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The farmers' institutes held in Clackamas county during the past week did not prove the success that was anticipated, especially the one held in Oregon City Saturday afternoon. There was a slim attendance as the farmers supposed to be more especially benefited by the meeting did not materialize. The fact is the professors of the state agricultural college are overdoing the matter of holding these institutes. They are paid by the state to attend to their duties as instructors of the large number of students now attending the college, instead of continually junketing over the state at the expense of the taxpayers, and laying wires to grab future political honors. Farmers institutes are beneficial to the farm producers, but there is no use of them being held too often. For the last seven or eight years these college professors have been junketing over Oregon at the expense of the state, and farmers have received many new ideas and profited by the sessions of these institutes, but there is too much repetition of the lectures that are worn threadbare. An occasional institute in a locality would be the proper thing, but it is being rubbed in a little too much. Besides bulletins are issued from the agricultural college and sent out to the farmers at stated intervals giving the results of all new experiments. One drawback to the success of the institutes held last week was the fact that it was the first good weather that the farmers had during the past winter to plow and sow grain and put their hop yards in order. However, it is presumed that the college teachers wanted to get out during the nice weather and chew on a few yellow-legged chickens, especially when the state pays the fare, and they continue to draw their regular salaries.

Intersected with rivers capable of producing hundreds of thousands of electric horse power, Clackamas county is destined to become the greatest producer of electric current on the western coast. Work has already begun on a twin plant to the one almost completed at Cazadero, located two and a half miles further up the Clackamas, and there is sufficient fall further up that stream for still more electric power stations. The Sandy and Molalla rivers as well as several smaller streams can be harnessed in like manner. The new plant above Cazadero will cost about \$750,000 and it also has been stated that it is one of the plans of the Portland General Electric company to install an additional plant on the east side of the falls of the Willamette. The construction of the latter generating plant would result in the use of all the available water that passes over the falls, as none would be wasted. Then there is the proposed new west side power plant and the available waters of the Tualatin. Verily, the possible production of electric power in Clackamas county is almost beyond comprehension.

That the grange has been an important factor in advancing and bettering the condition of Clackamas, has already been demonstrated beyond contradiction. It is a matter of congratulation to note that the farmers of Clackamas county as a class are peers of any other county in the state in the matter of scientific and progressive farming and general intelligence. In no other section is the grange stronger than here, and its results have been far-reaching. Its social features have brought the producers together and the continual rubbing up against each other has given them new ideas that have been carried into practical effect. The grange members have become thoroughly drilled in business methods, and much has been accomplished by co-operation. The fire and life insurance auxiliary systems are giving the producers protection at small cost, and several years experience has demonstrated the solidity of these side organizations conducted under the fostering care of the grange organization. The grange organization has proved a great educator in Clackamas county, and its influence is growing stronger.

Just why more attention is not paid to the comfort of passengers traveling on the Oregon Water Power & Railway company's line is a matter of wonderment to many persons. The cold breezes may blow from the mountains or off the Willamette, and still

the rear doors of the cars are kept continually open, causing the passengers to shiver with the cold. Sometimes a young couple, their blood enriched with warm, red corpuscles, raise wide the window to get a better view of the passing scenery. As a result, elderly people and those recovering from recent attacks of la grippe are exposed to the damp, cold winds and if they are not bedridden when they reach their homes, their health is seriously impaired. On railroad trains some attention is paid to the comfort of passengers, but with the O. W. P. it is entirely a matter of collecting fares.

Oregon City is not such a slow town as appearances might indicate on a quiet evening. There is another day coming yet, but already during the week the Oregon City and Molalla Railway company began surveying its proposed line, an old citizen suspected in the dark of being an escaped reform school student held up his hands for a brief period at the command of an officer, a prominent Portland runaway couple were caught in the officers here, the body of the late John Bock was found in the Abernethy, and a man was horsewhipped by his sister-in-law on Main street Thursday night.

