

BIG COMPANY'S WIRING SCORED BY INSPECTOR

REPORT READ AT SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL SATURDAY NIGHT.

SAYS GENERAL CONDITIONS BAD

Wires Should Be Removed From Main Street or Placed Under Ground.

According to a report of Manager Stone, of the Pacific Board of Underwriters, read at a special meeting of the Oregon City council Saturday night, the wiring of the Portland General Electric company in this city is defective and bad.

This report was made after personal investigation at the request of the council. At the time representatives of the Board of Fire Underwriters of the Pacific made a thorough examination a few weeks ago, a report was requested as to the result of the investigation. The same was made, showing the wiring of business property and residences, with but few exceptions, to be in an unsafe condition. The defects reported to exist in a total of 96 stores and offices have been corrected at considerable expense, the city auditing a bill amounting to \$55 for the rewiring of the City hall. But the report did not touch on the condition of the wires of the Portland General Electric company, and a supplementary report was demanded. This was the one read Saturday night, and from it the following summary is taken:

"General conditions—Outside installations, bad; inside installations, poor.

"General defects—Unapproved wire and fittings, and general use of commercial (non-standard) cord used to carry circuits. Absence of proper protective devices, cutouts and switches at entrance to buildings.

"Special features—Poles of insufficient height on Main street supporting wires carrying the following circuits: 12,000 volts, A. C.; 2200 volts, A. C.; 220 volts, A. C.; 110 volts, A. C.; 500 volts, D. C.

"The above circuits cross the telegraph and telephone wires at the junction of Main and Seventh streets, and are crossed by the poorly insulated trunk of the farmers' telephone line at the same locality.

"Wires carrying high voltage are strung along Main street at such a height as to prove both a hazard and a menace to firemen in the performance of their duties."

In a discussion by the five councilmen present, Knapp, Harrington, Justin, Straight and Logus, and Mayor Caulfield, several spoke of the menace to life and property inferred from the report. H. C. Stevens, a large property owner, gave his views on the subject at the request of the council. He said the remedy was to require the dangerous wires put under ground. The report was referred to the committee on streets and public property to report at the next regular meeting of the council.

Another communication from the Portland General Electric said the company would raise the arc lights, putting in new poles, as requested, but wanted it distinctly understood that this would be the last time it would re-arrange its wires for the convenience of Oregon City.

Later, the matter of an arc light at Main and Sixth streets was brought up, and one ordered placed there when the raising of the arcs by the Portland General was done.

Mihistin Awarded Contract.

A. Mihistin was awarded the contract for constructing the sewer in district No. 5, the neighborhood contiguous to the Eastham school building. There was a total of six bidders but the proposal of Mr. Mihistin, \$1822.55, is nearly \$600 less than the offer of the next highest bidder while one of the bids is \$1033 higher than that of Mr. Mihistin. The other bids were as follows: Keating & Frayne, of Portland, \$2856.95; Glebisch & Joplin, Portland, \$2640.94; Harry Jones, Oregon City, \$2424.71; Gould & Mears, Hood River, \$2551.38; George Gordon, Portland, \$2774.83.

"Keep Up" Your Pigs.

A numerously signed petition by

Third Warders requested that the ordinance prohibiting stock from running at large be strictly enforced, and on motion it was so ordered.

Ordinances Passed.

The following ordinances were passed: Sixth street assessment, providing for the sale of bonds on account of the J. Q. Adams street improvement and providing for the concrete boxing of the upper part of Singer creek.

The application for liquor license by Astmann & Knightly was granted.

FROM BRIDGE INTO THE WILLAMETTE

Portland Man Threatened To Drown Himself and Troubles In River.

Henry Kunciman of Portland, suffering from the effects of a spree, made up his mind to leap from the suspension bridge into the Willamette river at Oregon City, Monday. Fortunately for him he told some one of his intention, who put Chief of Police Burns next, and the latter nabbed Kunciman before he put his Steve Brodie act into execution. Kunciman spent the night in the city lock-up and was sober and repented, Tuesday, when released.

