

You can't talk too much if you talk right. Talk and factories have built up many a city, and will build many another.

OREGON CITY COURIER

If you don't believe in Oregon City why don't you get out and make room for the fellow who does?

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50 NEW HOUSES FOR WEST SIDE.

WILLAMETTE PAPER CO'S BIG DEAL GOES THROUGH.

WORK WILL START AT ONCE.

Houses will be Sold to Workmen on Easy Monthly Payments.

Some time ago the Courier announced that a deal was under consideration whereby the Willamette Pulp & Paper Company would build fifty or more new houses on the west side for their workmen.

Now we are authorized to announce that the deal has gone through, been tied up, and work on the big project will start at once.

The Willamette Paper company has purchased 56 acres of land on the west side, adjoining the school house land, and a force of workmen will be put on at once to clear and plat the tract for the erection of fifty new residences for the workmen of the big plant.

Mr. McBain says the land will be cut up into city lots of the size of 50x100 feet, streets will be laid out, and a handsome little city suburb will be built up. There will be a public sports park of one block. The houses will vary in size from five to eight rooms.

The proposition of the company is to build these houses for the workmen, sell them at the cost of building and allow the workmen to pay for them on easy installments, without taxes or interest, paying each month the amount they now have to pay in rent.

The proposition is a good one, and it will do much to weed out the undesirable class of workmen and get in their places home owners and good citizens.

Some weeks ago Mr. McBain explained to the Commercial club that the company could not hire white men to live in shanties and as the city had 50 empty houses of that class and rent that workmen wanted it was up to the company to hire those it could or provide better means for housing better workmen. And the purchase of this tract is the result.

It is thought the work of clearing and grading can be done in six or eight weeks, and that building may be commenced by the middle or last of August.

The houses will be bungalow style, will be neat and warm, will

be plastered, and a new street from the suspension bridge will connect with the new city.

May Have to Show Them.

Last week's Canby Irrigator had a rather nasty Southern Pacific inspired article regarding the construction of the Clackamas Southern railroad, an article that the directors of the company resent, and it is reported that this week's editor from Canby may be given a chance to make good his libels—or pay the fiddler.

WHAT THEN?

One of the Bills of the Future we Must Face Payment On.

Some day there is likely to be a diminution of the building activity in Portland, when contractors will be idle and labor have less employment. What then?

Some day the limit will be reached in the inflation we can pump into our town lots whereby speculators and the thousands employed in real estate activities will find their revenues reduced. What then?—Portland Journal.

There are questions that many a far-seeing man is asking as he looks into the future.

There is no part of this big country so situated as the Pacific coast. Nature did too much for it, made it desirable in the way of climate and richness, and the result is that it is simply overbalanced in the number of people looking for work, and in the number of people engaged in business.

A friend of the Courier editor came out here from New York a few months ago to go into business, and he told the Courier he had been in every place of any size from Portland to San Diego, that he found the business places out of all proportion to the size of the places and the means of employment, and that in eight cases out of ten the business men were simply making both ends meet—just existing and living on the hopes of what the Panama canal would do for the country.

He said the city of San Diego, with a population of about 70,000, had as many business places as Buffalo, N. Y., with a population of half a million.

It is indeed a peculiar situation that a country that is wallowing in crop richness is almost on a panic stage because too many people have come to the country, too many business houses, too many workmen.

The thing to do is to untie the thousands of acres of land in Oregon that the speculators are holding out, to develop Alaska and get cheap coal, and to manufacture the goods here that we have to send back east for.

CUTLERY FACTORY WOULD LOCATE.

WOULD BRING FIFTY NEW FAMILIES TO OUR CITY.

SKILLED LABOR, HIGH WAGES.

Live Wires and Commercial Club are Taking up Proposition.

There is before the Live Wires and the Commercial club a proposition to secure to this city an eastern cutlery manufactory that will bring about fifty new families to this city, and become one of the permanent labor-emplying industries.

This (Thursday) night the matter will come up for discussion before the Live Wires and it is to be hoped that the matter may be worked out and this new industry added to Oregon City's big bunch of mills.

The Courier editor knows nothing of the proposition that will be presented by the company, but he does know the people, know that they are on the dead level, that they know every detail of the cutlery business and that they will make a success of the work here or anywhere else.

The writer has lived a great part of his life in the cutlery manufacturing towns of the east states and he knows what these factories have done and will do for the town or city where located. He has seen them, one after another, branch out from the big concerns, start first perhaps in the jobbing business, and a few years later grow into large factories employing many workmen.

