetings.

FIRST WHITE CHILD IN OREGON CITY DIES

S. D. Richardson, Born in 1844, Succumbs to Dropsy.

Sydney Daniel Richardson died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Theodore Clark, at an early hour Saturday morning, after an illness of six months. Death was caused by dropsy. Mr. Richardson is said to have been the first white child born in Oregon City. He was born February 11, 1844, and has always been a resident of this city and was well known by old residents in this vicinity. The funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence of Mrs. Clark. The interment was in Mountain View cemetery.

Judge Samson, who has been ill with the grip, is now able to be at the office again.

GOOD ROADS MEASURE PASSES THE HOUSE

Many of the Objectionable Features Eliminated.

State Capitol, Salem Or., Feb. 13.—(Special)—Opponents of the state highway board and highway commissioner surrendered today but not until they had gained some concessions. These included an amendment to the Gill bill prescribing a method by which counties shall issue bonds for improving roads and an agreement by friends of the Good Roads Association not to insist on the passage of the state-aid bill, appropriating \$340,000, or the measure providing for the working of state and county prisoners on the public roads.

In pursuance of the compromise, the house this afternoon passed the bill creating a state highway board and providing for the election of a state highway commissioner, and also Gill's bonding bill. Mariner's bill appropriating \$340,000 to aid the several counties in road building was put on the table, while the measure for working prisoners on the roads remains on the desk with a favorable report from the committee on roads and highways. It will either be postponed indefinitely or it will be placed on the table with Mariner's state-aid bill.

It was not until late today, after having a long and determined fight against the highway plan, that opponents of the bill of the Good Roads Association capitulated. At the opening of the day's session Carter was successful in a motion having all road bills referred to the special committee of five members of which McKinney, of Baker was chairman.

Representatives of the State Grange and the Farmers' Union went before the committee and renewed their request that the highway commission bill be changed to dispense with the proposed commission. They were willing to accept the highway commissioner, but objected to the creation of a new office and another useless commission. But the committee would not yield another inch, insisting that it had granted every concession it could consistently and still desire the enactment of the bill.

After further discussion before the committee the supporters of the substitute bill providing for the commission agreed not to urge the enactment of the state-aid bill and the bill working the prisoners on the roads. At the same time both sides agreed to the amendment of the Gill bonding bill so as to make it optional with the people petitioning for a bond issue as to whether or not the ballots in the special election should specify what road or roads were to be improved and at the same time indicate the beginning and terminus of such roads to be improved with the money produced from the issue of bonds. This arrangement met with favor on both sides and the hatchet was buried.

The state highway board bill and the Gill bonding bill both passed without any debate. There were sixteen votes against the former, while the latter was opposed by only seven. The following were voting against the commission plan were: Anne, Brownhill, Carter, Chambers, Chapman, Lyde, Cotel, Cushman, Graves, Libby, Magone, Miller, of Columbia, Miller, of Linn, Pierce, Shaw and Tizard. The following were voting for the bill were: Chapman, Cushman, Miller, Linn, Pierce, Shaw and Tizard. Friends of the state-aid bill were

BAPTIST BANQUET LARGELY ATTENDED

Eighty-One Guests Seated at Brotherhood Meeting.

The second banquet and program meeting of the Baptist Brotherhood was held Friday night. Eighty-one guests sat down to the bountiful feast which had been prepared by the Baptist ladies. The room was beautifully decorated with flags and the tables presented a most attractive appearance, each plate having a Japanese orange and flag. The toastmaster of the evening was Mr. E. L. Pope and he introduced Professor Norman C. Thorne of Portland as the first speaker. Professor Thorne proved equal to the occasion and delivered a very fine address on moral courage. He illustrated every point by examples from actual life. This address was greatly appreciated and contained a strong appeal for loyalty to the higher ideals of life. Following Professor Thorne, Hon. H. E. Cross delivered some pertinent remarks. Judge Campbell and Mr. W. M. Stone also spoke to the point. Mr. Lunt, a reader, gave two readings which furnished inspiration and amusement. The music was furnished by Leo Barlow and Miss Veda Williams. Rev. H. W. Smith announced that a similar banquet would be held again in about six weeks.