NAMES W. S. U'REN FOR U. S. SENATOR

ARTICLE IN PORTLAND TELEGRAM SAYS HE WOULD BE STRONG CANDIDATE.

A long article in the Portland Telegram, Wednesday night, says it is noted about in political circles that W. S. U'Ren, of Oregon City, may be a candidate for the Republican primary nomination for United States senator, when a successor to C. W. Fulton is chosen.

The tenor of the Telegram article is one of respect to Mr. U'Ren's strength and it gives him credit for commanding strong political support as well as being strong before the people. The article says, in part:

"It is nearly two years before the fight will be on for Fulton's seat, and there are many who profess to believe that stranger things have happened than that Mr. U'Ren should be found in the ring when the time comes.

It is known that U'Ren is a close political ally of Jonathan Bourne, who has of late become a power in Oregon politics. Furthermore, he is identified with all that the old Mitchell-Matthews-Carey machine doesn't want.

If U'Ren is a candidate he will doubtless go before the people on his record as an initiator of legislation vesting greater powers of popular government with the voters. He is virtually the father of the initiative and referendum to the constitution. Furthermore, the direct primary nominating elections law is largely one of his creations, and it has become a kind of hobby with the people in its popularity.

"Probably he may run on a platform setting forth 'What I Have Done for the People of Oregon,' and expect to poll a big vote on the strength of it. Should U'Ren become a candidate, he would poll, almost intact, the old Populist vote, the greater part of which appears to have slumped into the Republican ranks. With this and the support he could expect to claim from Jonathan Bourne for services rendered, the 'Initiator,' in the judgment of sage politicians, could hope to make a formidable run for a Senatorial seat."

UNCLAIMED LETTER LIST.

Letters remaining unclaimed in Oregon City Post Office, September 21, 1906:

Women's List.

Boyd, Mrs. Winnie, Jessie, Miss France Boyd, Mrs. Winnie; Jensen, Mrs. Frances; Dodge, Miss Nettie; Forester, Mrs. J. A.; Hilton, Miss Harriet; Johnson, Miss Katie; Kraef, Miss Alreta; Wilson, Mrs. May.

Men's List.

Clark, J. W.; Crescent, Fred; Hemmingway, Tom; Johnson, Richard; Myers, M. M. (2); Thomas, G. E.

T. P. RANDALL, P. M.

GROWING GLADSTONE WANTS CHEAP FARE

PETITIONS O. W. P. & R. COMPANY FOR 5 CENT ROUND TRIP TO OREGON CITY.

A petition signed by practically every resident of Gladstone and vicinity was presented Wednesday to the officials of the Oregon Water Power & Railway company, requesting that the fare between that suburb and Oregon City be reduced to 5 cents for the round trip. The petitioners insist that the fare now being paid, 5 cents each way, or 4½ cents when tickets are purchased, is out of proportion to the rates charged on other divisions of the company's system.

The petition also asks for lower one-way, round-trip and commutation rates from Gladstone to Portland.

The residents of Gladstone and vicinity feel they have right and justice back of their petition and are hopeful of the requests being granted. They say they are asking for no more than is enjoyed now by more favored towns on lines of the Oregon Water Power and Railway company.

Two More Home Buyers.

Gladstone continues to grow rapidly in spite of the alleged discrimination in rates. Two more home buyers purchased lots in the pretty suburb last week, both deals being made through C. A. Warren of the Gladstone Real Estate association. A. E. Thompson, of Heppner, has purchased an acre adjoining the home property of C. A. Warren, and will erect thereon a cottage. D. C. Hiestand, one of the proprietors of the Cascade Laundry, of this city, selected Gladstone as a location for his home, and has closed a deal with the Gladstone Real Estate association for the purchase of three acres adjoining the land transferred to Thompson. Mr. Hiestand will improve the property and build a good home, and become a permanent resident of this rapidly growing suburb.

