

## SAFETY MEASURE FOR LIFE AND PROPERTY

SPECIAL WIRE FROM TELEPHONE CENTRAL TO POWER HOUSE WANTED.

### A QUICK TURN-OFF OF CURRENT

Ring of Gong Gives Danger Signal—Council Has Busy Night—Six Street Sprinkling Bids Received.

Important measures for the better protection of the business district from fire were adopted by the Oregon City council Wednesday night. The Portland General Electric company and the Pacific States Telephone company will be asked to jointly install a direct wire from the central exchange to the power house across the river, so that an operator at central by simply pressing a button will start a gong in the power house which is to be the signal for instant shutting off of the power and light currents.

The necessity for such a signal was made sadly apparent a few weeks ago when Jack Mulliken was electrocuted at the top of a pole near the Methodist church. It was fully five minutes before Chief of Police Burns could get an answer to his telephone call of the power house when he was notifying them of the accident and to shut off the power.

In a case of fire along Main street the necessity for quick shutting off of power is imperative. Both sides of the street are a network of wires and it would mean death for the fire boys to place ladders through the wires with the currents on.

The suggestion of a special wire from central to the power house, came from Chief McFarland. It is said such a wire is used at Portland.

The other protective measure is an invitation to the Secretary of the Board of Fire Underwriters to come and examine the wiring in Oregon City. Councilman Knapp, in making the motion to extend the invitation, said he was led to believe the wiring was in violation of insurance policies and might occasion great loss.

Will Close Main Street. G. C. Fields, superintendent of the O. W. P. & Ry. company, stated the bridge or trestle work from the mill

to Canemah was in need of repairs and asked permission to close the upper end of Main street to traffic while the repairs were made, which he said would take about ten days after the material was on the ground. During repairs the company would open the park for wagon traffic between Canemah and the new road. Matter referred to Mayor and Street Committee with power to act.

D. McHenry was granted a renewal of his saloon license. The report of the City Recorder showed collections of \$1068.05 during July.

**Bids For Sprinkling.** There were six bids for operation of sprinkling cart as follows: C. E. Nash, \$4.25 week days and \$4.50 Sundays; S. D. Barney, \$4.50 a day; A. Boylan, \$4.00 week days and \$5.25 Sundays; J. F. Montgomery, \$4.50 week days and \$5.50 Sundays; Williams Bros. (2 bids) \$135 a month for August and September, or will do the work for what they can collect from the patrons, relieving the city from all responsibility of amount or collections. All the bids were for Main street only. The decision was left to the Finance Committee and the Mayor, who at subsequent meeting decided the second bid of Williams Bros., in which they operate the cart and collect from the patrons, was the lowest and fairest bid for the city. Williams Bros. will endeavor to secure support at the lower end of Main street and also on the hill.

**Talk of New Steps.** C. D. Latourette spoke in advocacy of a resolution presented directing plans and specifications for steps at Fifth street. The Mayor explained the action taken so far, and the compromise plan of an overhead crossing half way between Fifth and Sixth streets with steps to both streets. The matter was in abeyance owing to the absence of Engineer Rands. On motion, the City Engineer was directed to secure three estimates, one for steps at Fifth street, one for new steps at Sixth street, and one for the combination steps, and to report same at next meeting.

Plans and specifications ordered prepared and bids were authorized for renewal of steps at Fourth street.

The Street Committee was directed to ascertain whether the Eighth street steps should be repaired or torn down, and report by August 15th.

**Ordinances and Resolutions.** The Finance committee reported a

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## THREE DOLLARS PER HOUR WAGES

THAT WAS THE PAY RECEIVED BY A HARVESTING MACHINE EXPERT IN OREGON CITY WEDNESDAY.

Three dollars an hour is pretty good pay? Most of us would guess yes, yet that is the figure harvesting expert Marshall received for five hours' work in Oregon City Wednesday forenoon.

This is the busy season for implement men and experts who can set up a binder and work night and day and there isn't half enough to do the work.

Mr. Smith, senior member of the Smith Hardware company can put a binder together in expert fashion, but he can't set up two several miles apart at the same time. That impossibility and the great fields of golden grain spoiling for the sickle, made the securing of an expert for a particular time absolutely necessary.

Mr. Marshall is employed by Mitchell, Lewis and Staver especially to answer such calls, but a half-dozen dealers were after his services for the same time and it became a question of who paid him the most over his regular salary.

