

O. W. P. & RY. TRACKS FOR WATER STREET FINDS QUICK FAVOR

PROPOSAL SPRUNG AT BOARD OF TRADE MEETING FRIDAY NIGHT.

MUST KEEP FURNITURE FACTORY

Attempt Will Be Made to Secure New Site Made Necessary By Its Rapid Growth.

The O. W. P. freight franchise, the matter of a new site for the Oswald-Frederick furniture factory, and the matter of the proposed construction of the Oregon City and Molalla railway were matters that received earnest attention at the meeting of the board of trade held Friday evening. Some enthusiastic discussions took place, and two important committees were appointed.

Although there was not a quorum of the board of directors there was a large number of persons present and a lively discussion ensued on the subjects. H. E. Cross was appointed chairman of the evening as President Dye had not returned from the legislature. Mr. Cross stated the object of the meeting pertaining to the Oswald & Frederick furniture factory, and Mr. Oswald, who was present was called upon to state the needs and condition of his business. He said, "The Oswald & Frederick furniture factory has grown beyond its present quarters and we are handicapped in every way by the lack of space at our present location. The business is a profitable one, and it is a good thing, but its growth demands larger quarters. We would rather remain in Oregon City than move to any other location, but we have been offered several good sites in other places and offers of substantial aid. However, should we be able to find a suitable site in this city along the railroad track we would stay here and enlarge the plant. We started in a small way, but we have kept adding and the proposition has always paid well."

Several questions were asked Mr. Oswald which led to some discussion and those present decided that Oregon City could not well afford to let this factory seek another location. The chairman appointed a committee of three, Messrs. T. F. Ryan, W. A. Huntley and J. E. Jack, to confer more definitely with the members of the firm and see what could be done and report to the board.

The franchise question of the O. W. P. was next brought up and lively discussion followed. Messrs. A. Knapp, E. P. Rands, W. A. Huntley and Judge T. F. Ryan expressed their opinions throughout the discussion. Some interesting facts were brought out, how the city was tied up, retarded in its growth, over-ridden and discriminated against by the transportation companies.

Now that the company desires to secure an extension of its franchise, it was the general opinion of the meeting that the corporation be made to state more specifically within the sections of its franchise the terms, rates and manner of doing business. Many of those present expressed their opinions. A. Knapp stated that the O. W. P. tracks ought to be placed on Water street instead of Main street. A general seconding of this expression came from many of the members as it had learned that the O. W. P. expects to secure the right to run long trains of cars loaded with logs on Main street through the city to Canemah for the mills.

This discussion led to the appointment of a committee of five to be present at the next council meeting and take part in the general discussion of granting an extension franchise to the O. W. P.

The Molalla road was next brought up and discussed favorably as all appreciated the needs of an electric line from this city that would tap the richest country in the Willamette valley. Judge Ryan stated that the proposed road to the Molalla country was bound to be built and that the men who were backing the project are going to build part of the line right away. Surveys have already begun up the Abernethy and the road will be started from the city limits out in the country. The exact terminal in the city he stated has not yet been determined, but three ways of coming down to the main street and Willamette have been located.

Several other propositions for the general welfare of Oregon City in the way of transportation and other needs were entertained and the meeting adjourned. A meeting will be called shortly after adjournment of the legislature.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES FROM BOTH HOUSES

Salem, Or., Feb. 16.—Only 13 votes were registered against the bill appropriating a contingent fund of \$300,000 for free locks at Oregon City, but among the 13 men were Campbell and Dye of Clackamas. The former said he opposed the bill for the reason that the state has power to regulate and control tolls that are charged by the company now operating the locks, and for that reason the remedy for existing conditions rests with the state itself without such a large appropriation.

The appropriation is contingent upon the national government giving enough additional to build new locks or buy the old ones.

Among the bills passed by the house Friday night, was that of Representative Jones of Clackamas which amends the forest fire laws so as to exempt farmers from being required to procure permits from county clerks before burning slashings. Under the provisions of the bill farmers are allowed to burn slashings any time between June 1 and October 1, provided they serve notice of such intention on the deputy forest ranger of their county and at the same time inform their neighbors.

Senator Hedges played a game of solitaire when he voted no on the bill requiring the placing of state funds by the state treasurer in approved banking institutions.

Both houses passed the juvenile court law over the governor's veto, the senate unanimously and only one vote opposing in the house.

The so-called water code was killed in the house, Friday. No tears need be shed. It was not a people's measure, but only an attempt at compromise in division of spoil by water grabbers.

A bill prohibiting gambling in every form passed the house, Friday, by a vote of 32 to 20. Representative Campbell tried to have its consideration postponed indefinitely. It is a drastic measure and would even shut up the Milwaukee club, and stop the cinch games for peanuts.

Next Friday, or if the house has its way next Saturday night at the latest, the legislature will adjourn without day. It hasn't done much harm yet.

The amended bill for banking legislation is not buried but should be for it is dead. The bankers did it with their little tomahawks.

The proposed Sunday blue laws are being slaughtered whenever they appear. The Kay bill received its quietus Thursday.

