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CO-OPERATIVE STORE PROPOSED VENTURE

PAPER MILL EMPLOYEES AND OTHERS WILL TAKE STOCK.

WILL SELL GOODS CLOSE MARGIN

Mr. Pearson, Paper Worker Formerly of Roseburg, Promoter of Scheme.

The establishment of a co-operative general merchandise store, the stock to be held largely by paper mill employees, is one of the possibilities in Oregon City. The plan is said to be favorably received by the mill men, and it is believed that others will take stock in the proposed concern.

The promoter of the scheme is a Mr. Pearson, who recently secured a position in one of the paper mills, and has since been discussing the matter with other employees at the paper and pulp mills, and some of them are enthusiastic over the possible outcome of the proposed new venture.

The plan of the proposed co-operation concern as given out is to sell goods for cash at a minimum profit and take out a small percentage for a reserve fund. Paid up stockholders will have the privilege of trading out the value of their stock, or should they desire to withdraw from the concern, the corporation will take up the stock from the holder at its face value.

Mr. Pearson says that he was instrumental in securing the establishment of a similar store at Roseburg and that it is doing a good business and proved successful.

Other persons than those employed in the woolen mills and factories have expressed a willingness to take stock in the new venture. While all co-operative ventures do not prove successful, there are exceptions to the rule, and this store may prove one of the exceptions.

In times past the matter of the establishment of a co-operative store has been discussed among paper mill employees and others, but no definite plan was decided upon.

The new proposed venture is attracting considerable discussion, and it is expected matters will assume a tangible shape at an early date.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE SESSION SATURDAY

DIVERSIFIED FARMING AND POSSIBILITIES IN FRUIT CULTURE FOR CLACKAMAS COUNTY DISCUSSED.

The farmers of Clackamas county during the past week have been entertained in the way of farmers' institutes that have been given under the auspices of the Oregon Agricultural college.

The men were all specialists in their own particular lines and the addresses which they presented received much study on their part. They were such men as Dr. Withycombe of the Oregon Agricultural college who spoke on diversified farming. The doctor when seen Saturday in Oregon City, at once spoke of the great wealth of Clackamas county and the great possibilities in store for the residents. He stated with much emphasis that there was no other county in the state of Oregon which had richer soil. "The high plateaus in the eastern part of the county," he said "equal the Hood River district in soil for the growth of the apple. The southern part of the county can be made to yield enormous crops of strawberries, while other localities are equally valuable for farming in general."

Other speakers were Professor C. B. Bradley, who spoke of soils; Prof. Lewis on horticulture; Wm. Schulmerich, the noted authority on dairying had many interesting thoughts on the dairy industry. Mr. Schulmerich comes from Washington county which in the last few years has made great strides in that particular line.

Much attention during the institute was given to the horticultural side and the care of orchards was well discussed. County Fruit Inspector A. J. Lewis and Fruit Commissioner Reid had interesting words for all the people who attended the institutes. Their points were directly on the care of apple trees and how to remedy the evils that had infested the orchards

during the last few years. Fruit Inspector Lewis spoke very highly of the results of the institutes and expressed his desire that many other sessions could have been held throughout the county. Many localities called the attention of the members, who were in charge of the program, wishing that meetings might be held in their districts. Macksburg Needy and many other districts were impatient to have the institutes held with them.

TEMPLE STOREROOM LEASED TO ADAMS

LODGE AGREES TO HAVE BUILDING READY FOR OCCUPANCY NOVEMBER 1.

John Adams has leased the main floor of the new Masonic temple and one-third of the basement. The lease has not been signed yet, but the terms are agreed upon and the lease will be ready for Mr. Adams' signature as soon as he returns from the East. He left Monday for New York city and other eastern markets to buy goods for the store he will open up in the Williams building on upper Seventh street about March 1.

The lodge has agreed to have the store room in the new temple ready for Mr. Adams by November 1. The contract for the building has not yet been let, in fact the plans are not drawn, so some fast construction records must be made to have the temple completed within eight months.

No other leases have been settled, but there is considerable demand for office rooms.

ROCK QUARRY NEAR MILWAUKIE TOWN

The Portland Quarry company, which had a plant in South Portland, leased a 10-acre tract on the Willamette river and adjoining Milwaukie on the south and has men at work making preparation for the erection of an extensive plant. It is said the tract contains first-class rock for all purposes. A rock-crushing plant to supply material for road and street work will be put up and the rock will be shipped to Portland by barge. Located as it is there will be no objections from the residents of the vicinity. A large force of men will be employed in this plant, and Milwaukie people regard it as an important acquisition.

OREGON HOLY ROLLER SERIOUSLY ILL

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 17.—Esther Mitchell, sister to George Mitchell, whose life she took, after his killing of Edmund Creffield, the Holy Roller leader, was stricken with an attack of the prevailing influenza epidemic several days ago and as she tosses in pain on her bed in the county jail her condition is esteemed quite serious by the attending prison physician. The young woman, although in comparatively good spirits, has shown the result of her close confinement and lack of companionship of Maud Creffield. Her health has not been very good, and there are grave fears that the present acute illness may take a serious turn.

