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MINERS WOULD PREFER ROAD TO CLACKAMAS COUNTY SEAT

DISTANCE IS GREATER BUT THE GRADES ARE EASIER TO OREGON CITY.

PROBABLE COST IS ABOUT \$600

Salem and Albany Now Fighting for Trade of Ogle Mountain District—J. V. Harless Explains Situation.

J. V. Harless of Molalla, one of the owners of the Ogle Mountain mines, was in Oregon City Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Mr. Harless came to this city especially on Tuesday to be present at the meeting of the committee of the board of trade which took up the problem of the road to the mines. The miner is of course greatly interested in the work of the board—when it comes to a better road to the mines.

But the point is that Mr. Harless does not look at this problem in a selfish way. He is a resident of Clackamas county and the other stockholders, the Fairclough Bros., are residents of Oregon City and their aim is to retain the trade of the mines in Clackamas county and to aid in bringing it to Oregon City where it really belongs in spite of the fact that the people of Marion and Linn counties are doing all within their power to take all of it, or the lion's share.

When questioned about the problem of building a road clear through to the mines, Mr. Harless became very enthusiastic and said:

"A road can be put through to the mines at a very small cost—that is the road by the way of Molalla and Rock Mountain, and only for the short distance of seven miles is all the road which would have to be constructed. The grades by this route are very easy and the portion of the road that would have to be built would be equally easy and practical to travel, while the other road through Marquam and Scott's Mills has a continual 27 mile grade over the mountains. The former project keeps to the river bottom and saves ten miles in distance. A road could easily be pushed through to the mines for about \$600."

The people of Salem and vicinity who are clamoring at this moment for the Ogle Mountain mines trade would only have four miles of road to build. But the drawbacks to be considered in building these four miles through the hard rock and mountainous country is cost of hauling to the railroad and then freight charges and the switching charges.

Although the distance would be much shorter and a team would be able to make the round trip to the railroad in two days by the way of Gates and Albany, Mr. Harless believes that there would be a saving to the owners of the mine should a road be built to this city, even should it take a team five days to make the round trip.

Mr. Harless believes that before many years there will be an electric line out in the Molalla country from Oregon City. He thought it was up to the people of Oregon City to start it, if they wish to work with the people of Molalla.

"The trade of the Ogle Mountain district is really not enormous," he went on to say, "yet when the boys come out of the mountains after having been shut up for a period of six months they believe in having a good time and their money is freely circulated. The 16 men who went out to the mines, January 10th, bought hundreds of dollars' worth of clothing, blankets, shoes and provisions for the next six months and more is gradually taken in there at intervals. It means something. Most of the boys are residents of Clackamas county and they wish to see Oregon City reap whatever benefit there is to be derived."

Mr. Harless went to Portland Wednesday morning to take the large number of ore specimens he carried in his satchel to be tested. These samples of the ore are indeed promising great returns.

Mr. Harless feels confident in the outcome of the mine although he said that it had been rejected by a large syndicate years ago. He is a miner of 11 years experience and has aided

in locating many ore producing mines of today.

There are now 19 men at work at the mines and 1400 feet of tunnel work has been done. The samples of the ore he was taking to Portland were taken out of the last few feet of this tunnel where the ledge is 15 feet wide.

The committee of the board of trade on the problem of the road to the Ogle Mountain mines, met Tuesday evening in Superintendent Zinser's office in the court house. This committee was appointed at the last meeting of the board of trade and the members have all been working since on the problem assigned to them. Their work is for the benefit of Oregon City and will result in holding the trade of the Ogle Mountain district—not only that of the mine but of all the great timber belt in that neighborhood.

The members of the committee are Sol Walker, Chas. Albright and Prof. Zinser, who were joined in the work by J. V. Harless and H. Adams of Molalla, County Judge Dimick and a number of the board of trade and citizens of Oregon City.

Different plans for the proposed road to the mines were brought up and were discussed by the members of the committee and persons present who are interested in the project.

Mr. Harless spoke of the most feasible route to the mines and the one that would give access to the greater part of the timber. The proposed road is through Molalla, past the sawmill and on the Knowles road to the mines. A great many people are already living along this road and the plan is to present to the county court a petition with the names of the people out in that direction who are interested in the road. If a sufficient number of names is secured, and the backing seems to warrant the road put in there is no doubt that the county court will warrant it.

ANY NUTRIMENT IN FROZEN POTATOES?

Experienced Farmers at Stafford Say There is Not—News Notes.

Stafford, Jan. 22.—I am happy to state that the weather has moderated and Monday was an ideal day, albeit rather sloppy under foot.

