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WILL MORRIS GET THE O.W.P. AGAIN?

RUMORS AFLOAT SAY THAT FORMER OWNER WILL AGAIN ACQUIRE THE LINE.

SOME CONNECT FIELDS WITH THE WORK

Activity in Promoting The Molalla Railroad Is Traced By Many To Morris—Milwaukee Gets Springfield Run.

Wild rumors are afloat in the railroad world that Fred S. Morris, who sold the Oregon City and Cazadero lines to the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co. is to acquire the Oregon City division, and it is generally believed that the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound has purchased the Springfield division, running from Golf Links to Cazadero.

The report may explain the activity of G. C. Fields in promoting the construction of an electric line into the Molalla country, leaving Oregon City through the Abernethy and extending to Southside Clackamas County and down the Willamette Valley. After the Swift project was stifled, through loss of faith by the people who were eager for a road, Mr. Fields entered the field and obtained rights of way to Molalla. He declined to disclose the identity of his backers, but the fact that he was connected with Mr. Morris, when the latter controlled the Oregon City and Cazadero lines, led many to believe that the power behind Mr. Fields was none other than Morris himself. This assumption was denied at the time the rumor was published.

The following story was printed yesterday in a Portland newspaper:

Preliminary to the purchase of the Springfield division lines of the Oregon Water Power by the Chicago Milwaukee & Puget Sound have reached a point where official announcement of the transfer is expected within the next 30 days.

Fred Morris, the Portland and New York banker, who built the O. W. P. lines and later sold them to the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co., is said to be engineering the deal. Apparently every effort is being made by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co. to place the Springfield division in readiness for the Milwaukee, an order issued December 1 regarding the Oregon City, Cazadero and Fairview lines from the other O. W. P. properties being the first official step toward the looked for transfer on the part of the local officials of the electric system.

For several months the Milwaukee has had a large corps of engineers

going over the O. W. P. properties, particularly the Gresham-Fairview line, reporting as to grades, physical condition and possibilities for improvement.

Not the least interesting phase of the examinations made by Milwaukee engineers is the attention given to possibilities of an extension of the Cazadero line up the canyon and on to Silverton, where it would have easy access to the Willamette valley.

It is said the engineers have reported this line can be built with comparative ease and that at no place will it encounter more than a 1 per cent grade.

Fred Morris is to receive the Oregon City line from Sellwood Junction to Oregon City as his commission for the sale. This is one of the best-paying properties of the Oregon Water Power lines and Mr. Morris is said to have plans on foot for an extension of the line up Abernethy Creek, which, if followed, would not only tap a heavily timbered district, but would give easy access to the Willamette valley country on the other side.

It is also stated that the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound plans an extension of the Cazadero line to Silverton and thence up the Willamette valley, where it will compete with Hill's Oregon Electric, having the advantage of a water grade all the distance.

BIG MINSTREL SHOW SOON.

Local Blackface Artists Will Appear for W. O. W.

Under the direction of F. Jones of Portland, the minstrel show, which is soon to be staged for the Woodmen of the World, is rapidly assuming tangible shape, and the amateur fun-funners are rapidly nearing perfection. Splendid numbers will be rendered by such well known local singers as the Aldredge brothers, W. A. Ross, Swafford, Tonkin, Kennedy and others, while the six endmen, DeGaul, Hoffman, Ross, Miller, Sinnott and Swafford, with the assistance of the interlocutor, Ernst Mass, are handing out the latest productions of the fun factories in a manner that causes rhticklills. In addition to the circle, a number of splendid numbers are being practiced for the second part of the performance.

Stores Present Holiday Appearance.

Many of the merchants have their stores decorated for the holiday trade, presenting an attractive appearance. Among those who have shown artistic taste in decorating are Frank Busch, Huntley Brothers' Company, Burmeister & Andresen, Jones' Drug Company and W. A. Holmes. Huntley Brothers' Company had their holiday opening on Wednesday and the Jones' Drug Company will hold its opening on Monday, souvenirs being presented to the shoppers.

New Store Opened.

