

## PROTEST REMOVAL OF SIXTH STREET STEPS

**STRONG REMONSTRANCE PRESENTED AT CITY COUNCIL FRIDAY NIGHT.**

### ESTIMATES OF COST FURNISHED

**Action Deferred Until Southern Pacific Plans for Overhead Crossing is Received.**

A strong remonstrance against the abandonment of the Sixth street steps was presented to the council, Friday night. The protest is signed by 42 property owners and business men, and states that the steps had been located there for many years, are a great convenience to residents, and if removed would inconvenience more than the change would benefit. The greater height at Fifth street and steepness making greater cost, is advanced as an argument against removal from Sixth.

The protest was referred to same committee that is holding the Sixth street petition. The City Engineer's office submitted estimates of the cost of the different steps that have been considered by the Council as follows: Combination steps that will accommodate both Fifth and Sixth streets, wood, \$1496.95; steel \$6370; Fifth street steps, wood, \$880; steel, \$3320; Sixth street steps, wood \$816.70; steel, \$3050.

The resignation of Jack R. Caulfield, city treasurer, was received and the council confirmed the appointment of Mortimer Latourette by Mayor Caulfield.

Bids for supplying the city with 500 yards of crushed rock were received and referred to the committee on streets and public property, with instructions to confer with property owners and make report. The bids averaged about \$2.

Harry Jones was awarded the contract for rebuilding the upper part of the Third and Fourth street stairs for \$155. It was decided to have the Eighth street stairs removed. Street Commissioner Bradley and Mr. Marlay, of the street cleaning department, were voted a vacation of ten days each.

The matter of extension of a submain to the cemetery, to supply water there, was referred to the cemetery committee with power to act. The care of the waters in the creek at Sixth and Washington streets, complained of by H. C. Stevens, referred back to committee.

Following ordinances were passed: Purchase of street sprinkler, numbering houses, naming certain streets,

## WILLAMETTE LEAGUE DELEGATES NAMED

**PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF TRADE APPOINTS DELEGATION TO FOREST GROVE.**

President Dye of the Board of Trade has named the following delegates to the Fifth convention of the Willamette Valley Development League, at Forest Grove on September 7:

Mayor E. G. Caulfield, County Judge Grant B. Dimick, Thomas F. Ryan, secretary of the Board of Trade; H. E. Cross, O. W. Eastham, James U. Campbell, C. Schuebel and W. A. Huntley. President Dye will also attend as a delegate.

The aim of the league is the development of the Willamette valley and the exploitation of its resources by construction of steam and electric railroads, free locks, deepening the Willamette river and opening of coast harbors. All officers of commercial organizations, mayors, county judges and editors are members ex-officio and are urged to be present.

Delegates and others who attend will have the pleasure of inspecting the condensed milk factory at Forest Grove, an industry that during the last six months has sent 32 car loads of condensed milk to east of the Missoni river.

### Canby Melons Ripe.

A. R. Cummings of Canby brought the first load of local watermelons to Oregon City this week. He also brought in some fine tomatoes.

limiting speed of automobiles to eight miles an hour, defining duties of Chief of Police in collection of licenses.

The Sixth street assessment ordered prepared by the city engineer. The street commissioner ordered to repair the planking in Seventh street between Polk and Taylor. The cave-in on Front street between the S. P. track and Parkplace road referred to committee on streets.

The controversy over grade of Seventh street at J. Q. Adams streets, caused by C. E. Nash raising his sidewalk, referred.

At a called meeting Tuesday night, the ordinances creating Sewer District No. 5, and time and manner of constructing sewers in said district, were read the first time, and are published in this paper. The matter of gravel on Washington street from Abernethy bridge to Fourteenth street, and the making of necessary repairs to the Elyville fire house were referred to the committee on streets and public property.

## WON'T PAY FOR AN EMERGENCY ALARM

**Portland General Electric Company Wants City to Bear All Expense.**

In reply to the request of the city council in regard to the installation of an alarm system in the power house of the Portland General Electric company, by which notice to shut off power and light currents could be quickly given in case of fire or accident, that company refuses to have the system installed unless done without expense to it. That was the gist of its letter read at the council meeting, Friday night.

