COUNTY STANDS TO LOSE MILLION

WRITER TELLS OF INSIDE SCHEME OF SOUTHERN PACIFIC

A GIGANTIC HOLD-UP SCHEME

And How it Would Effect County and Oregon City

Mulino, April 20.

Edior Courier:—

A famous financier once said he regarded the state of Oregon as HIS PRIVATE PROPERTY. That man was the late E. H. Harriman, and well indeed do the old residents know how true was his boast. All the people who have had to ship freight over the Southern Pacific railroad (a Harriman property) know that the policy of that great corporation has literally crushed the development of the State of Oregon. Why has the State of Washington with not as good resources, got twice the population that Oregon has? I say that every well informed railroad shipper will tell you that is because Washington has Hill railroads and because Oregon (until quite recently) has had Harriman railroads. I will say in writing this series of articles to the press I voice the sentiments of hundreds of citizens of Clackamas county in regard to the railroad situation in this section. I, and a number of others, believe the mass of the people do not realize the extreme seriousness of the railroad situation, the tremendous loss that will accrue to the prosperity of Clackamas county if the Southern Pacific railroad succeeds in preventing the BUILDING OF THE CLACKAMAS SOUTHERN RAILROAD, which they are making the greatest possible effort to do.

With no intention of building a road to Molalla from Canby the Harriman people, for more than a year past, have been making the flimsiest kind of bluff at building a railroad between these two points.

During the past winter the Clackamas Southern R. R| has spent two dollars on railroad construction to one that has been spent on the Canby-Molalla road. But about March first last a well known Canby man who has been booming the road from Canby made a trip over the Clackamas Southern Railroad and evidently concluded that the Clackamas Southern could not be killed as they were laying about 800 feet of track daily.

In less than one week's time a grade crew was put on between Molalla and Liberal and they are now getting right of way south toward the Teazel Creek country. Let it be known to everybody that while the official name of this road is the Portland, Eugene and Eastern, it has been very properly nicknamed THE SPITE ROAD.

I shall now go on to prove that the P. E. E. will not only NOT BENEFIT THE MOLALLA but WILL BE A SERIOUS HINDRANCE TO ITS PROSPERITY. I shall show that this railroad will injure not only all of the Molalla Valley but Macksburg and Canby as well.

The first great reason is because of the policy of the Southern Pacific to charge all the trafic will bear on freight rates. They have a department whose business it is to find out about every commodity that is shipped. What is the lowest price it can be produced for; what is the highest price it sells for, and set the freight rate to take all the difference thus absorbing all the profit above the barest operating expenses. To help keep the freight rates down there never was a time that the people of Molalla and Liberal needed the Clackamas Southern worse than to have it built right NOW.

Secret Plans of the P. E. &E. Railroad

I do not know what kind of vengeance the Harriman people will take upon me for exposing their secret that they have kept from the people of Molalla and Liberal so carefully, but here goes any way.

Hedetofore almost all the business, both freight and passenger, has gone to Oregon City where it goes to Portland by the Portland Railway, Light and Power Co. THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC HAS NOT HAD THE BUSINESS BETWEEN OREGON CITY AND PORTLAND. Now this line, commonly called the O. W. P has been very acommodating to the people. You ride from Oregon City to Portland for 20 cents. I have shipped cucumbers, lettuce and other produce to Portland for 40 cents per hundred lbs. and they delivered it to the commission house WITHOUT EXTRA CHARGE. Now that little difference of free delivery on a few boxes of produce would make all the difference of success and failure in my business. Now that the P. E. & E are going to spend a large sum of money to build a railroad to Canby; build a very expensive bridge across the Willamette River near New Era; build a town on the West Side at Oregon City (to the great injury of Oregon City) carry the people many miles out of their way to get once again the monopoly of the business of the Molalla valley.

The people will pay 45 or 50 cents to ride to Portland on the P. E. & E. instead of going by the Clackamas Southern to Oregon City proper and paying 20 cents. Passengers may, at great loss of time, leave the P. E. & E. and walk across the river at Oregon City but freight cannot and on this, the most important item of all, the people of the entire Molalla Valley will be powerless to protect themselves against the Southern Pacific Monopoly.

Now I submit the development of the entire county depends upon getting a freight rate to the City of Portland as low or lower than other parts of the Willamette Valley. Otherwise we will not only not get new industries but will lose many we now have.

