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One hundred and forty-five acres; 25 in cultivation; 100 acres fenced; good soil; living springs; 40 acres saw timber; one acre rice fruit; good 5-room house; post barn and numerous other buildings. Sixteen miles to Oregon City. Thirteen head cattle, 2 horses, all farming implements. Price \$3000.00. Good stock farm and a bargain.

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present crop for \$30 per acre; very easy terms. Good school and growing neighborhood.

Two hundred and twenty-five acres at Logan, 6 miles due east of Oregon City, 16 miles from Portland, 100 acres in cultivation, 50 acres more nearly ready to break, 3 acres prune orchard, whole place fenced, mountain trout stream running through the ranch, several large springs, frame dwelling, 6 rooms, cost \$500, post barn, 2 miles to cheese factory, same distance to creamery that sells \$1000 worth of butter a month, school one-quarter mile; splendid neighborhood. \$30 per acre. Terms to suit.

Three hundred and forty-nine acres of level, rich soil, in Marion county, 5 miles from Woodburn, 220 acres in good cultivation, free from stumps and rocks, balance in pasture, whole place fenced and cross fenced, one fair old dwelling, 3 rooms, two large barns, other outbuildings convenient to place, six acres orchard, 7 acres hops, one quarter mile to school, title perfect. Price \$37 per acre; terms made to suit the purchaser. This is a rare bargain.

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MAY REVISE PLANS

RAILROAD PEOPLE AND CITIZENS HOLD CONFERENCE.

Southern Pacific Company May Consent To Substitution of Overhead Crossings.

Last Saturday afternoon there was held in this city a conference between the officials of the Southern Pacific Company and the members of the Oregon City Council and the members of the Citizens' Committee with a view to adjusting, if possible, the differences that exist with respect to the granting of the perpetual franchise to the railroad corporation and the making of certain improvements that are required of the Southern Pacific Company in return for the franchise.

While practically nothing was given or taken at the meeting, still the session was a very harmonious one and there was nothing harsh said or spoken. Attorney W. D. Fenton represented the railroad company while Attorney W. S. U'Ren, of this city, did the principal speaking in behalf of the city council and the interested citizens. The railroad company was asked to consent to amending the franchise to the extent that its life be fixed at a given term of years, but its representatives would not consent to anything other than the perpetual franchise as passed by the council.

Attorney U'Ren then asked that the railroad company agree to plans other than those already adopted for the improvements that are to be made. He stated that the majority of the people of Oregon City favor overhead rather than the proposed underground pedestrian subways. He was assured by the railroad company's attorney that the corporation might consider such an arrangement if the cost of the substituted plans did not exceed the original appropriation that had been made by the company for the making of the required improvements.

This being assured, Mayor Sommer appointed a committee of three members, consisting of Aldermen Sheahan and Koerner and City Engineer Rands, to prepare plans and specifications for the overhead crossings as proposed by the citizens. These, when completed, will probably be submitted to another mass meeting of citizens for their endorsement before being finally presented to the railroad company for its consideration.

THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE.

Oregon City, Oregon, Jan. 4, 1905. The Honorable the Council of Oregon City:

Pursuant to the obligation imposed upon me by Sec. 38 of Chapter 7 of the Charter, I hereby communicate to you my annual message.

In assuming the duties of the office of Mayor of Oregon City, I wish to express to each one of you the belief that I can hope to succeed in giving to Oregon City a successful administration only by having your hearty co-operation in all matters pertaining to the city's welfare; and as your aid and assistance in enforcing the laws has always heretofore been cheerfully given, I feel confident that we shall have an harmonious and successful year.

Upon an examination of the City's financial condition I find that more than one-third of the city's total income, as shown by the general fund, is required in the payment of interest on the obligations of the city now outstanding. This is not as it should be and every effort possible, consistent with good government, should be made to reduce the outstanding obligations so that the money now paid as interest may be used for the many necessary items of expense constantly required in a growing and prosperous city such as ours.

I fully realize that improvements of all kinds are necessary; that streets must be improved, modern sanitary measures adopted and that the city must have lights and police and must maintain a fire department. And if we must have all these things we must also have a revenue sufficient to maintain them and not allow our obligations to grow and our interest account to increase year after year. This requires one of two things; either an increase of our city tax or a decrease in our city expenditures—one or the other is an absolute necessity.

