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THEY ARE COMING.

The trolley line to Gresham, it is announced will be completed in about two weeks. Thus we extend, grow, improve, branch out, and are brought together. In a year or two, no doubt, this road will be extended to Pleasant Home, and thence in the not-far-distant future to the Sandy and the foot of Mount Hood. But what has become of the Portland-Hillsboro road? That ought to show up next year, sure.—Portland Evening Telegram.

And motor lines will come up the valley from Portland. And they will spread out from Salem in every direction. There will be a perfect network of them. And it will not be so very long either. The sooner the better for the country and the principal cities of the valley.—Salem Statesman.

And they will go down the valley from Eugene, putting Salem and Portland in touch with Eugene, the metropolis of the valley, and the surrounding country, acknowledged to be the cream of Western Oregon. Eugene will do what it can to make our valley towns keep pace with its growth.—Eugene Register.

And while these lines are being built throughout Oregon, connecting the principal towns with Portland, Oregon City is being brought into touch with the interior of Clackamas county, and more lines are being projected for this purpose. Verily, the spirit of progression has taken firmly ahold of Oregon. Because of our location and resources the greatest immediate benefit will come to Clackamas county. We are going ahead, and that, too, at a rapid rate. The disposition to encourage all enterprises calculated to hurry along our advancement had just as well be aided, because they are coming, no matter how stubbornly they may be resisted at first. Our advice is to get into the band wagon and help blow the drum. The procession is moving, and moving rapidly, and while the banner of Clackamas county is at the top of the staff, let's keep it there. To resist the spirit of progression which now permeates the Western atmosphere is foolhardy. The key note has been sounded and everything is singing the song of advancement.

A VERY PATENT FACT.

Under this caption, the Eugene Register, copying an editorial article which appeared in these columns a week ago, gave the article some prominence and commented as follows: "The most encouraging reports are coming from all up and down the Valley in regard to the growth of towns and the settlement and development of the country surrounding them. Woodburn is growing and prospering. The town of Gervais, badly damaged by a fire that swept away its main business district, is beginning to build up, and will be a more substantial place than ever. Silverton and Dallas and all the towns of the country surrounding Salem are going ahead. We are entering upon a period of expansion, and the whole Valley and the whole state are beneficially affected.—Oregon City Enterprise." "Such facts as above cannot be kept too fully before the public. The people must be made to realize that we are now living in the new Oregon, the old having become merely a matter of important history. From now on each year will bring its surprises in the realm of progress. The very nature of things have put behind Oregon an impetus that must, of necessity, carry it forward by leaps and bounds for many years to come. The spirit that says, let Oregon grow and develop, has become general all over the state and with such a feeling amongst the masses, there remains no hindering cause to the steady, rapid advancement of the state. And the Willamette Valley is leader in the onward movement."

THAT Clackamas county is destined to greatness and is now taking rapid and direct steps on that road needs no philosopher to foretell. Capitalists, agriculturalists and labor are finding out their opportunities here. Home people are displaying an interest not heretofore known. The promoters of transportation have taken up the work of penetrating the interior of the county and bringing the most remote parts into close touch with Oregon City and Portland, new manufacturing enterprises are locating in our county, better farms and better homes are being made and every force is organizing and thoroughly at work along such lines that are certain to make this county hum with the activities of regeneration. Let it come. All the attention this county can receive and all the greatness it can achieve will be no more than the general conditions existing here richly deserve.

STATE DIVISION.

About once in every two years there seems to be an epidemic that seizes some of the up-country people and causes them to crave for the division of Oregon into two states. So far the epidemic has never developed into a very malignant form, but it appears rather severe with some. However there has never been a good reason advanced why Oregon should be divided, or wherein the people would derive any benefit. It is true the interests of Eastern and Western Oregon are somewhat different, yet not so widely different that the state should be cut in two.

This state division sentiment has found more favor and been more agitated by politicians than any other class, hence it is reasonable to suppose that it is a desire to hold office that, actuates the agitators since in a single state there are not hardly enough offices to go around, and the creation of another state would make more places to fill. But the taxpayers, those who would have to pay the expenses of a new state government, are, as a rule, opposed to it. So long as this is the case there need be little or no fear that the state will be divided.—Dalles Times-Mountaineer.

It's a pretty fair sort of a thing to do, this patronizing of home dealers when their prices are reasonable and they do the square thing. The catalogue house is an entirely different proposition. Doing business with the latter is a spot cash deal. It sets the price; it selects the article and you pay the price on something your eyes have never beheld. It is quite a chunk of trust to throw to strangers. And then there is another point: when that purse of yours is absolutely guiltless of coin of the realm, when you are dead broke, and must have flour and sugar and coffee and meat and butter and shoes and clothing, do you take a catalogue blank and make a fat order for some firm in a big city to satisfy your needs? Do you? Or do you go down to the store on the corner or the one not on the corner, and ask to be "carried" for a few days. Yes, indeed, some are carried in this way year after year, to the door of eternity, who pride themselves on their superior acumen in smelling better things afar.

THERE are a number of important matters to come before the next legislature, but none more important to the people at large than practical road legislation. Our present road laws are faulty in many respects, especially in the manner prescribed for laying out and establishing country roads. This work should be delegated to a competent engineer, one who understands road building, and not to a board of viewers who have little or no knowledge of scientific road building. Such an arrangement would insure roads being located on suitable ground, where once constructed they would last, and money and time would not be thrown away on impracticable routes.