Rural Carrier Examination.

Postmaster T. P. Randall has been directed to hold another examination of applicants for appointment to position of rural mail carrier operated from the Oregon City postoffice. The examination will be held at the postoffice in this city next Saturday afternoon.

FREE DELIVERY SERVICE WILL START JANUARY 1

Free delivery of mail in Oregon City will be inaugurated on or about January 1, next. Inspector O. C. Riches of the Postoffice Department, in company with Postmaster Randall, carefully went over the entire city the latter part of last week and found all the conditions imposed by the Government and on which the starting of this service depends, such as numbering business houses and residences and the posting of the names of streets, have been complied with by the residents of this city, who some time ago petitioned for the service.

Three carriers will be required to make the delivery, and an examination of applicants for these positions, which pay \$50 a month for the first year, will be ordered soon. Two deliveries of mail each day is contemplated by the service that is to be provided. Other than transferring the present clerks to the civil service department of the postal service, without the formality of examination, the establishing of free delivery in this city will introduce no changes either in the personnel or compensation of the present efficient force at Uncle Sam's local mail distributing station.

Some districts that are properly within the city's corporate limits cannot be served by the mail delivery service by reason of the absence of sidewalks, but the limits of the service, as it has been decided upon, will be extended with the same promptness that delinquent property-owners supply these conveniences for reaching their respective places of residence. Otherwise, the only way in which they will be permitted to share in the public delivery of mail will be by establishing boxes at the point nearest their homes and within the territory covered by the mail carriers. But the service will only be extended to such districts, no matter in what part of the city they may be located, as are supplied with established sidewalks.

A total of eighteen public boxes for

LIBERAL BOUNTY FOR WILD ANIMAL SCALPS

CLUB AT MOLALLA WILL REWARD SLAYERS OF WOLVES AND WILD CATS.

Molalla, Sept. 19.—Molalla has taken up the work of organizing a wolf, cougar and wild cat club. A citizen's meeting was held Saturday. Another meeting will be held on Saturday, September 29th, at 2 o'clock p. m. Every body interested in the south half of Clackamas county is invited to attend.

The boundary line begins at the junction of Pudding and Molalla rivers; thence up the Molalla river to mouth of Milk creek; thence to Mulino, and on due east to the summit of the Cascades.

A bounty of \$15 is to be paid on wolf scalps, \$7.50 for cougar scalps and \$3.50 on wild cat scalps; all scalps to be accompanied by two witnesses to the carcass.

One dollar membership fee is paid on joining the club, which is four advance assessments. When the funds get too low to pay for each of the bounties, another dollar is called for. It is expected that so many will join the club that the "death rate" of the said wild animals will only cost a trifle to each member—5 or 10 cents. Membership roll will be circulated in every neighborhood of the territory. Remember the date of next meeting of the club, Saturday, September 29th, at which time the club will adopt its by-laws; effecting a permanent organization.

It is thought best by many to also include foxes in the bounty list, also to specify that coyote pups under two months old should only receive one-fifth bounty, or \$3.50 for scalp, in order to discourage the coyote industry; so this and several other foxy questions will be discussed and adjusted to the best advantage and the mutual benefit of the club.

Across Continent 35 Times.

A. D. Rickey, of Wheeling, W. Va., was in Oregon City Monday to call on H. A. Galloway and family. Mr. Rickey has been a traveling man for nearly a half century, and for the last 26 years has represented the manufacturing and importing brush house of E. Clinton & Co., of Philadelphia, his territory being the United States. This is Mr. Rickey's 35th trip to the Pacific Coast.

reception of mail will be provided, seven of which will be placed along Main street. While three carriers will be the number at the start, the force will be increased if the work is heavier than anticipated. The business district will have a delivery the first thing in the morning, soon after seven o'clock.