John Schatz brought home his bride Sunday, and at night, one gun, a lot of fire-crackers and much shouting celebrated the event.

It is reported that Martha Schewie was married at Oregon City last week. The couple came out to get the mother's consent a couple of weeks ago, as Martha is only 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Gage entertained a number of their neighbors and friends to dinner, Friday.

Wednesday morning, the 16th, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moser welcomed a baby boy to their home.

They seem to have had a "hot time" in old Frog Pond, Saturday, at some kind of a road meeting. The frogs got thawed out and croaked manfully, and even kept it up a day or two over the telephone.

A lot of potatoes got frosted last week. Some growers are boiling them for hogs, while some experienced farmers say there is no more nutriment in them than in so much water.

The school, under the able management of Prof. Watts and his capable wife, is getting along finely.

WOMAN BRAVES THE TRIP FROM MINES

Mrs. Dee Wright and Husband Walk From Ogle Mountain to Molalla.

Molalla, Jan. 21.—The low temperature here last week varied from 8 degrees to 15 degrees above zero, owing to locality, it seeming to make a difference whether thermometer was exposed to the East wind or protected by an east wind break in the way of hills and timber.

Doctors Rowland and Speirs preached here Sunday. G. P. Rich will preach next Saturday night and Sunday.

Our people have been getting somewhat excited on the railway question recently, without any apparent cause.

G. V. Adams trapped a coyote last week. The apprehension of some of our folk, that the Kentucky fox hounds would get all the bounty money is not being fulfilled, as of 15 coyotes killed, five only were caught by the fox hounds.

Mrs. Annie Clifford was secured as central operator for the Molalla Mutual Telephone association by the board of directors at their meeting Saturday night.

Mrs. Dee Wright, accompanied by her husband, walked out from the Ogle creek mines in two days last week through several feet of snow. Their pack horse as well as themselves, looks worse for the wear.

Richard Wright of Liberal was a visitor here Saturday night.

CANADIAN BUYS REDLAND FARM

Redland, Jan. 22.—Mrs. Bargfield died at the St. Vincent Hospital Jan. 12, as the result of an operation. She leaves a husband, one daughter and three sons to mourn her death.

J. Warner who was teaching at Garfield, has returned home.

Mrs. Senn went last week to Seattle where she is visiting her sister.

Mr. Hooper and family, of Canada, who traded property there for the Dew place, will arrive here some time next month.

OLDEST BUSINESS IN CITY IS SOLD

FAMILIAR FIRM NAME OF I. SELLING WILL BE MISSING AFTER MARCH 1.

The oldest business house in Oregon City will soon lose the name that has been a household word in Clackamas county for over 40 years. The stock and business of I. Selling has been sold to G. Rosenstein who will take possession March 1. Meanwhile an enormous clearing out sale is in progress and the store is thronged early and late with eager shoppers, many of them life-long friends of the store and the present proprietor, S. Selling, and nearly everyone expresses personal regret at Mr. Selling's retirement from business.

Forty-two years ago, just at the close of the great Civil war, I. Selling started in the general mercantile business in Oregon City in a store room at the corner of Main and Fourth streets. The business grew and prospered not only because there was a business man at the head of it but a man upon whose word the people could rely. Outgrowing that location the store was moved to the fine new brick next to Charman's, then the center of the business district. Twelve years ago it was moved to the present location, corner of Main and Seventh streets.

I. Selling died in 1890 and was succeeded by his son S. Selling, under whom the prosperity of the store continued and increased, and who now retires in comfortable circumstances and with the respect and friendship of the store's many customers.

The store has always been conducted under the firm name of I. Selling, and is the oldest business house in this city.

Mr. Rosenstein, who will take charge March 1, is the well known clothing merchant who sold out his stock to Goldstein & Leavitt two months ago. He is a good business man who will undoubtedly make a success in his new business.

New Stores For Seventh Street.

Mr. Parks, who has been delivering tea in the city for some time, will open a branch store for the Union Tea and Coffee company of Seattle, in the west side of the Dan Williams building on upper Seventh street, where the Phillips store was.

L. G. Thomson is contemplating starting a branch store of his Main street Bargain store on upper Seventh street, and may occupy the east side of the Dan Williams building, though he has another location in view across the street and a block farther up.

DESERTED AND NOW WANT DIVORCE

BALLOT FOR BOURNE AND MULKEY AT NOON

TWO MORE CASES IN WHICH THE USUAL "GROUNDS" ARE ASSIGNED.