WHETHER you are satisfied with the outcome of the recent city election or not, our advice is to get into the band wagon and hurrah for a bigger, better and more important Oregon City. It's in the air that Clackamas county and Oregon City are going to forge ahead very rapidly in the next few years, and the way to help this condition along is to help it along. There is not a person in Oregon City but who has some influence for aid in this matter, so pull the bushel up from over your lantern and let your light shine.

STATISTICS of the gross postal receipts of the government at Washington for last month, as compared with October, 1901, at fifty of the largest postoffices in the country, show a total of $5,580,599, an increase of 13 per cent. The increase at New York was 11 per cent and at Chicago 19 per cent, the receipts being $1,183,588 and $864,884 respectively. The largest increase was 36 per cent, at Los Angeles, Cal., closely pressed by 33 per cent at Milwaukee. The largest decrease was 11 per cent, at Buffalo.

EZRA DURAND received for a Thanksgiving present from Governor Geer a full pardon from the penitentiary. Durand, it will be remembered, oporated in the organ business to a very large extent in this county about seven years ago, and his transactions were of such a shady character that he finally wound up by doing time. He was sentenced to twelve years in the penitentiary, but by reason of his extreme age his pardon was granted.

THE Salem Statesman, in its issue the morning after Thanksgiving Day, had a lengthy editorial headed: "We are a Sober Nation." Great Scott! Brother, Hendricks, didn't you celebrate Thanksgiving Day? Us'ns down here did; and we'll be blamed if, from observations taken here, we could screw up our courage to the point of giving such a title to an effusion.

THE preparations for the Christmas festivities being made in this city are of a most elaborate nature, commensurate with the spirit of the occasion and in line with the ability of the people generally, through the blessing of good fortune which offers to us all to fittingly observe such as our Christian holiday affords.

HOMER DAVENPORT, almost "our own" Homer, after acquring all kends of fame as a cartoonist, has taken to the lecture platform, and it is said is even more of a success in his new role, if possible, than as a caricaturist. He has signed for a series of twelve lectures, for which he is to receive $12,000.

LEAP CAUSED DEATH.

Mrs. Kayler, of Molalla, Was Not Drowned, as Was Reported.

In regard to the death of Mrs. Kayler, of Molalla, who was last week reported drowned in West Fork river, in Southern Oregon, there seems to have been an erroneous report started in the matter. From the last issue of the Ashland Tidings we glean the following information, which no doubt, is a very correct account of the terrible accident:

"Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Kayler, of Clackamas county, with others, were engaged Tuesday locating timber claims in Cow Creek Canyon, near West Fork. In the darkness of the night they were walking along the S. P. Co.'s track, and got separated from their companions, who carried a lighted lantern. When crossing the railroad bridge at West Fork, Mrs. Kayler looked back, mistook their companions' lantern for the headlight of an approaching train, became frightened and jumped suddenly off the bridge, forty feet below, and had her life crushed out on the cruel rocks. Her husband ran to assist her only to pick up the lifeless body of his wife. With the assistance of the others of the party the body was taken to the station and forwarded to Molalla on the passenger train."

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Mary L. Ballard, deceased, has filed his final report in said matter in the County Court of Clackamas County, Oregon, and the said court has fixed Monday, the 15th day of December, 1902, at 10 o'clock A. M., as the day and time for hearing objections to said report and for the final settlement of said estate. C. K. BALLARD,
Nov. 6, 1902. Administrator of said estate.

SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Clackamas County.

Mann Ella Whittle, plaintiff,
vs.
Ed A. Whittle, defendant.

To Ed A. Whittle, the above named defendant.

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and cause on or before the 10th day of January, 1903, that being the day prescribed in the order of publication of this summons, and if you fail to so appear and answer said complaint the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief therein prayed for, to-wit; That the marriage existing between you and plaintiff be dissolved. This summons is published for six consecutive weeks by order of Hon. Thos. F. Ryan, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Clackamas County, in the Oregon City Enterprise, a newspaper of general circulation in this county and state. Order of publication made Nov. 29, 1902. First publication, Dec. 5th, 1902.

ALBERT B. CERRERA,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon within and for the County of Clackamas.

Mayonie Eggleston, plaintiff,
vs.
William H. Eggleston, defendant.

To William H. Eggleston, the above-named defendant:

In the name of the state of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit in said Court, on or before Friday, the 16th of January 1903, the same being six weeks from the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to appear and answer said complaint, plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint, to wit: That the bonds of matrimony existing between yourself and the plaintiff be dissolved.

This summons is published by order of Thos. F. Ryan, judge of the county court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Clackamas, in the Oregon City Enterprise, a weekly newspaper of general circulation in Clackamas county, first publication being on Friday, 5th December, 1902.

JOHN DITCHBURN,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Clackamas.

Clara L. Goodmiller, Plaintiff,
vs.
E. C. Goodmiller, Defendant.

To E. C. Goodmiller, The above-named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above-entitled suit on or before the expiration of six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons; and if you fail to so appear and answer said complaint, plaintiff will apply to the Court for a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between plaintiff and defendant, and for the relief prayed for in said complaint.

This summons is published in the Oregon City Enterprise by order of Hon. T. A. McBride, Judge of the above-entitled Court, made and entered on the 12th day of November, 1902.

The date of the first publication of this summons is the 14th day of November, 1902; the last publication the 26th day of December, 1902.

GEORGE C. STOUT,
Attorney for Plaintiff.