The rest of the story is told in the fact that Mr. Marshall set up a Champion binder for the Smith Hardware Co., Wednesday forenoon, and earned \$15 for five hours' work.

The binder was bought by C. A. Cassidy of east of town and he started home with his new machine at exactly 12:20 p. m.

## LAST TIME FOR HIM SAYS TEDDY

ROOSEVELT WILL NOT RUN AGAIN FOR PRESIDENT—HIS NO OF 1904 STILL MEANS NO.

Peoria, Ill., July 31.—The positive announcement from President Roosevelt that he will not be a candidate for a third term was made today in a letter addressed to Mrs. L. A. Kinney, of Peoria, by Secretary William Loeb, from President Roosevelt. The text of the letter follows:

"Oyster Bay, L. I., July 26, 1906.—Dear Madame: Your letter of recent date has been received and I thank you in the president's behalf for calling attention to the enclosed clipping. I would say, however, that the president has nothing to add to his statement issued after his election in 1904. His decision as announced at that time is irrevocable. Yours truly, "—William Loeb, "Secretary to the President."

This expression from the president was called forth by an editorial in the Peoria Herald, a transcript of which was called to the attention of the president through Mrs. Kinney, wife of a prominent Peoria politician. The editorial was in the form of an appeal to the president to accept a third term.

**Stockholder's Meeting.** The Board of the Crown Boy Mining & Milling Co., decided at its last meeting to call a stockholder's meeting on August the 3d, at 8 p. m., Knapp's Hall, on some important business. A. KNAPP, Secretary Pro tem.

## GOODBYE, PAULINE, NELLIE AND NETTIE I DIE TO SAVE YOU

the good of others. A kind and devoted husband, a loving and affectionate father, with always kind words and affection for them all. He never seemed so happy as when in the bosom of his family. Firm in his friendship, upright and honest and just to all mankind, fearing God and walking upright before all men. Patrons, we can but submit to God's omnipotent will.

Our beloved brother entered the service during the great rebellion from the state of Pennsylvania and such was his standing for uprightness and integrity that he was promoted from the ranks to be quartermaster of his regiment, one of the most responsible positions in the service.

His work is done, but while the race of mankind endures, let his great example stand, colossal seen of every land, and keep the soldier firm, the standard pure, till in all lands and through all human story the path of duty be the way of glory.

### EDITORS ENTER INTO COMBINE.

Whitman County Newspapers Will Demand Pay From Candidates.

Spokane, Wash., July 31.—It has remained for the editors of Whitman county to solve the problem that confronts editors in every political campaign to determine just how much they deserve for supporting the "straight" party ticket and to actually collect it. Heretofore every paper in Whitman county except one has supported the Republican ticket without deviation. This year but one editor will support the straight ticket. The remainder have formed a trust in which every member pledges himself to determine individually which candidate will be endorsed in his editorials for the respective offices.

Each candidate is thus required to pay for all the advertising he gets and the agreement contemplates that the regular advertising rates shall be demanded for all campaign literature.

### Longest Beard to Be Sold.

A man's beard, 14 feet long, was sold in May at Mr. Stevens' auction rooms in Covent garden. It is the longest beard in the world, says the London Mail, and was the personal property of the late Mr. Broadhurst, who was, because of it, one of the freaks exhibited by Barnum & Bailey.

## WEATHER RECORD OF THIRTY-FIVE AUGUSTS

DATA COMPILED AT GOVERNMENT BUREAU IN PORTLAND FOR MANY YEARS.

The following data, covering a period of 35 years, have been compiled from the Weather Bureau records at Portland. They are issued to show the conditions that have prevailed, during the month in question, for the above period of years, but must not be construed as a forecast of the weather conditions for the coming month.

Temperature: Mean or normal 66°; warmest August was that of 1897 with an average of 71°; coldest was that of 1899 with an average of 62°; highest temperature was 97° in 1891 on the 22d day; lowest, 43°, in 1876, on the 29th day.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow)—Average for the month .64 inches; average number of days with .01 of an inch or more, 4; greatest monthly precipitation, 2.50 inches in 1899; least was .00 inches in 1885; greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any 24 consecutive hours was 1.75 inches on 8th and 9th, 1900.

Relative humidity: Average 5 a. m., 87; average 5 p. m., 42.

Clouds and weather: Average number of clear days, 17; partly cloudy days, 8; cloudy days 6.