The senate bill abolishing two of the four normal schools passed the house, Thursday, by a vote of 38 to 16. All the Clackamas members voted in the affirmative.

Representative J. U. Campbell made the motion to indefinitely postpone the bill that would have increased the game warden's salary from \$1200 to \$1800 a year, and the pay of the deputy warden's from \$2 to \$3 a day.

The legislature had already made appropriations for traveling expenses of state officers, and now the passage of the compulsory pass bill puts it up to Governor Chamberlain to decide.

In the debate on normal schools in the house, Wednesday, Representative J. U. Campbell characterized them as "political nests in different corners of the state that have turned out politicians rather than good teachers."

All the Clackamas members voted against the bill passed, Thursday, that allows inspectors of the National Bureau of Sheep Industry to dip sheep. It is claimed the law will lift the quarantine now enforced against sheep taken out of the state, and also improve the price of Oregon sheep.

The house passed the bill appropriating \$150,000 for new buildings and improvements for the State Agricultural college at Corvallis. Representative J. U. Campbell and Barrett of Washington fought desperately to have the amount cut down, but the final vote was 35 ayes to 11 noes. Campbell, Dye and Jones of Clackamas voted no.

WOULD HAVE SENT ME TO ASYLUM SAYS WIFE

WEALTHY PIONEER SILVERTON FARMER IS DEFENDANT IN DIVORCE CASE.

SENSATIONAL CHARGES ARE FILED

Complaint Alleges That Husband Attempted to Have Her Sent to Mad House to Get Rid of Her.

Made oath that his wife was insane in an effort to get her out of the way, but the court discharged her as sane and a long course of gross, brutal and inhuman treatment, is the story told in a complaint filed in the county clerk's office Friday afternoon. The plaintiff is Almira D. Chamness, who asks for a divorce and several thousands of dollars in alimony from her husband, Joseph Chamness, a wealthy farmer living near Silverton, Marion county. The features of this divorce suit are the most sensational of any that has been filed in the circuit court in many a day. The plaintiff was long a resident of Clackamas county, while the defendant is a prominent pioneer farmer well known in both Marion and Clackamas counties.

Judge McBride has already made an order that Joseph Chamness pay to the clerk of the circuit court for Clackamas county the sum of \$500 as suit money, attorney's fee, costs and disbursements of a divorce suit now filed and the further sum of \$40 on or before the first day of each month thereafter, beginning on the first day of March, 1907, continuing during the pendency of this suit or until otherwise ordered by the court. The plaintiff also asks for the further sum of \$5000 as permanent alimony and a decree of divorce on the ground of gross cruelty.

The defendant, Joseph Chamness is alleged to be worth somewhere in the neighborhood of \$25,000 and a restraining order has been granted by Judge McBride commanding that he refrain from selling or disposing of any of the personal property owned by him in Marion county, including hops, horses, machinery, money, household furniture or cattle and he is further directed and ordered not to incumber or mortgage any of the real estate described in the complaint or convey, sell or dispose of any of the real estate described in the complaint, or mortgage the same, until further ordered by the court.

In the complaint, Mrs. Chamness, the plaintiff, alleges that she has been a resident of Marion and Clackamas counties for the past year, and that on August 9, 1905, plaintiff and defendant were married at Oregon City. She alleges cruel and inhuman treatment and personal indignities, rendering her life burdensome and unbearable.

She further alleges that on the 31st day of May, 1906, while living on the farm at Silverton, Mr. Chamness began to display very ill, bad and malicious temper toward her—that at this time without any cause whatever, he called plaintiff "a damned liar" and said that she was the "lowest and meanest woman that walked on the face of the earth."

The complaint further recites that since that time almost daily and continuously up until February 12, 1907, defendant has used abusive, vulgar and profane language to plaintiff, making her life so unhappy and miserable that she has been unable to have any peace of mind or contentment. That many times, to-wit: beginning on July 18, 1906, and continuing almost daily thereafter up to and including February 11, 1907, the defendant used the following language to plaintiff: "I will fix you—I will have you locked up in the insane asylum at Salem and then you will see what you can do." That on or about February 11, 1907, defendant went before a proper officer and swore under oath that she was insane, and an order was issued whereby an officer came to the home of plaintiff and forcibly took her to Salem under the charge of being a person of unsound mind—that she was examined before the Marion county court at Salem, on February 13, 1907, by competent physicians and discharged as being a sane person.

Plaintiff alleges that she is not insane, but is a person of sound mind, and that the proceedings above referred to were instituted upon the part of the defendant for the purpose of getting rid of the plaintiff and for the further object of discrediting her before the community and make it appear that any statement or testimony she might make would be looked upon by the public as untrue, as she would have been considered a person of un-

sound mind.

Mrs. Chamness states in the complaint that her husband is the owner of a 200-acre farm valued at \$15,000, also the owner of \$3000 worth of hops, farm machinery, horses, cattle, household goods, etc., while she is in indigent circumstances and no money to support herself.