CHANGE BUSINESS LOCATION CENTER

THOMSON'S BARGAIN STORE TO MOVE, HUNTLEYS TAKING VACATED ROOM.

L. G. Thomson will move his Bargain store about March 1 from the room next to Huntleys to the room recently vacated by Miles & McGlashan, northeast corner Sixth and Main streets. His lease on the present location could not be renewed is the cause of the removal, also of his abandoning for the present the project of starting a branch store on Upper Seventh street.

Huntley Bros. Co. will take possession of the room vacated by Mr. Thomson, March 1. Their present large store is not large enough for

their immense stock and the additional room is necessary. An archway will be cut in the wall separating their present store from the Thomson room.

No Sunday Cigars in Tacoma. Special to Daily Star.

Tacoma, Feb. 18.—Tacoma was closed tight yesterday, including saloons and cigar stores. Many of the places had cards in the windows or on the doors reading, "Closed to attend the funeral of Tacoma." Other windows had coffins in them. It is predicted the moral wave will be of short duration.

THINGS MOVE AT OGLE CREEK

WORK OF GETTING ORE HANDICAPPED BY SCARCITY OF HELP.

Motor to be Installed That Will Furnish Sufficient Power for Mill, Machinery and Lights.

The work out at the Ogle Mountain mines is being carried on as fast as feasible and plans are being made which will make it possible to do the work much easier. William Wilson came out during the past week and he speaks very highly and encouragingly of the prospects of the mines. Mr. Wilson, however, will not return as he has accepted a position in Portland.

J. V. Harless, who has been keeping up with the affairs of the mines states that the scarcity of men has greatly handicapped the owners of the property in pushing the excavations as fast as they had intended. It is now the intention of the owners to purchase air compressors and machinery that will enable them to do the required work in much shorter time. Mr. Harless also stated that he has sent some additional machinery for the motor who has been at the mines for some time and a special man will install it at once. The owners expect to be able to run all the machinery that is being added, and the stamp mill, and be able to furnish the whole camp with lights, with the aid of the motor.

The Crown Boys Milling and Mining company is also pushing the work as fast as possible and the tunnel work needs only to be pushed 25 feet further before the test of the ore is made.

G. F. Anderson, president of the company, received more samples some days ago and these were brought from the last of the tunnel excavation. They are good ones, but the president states that no test of the ore will be made until the tunnel work is completed when the 8 foot ledge will be well displayed. The Crown Boys property is situated in the midst of some of the best paying mines of the Blue River mining districts, and judging from the samples of ore that has already been taken out, the stockholders surely have a right to feel confident of their enterprise.

LEGISLATURE NEWS

Oswald West of Astoria, now state land agent, Clyde B. Aitchison of Portland, now attorney for the Title Guarantee & Trust company, and Thomas K. Campbell of Cottage Grove, a lumberman of the firm of Campbell & Alexander, are the gentlemen who constitute Oregon's first railroad commission.

These selections were decided upon Monday by the state board, which is given the appointment under the Chapin law.

West is a Democrat, and the choice of Governor Chamberlain. He will hold office until after the state election in 1910. Aitchison is a Republican and is the choice of State Treasurer Steel. Campbell is a Republican and is the choice of Secretary of State Benson. Aitchison represents the Second Congressional district and Campbell represents the First Congressional district. The present tenure of each will last until after the state election of 1908.

The commission law will go into effect Thursday, unless sooner approved by Governor Chamberlain, that day

being the fifth, excepting Sunday, since it was presented to him. Within 20 days thereafter the law is to become operative.

West will be succeeded as state land agent by Charles V. Galloway, of McMinnville, formerly of Oregon City, a young Democrat who was a member of the house of representatives in 1902, and was the Democratic nominee for congress last year.

West is 33 years of age, Aitchison is 32 and Campbell is 50. West's vocation is that of banking, Aitchison is a lawyer and Campbell is a lumberman, of the firm of Campbell & Alexander of Cottage Grove, which has been practically put out of business by lack of cars on the Southern Pacific.

Each commissioner must give bond in the sum of \$10,000. By the terms of the law he shall not hold any other office, or position of profit, or pursue any other business or vocation, or serve on or under any committee of any political party during his term of office, but shall devote his entire time to the duties of his office. As there are two Republican on the commission it is to be expected that one of them, either Campbell or Aitchison, will be chairman. The salary of each member is to be \$4000 a year. They will appoint a secretary at \$2000 a year, and may appoint an expert stenographer at \$1200.

Campbell's county attorney bill was defeated in the house Monday morning by the decisive vote of 16 yeas to 36 nays, 8 absent. Before the vote was announced the author of the bill changed his vote from aye to no so as to be in a position to move a reconsideration of the vote later in the session. It is understood that Campbell will try for a reconsideration.