Wind: Prevailing winds have been from the northwest; average hourly velocity is 5 miles; highest velocity was 35 miles from the southwest on the 16th, 1893, and from south on 31st, 1897.

Earliest date on which first "killing" frost occurred in autumn, October 13; average date on which first "killing" frost occurred in autumn, November 16; average date on which last "killing" frost occurred in spring, March 17; latest date on which last "killing" frost occurred in spring, May 9th.

### THE STRANGE MESSAGE LEFT ON A BLANK CHECK BY CARUS SUICIDE.

### MILL OWNER CUTS HIS THROAT

Alvin Crowe Who Mysteriously Disappeared July 24, Found Dead Near His Own Sawmill.

With his throat cut from ear to ear, the body of Alvin Crowe was found Monday afternoon within 50 yards of his sawmill near Carus, from which he mysteriously disappeared Tuesday morning, July 24. The razor with which the suicide ended his life was found beside the body. The indications are that Crowe ended his life soon after leaving the mill. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide. One large pool of blood was found about 20 feet distant from where the body rested behind a log, indicating the deliberation with which Crowe had planned self-destruction.

Crowe's checkbook was found near the body and on the back of a blank check was written "Good-bye dear Nellie, Pauline and Nettie, love, I am calmly going to sleep in Jesus. I die to save you." This was the farewell message to his wife and two daughters in far off Nova Scotia. There are a number of bloody finger prints on the blank check, and the note was evidently written after he had slashed his throat the first time.

The motive for the act is unknown. It is believed he was out of his mind. He suffered a severe fall not long ago. Crowe was about 40 years of age. He came to this county about four months ago and invested in the mill and 100 acres of timber land. His financial affairs were in good shape.

The body was brought to Oregon City and under directions from the widow, it was sent to their home in Nova Scotia.

A man's shady past doesn't benefit him much in this good old summer time.

## DETERMINE ROUTE SALEM ELECTRIC

CERTAINTY OF BRIDGE AT WILSONVILLE SETS OTHER DOUBTS AT REST.

Wilsonville, Aug. 2.—Another boat load of lumber arrived here Wednesday, and will be used in the construction of the buildings to house the bridge workmen. A 40x60 feet structure will be erected. It will be the bunk and cook house. Another new building will be large enough to hold 5000 barrels of cement.

These substantial preparations ought to convince the last doubting Thomas that the Portland-Salem electric line will cross the Willamette river here by a large steel bridge. It ought to convince even the residents of Butteville, who still maintain the electric line will cross the river at that village. Not so, Butteville, Wilsonville is the coming bridge metropolis.

The selection of Wilsonville as the place of crossing, makes more certain the rest of the route. The new line will follow the railroad from Salem to Chemawa, thence to Woodburn, thence nearly on an air line to Wilsonville. From here the route is northwest, crossing the Tualatin river between Sherwood and Tualatin, thence to Tigardville, and on into Portland.

**Bret Harte's Unconscious Prophecy.** Nearly forty years ago, Bret Harte, in one of his contributions to the Overland Monthly, entitled "The Ruins of San Francisco," commenced in this wise:

"Toward the close of the nineteenth century the city of San Francisco was totally destroyed by an earthquake. Although the whole coast line must have been much shaken, the accident seems to have been purely local, and even the city of Oakland escaped."

## COMPANY ORGANIZING FOR MOLALLA ROAD

CITY AND COUNTY CAPITAL SHOULD CO-OPERATE IN GREAT WORK.

A company is being formed in this city to build an electric road to Molalla, and articles of incorporation prepared.

This is the first step toward the realization of a project that would benefit both Oregon City and the great, fertile country to the southwest. The leading men here and in the country recognize that fact and also that the road will be a paying proposition. Many of them will subscribe liberally to the stock while others will aid in securing the right of way.

There are to be no promoters profits. Every cent invested will be used exclusively for the construction of the road and attendant, necessary expense.

The Oregon City Board of Trade is pushing the project and will use every endeavor to hurry the actual construction of the road. The men delegated to incorporate and take other preliminary steps, are of the highest standing. They will safeguard the enterprise from private exploitation.

The public welfare demands the construction of the road, "the sooner the quicker," as David Harum would put it.

**Library for Milwaukie Grange.** Arrangements have been made by Mrs. Getchell, lecturer of Milwaukie grange, to have a traveling library from the Oregon Library Commission. These books are shipped in boxes of fifty to responsible persons or societies to be used and then exchanged for other sets of books. The state commission is very liberal and these books are most carefully selected.