Some people are registering some pretty hard kicks because the churches are serving dinners at a less price than they can be secured at the hotels and restaurants. It is contended that the restaurants are doing business on a small margin on account of the prevailing high price of food products, to say nothing of high rents and taxes and bad accounts. It also is stated that the churches do not get any real revenue out of these special dinners. The fact remains, however, that this is a free country and the church people have a right to do what they please to raise money to carry on the work.

Under the new railroad commission law, the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer name the three commissioners. It is not believed that the two Republican members of the appointing board will deny, as they have power to do, Governor Chamberlain a voice, but that each will name one commissioner. Oswald West, the present state land agent, who has made a splendid record, is supposed to be the governor's choice, while Mr. Steel will probably name someone in Portland or vicinity, and Secretary of State Benson some resident of the upper Willamette valley or even farther south.

The Evening Telegram of Portland errs when it states that the Bamfield-Vesey hardwood mill in Portland, is the first one that has been built on the coast. Clackamas county has a hardwood mill that has been run exclusively on oak and ash for many years, selling its products principally to the Southern Pacific Railroad company to be used in car construction. There is the Oberer mill in Polk county that has cut nothing but oak for years past, and there are others.

It has been discovered that another attempt was made to short circuit power wires between Portland and Oregon City Sunday, which accounts for the delay in cars in reaching this place. It is now stated that this is the third attempt to cripple the transfer of the electric current since February 2. The effect was produced by throwing a chain over one of the wires, and the miscreant who made the diabolical attempt ought to have 99 years in the chain gang.

The Albany Democrat does not express an excited opinion of at least one branch of the Oregon legislature. It says: "The infamous pass bill which was defeated, was recommended and passed by the senate by a scratch. It is a rotten bill and no credit to the men who engineered it, but it is keeping with most of the doings of the present legislature."

Southern Oregon orchardists are receiving \$2.28 per box for their choice Yellow Newton apples. Apples of this variety can be grown just as well in Clackamas county, but the fact is that the majority of Clackamas county fruit growers have not given the proper attention to the production of apples.

A members of the Wisconsin legislature wants eggs dated so that their age can be determined by the purchaser. The bill if it becomes a law, authorizes the state board of agriculture to provide on demand for each egg producing fowl an automatic dating appliance to print on the egg when laid, its date of production.

The late flood is reported to have proved a death stroke to the numerous gophers that have been doing business on the low bottoms for some years past.

Governor Chamberlain has produced consternation in Salem by his numerous

vetoes. Prominent among the bills attempted to be killed by the governor are the University of Oregon appropriation, irrigation code, normal school bill, Port of Columbia measure to say nothing of other bills.

The West-bound colonist railroad rates will soon be in effect, and an effort should be made to locate some of this new blood immigration in Clackamas county, where farm lands sell for less.

The promoters of the Portland & Mount Hood Railway company are anxious to begin construction work on the proposed new road, but are waiting for a franchise to get into Portland. The greater part of this road will pass through Clackamas county.

When the construction work on the proposed Portland & Mount Hood railway, the Christian co-operative Federation line and the Oregon City and Molalla road is complete, the number of miles of trackage in Clackamas county will be vastly increased.

Milwaukee residents who have friends buried in the old cemetery are preparing to register a kick on account of a move being made to remove it to a new location. The old cemetery is associated with much that pertains to the early history of Oregon.

First decision of Judge Stafford is against Binger Hermann. The court decided that the bill of particulars could be amended to cover a lot of letters written by the former land commissioner to various persons in the west.

Consider the fact that when you buy a gallon of oil at the grocery store that you are doing your part toward paying \$32,000,000 for the cause of higher education. Rockefeller knew what he was doing when he made this stupendous gift in his own name.

The co-operative store movement has become a matter of general discussion, and its enthusiastic advocates are giving their fellow men long talks on the street in its favor. The co-operative store is said to be a permanent fixture in England.

It would be a matter of convenience to the traveling public if a small bridge in the county road this side of Parkplace were replaced. The walking is good in that direction, but it works a hardship on teams to drive over Clackamas heights to reach the Clackamas river.