DEATH CALLS AN OLD CITIZEN

C. D. Robinson, Who Came West in 1853, Passes Away.

After a short illness of heart trouble, John Robinson died Saturday morning between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock, at the home of his son, C. D. Robinson, on Molalla avenue. Mr. Robinson was born in the state of Ohio, March 23, 1831. He came to Oregon in 1853, with Barrett's train, and was known as the train boy hunter. In the year of 1856 he returned east to Indiana. From there he went to Iowa, where he was married October 14, 1859, to Mrs. May E. Plumber, a widow with two children. With his family he returned to Oregon, January 24, 1878, and made their home at Colton, where he has resided ever since, until a few months ago when he came to this city and made his home with his son, C. D. Robinson. He leaves four children and two step children to mourn his loss. Mrs. W. Garrett of Baker, Oregon; C. D. Robinson of Oregon City; Frank Robinson of Colton, and George Robinson of Molalla are the children and Mrs. Margaret Jennings and Mrs. E. Ingram of this city are the step children.

TRIP TO MOUNT HOOD ON SKIS

Quickest Record Climb to Summit of the Mount.

An interesting journey to Mount Hood was taken by Charles Caulfield and two sons, Raymond and Wallace, last week, returning this week, Monday. The deep snow encountered en route presented a beautiful appearance and the view of Mount Hood with its heavy mantle of snow was a sight anyone would like to have the pleasure of seeing. This was Mr. Caulfield's first trip to Mount Hood on skis. Messrs. Raymond and Wallace Caulfield, who are attending the University of Oregon, made the quickest record climb to the summit of Mount Hood last summer.

The party left here on Tuesday morning of last week for Government Camp. They went as far as Borog on the O. W. P. and from that place started to the Welchos, making the remainder of the trip to Rhododendron a distance of about four miles, on foot. They reached the tavern about 5 o'clock that night, where they remained until the following morning, starting on their trip to Government Camp, which is about 11 miles, on skis. At Rhododendron the snow was 18 inches deep, but farther up on the mountain in the Laurel Hill district the ground was covered with two feet of fresh snow, which made it difficult to travel on skis, but the party reached Government Camp that evening about 8 o'clock. The following morning Mount Hood showed up in its glory, and never before presented a more attractive sight than on this day.

The party remained at this place Friday and Saturday. While at Rhododendron Raymond and Wallace Caulfield accompanied the old mountaineer, Mr. Yocum, to the Salmon river, where the latter is engaged by the Mount Hood Railway company to read the water gauge. The party went on skis and covered a distance of 13 miles, six miles each way. At Government Camp the snow was five feet in depth.

Valentine Social Largely Attended

The valentine social given Monday evening at the Congregational church by the boys of Miss June Charman's and Mrs. Woodard's classes was largely attended and a neat little sum netted them. The program consisted of: Solo, Mabel Woodard; interesting talk on "Boys' Day at Chastanqua," by Rev. Wm. Proctor; cornet solo, Verne Roake; recitation, Sam McLarty; recitation, Carlotta Pace; club singing, Mr. Warner. After the program proper, coffee, cake, candy and valentines were sold. A valentine post-office was the attraction of the evening and was enjoyed by all. The decorations were very attractive, consisting of hearts in all colors with ivy and ferns intertwined with the

GRAND OPENING OF BUSCH'S HALL

Commercial Club Dedicate New Ball Room.

FINEST HALL IN NORTHWEST

The Greatest Dancing Party Ever Assembled in Oregon City.

The greatest dance party in the history of Oregon City was pulled off last evening in the grand new ball room recently erected by Frank Busch, it being the second annual ball of the Commercial Club of Oregon City and was the first party to take possession of the beautiful room. Much has been said in the columns of the Courier descriptive of the structure, which last evening was ushered into the use of the social world in all the pomp and glory of the twentieth century, and festooned walls illumined with dazzling lights, its attractive lobbies and waxed floor harmonized and completed the merriest occasion, wherein the gay attire of the dancers together with the free care and light step as they whirled about the room keeping time to such stirring strains of music as "Meet Me Tonight in Dreamland," harmonizing in every detail to make the occasion one long to be remembered.