## CAPITAL INCREASED AND NAME CHANGED

CAPACITY OF OREGON CITY PLANNING MILL ENLARGED TO MEET ORDERS.

The Oregon City Planning Mill company has increased the amount of its capital stock from \$25,000 to \$50,000 and at the same time changed the name of the corporation to the Oregon City Mill & Lumber company. With the increased capital additional machinery will be purchased for increasing the capacity of the mill, which cannot begin to supply the demand for its product.

The increased stock has been for the most part subscribed by the present holders, who are all local men. It is an indication of their faith in this giant young industry and its future. Its growth of business has been simply marvelous and it has orders ahead for 2,000,000 feet of manufactured lumber. Contractors in need of building material besiege the mill daily begging that their orders be filled ahead of others. During the last two weeks 15 carloads of manufactured product have been shipped.

### Rural Mail Boxes.

Washington, July 29.—The order of the postmaster general, effective August 1, permitting patrons of rural delivery to make their own boxes or to have them made to order, seems to have been misunderstood. Misleading comments have appeared stating that farmers can now whittle down their wooden boxes to make a rural mail post in any way they choose. The order of the postmaster general provides that all boxes must be made of galvanized sheet iron or sheet steel of certain specified dimensions. Wooden boxes now in use will be gradually eliminated.

## FREE TELEPHONE SERVICE IN CLACKAMAS AT HAND

The Pacific States Telephone company wants the farmers business and has started an active campaign to secure it. The company has adopted the right plan to secure it by making a nominal rate for central connection.

Under the new arrangement in this county farmers lines are given connection with the Oregon City central and free switching with all other subscribers connecting with the central exchange, for 1-13 cents a month. The farmers lines build to the city limits and the Pacific States bears the expense from there.

A representative of the company is already meeting with great success in presenting the new plan. Over 50 phones along the Clackamas, east from Judge Hayes residence will be connected with the Oregon City exchange within a few days, and over 100 in the Damascus neighborhood. There is a local exchange at Damascus and from it a trunk line will be erected to Oregon City.

The Pacific States also will pay the wages of a hello girl at any local exchange of 150 phones that makes connection with the Oregon City exchange at the above rates of 8-13 cents a month. The rental revenue in such case will not equal the wages of the operator, but the company believes the additional toll business, such as to Portland, will more than make up the difference.

This liberal policy is a distinct in-

novation by a Bell company, and shows that the experience of that company in the East has shown the folly of not catering to the farmers lines.

Judging from the results so far, and from interviews during the last few days with people from different parts of the county, the new plan will work a revolution in the telephone situation in Clackamas. Every section of the county would like telephone connection with the county seat. Wilsonville, Stafford, Hubbard and Oswego people have expressed themselves pleased with the prospect and surprised at the rate offered. If the eastern and southern sections feel the same way, it will only be a question of a few months until there will be practically free county telephone service.

The direct benefits of such a service are too obvious to require comment.

The Oregon City exchange will soon be in a position to handle the large increase of business that will follow connection with the farmers lines. The exchange will be formed across the street into a large room next the Commercial bank, as soon as the new switch board arrives. The latter will be up-to-date in every respect embodying the recent improvements in telephone construction, including automatic call of central by taking down the receiver.

## ASKS AMENDMENT OF JUVENILE COURT LAW

Resolution To That Effect Adopted by Abernethy Grange at Parkplace.

Parkplace, July 31.—Abernethy Grange had a very pleasant and enjoyable meeting, Saturday. It passed unanimously a resolution asking the legislature to so amend the Juvenile Court laws that the judge of each county can organize such a court.

Worthy Master Clyde read the following eulogy on the late L. W. Ingram:

God in His divine wisdom has seen fit to remove from among us our be-

loved brother Lewis W. Ingram. We deeply mourn his loss, but our loss is his infinite gain, for we feel that he has gone to a brighter and a better world. But it seems hard to part with so worthy and beloved a member. He came among us in our beginning, being chosen our first Master at its organization for his noble and sterling qualities. He steered our infant order off the shoals of disaster and at the end of the first year landed us safe on the shores of prosperity, for which we will hold him in love and esteem.

We miss his almost constant presence, his warm and cheerful greeting, for all. Always warm-hearted, always pleasant with kindly greeting for all. The first great object and aim in life was to make life pleasant for those around, putting aside self for