It was only Wednesday of this week that Mrs. Chamness was examined before the Marion county court on a charge of insanity preferred by her husband, and was discharged as sane according to the complaint filed; and she at once came to Oregon City and retained ex-State Senator George C. Brownell to institute divorce proceedings against her husband, Joseph Chamness. She asks for judgment against the defendant for the sum of \$5000 permanent alimony in addition to the sum of \$500 to defray the expenses of the divorce suit and for \$40 per month during the pendency of the suit, as well as a divorce decree.

The plaintiff also asks to be permitted to resume her maiden name, Almira Grigsby.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE AFTERNOON SESSION

The Farmers' Institute convened in Shively's hall Saturday afternoon at 1:30. There was no morning session as advertised on account of the lateness of the train from Canby. A long session was held during the afternoon. The members of the Oregon Agricultural college on the afternoon program are: Dr. Withycombe on "Diversified Farming"; Prof. C. D. Lewis on "Horticulture"; Prof. C. B. Bradley on "Soils." Other speakers were Wm. Schulmerich of Hillsboro on "Dairying," E. P. Judd, on "Draft Horses," and Fruit Commissioners Reid and Lewis on "Orchards and taking care of them."

There is a good attendance of farmers from surrounding country.

100 HOUSE BILLS MAY NOT PASS

Special to Daily Star.
Salem, Feb. 16.—It is now believed that at least 100 house bills will never see daylight. The house will work until midnight this evening and will follow the same procedure Monday night. There is considerable opposition developed to materially extending the time limit of the session.

FUNERAL OF MRS. BOLTON HELD

Special to Daily Star.
New York, Feb. 16.—The funeral of Mrs. Bolton, wife of Thaw jurymen took place today. It is expected that proceedings in the Thaw case will be resumed Monday.

GOVERNOR VEToes FOUR MEASURES

Salem, Feb. 16.—Governor Chamberlain vetoed four bills today, principally local measures. The most important one was House bill No. 241 providing for the compensation of state officers. Another bill vetoed was one reducing the salaries of Multnomah county officers.

The right of members who ride on passes, to receive mileage to and from Salem is being considered. The matter has never received attention heretofore.

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HORS WHIPPED BY WOMAN RELATIVE

TOOK PLACE ON MAIN STREET IN PRESENCE OF SPECTATORS.

A young woman with a horse whip and her brother-in-law standing in front of Mihalsh's plumbing establishment, uncomplainingly receiving the hard blows that were rained down on him, was a scene witnessed by numerous spectators on Main street about 8 o'clock Thursday evening. The man's name is J. Christensen, a resident of Clackamas Heights, and it is alleged by those conversant with the circumstances that he had been in town for several days drinking, leaving his wife in a sick and nervous condition and uneasy as to his whereabouts. Miss DeFord, Mrs. Christensen's sister, being cognizant of the reasons that kept him away from home, hitched a horse to a buggy and drove to Oregon City, accompanied by her father, who is partially paralyzed. When Christensen was located the father remained in the buggy and held the horse, while the young lady used the whip on her brother-in-law. After receiving his punishment, Christensen vanished from view over the stairway at the side of the Roos building.

Telegraphic Briefs

Negro sergeant says gun racks were broken by the soldiers to secure arms to take part in the Brownsville riot.

Honey will return to Portland to prosecute the land fraud cases in which indictments were found prior to his departure for San Francisco.

Tuberculosis is killing off the Jack-rabbits in Eastern Oregon. Not one living today where a year ago there were 100.

Bill in Washington legislature divides that state into three congressional districts. Aberdeen will at last realize its ambition to be a county seat, the west half being called Grays Harbor county.

Kurpatkin's book telling of the causes of Russian defeat admits what all the rest of the world guessed—treachery and incompetence of officers, robbery and hoodling of supplies.

The Interior Department has modified the secret order requiring personal examination by special agents of homestead and timber land entries, and no examinations will be required except where suspicion arises.

Railroad presidents blame seniority rule of promotion for wrecks, and claim unions will not allow promotion on merit. There may be more truth than defense in that for promotion by seniority has wrecked 14 shops of the United States navy in 36 years, and what is true on sea may work same way on land.

Captain McVey of the ill-fated steamer Larchmont admits his boat was the first to leave vessel's side. Only 18 known survivors out of 159 on vessel. One survivor, Miss Sadie Gallup of Boston, declares that she begged either Captain McVey or Purser Young to take her in their boat, but that they pushed her back, and the lifeboat left the Larchmont with only six in it, although it would have held 20 more. When the steamer went down, she found herself on a piece of wreckage and remained on it until picked up ten hours later by the crew of the fishing schooner Elsie.

CHURCH INCORPORATED.

M. E. Kandle, Geo. Wallace, W. B. Fairfowl and S. A. McSherry, as trustees of the Brannon Memorial M. E. church of Highland, have filed papers of incorporation in the county clerk's office for incorporation of the church. The estimated value of property and money possessed by the church at present is \$600. Its revenue is to be derived from voluntary contributions of its members and friends.

M. S. Kandle is president of the board of trustees and S. A. McSherry, secretary.

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