There are now outstanding warrants on the general fund amounting to \$22,635.84 bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, which require over \$1350.00 a year for interest, and there are approximately \$12,000.00 in improvement bonds, the interest on which must be paid from the general fund. This added to the interest on the bonded city debt of \$50,000.00, makes almost \$5,000.00 per year necessary to be expended as interest, all of which must be paid promptly and from the general fund that the city's credit may not be impaired. The operating expenses of the city must be paid out of what remains in the general fund after the interest charges are paid, and if there is not sufficient to meet these requirements an additional burden of interest is assumed by the city. Gentlemen, the expenditures of Oregon City must be kept within its income, even though it become necessary to increase this income by additional taxation.

More than \$8000.00 has been expended from the road fund during the past year, for the improvements of roads and streets and the building of roads, all possibly necessary and judiciously expended, but as the total income for the Road Fund for the year 1904 has been only \$2641.25 it leaves an excess of expenditure amounting to more than \$5000.00, which imposes an additional burden of \$300.00 per annum as interest. There are outstanding warrants at this time drawn upon the Road Fund amounting to \$7338.38.

There have been many improvements made within Oregon City during the past few years, all of which are beneficial to the city. The costs of these improvements have been borne by the owners of the property benefited by the said

TAX LEVY IS MADE

IS THE SAME AS THAT OF LAST YEAR 20 1/2 MILLS.

Usual Levy of 2 Mills for Reduction of County Debt—Estimated Expenses for 1905.

Before adjourning its January term, the county court last Saturday made the annual tax levy. It amounts to 20 1/2 mills, the same aggregate as that of last year, although some of the items are somewhat different. For instance the levy for school purposes and for roads and bridges is increased one-half mill each while a reduction of one-half mill each is noticed in the levy for state and county expenses, as compared with that of a year ago. The levy as distributed among the different funds to be provided for, as follows:

	Mills
School	5.12
State	4.4
Roads and bridges	5.
Interest on debt	1.
Reduction of county debt	2.
County	3.96
Total	20.98

On a tax roll having a total property taxable valuation of \$9,300,000, this levy will produce about \$190,000. By levying a two mill tax for the express purpose of reducing the county's indebtedness, the sum of \$20,000 will be raised on this account.

LEGISLATION FOR GOOD ROADS.

County Court Enlists Aid of Legislative Delegation.

"The Clackamas County Court through the legislative delegation from this county, will seek to have enacted at the approaching session of the State Legislature laws that will prove of material aid to the various county courts of the state in the building and repairing of roads," remarked County Judge Ryan in a recent interview. "I have great faith in the eminent domain theory which is being indorsed by the different counties of the State," continued the Clackamas County Judge. "The enacting of such a law will give to the County Court of each county the right to condemn property for the establishment of a new road or the appropriation of additional property for the improvement of roads already established—the rights conferred being identical to those already enjoyed by railroad corporations."

It is also the purpose of the Clackamas county court to have passed a law regulating the use to which all roads shall be placed in the matter of heavy traffic and still another measure that will place some restriction as to the use of automobiles on the public highways.

JUDGE FEE GOES TO WASHINGTON.

Carries Oregon's Electoral Vote for Roosevelt and Fairbanks.

Oregon's four Presidential electors cast their ballots for Theodore Roosevelt at Salem Monday while Legislative battles raged around them. Judge James S. Fee, of Pendleton, was chosen to convey the record of the ballot to the President of the United States Senate. Judge Fee said that he would return home from Salem immediately and in a few days would set out for the national capital.

The three electors besides Judge Fee are A. C. Hough, of Grants Pass; J. N. Hart, of Dallas; and Grant E. Dimick, of this city. All but Mr. Dimick desired the honor of going to Washington and during most of the day they were in good-natured deadlock. Secretary of State Dunbar finally went to the rescue, wrote the word messenger on one of four slips of paper, shook them up in a hat and allowed each elector to draw a slip. The charmed slip fell to the lot of Dimick, who passed it over to Fee.

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