On the same subject, a letter from the Pacific States Telephone company was read of entirely different tenor. That company offers to install, without cost to the city, a telephone at the electric station when arrangements can be made for the proposed system.

The P. S. T. company also said that under no circumstances could the idea be entertained of shutting off other than only the current which supplied Oregon City.

### BIG LAND DEAL.

George A. Steel, state treasurer-elect, who lives near Meldrum's station, has transferred to W. A. Laidlaw, claim No. 38 and parts of sections 7, 8, 17, 18, 19 and 20, in township 2 south, range 2 east. The consideration was \$21,970. The sale includes 338.20 acres located near this city and adjoining Gladstone.

## CLEARING LOTS OF LAND IN CLACKAMAS

**PERMITS ISSUED TO BURN SLASHINGS COVER NEARLY ONE THOUSAND ACRES.**

There is being done a great deal of slashing in Clackamas county this year. The permits that are being issued cover a vast acreage of heretofore wild land that is being placed in a state of cultivation.

One of the main objectionable features of the slashings law is that which requires the giving of ten days notice in making applications for permits. To be sure of suitable weather some farmers have taken out as many as three consecutive permits to burn the same slashing. That gives them nine days in which to make the burning, and they can select the time best suited for the work.

### Harriman Orders Motors.

Press dispatches say the Omaha car shops have received orders from President Harriman of the Union Pacific for twenty motor gasoline cars, to be distributed over the country for the purpose of exploiting the merits of this type of railroad conveyance. Try a couple of them between Portland and Oregon City, Mr. Harriman. It is said those running between Portland and Oswego are satisfactory in every way.

### Watch Estacada Grow.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wemple, on August 7, a girl.  
Born, to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Rudolph, on August 8, a boy.

## S. P. BRIDGE AT MILWAUKIE IS SURE

**PLANS AND ESTIMATES BEING MADE—NO CARS BUT ELECTRIC TO RUN ON FOURTH STREET LINE.**

It is authoritatively stated the Southern Pacific will build a bridge across the Willamette from Elk Rock to near Milwaukie and run its trains from the west side division into the city over the main line.

This will divert all the freight business from the Fourth street line and only cars operated by electricity will enter the city on that street. These improvements are to be completed next summer.

A Portland story says the plans and estimates are now being made for the building of the line from the west side division near Hillsboro, to a connection with the Yamhill division and to the river at Elk Rock, where a natural bridge site offers for a crossing of the river. Freight and passenger trains will be removed from Fourth street and the west side division from the Union station to Forest Grove or Hillsboro will be operated by electricity.

### Telephone Line O. K.

The field fires at Shubel and Beaver Creek interfered with the farmers telephone lines a day or two, as many poles were burned, but everything was in working order again by Wednesday evening.

## WANT MAKERS OF HOMES NOT DWELLERS IN SHACKS

In a lively, entertaining and far from dry discourse on "Dry Farming," The Dalles Optimist gives a lot of general truth that applies as well to the Willamette valley as to the drier counties of central and eastern Oregon, and to town as well as country. "Home" makers are needed everywhere, and the occupier of "shacks" should be shown a better way:

### Dry Farming.

In broad terms and plain language, dry farming consists in the rotation of crops and surface cultivation to conserve the moisture. There is no patent on it, it is no secret and it is not a new system, the fact of retention of moisture by cultivation being as old as the hills. The only novelty about it in this country being that some of our husbandmen are enlarging the area of production by encroaching upon lands which have hitherto been deemed unfit for the raising of crops owing to lack of rainfall. The ordinary wheat farmer might get a partial crop from some of these lands once in two or three years but by the Campbell system, so called, a large crop can be taken every second year.

But we are not preaching for wheat farmers, those who wear out our lands and do but little good for the community or themselves. What we need in Oregon is a new order of

things, a new style of farming—intensified cultivation and diversified crops. In other words we want farmers who will do more work with their brain and more with their hands. Farmers who will raise less crops in "Bing's grocery store," and more in their fields. Farmers who will think less of wheat and more of vegetables, clover, alfalfa, fruit trees, and orchards. Farmers who would sooner dig a well at a cost of a couple of hundred dollars, and put in a gasoline engine to do the pumping, than to haul water year in and year out at a cost of from 25 to 75 dollars per month. To show that we are not exaggerating, we will point to farmers between The Dalles and Pendleton, 15 to 30 miles south of the Columbia, who have paid as much as \$75 per month for water hauling for the last six, eight or ten years. At Douglas, on the Heppner branch, a water hauler told the writer that his boss had paid the wages of one man, kept up the wagon and tanks, kept four horses steady at work all at a cost of over \$60 per month, for the last seven years. And yet that man could dig and equip a well with pumping machinery for less than \$800. Aside from the saving, he could irrigate from two to five acres. He could have a garden, he could set out fruit