Woodburn Bank Brings Suit on Promissory Note — Administrator Appointed — General Court News.

The Bank of Woodburn as plaintiff has brought suit against Chas. Hyslop for the non-payment of a promissory note which had been due for some time. The defendant made and executed on the 29th day of July, 1905, a promissory note for \$150, to become due in 60 days. The note has not yet been paid and the plaintiff asks for the amount for which the note was drawn and interest at the rate of ten per cent, and also \$50 for attorney's fees.

Another divorce suit has been entered on the books in the county clerk's office in which W. R. Drake brings suit against Jennie Drake on the ground of desertion. The couple was married at Vancouver, September 28, 1905. The plaintiff states that the defendant left and abandoned him in the following month and that she has since continued to live apart from him. The defendant is now residing in Seattle.

Ethel Wiseman has brought suit for divorce against Albert Wiseman on the ground of desertion. They were married in Portland, December 17, 1901, but the defendant has deserted her since the year 1903. She prays the court to give back to her, her maiden name, Ethel Elliott, as well as a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony.

Oaks Mercantile company of San Francisco has caused the issuing of an attachment notice against E. B. Quint of Wheeler county on a promissory note of \$175. The note was left by Quint with Mr. Knightly of Oregon City and Sheriff Beattie drew up the necessary papers Monday.

Decrees dissolving the bonds of matrimony between the following plaintiffs and defendants have been granted by the circuit court: J. S. Wilson vs. Ruth Wilson; and Helen M. Finley vs. James Finley, the plaintiff in this case having also been granted the right to resume her maiden name of Helen M. Goss.

RECORD IN PROBATE.

In the matter of the estate of Dora Kell, deceased, the court has appointed Henry Snyder as the administrator. The petitioners' valuation of the estate is \$1900. The appointment was made January 21.

The inventory and appraisal of the appraisers of the estate of Sarah J. Taylor has been returned at \$800. Jerome P. Smith has been appointed guardian of Arthur Ulich, minor.

In the matter of the estate of August Genserowski, deceased, Frank Habelt has been appointed administrator of the estate. Valuation has been set at \$1500.

CLACKAMAS GRANGE TO BUILD NEW HALL

DECIDED AT REGULAR MEETING HELD SATURDAY NIGHT—PASTOR HAS CALL.

Clackamas, Jan. 22. — Clackamas grange 298, P. of H., held its regular meeting Saturday night. O. A. Hartnell was installed as gate-keeper, Sister Emma Hartnell as Flora. Motion was made and carried to accept brother Landes' plan for a new hall. Brothers Charles T. Street and P. T. Davis and sister M. C. Hayward spoke to the point in the matter of securing addition to the building fund sufficient to begin the work immediately. Sisters M. C. Hayward, Emma Jones and Lily Haberland were appointed a committee to arrange for a valentine entertainment. Brother R. Landes was appointed a committee of one to secure the dollar per capita pledged and new subscriptions of work and money.

Oregon weather of frost and fog is very enjoyable after the extreme cold.

Harrison Imel, who was injured while working at the Davis saw mill, was able to return to work, Monday.

Herman Naas and family expect to

leave here Thursday, for their future home near Sandy.

King Spurgeon holds an appointment as watchman at the Little White Salmon hatchery. He, with his family, is expecting to spend a month in Clackamas before taking up his duty at the former place.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Meyer returned Monday from Gaston, where he has been engaged in revival services. We are informed that he has had a call to Hassalo street church in Portland.

FISH LAW INTERESTS OREGON CITY MEN

From the Salem Statesman.

H. W. Trembath, who was appointed Sheriff of Clackamas county after the death of Sheriff Shaver, who was killed by Smith, the outlaw, is here as a representative of the Oregon City Fisherman's union which is interested in legislative matters.

M. A. Magoon of Oregon City, arrived last night to look after matters of legislation in which the fishermen of the Willamette valley are interested.

Herman Webster of Oregon City, one of the deputies under Master Fish Warden Van Dusen of Astoria, is here taking in the session of the legislature for a few days. He is an aspirant so it is asserted, for the office of master fish warden.

ELK TEETH WORTH MILLION DOLLARS

CELEBRATED COLLECTOR VISITS OREGON CITY AND TELLS OF HIS HOBBY.

E. R. Peltz, a traveling salesman for several Chicago houses, was in Oregon City Monday, transacting business with different firms. Mr. Peltz' hobby outside of his business duties is making a collection of elk teeth. He has now in his possession over 27,000 elk teeth which have been valued by experts from \$125,000 to \$1,000,000.