The proposed railway to Molalla for which preliminary surveys are now being made means much for Clackamas county and Oregon City. It is to be hoped that no obstacles will be placed in the way of the local company securing the necessary right of way.

The school ma'ams now taking the examination at the courthouse are of the higher grade order. Nearly all are not being examined for state papers are applicants for first grade certificates.

Although the Japanese school controversy in so far as it applies to the San Francisco schools has been settled, the restriction immigration question is passed up to the members of congress for adjudication.

The newly created railroad commission will be appointed by the state board consisting of the governor, secretary of state and treasurer. The commission will probably consist of two Republicans and one Democrat.

The house at Salem still has over 300 bills to consider, and it may take 10 days after the allotted 40 days to wind up the business of the session. It will be hard on the legislators to serve 10 days extra without pay.

Binger Hermann's trial for destroying 35 letter press copy books when he was commissioner of the general land office is now in progress at Washington.

Millionaires Rockefeller and Carnegie have formed a sort of literary co-partnership, the former to educate men to write books and the latter to buy the books.

Mr. Cleveland will make an extended address on Washington's birthday. His recent Democratic critics are likely to find it interesting without searching between the lines.

It is probable that the big woolen mills will be in active operation within another week and the 350 people that have been idle for several weeks the result of the ravages of the flood will again be at work.

Councilman A. Knapp has been mentioned as an Oregon railroad commission possibility in certain circles.

Dr. Withycombe evidently filled some of the boys up on hot air last Saturday.

WANTS TITLE SETTLED BY COURT

COMPLICATIONS IN NEW SUIT FILED IN CIRCUIT COURT.

O. E. F. Lee Sues Heirs of Estate of Lates A. D. Hall of Marquam Precinct.

A complicated suit over the title of some property has been brought up in the circuit court by O. E. F. Lee as plaintiff against the heirs of the estate of A. D. Hall. The heirs are Julia S. Hall, his widow, Hubert Neil Hall, Anna Hall, Agnes Hall, Orin Hall and Alma Hall. The widow has been made administratrix of the estate.

The property is situated near Marquam and is a part of the Robert Allen donation land claim. The plaintiff states that he had acquired a title to the property and had paid with a note of \$2900 from A. D. Hall, deceased, with the exception of the mortgage of \$1000 held by J. Mack.

He also states that the heirs of the deceased through the administratrix, Julia S. Hall, who was appointed November 1st, 1906, claim title to the property although they have failed and have refused to pay any money or even the mortgage on the property.

Lee was thus forced to pay the mortgage of \$1000 for the release of the mortgage in addition to the purchase price of the property. He now seeks the court to grant him a decree quieting his title to real property against the defendants that they may have titles or interest and for whatever relief the court seems best to grant him in the way of costs and attorneys fees.

L. G. Levison of Molalla was a business visitor in Oregon City Monday afternoon.

WILLIAM BURDINE SERIOUSLY INJURED

WAS WORKING IN S. P. CONSTRUCTION GANG NEAR CANBY—MAY NOT RECOVER.

Canby, Or., Feb. 19.—William Burdine, a member of the construction gang on the Southern Pacific bridge being built on the Molalla river here, was struck by a huge piece of steel and seriously injured yesterday. Burdine who was assisting with the steam crane which was lifting a section of steel into position, when the huge block was raised from the ground and swung into position it swept Burdine on the left side breaking his left arm and inflicting serious injuries to his shoulder and chest. It is thought he sustained internal injuries also. He was removed to the Good Samaritan hospital at Portland last night.

Standing room was at a premium at the evening session of the farmers' institute held here by Dr. Withycombe and his staff of expert agriculturists Friday evening. The afternoon session was well attended and keen interest was manifested by the farmers as was evidenced by the frequent questions they put to the speakers during their respective lectures.

Geo. W. Dixon, who acted as chairman of both sessions, introduced Dr. Withycombe as a Clackamas county favorite on matters pertaining to agriculture, and the fact that the Dr. has appeared here a number of times before caused the farmers and business men to take a deeper interest in his work.