A new grocery store has been opened in the Shively building by Guenther & Schultz. Mr. Guenther is the son of William Guenther, of Beaver Creek, a well known farmer of that section, and Mr. Schultz, his father-in-law, has been a resident of this city for some time.

NEW MAYOR TELLS OF HIS POLICIES

BROWNELL SAYS HE WILL WORK HIS HARDEST TO BETTER OREGON CITY.

WILL ENFORCE LIQUOR ORDINANCES

Makes Plea For Fire Alarm System and the Volunteer Firemen—Other Mayors Talk at Congregational Brotherhood's Meeting.

In no uncertain manner Mayor-elect George C. Brownell Tuesday night outlined his policies at the monthly supper of the Men's Brotherhood of the Congregational Church. He feelingly expressed his appreciation of the compliment paid him at the polls and declared that in all his turbulent political career no previous election to office had ever given him so much pleasure as this; that he would certainly be devoid of all sense of honor if he failed to live up to his promises made before election. He reiterated his pre-election pledges of a clean, straight-forward, open-handed, honest administration of the city's affairs, and appealed to his auditors for support and assistance in carrying out his plans for the betterment of Oregon City.

Mr. Brownell said he would call a meeting of all the saloon keepers in Oregon City and remind them that there are certain laws and ordinances governing the conduct of grogshops, and that during the one year he is mayor they must obey these laws to the letter. The mayor-elect said if he could not find a city attorney who would vigorously prosecute all violations of the law, he would waste in and prosecute them himself.

The necessity of a fire alarm system was urged by Mr. Brownell, and he pleaded that the adequate provision should be made for the care of firemen who may become ill or who have been injured from fighting fire.

Woman's suffrage was in high feather at the banquet table. The new mayor is an ardent advocate of the right of women to vote, and he was supplemented by Rev. S. A. Hayworth and County Judge Dimick. The latter condemned the practice of allowing aliens to vote after they have been in the country for a short time, and withholding the right of franchise to intelligent women.

Other speakers were Mayor Reed, of Estacada, Mayor Gary, of Willamette, Circuit Judge Eakin, G. D. Latourette and Rev. William M. Procter, who told of the aims and purposes of the National Brotherhood.

Mr. Latourette alluded to the growth of liberality in religious



JUDGE THOS. F. RYAN, who will go to Salem and take charge of the office of State Treasurer.

thought, and Judge Dimick talked about county administration, declaring the affairs of Clackamas County are conducted more cheaply now than 21 years ago under the old fee system. Mayor Reed made a brief talk in which he said that of late he had been engaged principally in chasing blind pigs, and had caught them. Judge Eakin spoke of the influence of the Brotherhood as a moral and political force, and Mayor Gary said he favored high taxes, believing they were accompanied by prosperity.

There were 80 men present at the supper, which was one of the most enjoyable of the winter series. Rev. Hayworth announced that the Baptist Church of Oregon City intends to form a similar organization.

TODD FARM SOLD.

260 Acre Farm Near Marquam Sells For \$12,000.

The 260-acre farm known as the Todd place, located near Marquam, was sold last week. The purchasers, Dahlberg & Madison, will take possession next Fall, when the lease of the present tenant expires. The place has 100 acres under plow, and the new owners expect to place the whole tract in cultivation. The farm is the original John Todd donation land claim, and it has remained in the hands of the Todd family up to the recent sale. The selling price is said to have been \$12,000, and the deal was negotiated through the Portland office of O. W. Eastham & Co.

Woods Will Leave City.

J. G. Wood, who has been manager of the Pioneer Transfer Co. for the last two years and who recently sold his interest, is preparing to move his family to Portland, where he will be come connected with the Portland office of the Oregon City Woolen Mills. Mr. Wood was formerly employed by this concern.

BROWNELL WINS FROM J. J. COOKE

THREE OLD COUNCILMEN ARE RETIRED

IS ELECTED MAYOR BY VOTE OF 617 TO 169—CARRIED ALL THE THREE WARDS.

Cooke, Sheahan and Betzel Fade From The Limelight As a Result of The City Election Held Here Monday.