A well known business man of the Molalla Valley said to the writer IF WE DO NOT GET THE CLACKAMAS SOUTHERN, I will unload my land for anything I can get for it and MOVE MY BUSINESS OVER ON THE OREGON ELECTRIC. I WILL NOT LOCATE ON A HARRIMAN RAILROAD. This is exactly what the writer of these lines will do for he will not stay where he has to patronize the Portland Eugene and Eastern.

I know there is a quiet determination on the part of the property owners to sell out and get away to other parts as it is definitely settled that the P .E.& E. railroad is to be built. There will be a fall, not a raise in labor. Of course I do not deny that there will be a short temporary boom of Molalla and Liberal, but it will not last.

I spent a few weeks in the Rogue River Valley in Southern Oregon in 1908. A business man of Medford said to me: We have quite a boom on here now, but it cannot last unless we get another railroad. The Southern Pacific makes it impossible for us to do anything. We pay three or four times as much for a carload of freight from either Portland or San Francisco as they pay between those two cities. (Southern Pacific rates on wheat and flour, Portland to Roseburg $180; Portland to San Francisco $60.) The town of Medford is covered over at the present time with for rent signs, and as a last resort the people have signed with Grants Pass to build a railroad to Crescent City, Cal., 75 miles over a range of mountains, and work is now going on. This project is called the Pacific Interior R. R.

The City of Salem with all the advantages of the state institutions made small growth for many years for many years until the Oregon Electric was built there and the Fall City electric line. Since that time Salem has almost doubled her population.

Compare the prices of land along the Southern Pacific lands in Yamhill county with that along the Oregon Electric (a Hill road) and note the difference in growth in the two sections.

I am not jealous of Molalla and I hope they will make a good town there. I consider that the building of a large town at Molalla or Liberal either will help Mulino rather than hinder its growth and furnish us here with a better market for our produce.

I do not hold to the narrow view that my town can be built up by PULLING DOWN MY NEIGHBOR TOWNS. But I know that a Southern Pacific Railroad cannot be a benefit to the Molalla Valley.

Next week I propose to put down in cold facts and figures how the difference in value between the Portland Eugene and Eastern and the Clackamas Southern R. R. will amount to more than one million dollors directly and severaly indirectly, which amount will be lost if the Clackamas Southern is not built. I will show that the Clackamas Southern R. R. is so near success that it needs such a small amount of money to complete it that it is the height of folly to set down and say that we cannot do it.

This hold-up shall not be pulled off by that great corporation that has cursed both Oregon and California for lo these many years. Watch out for another expose next week. Yours for justice to the stockholdres of the Clackamas Southern, who have put their heard earned money in to one of the most important enterprises ever atempted in the county.

Shall they be robbed by a greedy corporation?

CLAUDE HOWARD

NOTICE TO EQUITY READERS

On account of the Courier issuing a day earlier this week, the Equity page is omitted from this issue.

The county officials are arranging for a new editor to fill Mr. Meredith's vacancy, and after this week the page will be resumed and will be filled with its usual interesting news.

BRIGHT EQUITY BITS

A splendid County and State meeting.

Every member is working for all of the members.

All organizations of farmers should FEDERATE.

The Equity is not in anybody's vest pocket yet.

The Democrats are going to put potatoes on the free list, Calckamas County did it 60 days ago.

The president of the Restaurant Keepers' Association addressed the State meeting in a short, vigorous, brotherly talk—straight from the shoulder. We will solve this problem.

The business of the County Union is a sort of commission business but not anything like the skin games down on Front Street.

When we farmers put all of our stuff in the hands of one man to sell and then let him buy for us, we will be a live, working organization.

Our strawberries should be sold by one man, a man who understands the business and he should tell us how to pick, pack and deliver so as to get the most profit.

The State Union endorsed the STEAM PRESSURE Home canning outfits. So does the Department of Agriculture. Send and get Farmers' Bulletin No. 521, on home canning.

All things change. That is evolution. The Equity is a child of Evolution and it will grow and develop and may unite with other children of evolution, and change its name, and take on greater duties and responsibilities.

All workers produce all the weath and do all the distributing to each other, and just how and where some few get millions, and millions get not even a decent living, we don't understand.

The foundation of our nation is our homes and every family should own a nice home that could not be mortgaged or taxed and should be protected as well as those who live in it, and our lives should not be full of drudgery from the cradle to the grave.