Little more can be said than that the affair was replete with interesting features, every number for the program was entered into with a hearty interest by the dancers and never before in Oregon City was there such a show of style and beauty together with that modesty and grace so characteristic of the feminine coterie. A large number of guests came from Portland who were given a private car to return at a late hour, and these together with the several hundred from this city swelled the attendance and taxed the capacity of the big hall to its utmost.

A delicious buffet luncheon was served in the beautiful banquet hall contiguous, where great bunches of red carnations added attractive beauty and from the opened portieres breezes wafted the carnation gems wafted sweet caresses to the rosy cheeks. Like a fairy dream in sylvanized bowers the affair rests today and for aye in the minds of the merry makers. Music by Prasp's orchestra of Portland added much to the success of the affair and from the talented orchestra pit some of the best dance music ever heard was doled out, seeming to fairly lift the waltzers into the whirl.

The Commercial Club committees having the dance in charge are smilingly accepting every praise and congratulation on their hand.

MORE TERRITORY FOR OREGON CITY

Senator Dimick's Bill Makes Possible Additional Territory.

By senate bill No. 20, introduced by Senator Dimick, an important amendment is made to the law governing annexation by municipal corporations of additional territory. Twenty per cent of the voters of an existing corporation made the petition for a special election to determine whether additional territory is desired. The bill is general but it is intended to meet a condition existing in Oregon City. Attempts have been made without success to bring into the city limits valuable property belonging to the paper mills and the Portland Railway Light & Power Company just outside of the present boundaries of the city. By the provisions of the Dimick bill the Oregon City people expect to be able to extend their city limits sufficiently to take in corporate property worth probably \$5,000,000.

DEUTSCHER VEREIN HOLD MEETING

Will Give Masquerade Ball Next Saturday Evening.

The Deutsche Verein met in regular monthly session Sunday afternoon, and despite the inclement weather there was good attendance. After the close of the business session, addresses were delivered by President Schnorr and Vice President D. M. Klennsen, and a short program of vocal and instrumental musical selections was carried out. At the close of the program a bounteous German dinner was served, followed by a social hour. The annual masquerade ball of the Verein to be held next Saturday night at Busch's new hall promises to be one of the greatest social features of the season.

Champ Clark's humorous allusions to the annexation of Canada in his reciprocity speech have created a storm of protest both in Canada and Great Britain.

The Goulds have lost control of the Missouri Pacific Railway and it has fallen into the hands of the Rockefeller interests.

These two classes are contesting with the Beta classes one and two, in raising money for a piano. On February 24 the girls of the Beta classes one and two will give a social along the same line for the benefit of the piano fund.

Union Banquet Proposed.

The Brotherhood societies of the different churches have increased their membership so rapidly that it is now proposed to hold annual or semi-annual banquets of the combined organizations. The different societies have now a membership of nearly 300 and it is thought that this number will be increased in the near future to at least 500. This large number of men working in union will undoubtedly result in doing much for the betterment of social conditions in Oregon City.

DR. STEINER IS VINDICATED

No Extravagance in Hospital Management.

COSTS LESS THAN ELSEWHERE

Witnesses Contradict Previous Stories When Under Oath.

Complete vindication of Dr. R. E. L. Steiner, superintendent of the insane asylum, was contained in the report of the investigation committee made Thursday. The committee members declare they have gone thoroughly into the subject and have examined more than a dozen witnesses under oath, and can find nothing wrong with the administration of the superintendent.

Several witnesses who have made statements reflecting upon Dr. Steiner changed their stories completely when put under oath or when questioned revealed their lack of knowledge upon the subjects upon which they had been gossiping. Two contractors who had bid upon the cottages erected for Dr. Steiner and another asylum physician testified that the cottages had been erected at an economical price, and that they could not have built them for less and obtained any profits.

The committee has discovered that Senator Bowerman and the committee which charged extravagance to Dr. Steiner were wrong in the figures they presented, purporting to show that the asylum farm was conducted at a big loss. Instead the report will show that the farm has yielded a greater profit than Dr. Steiner estimated, inasmuch as considerable hauling for other departments had been charged to the farm expense.