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## PIERCE FIELD FIRE AT EDGE OF CITY

Fire started in the dry grass near the city garbage dump, at the foot of Moss hill, burned a hay shed, hayracks, and four or five tons of hay belonging to Charles Albright, Monday afternoon.

Only prompt and strenuous work by a dozen volunteers, lead by Mr. Albright, saved his slaughter house and barns, and finally checked the flames.

About eight acres were burned over, clear across the field nearly to Parkplace, and the workers had to back fire at Mrs. Flemings on Clackamas Heights, to check the flames there.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

August 18—Buelah M. White and James E. McCauley.  
August 18—Pearl Hillary and Oscar Custick.  
August 20—Ina Long and C. W. Owings.

## REPAIRS BLOCK PRESIDENT'S MOTOR

**CHIEF MOGUL OF TRACTION LINES SURPRISED BY IMPROVEMENTS TO HIS OREGON CITY PROPERTY.**

W. H. Goode, president of the consolidated railways, power and light companies, and nearly everything else holding valuable public franchises in or near Portland, including the O.W.P., made an automobile inspection trip as far as New Era, Saturday.

He was accompanied by Engineer Huber and came up the west bank, crossed the suspension bridge, and on up Main street until stopped by the repair to the O. W. P. track between the mill and Canemah. He was surprised, his interests being so vast that such a little thing as rebuilding a mile or so of his railroads was unknown to him, or he had forgotten it.

The automobile then climbed the new road up the hill and Messrs. Goode and Huber either enjoyed a pleasant country ride or made a business inspection of the route for the extension of the O. W. P.

Another railway rumor. Mr. Withycombe, a brother of the late gubernatorial candidate, has been taking options on land about Stone during the last few weeks, and a correspondent says he has a company behind him to build a big power dam in the Clackamas a short distance above the mouth of Clear creek. A railway to tap the rich region about Stone, is to follow.

## BOARD APPROVES PLAN FOR LOCAL INSURANCE

lurid and degenerate tales to the injury of boy readers, have been ended by the popularity of the Sunday magazine supplement, a harmless and amusing appendage of the big daily newspaper. But sales of bloody, frightful, intoxicated imaginings which are spewed over cheap paper to destroy better impulses and rear a fabric of evil influence around the youth of this nation, are lucrative as ever alike to the writer of such putrid stuff, the publisher and the retailer.

### Dancing Distances.

From pedometer tests it is made apparent that a waltz covers a solid half mile of distance and the gallop requires a full mile. The lancers is the easiest dance, since in this the distance covered is but little more than a quarter of a mile. According to the records of several young men, the average dance programme requires them to cover thirteen and one-half miles, while a woman from the nature of the steps is required to go a quarter as far again.

## TRIP TO JAMESTOWN EXHIBITION FREE

**Splendid Opportunity for Some Young Lady in Clackamas County.**

The committee, Judge Dimick, F. L. Griffith and John Adams, appointed by President Dye of the board of trade to select a Clackamas county young lady to canvass for a Portland paper in return for a free trip to the Jamestown Exhibition, has not yet made its selection or held a meeting. There is one candidate so far, and if any other young lady wishes to enjoy a splendid trip free, she should see one of the above named gentlemen.

### Death Bolt's Tiny Mark.

Near Jeffersonville, Ind., recently, Geo. Plaskett, a well-to-do farmer, was instantly killed by a lightning bolt that came practically from a clear sky. The most peculiar feature of the tragedy is founded in the fact that not a mark of any character was to be found on the body of Plaskett; but on examination his hat showed a small round hole, charred at the edges.

Plaskett had started from his house to the barn, a few hundred feet away, just as a small white cloud was passing. When he had covered about half the distance there came a flash of lightning, followed by a peal of thunder, when Plaskett dropped to the ground dead.