Among the bills that failed to pass the house yesterday were appropriating \$20,000 for coast streams, giving to county clerks 10 per cent of hunters' license fees, to prevent shipment of liquors into prohibition counties, districts, towns and precincts, abolishing \$1.00 hunters' license.

The house has passed a bill creating the office of deputy fish warden, his compensation to be \$1000 per year. Here is an opportunity for a Clackamas county man.

The house has passed a measure to place the state printer on a flat salary of \$4000 per annum the law to take effect at the expiration of Duniway's term.

The house has voted an appropriation of \$50,000 for the relief of the Oregon Indian war veterans.

The state banking bill has passed the senate. It is lenient in its restrictions.

The pure food bill was passed by the house yesterday, the vote being unanimous.

CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE BIG FLUME

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK AROUND CHELAN

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 18.—A special from Chelan says:

"A heavy earthquake shock was felt here yesterday at 12:20 p. m., accompanied by a report like the sound of a blast. The jar and rumble seemed to proceed from the southeast to the northwest. Machinery in the Leader office was shaken, stoves, dishes and doors rattled and houses rocked. The shock was plainly felt at Lakeside, Chelan Falls and in the surrounding country as far north as 15 miles and ten miles east. No report is obtainable of other districts. The deep snow probably lessened the effect of the disturbance on the surface. No damage is reported. Duration of the shock was about one second.

ACCIDENTLY KILLED IN FLOURING MILL

Dallas, Or., Feb. 19.—Harry Burford, an offer in the Willamette flour mills was killed about six o'clock last evening. No one saw the accident and it is not known exactly how it occurred but it is supposed that his clothing caught and he was whirled around the large pulley. He was found dead in the basement with his head crushed and both legs and one arm broken.

BARTON STORE ROBBED.

The general merchandise store of J. J. Wurfel at Barlow was broken into on Sunday evening, the thieves getting away with a handful of cash, amounting to \$70. Tuesday morning Wurfel notified Sheriff Beattie of his loss and the official straightway went to work on the case. The Portland officials were also apprised of the fact, but no clue as to whom the robbers were has been found.

Mrs. Thaw on Stand. Special to Daily Star.

New York, Feb. 18.—At trial of Harry Thaw today Evelyn Nesbit Thaw was recalled on cross examination by Prosecuting Attorney Jerome, which will likely be concluded this evening.

Immigration Bill Passed. Special to Daily Star.

Salem, Feb. 19.—Senate passed irrigation bill, but a clause inserted which makes it available only for Eastern Oregon. The bill is now in the house, but its passage there is being fought by Portland capitalists.

WILL SUPPLY WATER FOR PUMPING STATION AND WOOLEN MILLS.

WILL BE SUNK TO BASIN BOTTOM

Crew Worked All Day Sunday and Improvement Being Pushed to Completion.

A crew of men worked all day Sunday putting in the big flume that is to carry water from the basin to the woolen mills and the city water works pumping station for motive power. A lot of material was delivered on the ground Saturday, and the work of construction was begun in dead earnest Sunday morning, and will be pushed to early completion. In fact, it is expected that the flume will be ready to carry water by Saturday, or the first of next week at the latest.

The flume that is now being laid upon the top of the water is 15 feet wide and eight feet in depth. When completed it will be bridged over and weighted down and sunk to the bottom of the basin. As it will lie in the bottom of the basin, a good supply of water is assured until the river reaches a low stage next summer. Should there occur a shortage then it is possible to extend the flume further up the stream to swift water. It is also considered that when the Portland General Electric company puts in its wing dam to facilitate the construction of the proposed new cement basin wall, that it will raise sufficient water to keep both the pumping station and the woolen mills in constant operation.

In case of emergency the water company has the big 80-horsepower electric motor where it can be installed on short notice, so there is no danger of the water supply being cut off for any extended period.

The starting up of the woolen mills means much for Oregon City, as the 350 employees that have been idle for several weeks past, will be at work again. The woolen mills will no doubt run continuously, as many orders are booked for future delivery.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

Letters remaining unclaimed for in the Oregon City postoffice for week ending February 22, 1907:

Bennett, Mrs. H. K.; Clark, Mrs. W. N.; Dickson, Mrs. J. H.; White, Mrs. Hattie. Albright, C. H.; Brown, Rice; Fultz, D.; Shepherd, U. R.; Smith, Luther; Thompson, C. J.



AVOID ALUM

AN UNSEEN DANGER IN FOOD

TO GUARD SHIPS against the unseen dangers at sea, the United States Government maintains lighthouses.

To guard your home against the unseen dangers of food products, the Government has enacted a pure food law. The law compels the manufacturers of baking powder to print the ingredients on the label of each can.

The Government has made the label your protection—so that you can avoid alum—read it carefully, if it does not say pure cream of tartar hand it back and

Say plainly—

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

ROYAL is a pure, cream of tartar baking powder—a pure product of grapes—aids the digestion—adds to the healthfulness of food.