We should strive for a better life than is given to "the man with the hoe."

The Dundee Local was organized Monday night and brother Harper was sent as a delegate and attended the state meeting Friday and took hold of the work with a vim and demonstrated his ability and worth, and the Equity is many dollars to the good by his hearty co-operation. We need more such men and "all things come to those who wait."

Most disfiguring skin eruptions, scrofula, pimples, rashes, etc., are due to impure blood. Burdock Blood Bitters as a cleansing blood tonic is well recommended. $1.00 at all stores.

SOME TIGHT ONES

Caustic Comments on Today's Happenings by John Stark

Tucked away in an obscure corner of a Portland paper I found a small news item on small matters that has a large meaning to such as I. It reads: "The idol of the home in the Back Bay is a poodle dog. They run from $100 to $1,000, while babies (human I suppose) are being sold at from $2 to $10, depending upon whether they are blondes or brunettes."

Now where do you suppose this news item is reported from? Would you think Hongkong or on the Hotentot coast? Oh my no! Those people are not civilized, at least are not cultured, refined and enlightened Christians, for it is only amid such surroundings that the quoted condition can flourish.

This news item bears a Boston date of April 11, this year of our Lord, add anything more if you like, for instance this might do, "Suffer little Fido come unto me," or—if you prefer, "Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey, where wealth accumulates and men decay."

It is no longer to become a federal judge or president of these United States to enjoy a fishing trip at public expense. You can have this by being a depraved criminal. Of course you must stand in with our best people, such as the merchants and manufacturers' Association. Ortie McManigal has just had an outing and reports having "such a good time."

In a raid on Chicago cafes by the vice probers a lot of our most prominent people of both sexes, were suprised at their midnight revelries. But the senate committee announces that no good would come of exposing the persons; to making their names public as that would create a scandal.

Really the committee is to be complimented on for its wisdom, for the scandals of the rich are too numerous for useful people to keep track of. Besides that, it might implicate the honorable senate committee.

The terrible floods in Indiana and Ohio proved that blood is thicker than water, for from all over the country came relief as fast as trains could bring it, and credits were flashed by the harnessed lightening. It would have been much better for the federal government to have used the price of one battleship for relief, not as charity but as justice, than to invest in blow-hole armor plate and destructive machinery. The government already organized, could give help more promptly and efficiently than private individuals or societies and the cost per capita would only be a few cents.

You may have noticed the merchant class undertook to get rich quick off of the misfortunes of the people, but in some instances their stock was siezed for the common good. Now if the public may step in when distress is upon us, to provide us at cost, why not at all times? Then the trust humbug would cease.

You have always heard a great deal about the sanctity of the courts and the sacredness of our laws, whenever the working class made an attempt to interfere with the privileges of the rich.

Did you notice that whole swarms of the public officers in Colorado were found to be riding on railroad passes, all contrary to the laws they themselves had made, but would not abide by?

One of the patriots in this state was found out. There may be others who are not yet found out.

How can I respect a law which the law makers will not obey? Perhaps if investigation would investigate every man in congress would be tarred and feathered with the same stick.

Times do change in spite of all reactionary forces. Next week will show that the great change is here, when we will be permitted to read a real women's paper. There is but one bit of advice I would give our sisters. Fear not! Let no timid souls spoil the the opportunity by telling you "not to be too radical." Nothing is more radical than truth. The truth will make you free.

Another case of change is noted in the announcement that after June 1 the mill men will work on eight hour shifts. Certainly a great step ahead.

Revolution everywhere! Over in Belgium the working class are on a strike for equality at the ballot box. This strike is organized by the Socialist party, which is the world over the the class conscious workers.

In merry England Mrs. Pankhurst is sent to prison for three years over the question of the right of franchise. We are told by the very respectable press that the punishment is right and just.

I do not expect any bouquet from the masters of the universe for taking the side of the underdog. Not that I approve of the destruction of property, for that is wasteful, but this woman did not receive a fair trial. She was tried in a hostile court for the breaking of laws in which she had no voice in making. Neither was she convicted by a jury of her peers. The whole business is a damnable outrage upon the human race and the female sex.

I am reminded of an incident in our own lop sided country.