The manufacture of cutlery is different than most any manufactory in this particular that at least eighty per cent of the product is labor and the twenty per cent material. The labor is skilled labor, wages are high and the class of workmen desirable citizens.

While all the cutlery factories are back in the east end of the country, yet the markets for the output is very largely west of the Mississippi river, and the coast country is the best market in the country.

These cutlery factories are coming west. It will be but a short time before there will be several of them west of the range, and it is but a question of whether our city may not see in this matter an investment, and that the location of one of the first factories may be made here.

You will soon see in Oregon what the east is now seeing, a condition of fewer and larger cities, and the city that has the mills and factories will be one of the fewer and larger. With a pay roll a city may go through panics, crop failures or any other tight place and never know it is raining.

Oregon City has a great group of mills, but it can provide for many more. It has the power and the public spirit. And if we are going to get more factories we must get them when they are offered.

The proposition that will be offered to the Live Wires and the Commercial club should be most carefully considered before we let some of the cities up the valley cop it out.

WATCH FOR THE JOKER.

Writer Says Petition Circulators will Bear Watching.

I was on the city streets Saturday, when I found three men circulating initiative petitions. They were talking about single tax and capital punishment, but they had sheets of carbon paper in between the sheets. One of the petitions was to change the law from twenty-five per cent of the voters to a majority. That would make it much harder to get a bill before the people—and that is one of the jokers. The other object was to make the ballot so large and clumsy and so loaded down with propositions that the people will become disgusted with the initiative and referendum.

Now the people will have to be very careful over this matter of signing every petition that comes along, or they will lose the initiative and referendum.

I asked one of these men who sent him out and he replied a man in Portland, and I will bet a conskin against a chew of tobacco that it was a corporation lawyer or some of the big business bunch that hired them at so much a signature, to work for the downfall of the people.

Watch these fellows closely. If a man comes to you with a petition look through it carefully and if you find any carbon paper between the leaves it is a safe bet to turn the whole bunch down, man and all.

G. E. Rogers.

Getting Ready for the Big Fourth of July Celebration.

The Willamette Paper Company's fourth of July celebration is certainly going to be some doings, and the several committees are now on the job working out the details.

A complete program of sports and events will be put on, there will be plenty of music and entertainment, and it will be celebration that will without doubt be long remembered by the employees of the paper company.

The celebration will be held in Schnorr's park and it will be given to the employees of the Willamette Company by the company. John Leithwaite, William Sheahan and B. T. McBain have the affair in charge and no expense will be spared to give the employees and their families a big celebration and a bigger time.

Going After the Pacific Company.

The city council is doing the right thing to investigate the matter of the discriminating rates charged by the Pacific Telephone Company, and they will no doubt go fully into the matter and determine how often this company is going to increase its rates.

A member of the Commercial club and the Live Wires told this office that he should bring the matter up before the next luncheon, for he thought this was one of the matters the Live Wires was organized to protect the people on.

There is plenty of proof of the discrimination in the charges, and there are many residences that pay three dollars a year more than neighbors who have exactly the same service. This discrimination will not hold in law, and it simply needs an action that has some strength behind it to make the company come to time.

Molalla Stars Won.

The Molalla Stars were returned the victors in their game at Molalla with the Molalla Greys. Loose playing on both sides was the main feature of the game.

Stars..... 0 0 3 0 1 3 11—9
Greys..... 1 0 1 0 0 3 2 0—7
Batteries—Stars, Lake and Pape, Greys—Hart, Anderson and James.

Umpire, Ed Reckner.

Next Sunday the Stars play Shuble at Shuble.

No Wonder the Governor is Taking a Hand In

Governor West is after the road houses and says he is going to clean them up with his own officials if the county officers can't do it. And last week's Milwaukee Appeal had an ad. headed in display type "Parlor Hell."

Running Light This Week.

A delayed burner for the linotype has put the machine on the retired list for two days this week, and the Courier is not up to its usual standard of local news and communications.

WILL INVESTIGATE TELEPHONE RATES

COUNCIL WILL TAKE UP MATTER OF DISCRIMINATION.

NEW STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Many Important Matters Considered by the Council.

The matter of discriminating telephone rates, which the Courier has been making public, was taken up, and Councilman Tooze asked that a committee of three be appointed to make an investigation, and probe the charges that different rates were made to different residents for the same service.

The city council took the right action at its Monday night meeting when it passed a resolution to call a public meeting for Monday night next to take up and discuss the proposed revised charter to be voted on next month. The meeting should be well advertised, and the citizens generally should attend and have the new provisions in the proposed charter explained.