The territory to be served, as decided upon by Inspector Riches, has the following boundaries, with the Willamette river as the boundary line on the west:

From the basin easterly on South First street to Center street, northerly on Center to First, easterly on First to Madison, northerly on Madison to Fifth, easterly on Fifth to Jackson, northerly on Jackson to Seventh, easterly on Seventh to Molalla avenue, thence on Molalla avenue to Duane street in Elyville, and possibly to May street; retrace to Seventh street, thence easterly on Division street between the Oregon City claim and Holmes' Addition to a point opposite block 5 in Holmes' Addition, thence retrace to Seventh and Taylor streets, northerly on Taylor street to Marrs' property, westerly to Van Buren street, thence northerly to Thirteenth, westerly to Jackson, northerly to Fifteenth, thence westerly to Madison, easterly to Twelfth, westerly to Adams, northerly to Thirteenth, westerly to Washington, northerly on Washington to Seventeenth, westerly on an extension of Main street into Green Point, northerly to Abernethy street, and westerly to the Willamette river.

Carrier for R. F. D. No. 6.

Elmer Cooper has been appointed carrier for rural delivery route No. 6, which will start October 16 next. His wife, Mrs. Nellie M. Cooper, is substitute carrier. No. 6 is the route that will supply Canemah and south toward New Era, then double back and in the afternoon the carrier will take mail to the residents on Clackamas Heights and vicinity.

GOOD WEATHER FOR HOP-PICKING SAVES CROP IN CLACKAMAS

Strawberries in Oregon City Market.

Some of the finest strawberries raised this season were on sale at F. T. Barlow's grocery store Saturday. The luscious fruit was raised by A. R. Cummings at Canby, and readily brought 10 cents a box. Mr. Cummings has some of the best strawberry beds in the county.

JUDGE RYAN WILL TRY COUNTRY LIFE

Judge Thomas F. Ryan is making extensive improvements on his farm near the mouth of the Clackamas river. To his residence he will add several coats of paint and a large veranda. He is having three miles of fencing built around his place, and he will put 15 acres of land in fruit trees, including peaches, cherries, apples and walnuts. When these improvements are made it will be one of the finest country homes in Clackamas county, and it is Mr. Ryan's intention to make it so and occupy it as a home for himself and family. Mr. Ryan will probably dispose of his residence property in this city.

OREGON CITY WATER PURE AND UNDEFILED

STATE HEALTH BOARD REPORTS QUALITY SHOWN BY ANALYSIS EXCELLENT.

Dr. W. E. Carl has received a report from Dr. R. C. Yenny, secretary of the State Board of Health, in which it is found from a recent analysis that the quality of Oregon City's filtered water supply retains its great purity, as disclosed from previous analysis. Dr. Yenny recently visited Oregon City and obtained samples of Willamette river water and the filtered product, as supplied the residents of this city. These have been analyzed by Dr. Ralph C. Matson, bacteriologist to the state board, whose report is given herewith:

"The examination of the samples of water received from Oregon City having been completed, I have to report that:

"No. 1, the river water unfiltered, contained colon bacilli, being evidenced by a reduction of neutral red in lactose bouillon, producing therein 20 per cent gas, consisting of 1CO2 and 2H. The river water filtered showed no gas and no reduction of neutral red. Plates inoculated with samples of water varied in quantities from .05 c. c. to 1 c. c., grown at room temperature, showed no growth, while the same growth at the incubator temperature developed 2 colonies, nearly all of which were gas-producing bacteria. Would therefore condemn this sample as being unfit for drinking purposes.

"No. 2, or the filtered water, in quantities the same as No. 1, developed no colonies at room temperature, while at incubator, of 37 degrees C., only two colonies were found. There being no gas-producing bacteria, would say that the sample is perfectly safe for drinking purposes."

LIGHT FROSTS IN OREGON.