An election was being held in Ben Butler's home town and Ben, with some others, put up a ticket. The milling company put out the word that anyone voting that ticket would be fired. At a mass meeting old Ben said: "By the great Jehovah, if anyone will lose his job over his vote I will head a mob that will make of this place a sheep pasture such as it was twenty-five years ago and I will start it by setting fire to my own house. We will see if men in this town are permitted to vote or not."

Needless to say that the smug gentlemen did not carry out their threat.

I say I would rather see the tight little isle laid waste than se that one half (or any other part for that matter) be denied the right of a voice in the affairs governing their lives and liberties.

Now all of you milk sick, simpering hypocrites get up on your hind legs and howl.

J. STARK

Clackamas Local

Sunnyside Local Union No. 6840 meet April 14 in Sunnyside school house. The meeting was called to order by the president and the roll was called and 10 members out of a total of 25 were present. All communications were read.

Equity warehouse and sale of stock was discussed and two members bought one share each, several members made payment on their shares.

Articles listed for the sale were as follows:

One black mare, 900 lbs, 12 years old and 30 acres Clackamas bottom land for $175 per acre, J. P. Davis; one hay tedder for $25 W. W. Sumner.

E. E. OEHLSCHLAEGER
Secretary

Abolish the Profit

Bull Run, Ore.,

Courier:—

I see many reasons advanced for the cause of prostitution. The greatest cause is the profit. The prostitute is worth to the dealer what he can sell her for; she is worth to the pimp what he can make from he ruse; she is worth to the landlord what he can rent his house for; she is worth to the officer what he can graft from her for the so-called protection he gives her. The preacher says she is a necessity to keep our homes from being destroyed.

If we would do away with profit and give all equal opportunity to live we will do away with the prostitution.

M. V. THOMAS

Mother of Five

She mothered five!
Night after night she watched a little bed,
Night after night she cooled a fevered head.
Day after day she guarded little feet,
Taught little minds the dangers of the street;
Taught little lips to utter simple prayers,
Whispered of strength that some days would be theirs
And trained them all to use it as they should,
She gave her babies to the nation's good.

She mothered five!
She gave her beauty; from her cheeks let fade
The rose's blushes; to her mother trade.
She saw the wrinkles furrowing her brow,
Yet smiling said, "My boy grows stronger now."
When pleasures called she turned away and said:
"I dare not leave my babies to be fed
By strangers' hands; besides they are so small
I must be near to answer when they call.

She mothered five!
Night after night they sat about her knee
And heard her tell of what some day would be.
From her they learned that in the world outside
Are cruelty and vice and selfishness and pride;
From her they learnend the wrongs they should shun,
What things to love, what work must still be done.
She led them through the labyrinth of youth
And brought five men and women up to truth.

She mothered five!
Her name may be unknown save to the few.
Of her the outside world but little knew.
But somewhere five are treading Virtue's ways,
Serving the world and brightening its days.
Somewhere are five, who, tempted, stand upright,
Clinging to honor, keeping her memory bright.
Somewhere this mother toils, and is alive,
No more as one, but in the breast of five.

Itching provoke profanity but profanity won't remove them. Doan's Ointment is recommended for itching, bleeding or protruding piles. 50c at any drug store.

ANSWER, MR. BEATIE

Stone Correspondent Wants to Know How Judge Gets by Constitution

Section 10, of Article 11—of the constitution of Oregon, provides that no county shall create debts or liabilities which shall singly, or in the aggregate, exceed the sum of $5,000, except to supress insurrection or repel invasion or to build permanent roads within the county, but debts for permanent roads shall be incurred onlyon approval of a majority of those voting on the question. How does this strike you, Mr. County Judge R. B. Beatie and Mr. Blair, commissioners? Does this section also include timber cruising or wasn't it any debt or liability when you entered into a contract with Mr. Nease? Please explain, Mr. County Judge.

The Portland Railway, Lght and Power Co., has a crew of surveyors at work under the direction of H. A. Rands, making a final survey of the McBain piling. It is the intention to take the water below the river mill power plant from the Clackamas river and bring it throught the canal and flume into a reservoir to be located on the Schuebel place opposite Deep Creek, and from there through pen stocks to a new power house in Ballmeurs bottom.

We are glad to note that grandma Julia Mumpower is on the road to recovery from a severe illness.

Grant Mumpower is going into the hog raising business pretty heavily. He is feeding them the buttermilk from the Clear Creek Creamery.