Mr. Peltz, when questioned about his hobby, was very pleasant and spoke of his ranch in Wyoming. The ranch is one of the largest in the United States and is owned by his brother and himself. It consists of 80,000 acres of the divide. These two men have protected the large number of elk on their domain until now thousands of elk roam around. Mr. Peltz spends his summers at this ranch and showed a picture he had taken there from the porch of the bungalow. The picture shows 4300 elk down below the cabin and appear as so many flies.

Mr. Peltz became enthusiastic over the conversation with the Star representative and to prove some of his points, brought out from his hip pocket a large circle of mounted and strung elk teeth of every imaginable shade of color—from bright red to green and pure ivory white.

"Of course this is just a hobby with me, and not a business proposition. I am increasing my collection daily and only the other day bought a tooth for \$75."

Mr. Peltz is a member of the Elk's Lodge and attended the annual session of the Elks in Denver last fall and there presented over 75 of his valuable specimens to different friends in attendance.

WILL SPEAK ON OREGON HISTORY

Mrs. Eva Emery Dye Will Address a Portland Audience on January 30.

Mrs. Eva Emery Dye will give an address pertaining to Oregon history, before the Men's Methodist Social union in Portland on January 30. Portland papers speaking of the program announce that "addresses of a historical character are to be delivered by such well known authorities on Oregon history as Mrs. Eva Emery Dye, Hon. W. D. Fenton, president of the Oregon Historical Society," and others.

THREE SENATORS AND FOUR REPRESENTATIVES VOTE AGAINST PRIMARY NOMINEE.

CLACKAMAS MEMBERS FARE WELL

Splendid Committee Assignments Drawn by Local Delegation—Hedges Well Taken Care of by Haines

Salem, Jan. 22.—Jonathan Bourne with 80 votes out of 87 cast, and Frederick W. Mulkey with 87 out of 87 were elected long and short term United States senators, respectively, by the legislature at noon today. The two chambers voted separately and will meet in joint session at noon tomorrow when the ballots will be formally cast in accordance with today's result.

In the Senate, Mulkey received 27 votes, Mayes, Miller of Linn and Hart being absent. Bourne received 23 votes, Booth, Laycock, Wheldon and Miller of Marion voting for Bourne.

In the House, Mulkey received the vote of the full membership, 60. Bourne received 57, Rodgers and Reynolds voting for F. A. Moore and Settlemeier for Mulkey for the long term.

The Clackamas county delegation has no special reason to kick, except on matters of personal preference, in the committee assignments made by President Haines and Speaker Davey and announced Monday afternoon. Five chairmanships were given to Clackamas county members, and one or two of them at least are what is usually termed "important."

Representative C. H. Dye was chosen to head the committee on revision of laws, certainly an honor for a new member, but one worthily bestowed. He also has second place on the banking committee, membership of which is deemed equal to a chairmanship of a routine committee.

J. U. Campbell fared well indeed. He is chairman of the public library committee and a member of those on judiciary and federal relations.

C. G. Huntley is chairman of the committee on engrossed bills and has a place on two others—assessment taxation and fisheries. Huntley is a fisherman, all right, all right.

L. E. Jones drew good places as a man "always lucky in the draw" was sure to do. As an expert pharmacist he is right at home in the committee on medicine and surgery; must be reckoned with by his fellow members as one of three who have charge of salaries and mileage; and as a progressive business man will be a valuable member of the committee on statistics and immigration.

Senator Hedges was one of the favored ones, too. He heads the military affairs committee and is a member of four others—assessment and taxation, fisheries, printing, and revision of laws.

Bills by Clackamas Members.

Campbell—Regulating public service corporations, transportation, telegraph, telephone, gas, electric light and power, express and all franchise corporations.

Jones—Abolishing permits for brush fires.

Dye—Creating State Board of Charities and Corrections.

Dye—Providing for uniform method of recording satisfaction of judgments.

Dye—Constituting Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer commission to regulate telephone business of state.

Dye—Making uniform schedule of fees to be charged in divorce proceedings in counties of state.

Dye—Requiring public service corporations to furnish a seat for every passenger and imposing penalty of fine of from \$100 to \$1000 for violation.

Dye—To prevent incorporating into one deed for purpose of recording more than one piece of land acquired at tax sale.

Alleges Abandonment.

E. Matteson as plaintiff has instituted a divorce suit against A. P. Matteson. They were married at Hammond, Wisconsin, March 16, 1885. In 1904, while in Portland, the plaintiff claims he abandoned her and failed to give support.