General Summary By The Weather Bureau for Week Ending Sept. 17.

The opening and closing days of the week were pleasant, and there was at this time an abundance of sunshine. During the middle of the week moderately heavy rain occurred for four days in the western counties and light showers fell on two days in the eastern counties. The winds during the stormy period were southerly and high in the coast counties, but in the interior they were very moderate. The temperatures were below normal and it was especially cool during the rainy afternoons. During the clear spell at the beginning and the close of the week, the nights were also unusually cool, and light frosts occurred in exposed places in the southern and eastern counties.

Estacada's New Schoolhouse.

The new school house being erected at Estacada is nearing completion, and when finished will be one of the best school buildings in the county. It will be ready for occupancy by October 24th.

QUALITY IS FIRST CLASS AND YIELD IS ABOVE THE AVERAGE.

HELPED NOT HURT BY THE RAINS

Cool Weather Prevented Mold—Prune Crop Damaged Less Than Feared.

J. L. Kruse, the well known farmer and Republican wheelhorse of the Willamette precinct, was in town on business Wednesday. Mr. Kruse says hoppers in the section south and southwest of Willamette, will be finished this week, and everybody will be baling hay next week. The rain did good instead of harm. It washed the hops and the cool weather prevented mould. In his opinion the quality of the hops was improved by the rains, and is now excellent. Mr. Kruse does not believe in contracting his crop, and is going to be rewarded this year with the prevailing good prices.

Hoppicking at the Risley yards, near Risley station, about three miles north of Oregon City, was finished early this week. Quality of the hops is first-class.

The picking of Jose & Schruble's hops at Mt. Pleasant was finished this week, and the pickers will go from their yard to C. P. Andrews' where there will be about 10 days picking. The hops in that neighborhood are large and in excellent condition. The crop will be a very good one.

The picking of hops in Dr. Nichols' 40 acre yard near Parkplace was finished Wednesday evening. The hops in this yard were very large and of a fine quality. A hundred pickers were employed to pick them.

C. W. Risley of Milwaukie, who was in Oregon City Wednesday on business, says the rain did no damage to the hops in northwest Clackamas. The yield is about two-thirds of a big crop but the quality is first-class.

Record Breaking Hoppicking.

The Albany Herald of Wednesday tells of record breaking hoppicking stunts in the Porterfield yards near Independence. The wife of Deputy County Assessor Earl Fisher and her sister, Mrs. Walter Biddle, picked 18 boxes of hops last Saturday and quit work at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. This is the record for fast work thus far reported this year. The same day, Walter Huston, their brother, picked five boxes in the afternoon.

The two women often have picked from 14 to 16 boxes a day and other pickers at the Porterfield yards have equalled this record. The average is far less than this, however.

Picking at the yards in the vicinity of Independence will probably not be completed for a week.

Beaten in Clackamas.

The above may be the record up the river, but Clackamas county can beat it. "Nick" Blanchard on last Sunday in the Crissell yards at Wilsonville, picked 13 boxes in one day.

Varied Reports on Prunes.

The rains damaged the prune crop in this county, but not nearly as much as was anticipated last week, when owners of orchards feared that from one-half to two-thirds of their crops were ruined. If helpers could be procured in sufficient number, the loss would be comparatively small.

The Albany Herald of Wednesday says contrary to general belief, the rains did but little damage to the prune crop in Linn county. Some were cracked and mould set in, but the total amount of damaged does not include five per cent of the crop.

The crop is a good one, too. All the trees are heavily laden and the prunes are of good size, running from 40s to 50s, a splendid average for a heavy yield.

Pickers in Linn are plentiful, but there is lack of men for work in the dryers.

Albany will attain greater prestige than ever this year as a prune exporting center, for Laselle Brothers expect to send out at least 100 car-loads. Until last year only about six or seven cars a year were exported from Albany. Eighty cars were sent out last year and the number will be still further increased this fall.