Two sisters of Mrs. H. S. Anderson arrived here Saturday last from Massachusetts. They are going to stay until after the Chautauqua.

Frank Hutchins came very near losing a valuable Guernsey cow by bleeding caused by dehorning.

Herman Gerhardus sold 700 lbs of potatoes in Portland and received therefore 7 lbs of coffee. Good bargain.

We are informed that the Clear Creek Creamery is putting in "some more cream vats on account of the heavy receipts of cream."

REDLAND

The Redland band boys had a miniature 4th of July celebration at the Swedish store Sunday, practicing marching music. It seems that the whole country turned out to hear them.

Mr. Carlton is maturing plans for a large barn, which he intends to build in the near future.

Mr. Thorpe, who is building a barn for J. J. Bargfeld, is getting it nearly completed.

This is very uncertain weather to do spring work as the ground generally is too soggy.

At. Frink, who cut his foot some time ago, is getting along as nicely as may be expected.

F. Sprague has sold his sawmill to J. Matoon, who will run the same.

Mr. Bateman is having his house fitted up with up-to-date plumbing. Straight and Sallisbury are doing the the work.

Some of the band boys, when coming home from Damascus last Saturday night, locked wheels with their rigs and some of them had to walk home.

Mrs. Powers is going into the poultry business, having two incubators in full blast all the time, on chickens and ducks. She seems to have good success.

The first Monday in May will be the annual meeting of the Clear Creek Mut. Tel. Co., at 1 P. M. at Logan. Don't forget it.

Mrs. Bachman has taken up school at Fir Grove Monday for one month, where Miss Moenke left off.

Miss Virus will teach one month's school after Mr. Wilcox leaves in three weeks. Mr. Wilcox has a job awaiting him at Redland.

Rheumatism, as a result of kidney trouble, stiff and aching joints, backache and sore kidneys will all yield to the use of Foley's Kidney Pills. They are tonic in action, quick in results, curative always. W. S. Skelton, Stanley, Ind., says: "I would not take $100.00 for the relief from kidney trouble I received from one single box of Foley's Kidney Pills." Huntley Bros. Co.

Look to Your Plumbing.

You know what happens in a house in which the plumbing is in poor condition—everybody in the house is liable to contract typhoid or some other fever. The digestive organs perform the same functions in the human body as the plumbing does for the house, and they should be kept in first class condition all the time. If you have any trouble with your digestion take Chamberlain's Tablets and you are certain to get quick relief. For sale by Huntley Bros Co.

OLD TIME HISTORY

Early Day Remembrances and Incidents of a Molalla Pioneer

My last narrative closed with Kinney chaining the wild Buck Indian to the back end of his hack. There was a strong protest made by the company against taking the Indian in that way but all remonstrance failed as Kinney was known to be a dangerous man. So we drove on and as the hack started to move the Indian began to pull back and buck like a ram tied to gate post. It was quite laughable to see the poor native perform. Kinney named him Friday, and we had gone but a short distance when Kinney took his black snake whip and rode behind the Indian and when the poor fellow would pull back Kinney would apply the whip and he soon learned to lead. When we went into camp he was tied under the hack and some old quilts were given him for a bed.

Kinney had a large, slave-hunting dog that he used in Texas to catch run away Negroes. This dog was always chained under the hack as a watch dog, and of course he did not like Friday at all.

These proceedings were kept up day after day, and after about 8 days Friday became quitte tame and was turned loose. He enjoyed his liberty by learning to drive oxen.

We had traveled about 150 miles when Friday began to develop signs of civilization in conversation with Kinney. Kinney told my father that Friday should be his slave as long as he should live, and Father told him that Friday would give him the slip some dark night. Kinney said that if he did he could get him with his dog, and then he would shoot him.

Sure enough. Father's word came true. On a dark, stormy night Friday had taken three bacon hams, about 30 pounds of crackers and Kinney's fine gun and all the amunition and a fine powder horn and a pouch; one pair of heavy blankets from the little girl's bed. And behold, when morning came, Friday did not show up at roll call.

Kinney saddled his mule, took his dog and started for his man Friday. The heavy wind and storm of the night had destroyed all traces and tracks in the sand and sage brush. After several hours Kinney gave up the chase, and all he would ever say about it was that he would never try to civilize or Christianize another Indian.

My next communication will be about: from Suters Fort, California, to Oregon City.