## DYNAMITE BIG DAM IN TUALATIN RIVER

**STRUCTURE BUILT BY OREGON IRON & STEEL COMPANY IS BLOWN UP.**

The Oregon Iron & Steel company's dam in the Tualatin river at Willamette, was dynamited at an early hour Thursday morning of last week by persons unknown. An opening more than 20 feet wide was blown from the center of the dam.

The dam was built about 20 years ago at a cost of \$5000, and it is about 300 feet long and nearly five feet high. The company will repair the break.

Because of the dam some of the farm land along the Tualatin river is annually deluged at high water to the great injury of crops. While the dam was built in the early 80's it was not until the addition of flash-boards raising its height two feet, that the river bottom lands frequently became inundated, and other agricultural lands on Rock creek suffer damage by reason of backwater.

By means of the dam, the company's canal from the Tualatin to Sucker creek is supplied with enough water for logging purposes. August Kruse brought suit against the company for damages, winning his suit and being awarded \$100 damages. The verdict was sustained by the Supreme court. The decree of the trial court, however, directed the removal of all but the top 24 inches of the dam, a physical impossibility. That started more legal sparring and the case is again in the Supreme court.

## OREGON CITY BUSINESS MEN'S ORGANIZATION TO INVESTIGATE SITUATION.

### PROTEST AGAINST HIGH RATES

**Arbitrary Increase of Twenty-Five Per Cent Was the Last Straw.**

Unqualified approval of a plan to secure more equitable fire insurance rates in Oregon City was easily the chief feature of the meeting of the Board of Trade, Friday night. The plan suggested by Mr. Ryan met with cordial endorsement and brought out several volunteer offers to take stock in such a mutual company as proposed.

President Dye appointed T. F. Ryan, G. B. Dimick and F. T. Griffith as a committee to investigate conditions and report on the advisability of organizing a mutual insurance company such as is outlined in the following resolution by Mr. Ryan:

"Whereas, it would appear that the advance in the rates of insurance on buildings in Oregon City, made by the insurance companies on June 1st, 1906, said advance being 25 per cent additional premium upon all risks, is not warranted by the amount of losses by fire in this city during any period of the last 60 years; and

"Whereas, it would appear that it would be a profitable and business-like proposition that the property-owners and business men unite and protest against said advance in rates, and if necessary, form an association among themselves to carry at least a portion of the risk, which in the past has been such a small per cent of amounts paid to carry same; and

"Whereas, the Board of Trade of Oregon City, feeling that it would be well to have an intelligent understanding of the actual and true status of the insurance business in Oregon City, so that it may be determined as to what the best interests of the property-owners and insured of the city demands; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to interview and bring together the property-owners and business men, and ascertain as far as possible the amounts paid each year for insurance within the city, and the relative amount received from such insurance, and to report to this board as to the advisability of forming a home association to carry Oregon City insurance, or a part of same."

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## TWO MEN IN TROUBLE FROM "BORROWING"

**COMPLAINANTS CHARGE LARCENY, BUT ACCUSED SAY JUST MISTAKE.**

Earl Chapman, charged with stealing a horse and saddle from George A. Ward of Clackamas, was arrested at Eugene, Monday, and brought to Oregon City by Constable Ely. He will have his preliminary hearing before Justice Stipp next Tuesday, being out on bonds meanwhile.

Ward says Chapman borrowed the saddle last June, failed to return it and when pressed claimed he had loaned it to a friend. He then borrowed Ward's horse to go after the saddle and that was the last Ward saw of Chapman, horse or saddle.

Chapman claims it is all due to a misunderstanding as to the ownership of the saddle, he having turned loose the horse near Arleta, and the animal has since returned to the home of the owner. As to the saddle, which Chapman had borrowed from Ward, the accused had admits that he delivered it to another neighbor named Appling, who claimed to be the owner of the property.

The preliminary examination of Willis Imel on charge of larceny has been set for Monday, September 3, in Justice Stipp's court. Imel has given bonds for his appearance on that date. The complaining witness is Mrs. Sarah R. Curry, an aged lady living at Clackamas. She claims he has secured about \$100 from her fraudulently. He says it is a misunderstanding; that he simply borrowed the money.