

Oregon City Enterprise
TOLD IN SIDEHEADS.

NOT ARRIVED.—The county clerk has not yet received from Game Warden Quinby any deer skin tags for the season. Under the new law no skins can be sold unless they bear a leather tag properly stamped and signed by the game warden. They may be obtained from the county clerk, who will supply the game warden.

GEORGE PROSSER.—George Prosser, postmaster at Oregon, was robbed of \$50 on Friday in Portland. He had taken his money to Portland to see the circus, and was about to board a street car when he was held up. The thief took a purse in his hip pocket, and reports the thieves had not been seen, although Mr. Prosser believes he saw the men who did the work.

DOWN THE LINE.—L. Norton, of West Milwaukie, was held up and robbed of a small sum of money last Friday. He had missed the last car from Portland and was "looting it" on the way. When, well on the way two men came, one thrusting a gun in his face, forcing him to hold up his hands, at the time the other searching his pockets. Only \$3.50 was all the booty the robbers got. No clues to the identity of the men has so far been had.

HOPE FOR CROP.—The price of hops this fall may reach the 25 cents per bushel mark, but something may occur to keep the price down to 20 cents. However, there is not much likelihood of a thing, principally because of the desiring having a considerable part of the crop contracted and to control the price to consumers. The unexpected sometimes happens, and it may be that the present hop boom will fall with a thud.

ISLAND FOR FAIR SITE.—One of the recent features in regard to the site of the Lewis and Clark fair is the advice of the merits of Ross Island, in the Willamette, only a short distance from Oregon City, as a site for the big exposition. All the imaginative power of a little brain has been put to action in portraying the beauties and advantages of the island for the site for the fair, and it brought out in reality as in imagination, the place would be exquisitely beautiful.

THE WHISKEYS OUT.—Thos. J. King, of the Wells Fargo Express company at Oregon City, and Chas. King, a prominent hardware dealer also of Oregon City, passed through the city yesterday on their way home from an outing in the Coast Range mountains near Seaside Bay, says the Astoria paper. Their most thrilling adventure appeared to be that they survived three days of their own cooking, after which they boarded with a farmer and nearly got his out of house and home to get the chickens taken out.

UNSATISFACTORY SERVICE.—E. W. Hammett, of near Couiton, was in Oregon City Tuesday. Mr. Hammett reported that harvest had just been finished in his part of the county and that threshing would be begun at once. Fairly good crops are being saved by the people in that vicinity and everybody is satisfied. Mr. Hammett's only complaint was that recent changes in the mail service near Couiton makes it inconvenient for him to get his mail. It has been necessary for him to change his postoffice address to Elwood in order to receive his mail at all.

SEASON FOR GAME.—The open season for quail, grouse, partridge, prairie chicken and pheasants is from October 1 to December 31 of each year. There is no law on snipe and one can go "snipe" at any time of the year. The open season on buck deer, moose and mountain sheep is from July 15th to November 1st, but on females of above animals the season opens August 15th and closes December 1st. It is unlawful to kill or take a spotted lawn at any season of the year. The session of the legislature will pass a law protecting elk until 1903 and leave for a period of twenty years from the date of the passage of that act.

CHANGE AT THE FAIR.—The state fair is seriously considering a proposition to erect a permanent building at the state fair grounds, where annual exhibitions may be held during the fair. The fair has already established headquarters there, and there promises to be a large attendance. Railroads will give reduced rates to the state fair. The Southern Pacific will give a one-day round trip. This line will haul exhibits free. Clackamas county Grange will not avail themselves of the opportunity to meet their brethren at the fair, and participate in the convalescence that is to take place.

SLAUGHTER EXPERIMENTS.—The state agricultural experiment station has just issued a bulletin on steaming silage, one of which has been received at this office. The bulletin shows that the success of the early experiments are fully sustained in the later investigations. The value of silage as food for all kinds of stock seems to be greatly increased by steaming. Experiments are being conducted this year on a more elaborate scale and the station expects to give in a future bulletin the results from feeding steamed and raw silage to milk cows and other stock. It would seem from results so far obtained that this is likely to be one of the most important investigations the station has yet undertaken.