A PIONEER OF '45

Scores of Oregon City Readers are Learning the Duties of the Kidneys

To filter the blood is the kidneys' duty.

When they fail to do this the kidneys are weak.

Backache and other kidney ills may follow.

Help the kidneys do their work.

Use Doan's Kidney Pills—the tested kidney remedy.

Oregon City people endorse their worth.

Frank H. Busch, Jr., Main St., Oregon City, Ore., says: "I suffered from acute attacks of kidney and bladder trouble and got no relief until I tried Doan's Kidney Pills. Two boxes removed my complaint and I have had no return attack."

"When your back is lame—Remember the name." Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—ask distinctly for Doan's Kidney Pills, the same that Mr. Busch had—the remedy backed by home testimony. 50c all stores. Foster-Millburn Co., Props. Buffalo, N. Y.

BRONCHITIS SUFFERER

Takes Druggist's Advice With Splendid Result.

If anyone should know the worth of a medicine, it is the retail druggist who sells it over his counter every day in the week, and is in a position to know what remedy gives the best satisfaction.

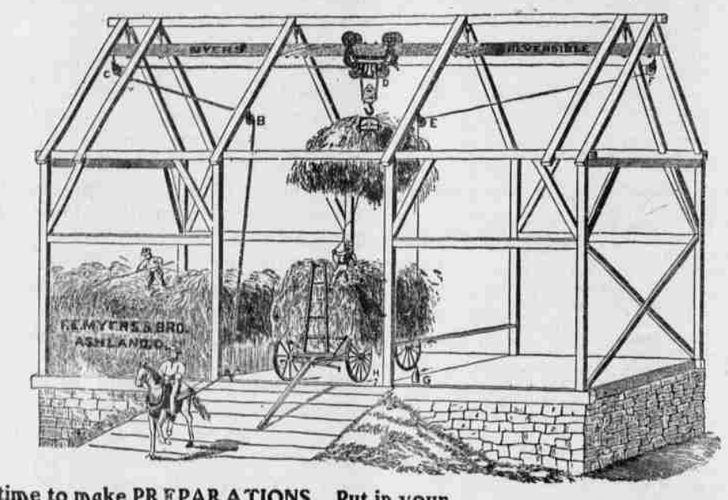
Mrs. Frank H. Uline, of West Sand Lake, N. Y., says: "For a number of years I was a great sufferer from bronchitis. Last July I had an attack which was more severe than any, and my friends thought I could not recover from it. Then I was advised by my druggist to try Vinol, which I did, with wonderful results. My cough has left me; I have gained in weight and appetite, and I am as strong as ever I was. I advise all who have bronchitis, chronic coughs, or who are run down to try Vinol."

It is the combined action of the medicinal curative elements of the cod's liver, without the greasy oil, aided by the blood-making and strength-creating properties of tonic iron that makes Vinol so efficient

Remember, we guarantee Vinol to do just what we say — we pay back your money if it does not.

Huntley Bros. Co., Druggists
Oregon City Oregon.

The Lull Before The Storm



IS the time to make PREPARATIONS. Put in your

MYERS HAY UNLOADER

NOW, and you will be in tip top shape to handle your crop this year.—Take our advice and come in and look them over next time you are in town.

A Lot of Time is Lost

Through BAD DOOR HANGERS. Hang your doors on

MYERS STAYON HANGERS

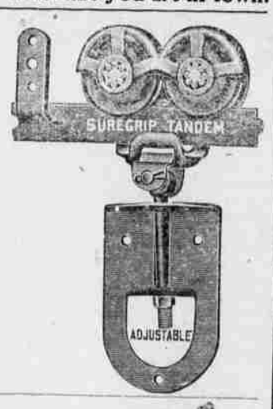
or the new

Tubular Track Hanger

and you will have

NO MORE TROUBLE

This is another matter that should be attended to before the busy season



CHAMPION MOWERS, BINDERS, RAKES, ARE THE BEST

PAY US A VISIT

W. J. Wilson & Co.
OREGON CITY, OR.

Canby Hdwe. & Imp. Co.
CANBY, OR.

Mitchell Lewis & Staver Co.

Agencies

Just received one car load of Wire Fence, and we will sell our 48-inch as usual for 35c per rod in spite of the advance.

Frank Busch

11th and Main Sts. Oregon City, Ore.