A petition for the improvement of Division street was presented and was referred to the street committee to report on same at the next meeting.

A conference with the Portland Railway Company, regarding the matter of improving the Canemah driveway will be held June 28.

City engineer Montgomery recommended that the work on Monroe street between Ninth and Eleventh, be deferred until next spring was adopted. A sidewalk will be built between the two streets.

James Roake presented a resolution that no further contracts be entered into with the Oregon Engineering and Construction Co. until the company completes the work it now has on hand. Mr. Roake thought that too much time was being taken for the work on Washington and Monroe Sts. The council did not take any action on the resolution.

Bids for the improvement of John Q. Adams street from Eighth to Fourteenth, Sixteenth street, between Division and Jackson and a portion of Jackson street were opened and considered, but none of them will be accepted until the meeting Friday night of this week, when the matter will be taken up. The bids were as follows:

John Q. Adams street—Oregon Engineering & Construction Co., \$13,138.06; Kibbe-Wilton Co., \$14,459.45; North Coast Contract Co., \$15,442.14.

Sixteenth street—Oregon Engineering & Construction Co., \$7,840.25; Kibbe-Wilton Co., \$8,361.41; North Coast Contract Co., \$8,009.04.

Jackson street—Oregon Engineering & Construction Co., \$7,782.10; Kibbe-Wilton Co., \$8,526.28; North Coast Contract Co., \$8,780.04.

Complaint that the Oregon Co. was obstructing the streets considered by the council and the matter was referred to the street committee.

The ordinance for the hard-surfacing of Main Street to the Abernethy bridge was read, and no remonstrance was made.

The Oregon City band asked that the city provide a band stand on the Singer Hill lot for summer evening and Sunday band concerts. As the matter of the title to the lot is not clear, the petition was laid over for later action.

The council passed an ordinance for the purchase of 3,000 yards of crushed rock for street improvement.

An ordinance providing for a modern fire alarm for the city was passed, the matter to be given to the people for expression by vote at a later election.

The recorder was instructed to install telephones in the fire houses not now supplied.

Two police signal lights will be installed on the hill as soon as the committee decides on the location. The matter of installing of police telephones on the hill is also being considered.

"HEAP BAD INDIAN."

Harry Clark, Trouble Maker, is at the Same Old Game.

Harry Clark, that Indian who has probably given Sheriff Mass and the police department of this city more trouble than any dozen men together in this county, is in jail here again, this time for the robbery of the store of A. E. King at Mount Pleasant. The store was robbed Monday night, the Indian claims he had an accomplice in the job, John Howell of this city. The store was entered by breaking in through a window. Mr. King heard the breaking glass, and he and F. R. Andrews surprised the thief and held him until Sheriff Mass and Policeman Jack Frost came.

Clark says John Howell planned the burglary, and he was arrested. He was found hiding in a closet.

Clark is certainly a trouble-

making half breed, and why he is continually let go and paroled, time after time, is one of the turns of justice hard to understand. When drinking he is a decidedly ugly Indian, and then he simply has to be hammered into subjection or unconsciousness before the police can do anything with him. He is now under a sentence of seven years in the penitentiary for robbery, and is out on parole. Howell is also said to have been sentenced to a long prison term, and was paroled.

From the many repeated troubles Clark has had, it would seem that mercy does him absolutely no good, and now it would seem to be about time to give him a little real punishment and put him where he would have to take a vacation.

TAKE HIS BODY HOME.

Warm Springs Indians Come here for Indian's Bones.

About a dozen Indians from the Warm Springs reservation were in the city Tuesday, where they came to exhume the body of Joseph Henning, who was found in the river here last fall, and whose body was buried on the banks of the Willamette.

Joseph Henning, the father of the dead boy, was at the head of the party. He said he could not sleep well until the body of his boy was taken back to the reservation home. The young fellow, it will be remembered, had just returned from hop picking, had more or less money with him, and his body was found in the river here. He had been seen drinking with two other Indians on the day of his disappearance, and his comrades declared there had been foul play. The young wife and little son watched the river for many days and would not return to the reservation until his body had been found. Some effort was made to determine how he met his death, and then the matter was dropped.

An Explanation.

Headquarters Battery A, Field Artillery, O. N. G., Portland, Ore., June 24, 1912.—To the Editor.—We wish that you would give us a little of the valuable space in your paper to publish this letter of apology to the people of Oregon City who cut roses for our battery for use in the Rose festival parade. On the afternoon that we were supposed to come to Oregon City and get flowers we found that two of the machines that we had depended upon for assistance could not be used, that it was utterly impossible to make the trip.

