

Personal Mention

Mrs. Harry Symes, of Salem, visited this week with Oregon City friends. H. Robbins, of Molalla, was in the city Tuesday. H. N. Everhart, of Molalla, was in the city Saturday. George W. Speight, of Hubbard, was in the city Monday. Miss Mary Hill, of The Dalles, has been visiting in this city. James Bell, of Sandy, was in the city the first of the week. C. C. Babcock has gone to San Francisco to remain several weeks. Mrs. Harry M. Shaw visited this week with friends at Troutdale. E. P. Morecum, an attorney from Woodburn, was in the city Monday. Miss Mona King and L. Williams, of Portland, were guests of Oregon City friends the first of the week. Attorneys H. J. Bigger, J. A. Carson and G. G. Bingham, of Salem, were in the city the first of the week having business before the circuit court. G. A. Haines and family of Oregon City, returned home Wednesday morning after a few days sojourn at the parental home near Scotts Mills.—Silverton Appeal. S. A. D. Hungate, G. J. Case, D. C. Boyles and H. H. Johnson have returned from Northern Idaho where they completed a surveying contract for the government. Mrs. Jennie B. Harding, department president of the State W. R. C., is in Southern Oregon, where she is inspecting the different Corps of that section of the State. Mrs. Kate Newton, accompanied by her daughter Josephine, leaves next week for Philadelphia, where she will spend the winter. Miss Newton will reside in Philadelphia. Hon. H. Paulsen, of George, was in the city the latter part of last week. He says that under the very favorable weather, the farmers are making splendid progress with their Fall work. William Lindsey, of Seaside, was a business visitor to this city the latter part of last week. Mr. Lindsey was formerly engaged in the saw mill business near this city. He is now managing a hotel at Seaside. Mayor Wm. Schindler and Nelson Cooper, of Milwaukie, were in the city Monday as witnesses before the grand jury in the investigation of the charges of gambling preferred against the Milwaukie Country Club. Miss Mary S. Barlow, of Barlow, who recently disposed of her farm property at Barlow, was in the city Wednesday. Miss Barlow leaves Sunday for San Francisco on her way to Europe where she will spend a year. Deputy District Attorney C. L. McNary and Chas. Lembecke, former assessor for Marion county, were in the city Wednesday in attendance at the circuit court being interested in the suit for damages of H. P. Ridings vs. Marion County. Howard Latourrette, C. W. Pope, Dr. W. E. Carril, J. R. Doucherty and Sam Stowe, were among the Oregon City enthusiasts who witnessed the Willamette-U. of O. football game at Salem Saturday. Mr. Stowe officiated as referee at the game which resulted in a victory for Eugene by a score of 11 to 6. Walter A. Dimick of Oregon City, was in the city over Sunday, the guest of friends. Mr. Dimick is a graduate of Pacific University and is now city recorder at the city on the banks of the Willamette. * * * Mrs. E. E. Williams of this city, attended a musicale farewell given in Oregon City by Miss Mary Conyers, who leaves soon for New York to pursue her studies. Miss Conyers will be remembered as having appeared here at a concert given by the students last spring. Mrs. E. E. Williams, was the accompanist.—Washington County (Forest Grove) News. Drs. Beattie & Beattie, Dentists, Rooms 16, 17, 18, Weinhard Building.

WILL ENTER THE CITY

LOCAL TELEPHONE SYSTEM TO BE INSTALLED.

Mutual Company To Be Organized For Benefit of Rural Subscribers.

Stock is being subscribed liberally by Oregon City business men towards a corporation for installing a mutual telephone exchange in this city as the connecting link to the successful operation of the rural telephone system in this county. It is proposed to form a company with a capital stock of \$10,000 and install an exchange having 150 phones. This exchange has been petitioned for by subscribers to the various telephone companies throughout the county. At the rate stock in the proposed company is selling, the company will be organized within a few days. Through the system to be installed fully 1000 farmers in the interior of the county will be connected with Oregon City business houses and residences.

In a letter to prospective stockholders, a committee appointed by the Board of Trade, issued the following letter, which has been largely responded to:

"The undersigned was appointed a committee for the purpose of devising some plan to take care of the many farmers telephone lines throughout the County.

"I find that there are at present six or seven different systems, mutual and independent, representing about 500 telephones, without any connections with Oregon City, something which they all desire. Some wish to install their own plant. This would necessitate several systems in town, none of which will be able to give a satisfactory service.

"The plan is to get a large number of the business men of Oregon City to organize a strong company, with a capital stock of \$10,000 divided into 1000 shares each of the par value of \$10.00.

"This sum will be sufficient to install a first-class up-to-date plant, capable of supplying the town and also of connecting up the many separate systems in the country not only with the business of Oregon City, but with each other and at such reasonable rates that none of them will desire to build in town. Under any circumstances, with such a local company occupying the field, no other company would desire to butt in.

"Over 200 country subscribers of telephones have already signified their willingness to help maintain a switch-board operated by such a company."

Proposition of Pacific States Company.

A majority of the rural subscribers are inclined to think they are offered a service by the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company that is hard to improve upon.

This company agrees for a charge of \$2.50 per month, for each rural system, to meet its rural line at the city limits and provide connections with the Oregon City exchange which numbers 500 subscribers. The charge of \$2.50 includes the keeping in repair of the company's lines from the central office to the city limits, the charge therefor to be divided among the subscribers on the rural line making the connection, so that in case there are ten subscribers the expense to each on this account will be but 25 cents per month.

To independent or mutual subscribers the Pacific States Company will furnish its long distance transmitters and receivers for \$2 per year or 16 2/3 cents per month, making a total charge per month to each subscriber on a temporary rural line of only 41 2/3 cents. This charge will include the making of connections with the entire Oregon City exchange of 500 subscribers and all farmer lines connecting with the system at this point. This rate of 41 2/3 cents per month also includes the keeping in repair by the Pacific States Company of all transmitters and receivers it installs under the terms of this arrangement.

In case a mutual line accommodates twenty subscribers instead of ten, the expense to each subscriber for the service here outlined and offered by the Pacific States Company will not exceed 28 cents per month.

Another distinct advantage to be gained by an acceptance of the Pacific States Company's proposition is the all-night service to which access will be had by all connecting rural lines. In addition to these advantages the subscribers to the mutual system making the connection will receive the 15 cent rate to Portland, the same as city subscribers now enjoy. Connection will also be had at schedule rates with all the towns and cities covered by the Company's system.

Another Company Formed.

Wednesday night the farmers of the Central Point district organized a mutual company that will serve the people of the New Era and Canby districts. The company has contracted with the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Co., for a year's service on the terms outlined in the foregoing paragraphs.

WINTER COURSES IN AGRICULTURE.

The Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis will offer this winter, as usual, two special courses along agricultural lines, which will be designated The Short Course in Agriculture, and The Special Dairy Course.

The Short Course in Agriculture will open on Monday, January 8, 1906, at 9 a. m., and continue two weeks, closing on Friday, January 19. The course consists of a series of popular lectures along lines suited to aid horticulturists, dairymen, and others engaged in agricultural pursuits in developing the great natural resources of our State. The lectures are supplemented by laboratory work under

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