The program was the same as that carried out in other sections of the county. At the close of the institute Dr. Withycombe expressed himself as greatly gratified at the lively interest shown by the people here.

VALUABLE MAP.

Three salesmen for our new county, township and railroad surveys of Oregon. These surveys are a splendid compilation of facts, figures and drawings, and of wonderful value. Counties and towns are fully indexed, and population of each given; railroads

plainly shown and distances between all stations are also shown; congressional districts outlined, numbered and populations given. Other features too numerous to mention. A splendid opportunity for energetic men. Rand, McNally Co., Chicago, Ill. 11-13

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Milley and son, A. H. Milley of this city went to Wilsonville Tuesday morning to attend the funeral of Jacob Milley who died in Wilsonville, Sunday. The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock from the home with interment in the Aurora cemetery.

TWILIGHT.

An entertainment will be given at Twilight hall, Friday evening, February 22. There will be a Washington, Lincoln and Longfellow program. The quilt that the ladies made for the purchase of the dictionary for the school will be given away at this time. The entertainment will be free and everybody and especially those who purchased tickets for the quilt, are invited.

James Taylor of Portland visited at the home of his nephew, George Lazelle over Sunday.

George Lazelle has been visiting his son Marshall, who is attending Agricultural college at Corvallis. He also visited his cousin, F. M. Taylor, at Philomath.

The young people enjoyed a party Saturday evening at the home of Thomas Kelland. A large crowd was present and a fine time enjoyed.

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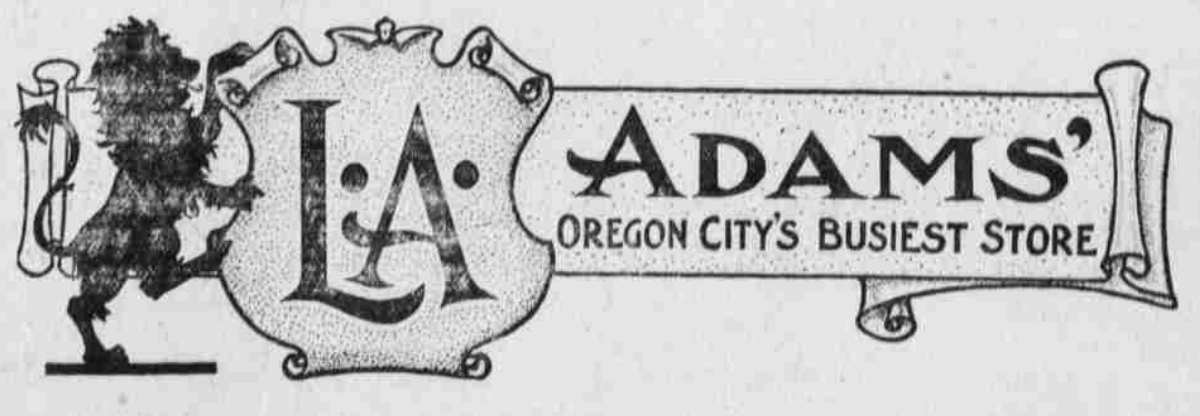
In the matter of the estate of John Shubbe, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the above entitled estate by the county court of Clackamas county, Oregon, and any and all persons having claims against said estate must present them to the undersigned duly verified at his residence near Orient, Oregon, R. F. D. No. 1, Clackamas County, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated February 16, 1907.
W. A. PROCTOR,
Administrator of said estate.
T. G. Jonarud, Atty. for Admr. 11.

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We are still selling Remnants at almost nothing-at-all-prices. We're cleaning out every department of odds and ends and remnants left from our January sales. They must go before the arrival of Spring goods. A large collection of cotton and wool fabrics in plain and fancy designs suitable for Waists, Suits and Suitings. Some very good lengths for girls school dresses - all in the Remnant stack at a big saving. You'll find a good assortment of ribbon remnants, all widths and colors at a saving price. Sale lasts until all short ends are closed out. Ask for Remnant Counter.



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