

Oregon City Enterprise

TOLD IN SIDEHEADS.

FISHPOND ASSAULT.—Conductor A. C. Garrison, of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company, who was arrested Thursday last week, on a charge of assault and battery on Walter Robison, of Milwaukie, pleaded guilty in the justice court last Saturday and was fined \$15. Garrison tried to collect double fare from Robison, who resisted and was thrown off the car and severely beaten.

ROGUE RIVER TEA PLANTS.—The tea plants which the Southern Pacific distributed in Rogue river valley appear hale and hearty. The latest information from there is that they are growing; but there is no record of more than a "half harvest" of the leaves, so that the infant industry is yet in its swaddling clothes. Oregon is believed to be well adapted climatically to the culture of tea. The only handicap to the industry is the high price of labor in Oregon as compared with that in Oriental countries and in Southern states, where colored children work the fields at low cost.

FOOTBALL TEAM.—Oregon City will have a strong team for playing football this fall and winter if present plans do not miscarry. There are several good players here, and interested parties in that kind of sport are becoming active in the matter. It is proposed that the team shall have been organized and sufficient practice had to enable a good game to be played on Thanksgiving Day. Messrs. W. D. Holt and Ed Rapp are the prime movers in this proposed undertaking, and the zeal with which they are entering upon their work inspires success.

NEW MILL AT SELLWOOD.—J. C. Young has sold the old Young saw mill site, on the river front, between Umatilla and Nehalem avenues, at Sellwood, to the new firm of Messrs. Miller, Hoag, Nickum & Mowery. The transfer was consummated last week and work on the new saw mill will commence soon. The old saw mill building will be torn down and removed, and the new plant will be located about 100 feet farther down the river. The old site will be used for a lumber yard. The new plant will represent an investment of \$40,000, and will have a daily capacity of between 40,000 and 50,000 feet. Present plans are to have the new mill completed and in running order by the first of next year.

SEEKING INVESTMENTS.—The frequency with which one runs against strangers in Oregon City and vicinity and finds that he is a man who has several thousand dollars which he has brought from the East to invest here is a good indication for the county. There are several persons in this city now who are quietly and unostentatiously planning to invest their capital either in some business pursuit or in property. They find here a good foundation upon which to build for future wealth. They seem to have the good hard cash in sufficient quantity to make their plans go, and all are pleased with the outlook. Real estate seems to be a solid standby. Property all over the county is in demand. Encourage all these prospective investors. They will gain and so shall we.

ROCKS ARE BARR.—The falls in the Willamette river at Oregon City, where the water for ages has made the plunge in its headlong rush for the sea, is now practically a barren mass of rocks. The Portland General Electric Company's long distance transmission plants, together with the other manufacturing establishments situated at this place, at this time of year requires all the water to keep their wheels and spindles in motion, leaving no surplus to flow away unharmed. If this would have been predicted a few years ago, the average citizen of the Willamette valley would have laughed the idea to scorn. But the mad race of progress and development is on, and where today nature's powers are lying dormant and idle, will in a few years be made to do their portion of producing wealth for our citizens.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.—The annual local fair and harvest festival given by Milwaukie Grange, No. 268, Patrons of Husbandry, will be held in the town hall of Milwaukie, commencing about the 1st of October. It has been the practice of this Grange to hold this fair annually, and the members have been successful in causing a healthy rivalry among the farmers and providing an annual reunion. The last fair brought out a fine fruit and vegetable display, as well as a large attendance. This year it is the intention of the Grange to hold the fair for two or three days, and hence the interest will be much greater than at any time heretofore. A committee from the Milwaukie Grange has been appointed, and preparations are already being made for a creditable display. All kinds of farm produce will be placed on exhibition in the hall, and prizes will be awarded for special excellence. There will be a women's department of fancy work. Last year the display in this department was regarded in some respects equal to that shown at the state fair. This will be one of the features of the fair. Appropriate exercises will be provided each day. The entire membership has entered on the work with much enthusiasm, and the outlook is excellent for a successful local exhibition.

BENEFIT DANCE.—The militia company has taken up the work also of devising means for relieving the sufferers of the fire district in this county, and accordingly will give a benefit dance at their Armory next Friday evening, September 20, to which the entire public is extended a most cordial invitation. This affair should, and no doubt will be, largely patronized by the people of Oregon City. The price of tickets has been placed at the extreme low figure of 75 cents. The militia boys are desirous of raising at least \$150 for the destitute people of Springwater, and the undertaking is to be heartily commended.

DEATH OF MRS. SMITH.—Mrs. L. C. Smith, an elderly lady who has made her home for some time with Mrs. J. W. Gray, at Green Point, died Tuesday, after continuous indisposition for several years. Mrs. Smith was born in Southern Ohio in 1836. At a very early age she began teaching school in Illinois and Ohio. In 1865 deceased came to this city with her husband, and has since resided here. She is survived by her husband and two daughters, Mrs. J. W. Gray, of Dawson, Alaska, and Miss Ella Smith, of this city. The funeral took place Thursday, at the home of Prof. Gray, Rev. Mr. Bollinger conducting the services. The remains were laid to rest in Mountain View cemetery.