NEW COURSE OF STUDY.—The state superintendent of public instruction has issued a new state manual course of study for the public schools and copies have been sent to the county superintendents, Mr. Zinser having received a number of the circulars and will distribute them to the schools. These pamphlets will be used extensively by the teachers at the institute to be held here next week, so that all the teachers may become familiar with the changes that have been made. The new course varies from the old so far as is made necessary by the change of text books. At the recent teachers' examination the questions relating to the course were taken from those portions of the old manual which were not changed by the new one. In all subsequent examinations the questions will be based exclusively on the manual.

INSTITUTE PROGRAMMER.—The printed program for the teachers' annual institute to be held here next week are out. Many of the features are of extraordinary value. Some of the best instructors of the Northwest have been secured to assist in the work, and the session will be of more than ordinary interest and value. The lecturers will be Preston W. Search, of Clark University; State Superintendent Ackerman; Professor R. R. Steele, Knox, supervisor of drawing, Portland public schools; Nettie A. Sawyer, supervisor of primary work in Seattle, and A. P. Armstrong, president Portland Business College. The music will be under the direction of Miss Veda Williams, and Miss Gertrude Netzer will be the institute secretary.

FOUND LARGE ELK HORNS.—Messrs. D. Canfield and nephew, C. P. Canfield, returned several days since from a trip in the mountains southeast of here. In fact, they were about eighty miles from this place, on the government trail leading to Mount Jefferson from Mount Hood. Far out in the mountains the gentlemen found a pair of extraordinary large elk horns, which they brought home with them. They suppose that some hunter had killed the animal at a time when the law forbade and had hid the horns until he might with safety take them to civilization. Mr. Canfield says they packed the horns several miles through the mountains to where their conveyance had been left. The horns are very perfect and will be utilized in the Canfield home for ornamentation.

BUMPER CROPS.—Clackamas county is just now reaping a great yield of all kinds of produce. The cereal crop is splendid and fruit will be very plentiful and of a good quality. The crop that is just at present attracting the greatest amount of interest is hops, which will distribute among the agricultural element of the county many thousands of dollars. The indications now are that the ruling price for that product will not be below 20 cents and as high as 25 cents is looked upon with fair chances of being the ruling price. Some of the growers have already flatly refused 22 cents per pound. Fruit prices promise to rule for grain and fruit, and as labor is in good demand, with splendid wages obtaining, the outlook for the farmer and laborer of Clackamas county is certainly encouraging.

MANY CHANGES IN THE LINE.—The electric railway company operating between this city and Portland are making many changes and improvements in the road in the way of straightening and ballasting the track. Near Milwaukie is this especially the case, the long trestle this side of there having been abandoned practically, and the new route, nearer the river, being traversed entirely. Between Selwood and Milwaukie some very noticeable changes are also being made. Many improvements in the route between Milwaukie and Oregon City are now being made. The company expects to soon start filling in the long trestle between Clackamas river and town, which will require some time to complete. A number of sharp curves in the road have been taken out, which heretofore have been not only a hindrance to speed, but to some degree were dangerous. The big steam shovel is doing good work.

GRASSHOPPERS DESTROY GRAIN.—Near Corvallis is to be seen the usual spectacle of a field of growing grain destroyed by grasshoppers. The field comprises 6 acres, and belongs to Alfred Bicknell. The crop is oats and not over half a dozen grains is all that remains of what was a couple of weeks ago thrifty heads. A. R. Locke estimates that oats in the adjoining field, not attacked by the grasshoppers, will yield 60 bushels per acre. The pests have also attacked other growth in the immediate vicinity. The leaves of corn have been stripped from the stalks, and the tassels bitten from the ears, so the silk drops to the ground. Potato vines in the same garden have also been stripped bare of their foliage, and even milkweed is attacked and denuded of leaves. The trouble is not reported from any other section, and in the instance mentioned is confined to a small area. Save the loss resultant in the field in question, no one is disturbed seriously by the prospect, as there is no fear that the grasshoppers will develop into a serious pest.

FRAUD IN BUTTER.—Willamette valley storekeepers are experiencing much difficulty just now by being made the victims of unscrupulous buttermakers, who are taking quantities of oleomargarine or butterine to the markets. In every instance the article is so made that it is difficult to detect it from the genuine thing, even puzzling the experts. The dealers declare they purchase only from farmers and an effort is being made to locate the exact "farmer" who is victimizing the dealers. They cannot determine just how the stuff is taken to the market unknown, but it is dangerous business at any rate. If oleomargarine is sold it must be sold for just what it is and nothing else. A heavy penalty is attached to a fraudulent sale of the stuff, and hotel or restaurant men who use it must display signs to that effect in conspicuous places in their dining rooms. Food Commissioner Bailey will probably be notified and the matter investigated in order to determine just who is perpetrating the fraud. So far as is known Oregon City is yet free from the tactics of such people, but it might be well to keep a close eye on the butter question.