We wish to thank the citizens of your city for having the flowers ready, and will say that we could have used them to good advantage could we have gotten them here in time. We sent a man up on the car next morning to get as many as he could and if we had had more men we would have sent them up, but all the boys of the battery have to work, and those who found it possible to lay off had to assist in decorating the carriages, collecting the flowers, or bringing in the horses from the Clackamas range.

Again expressing our regrets for this unavoidable failure on our part to collect the beautiful flowers that could have been so well used, and assuring the people who gathered them that we appreciate their position fully, we beg to remain, most truly yours, Battery A Field Artillery, Per Recruiting Committee.

ONLY A CHANGE IN THE LABEL.

PORTLAND, EUGENE & EASTERN A S. P. BLUFF.

COULDN'T STOP OUR ROAD

So Starts a Road of Its Own, and Hopes to Get the Business.

The title Portland, Eugene & Eastern, means but little to the ordinary reader. He does not know whether it is the name of a railway or a new stage line, but down in the Molalla valley, east of Canby where a large number of men are at work on the right-of-way, it is pretty generally believed that it is the name of a railway corporation, and that they will soon have a road constructed and trains in operation.—The Oregonian.

And down in the Willamette Valley, north of Canby, where over two hundred men have been hard at work for many months to get a road into the Molalla country, it is pretty generally understood WHAT the name of that corporation is and WHAT the object of the Canby road, and the above Southern Pacific editorial in the Oregonian doesn't sound half so poetic to them as it may to one on the outside of the deal.

The Portland, Eugene & Eastern is simply a new label put on the old Southern Pacific bottle to induce the fellows to take the medicine and not know what they are swallowing. That's all there is to it, and while perhaps the Southern Pacific's editorial writer in the Oregonian doesn't like it, but the farmers of Clackamas county are very wise indeed to the name, and Portland, Eugene & Eastern means that the Southern Pacific, nosed out of the territory it has held for thirty years, is now trying to cut the corners of the little farmers' railroad, it could not buy up.

The Southern Pacific would not build a railroad into the Molalla country—and the eight different projects undertaken by others have died a-borning, for reasons a half smart fellow could guess. Every inducement has been made, even to the pledging of cash bonuses by the farmers, but the S. P. would not make a move.

What was the use of going after business when it could compel Clackamas county to bring that business in?

And as for any other railroad going into Molalla valley—the S. P. had no uneasiness about that. It had been tried before, and the men at the head of it got "discouraged." It is so much easier to get "discouraged" than to get a railroad.

But when a bunch so large and so determined went into the project, it was not so easy to discourage them. Too many of them had their fingers crossed and too few their hands behind them. It was a railroad they wanted. These men were not selling out.

And the road is here. In a few short weeks it will be completed and the hope of almost a quarter of a century realized.

And now the S. P. is fast enough to build. It doesn't wait to be asked, it doesn't wait for rights of way to be donated, or any other old things. It just goes to railroading, but under an assumed name.

It will show that Oregon City bunch. It will start out of Canby and make the Falls City realize what it is to build a railroad without the permission of the Octopus.

It is said the road will hurt the business of this city, that it will take business to Canby that would otherwise come here; that Canby will boom and that Oregon City will know better than to buck the big bunch.

But this is only talk. The Clackamas Southern was built because there was a demand for it, because it will open a country that will support it, and a twelve mile logging road out of Canby won't stop it—even if the Oregonian's editorial does claim it will be extended on to Chicago, or something like that.

Scottish Picnic, July 4.

A Scottish picnic will be held in the Canemah park on July 4, and several hundred Scotch people are expected to be in attendance.

The affair is given under the auspices of the Clan Macleay and Caidonian Club of Portland, and the Robbie Burns society of this city.

Highland dancing, bag pipe music, races for men, women and children and a basket luncheon are some of the features of the afternoon.

Liberal prizes have been put up for the various races.

The sports will begin at 11:00 o'clock, as this will give everybody a chance to get to the grounds on time. A prize has been offered for the best dressed man in Highland costume.

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Miss L. Thompson of Portland, Guild School of Music, London, England, former senior professor of music, LaMartiniere Girls' college, Lucknow, India. On the musical program at Gladstone's Chautauqua in July.

James Partlow Asks for Divorce.

Friends of James W. Partlow were taken by surprise Wednesday when he filed an action for divorce against his wife, charging harshness, severity and inhuman treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Partlow were married in December last and it was thought they were living happily.