HELP FOR FORGERY.—Constable Harry Moody returned here last Saturday from Mossy, Oregon, with a man named Watts, who was wanted here for passing bogus checks. Watts was in Oregon City some time since, representing a life insurance company of Portland, and while here passed two forged checks on W. Knapp, a saloon keeper. He went to Arlington where he was guilty of conduct of a like character. Knapp swore out a warrant and Officer Moody went after him. It is said that Watts made a desperate effort to commit suicide when he was first taken into custody. He is now languishing in the county jail awaiting an opportunity to explain his conduct.

CHURCH EDIFICE BURNED.—Rev. Mr. Hatch, pastor of the Springwater Congregational church, was in town Monday, taking an active part in soliciting aid for the destitute of his locality. The church edifice at Springwater was destroyed by the recent terrible fire. By most heroic efforts of the pastor the parsonage was saved from the flames. Mr. Hatch says that if he could have had even the least assistance he could have saved the edifice. While the reverend gentleman greatly deprecates the calamity which has befallen the people of his part of the county, he is entering upon the work of relieving the suffering and encouraging the people to renew their efforts with a spirit and zeal that is having a telling effect.

PILLAGING AT THE CEMETERY.—Numerous complaints have been made recently that wholesale pillaging is going on at the cemetery on the hill. Numerous vases and other articles for holding flowers, besides shrubs and plants have been removed from cemetery lots and groves. The sexton of the cemetery has been notified of the work that is going on and an effort will be made to detect the perpetrator. It is, indeed, unfortunate that people would stoop to such contemptible acts and unfortunate that the local paper is forced to give publicity to such conduct, but the detestable nature of the person who would be guilty of doing such acts deserves severe censure. The perpetrators cannot hope to long continue their work without detection, and a warning to desist should be heeded.

CHANCE FOR EMPLOYMENT.—A. S. Pattullo, secretary and general superintendent of the Oregon Iron and Steel Company, at Oswego, was in Oregon City Wednesday. To a representative of the Enterprise Mr. Pattullo stated that it was the intention of his company to increase the output of their plant this winter and will need considerable extra help. Mr. Pattullo says there are a number of unoccupied houses at Oswego, and if any of the unfortunate people in the district recently devastated by fire are seeking employment a number can be accommodated at the foundry. This is a kindly offering by Mr. Pattullo and his company, and the opportunity for lucrative employment will undoubtedly be greatly appreciated by many of the unfortunate people.

Messrs. Bryant & Hargroaves, of the Oregon Fire Relief Association, have already adjusted the fire losses in the Beaver Creek country and are now attending to those of Springwater. In answer to numerous inquiries as to the standing of the McMinnville association, Mr. Hargroaves says it will take one hundred average fires extra to make one additional call, and six hundred extra average fires would not entail on each member the cost of one year's insurance in the stock companies.

It would be an erroneous conclusion to believe that on account of so many people going out on the hop ranches there is a lack of work. Hop-picking is an outing for people who cannot afford to go to Seaside or fashionable resorts. It enables whole families to get out and lay by a little for winter, and the inducements held out by the ranchers are beneficial mutually, financially, and of incomparable physical advancement of the pickers.

HELP FOR DESTITUTE. Liberal Repose by Oregon City People to Appeal for Aid.

The appeals from the burned district of Springwater touched a responsive chord, and the manner in which Oregon City people have contributed to the needs of the stricken people is a credit and honor to them. Clothing, provisions and money have been sent often and similar acts of charity are each day being performed. The articles most needed are being distributed among those who most need assistance first. Greatly to the credit of the Oregon City Woolen Mills, through the president, Mr. Jacobs, a great quantity of blankets were sent out early in the week to supply the destitute and suffering. The Willamette Pulp and Paper Company made a contribution of a like quantity of the same article, hence, in that respect the needs of the sufferers are greatly relieved. In addition to this generous act the Willamette Paper Company has announced that it would at once give employment to one hundred men and that they would furnish work for teams and teamsters.

The church organizations of the city immediately entered upon the work of soliciting and sending aid to the people of Springwater, and a most creditable showing has been made. Clothing, provisions and money have been gathered together in great quantities, and sent away. This good work is still in progress, and by this means much suffering has been avoided.

The Rebecca Relief Society also took up the work of relief and proved a great factor in the work. So far several wagon loads of provisions, clothing and other articles have been sent to the front.

Myers & Son's mill having been destroyed has rendered it impossible to get material for rebuilding. This is one of the urgent needs of the people of Springwater just at present. No material progress can be made in repairing the damage done until some means is provided for furnishing lumber for rebuilding houses, barns and fences.

Grain for seed is also badly needed, as farmers there must sow this fall in order to reap next year. Any contribution in this line will be most graciously received.

The county commissioners will take up the matter at once of relieving the suffering. Means will probably be provided for farmers to do road work or any other kind of public improving in order to get money to supply their immediate needs. Implements, harness and all kindred articles are greatly needed to facilitate the work of rehabilitation.

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