ROAD TO MOUNT HOOD.—E. S. Bramhall, an old-time resident of the vicinity of Mt. Hood, is strongly advocating the building of an electric railway to Mount Hood. Mr. Bramhall has been working for many years to induce some of the local railway companies to take up the matter and his efforts now promise to attain him something. He says the City and Suburban Railway Company has the foundation of a big power plant on Gordon creek and has also secured large holdings of land east of the Sandy, where an abundance of power can be had to propel large cars to the foot of Mount Hood. Mr. Bramhall seriously argues the question of return for the investment, declaring that the line would be a money-maker from the start, as the country through which it would traverse is thickly settled and a steady traffic could be had throughout the entire year. In addition to this, in the summer season the traffic would be greater, perhaps, than the road could handle. It is particularly urged by the gentleman that this line be built before 1905, in order that the great throng of visitors from all over the United States might visit the base, and even the summit of the lordly Hood.

EASTERN ADVERTISING.—As a means of advertising the splendid resources of Clackamas county our citizens might profitably follow the example of Lane county, which has just sent a large exhibit of its products to the Nebraska state fair. Lane's exhibit went in stout wooden boxes labeled "Willamette Valley Land Company," in big letters. While such displays need not necessarily be large to attract attention, they do, nevertheless, attract attention, and serve as a wonderful advertising medium. Our stalks of wheat, oats, barley, alfalfa, grasses, etc., wheat and oats in bulk, wood and other products could be so arranged that their exhibition there would bring on large returns for the cash outlay. Nothing better can be produced in Oregon than is raised in this county, and we should exhibit what we are capable of producing to other parts of the world.

GOOD ROADS CONVENTION.—James W. Abbott, who represents the roads division of the United States department of agriculture, is in Portland endeavoring to create enthusiasm among our people in regard to better roads. He is endeavoring to arrange for a good roads convention to be held in Portland about the middle of October and should have the hearty support of everybody in the undertaking. Particularly would such a convention be of benefit to Clackamas county. Even though not great results are at first noticeable there is no question but indirectly some good would come from it. No doubt that more than \$200,000 have been expended by Clackamas county in the last few years for road improvement, and while there is a marked change in the condition of the highways, yet, however, scarcely more than the nucleus has been formed around which a magnificent system of good roads is to be formed. Should there be a good roads convention held in Portland Clackamas county could, with profit, send a delegation. The position our county occupies would render it among the first to derive good results from such a movement.

THE POWER WAS OFF.—One did not have to wait for words of expression of disgust from numerous people here Monday evening. Actions spoke louder than words and the countenance told even a plainer story. It was circus day, and many of our people, who, by force of circumstances, could not attend the show in the daytime arranged for an evening visit to the metropolis, primarily to "see the elephant." From 5 o'clock in the afternoon until 7 o'clock there was not a car, and the lamentations were in some instances almost excruciating, just as though another circus was never to visit the coast, on the better side of the fallen Lusitani had found lodgment in the dust. The street corners along the route were crowded with impatient excursionists until finally at 7 o'clock a car hove in sight. It was soon loaded and started on its way to the city, where the climax of the disappointments of the day was reached. Not a ticket to the show could be bought, 18,000 having been sold. Aimlessly around the streets roamed the Oregon City contingent until "car time," and from 10:30 until a much later hour people of our town were seen wending their way home, bearing every evidence of having "seen the elephant" in more phases than was anticipated earlier in the day. The "power was off" for over two hours.

QUIET IN REGIONS.—A quietude that is almost distressing prevails around the county capital, and in fact, is felt to a greater or less extent throughout the city, attributable, however, to the fact that the attention of the farmer is just now most intensely directed to the saving of the very bountiful crops with which the rural districts are blessed. Although in some departments about the court house there are busy hands, the usual bluster, consequent upon a term of court or similar excitement is very conspicuous by its absence. The sheriffs find a little work to occupy their attention, as does also the county judge, while in the school superintendent's department there is "something doing," consequent upon the preparation for the institute to be held next week, and the aftermath of the examinations conducted last week. This same condition of affairs exists also in the assessor's office, where the preparation of the assessment rolls is now being rushed. The recorder finds nearly enough business to keep his force going, which is always the case, but in the clerk's department business has slackened off to some extent since the records of the recent term of commissioners' court have been prepared and made complete. Over in the treasurer's office there is a deathlike condition prevailing, not at all to the liking of Mr. Cahill. The physicians sometimes remark that "the health of the community is distressingly good," so does the county treasurer remark that business in his department is distressingly poor.