Members of the committee visited the cottages erected and declare they cannot believe that there was any extravagance in furnishing them. They say Dr. Steiner may have been indiscreet in spending more than \$1200 for furnishings in each cottage, but that it would have been impossible to furnish them at this price and that the ways and means committee is to be blamed for attempting to confine him to such comparatively small amount. Data has been obtained showing that the cost per capita in the Oregon asylum is far below that paid by other states, and the committee may also report that Dr. Steiner is not paid what his services are worth to the state.

GRANGE NOTICE

This certifies that the regular Grange county convention for the county of Clackamas is hereby called to convene on Tuesday, March 7th, at 1:30 p. m. in the county court room at Oregon City, Oregon. Said convention is called for the purpose of electing five representatives to attend the next annual session of the Oregon State Grange, which will be held at Corvallis, May 9 to 13, 1911.

MARY S. HOWARD,
County Deputy

Joaquin Miller, the poet of the Sierras, is at death's door at a hospital in Oakland.

WOULD NOT LISTEN TO FRIENDLY ADVICE

The Police Round Up a Trio of Midnight Marauders.

People residing near Seventh street bridge, on Main street, were disturbed shortly after midnight Thursday night by a half dozen fellows who were carousing around, singing, and who were the worse for drink, and when told by officers Green and Cooke that they could not do that at that time of night they asserted that they would if they chose, and adjourned to the home lot of one of the crowd and began to sing and carouse there. Officers Green and Cooke went to the home and insisted that the noise cease, but instead of giving heed to the officers they at once started in to fight. In the melee Officer Cooke was given a black eye. Green was hit six or eight times, but finally with liberal use of the club the men bent on rowdiness were silenced. The heads of several of the men bent on a disturbance were hard hit with the clubs. No arrests were made at the time, but warrants were sworn out on Chas. Burns, Jr., Chas. Vaughn, one Hughes and a party whose name is unknown created the disturbance. Friday the police swore to warrants charging the defendants with creating a disturbance and resisting an officer. Burns and Vaughn were arraigned in court and after a trial Burns was fined \$20 for resisting an officer and \$10 for disorderly conduct; Vaughn was fined \$10 for resisting an officer and \$5 for disorderly conduct.

Y. P. S. C. E. Elect Officers.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Presbyterian church held a meeting in the church parlors Thursday evening for the purpose of electing officers for this term. Following are the names of the new officers and committees: President, Harry Y. Miller; vice president, Miss Blanch Bailey; recording secretary, Hugh Kennedy; corresponding secretary, Miss Ruth Brightbill; treasurer, John Mead.

Committees in full to be announced in church next Sunday.


Deacons committee—Miss Blanch Bailey, chairman; Miss Mabel Touze, Ambrose Brownell.
Lookout committee—Mrs. W. O. Green, Miss Kate Cooper, Joe Aldredge, William Kennedy.
Social committee—Mrs. Leon Des Larzes, chairman; Miss Edna Schuel, Miss Myrtle Hamilton, Miss Zeta Andrews, Hugh Kennedy, Kent Wilson, Clyde Green.
Missionary committee—Miss Mabel Touze, chairman; Miss Etta Long, Anna Matson.
Calling committee—Mrs. Matheson, chairman; Mrs. L. Des Larzes, Miss Lillian Long, Miss Ruth Brightbill, Hugh Kennedy, Ralph Eddy.

Sunday school committee—Ralph Eddy, chairman; Miss Maudie Matley, John Mead.
Junior work committee—Ruth Brightbill, chairman; Miss Belle Matley, Corles Andrews.

To be organized in the near future—Information, temperance and citizenship committees.

Saturday, Judge Beattie committed John Barton to the insane asylum at Salem. The examination was made by Dr. H. S. Mount. Barton is 67 years of age, and is a native of Norway. About 18 years ago he was struck on the head and has not been of sound mind since. The complaint was made by Noah Christner.

DEMONSTRATION OF Electric Cooking and Heating Devices at Pure Food Show THIS WEEK Meier & Frank Store



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