PUBLIC FOUNTAIN.—Soon a beautiful bronzed iron public drinking fountain is to grace the most public street corner of our city, the valuable adjunct having been provided jointly by the Humane Society and the city council. The fountain arrived here last Saturday, and although it yet remains crated at the railroad depot, arrangements for its placing are being made as rapidly as it is possible to progress in the matter. The location of the fountain will be near the Methodist church, on Seventh and Main streets. The Humane Society having on hand funds which had not been otherwise appropriated, deemed it highly proper to apply the money to the purchase and establishment of a fountain, an improvement sorely needed here for many years. Not able to stand the entire expense of the improvement, the society elicited aid from the city council in the work and received an appropriation of \$100 from the city funds, which will defray nearly one-half of the expense. The fountain will stand eight and one-half feet high in addition to the concrete foundation it will rest upon. The material of which the fountain is made is iron, very neatly ornamented and bronzed. The water will flow first into a small basin for the use of people, the overflow supplying a larger basin on the opposite side, from which horses may quench their thirst, the overflow from this basin supplying two smaller basins on the other sides, lower down, for the benefit of the canine population. Altogether it is as neat an article in that line as ever graced the streets of any city, and besides the fact of its ornamentation, the place it will occupy in the list of public utilities will be an important one. It is just such an improvement as has long been demanded and its usefulness can hardly be estimated. The work of putting it in place will start at once.

ROBBERY AT PARK.—P. G. Shark, who conducts the refreshment stands at Canemah Park, has sustained another quite serious loss by reason of having one of his places broken into and robbed last Friday night. About \$50 worth of cigars were taken but no other goods were molested. Mr. Shark is keeping a close lookout and hopes to be able to apprehend the perpetrator. Several weeks ago the place was entered and about \$55 worth of goods taken. The entrance was effected this time by removing the screws from the door hinges.

ATTEND THE INSTITUTE.—The annual institute of the teachers of this county to be held here next week will be the most interesting meeting of its kind ever conducted in this county, and our people should make a special effort to be in attendance at as many of the sessions as possible. Particularly should there be a liberal attendance at the Wednesday evening session, when Preston W. Search will deliver a lecture on "The Ideal School." Superintendent Zinser is desirous that there be a large attendance on that occasion, realizing that what will be said will be of exceptional interest.

CHIEF BURNS GOT HIM.—Upon advice received from Salem last Friday morning Chief of Police Burns made the arrest of George Drake, from Salem, wanted there to answer to a serious charge, that of adultery. Drake is a colored gentleman, and he has been cohabiting with a white woman in Salem, Mrs. John Tidwell, who ran away with her dark complexioned admirer. The couple suddenly left Salem and Drake was located in this city. This is the second time the pair have left Salem together. Drake was sent back to Salem, where, on Saturday, he was arraigned before the recorder, pleaded "not guilty," but remanded to the county jail, however, in default of \$1000 bail, to await a further hearing.

SCARCITY OF HOUSES.—Not a vacant house in the city is the condition of things prevailing at present in Oregon City and there seems to be no hope for immediate change in the matter. Considerable property is changing hands, indicating that real estate values are certainly not declining, but the number of new buildings for residence purposes does not keep pace with the demand. Just as soon as school opens there will be even a greater demand for houses, which from present conditions cannot be supplied. The prospects are that before many months there will be a large increase in the amount of employment to be had in the city, and where the newcomers will find places to live is somewhat of a problem.

WILL ELEVATE M. E. CHURCH.—After many years of agitation and discussion it has finally been decided that the Methodist church, corner Main and Seventh streets, is to be elevated a few feet. This conclusion was arrived at during the present week, when the trustees met for the purpose of discussing the question. The building occupies one of the most central and commercially valuable locations in the city, and will be raised sufficiently high to permit of business rooms being placed under it. By such a course there will be a neat revenue derived each month, as certainly no difficulty will be experienced in letting the rooms. It is given out that the work will soon be started.

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