By the decisive vote of 617 to 169 George C. Brownell was elected mayor of Oregon City over John J. Cooke Monday. Mr. Brownell carried all three wards and obtained sufficient majority in the second ward to compass his election. The result shows clearly that if Mr. Brownell had filed his petition for State Senator in the primaries last summer he would no doubt have been nominated and elected, for his vote in his home town is a wonderful tribute to his popularity. Not only did the voters relegate Mr. Cooke to private life after a term in the city council, but they also retired Edward Sheahan and Frank Betzel from the council. Mr. Sheahan was beaten by a majority of 37 for the three year term as councilman from the second ward. G. W. Hall was elected councilman from the third ward over Mr. Betzel by a majority of 22. F. C. Burk received 201 votes and Sheahan 164, the voters expressing their disapproval of the eleventh hour candidacy of Mr. Sheahan, who came into the race at the last minute at the solicitation of Councilmen Andresen and Strickland, after declaring positively that he would under no circumstances be a candidate for re-election. Mr. Hall received 90 votes and Mr. Betzel 58. The vote on Mayor follows, by wards:

	1st	2d	3d
Brownell	181	24	34
Cooke	195	287	135
	65	73	31

Brownell's majority 130 224 94
H. C. Stevens was beaten for councilman in the first ward by Roswell L. Holman by a vote of 172 to 84. Mr. Holman had a majority of 88. J. A. Roake, candidate for councilman from the second ward for the 2-year term, and M. D. Latourette, candidate for city treasurer, were both re-elected without opposition. The heaviest vote cast was upon the library tax measure, upon which 725 votes were polled.

GARY ELECTED MAYOR BY SCANT TWO VOTES

TOWN ELECTION AT WILLAMETTE WAS MATTER OF DOUBT UP TO THE LAST COUNT.

The result of the contest for Mayor of Willamette rested in doubt till the counting of the last vote Tuesday, when it was found that the present mayor, T. J. Gary, was elected over A. Bremer by two votes. William Edmunds was chosen marshal by just a few votes more than his opponent, Jake Ream. Frank Capen was elected treasurer, and Robert E. Junken, recorder, without any opposition.

The six councilmen chosen are: G. L. Snidow and Frank Oliver, who were re-elected, W. A. Ross, Frank Shipley, William Critser and R. E. Baker. The charter amendment passed unanimously.

ELECTION AT GLADSTONE.

Voters Will Settle Question of Incorporation December 24.

The voters of Gladstone will determine whether or not their town shall be incorporated, at a special election to be held Saturday, December 24, from 8 A. M. to 7 P. M. The order for a special election was made by the County Court, upon a hearing of the petition signed by a large number of the residents of Gladstone, asking that the town be incorporated. Postmaster Thomas E. Gault, who, along with many other citizens of Gladstone, is interested in the matter, suggested December 24 as the date of the election, for the purpose of presenting the people with a Christmas gift. Officers will also be elected at the same time. It is reported that the Gladstone people will urge C. A. Williams to become the first mayor of the town, and that H. E. Cross will be asked to become a candidate for alderman. The Gladstone residents seek incorporation for the purpose of obtaining a water and a sewer system and to establish grades of streets.

BICKNER MAYOR OF OSWEGO.

Defeats His Opponent More Than Three to One.

Official results of the city election at Oswego on Monday resulted in the election of John Bickner for Mayor. His opponent, D. B. Fox, lost by more than 3 to 1. E. L. Davidson was elected Recorder over P. H. Zimmerman. H. R. Davison was elected Marshal. For Treasurer the citizens chose C. A. Bethke, C. H. Nixon, C. B. Hall, Asa Coon, T. R. Clinesfelter, W. W. Todd and J. W. Thomas were the six Aldermen elected. The proposal to allow horses to run at large within the city limits was defeated, 52 to 21. It was also decided that the city should purchase four lots from the Oregon Iron & Steel Company at a price of \$275.

COUNCIL IN BUSY SESSION.

Hitching Posts and Street Improvements Come Up at Meeting.

At the meeting of the city council Wednesday night a communication from Mrs. Elizabeth Roos, protesting against the placing of any hitching posts or racks on Eighth street between Main and Railroad streets, except by ordinance, was read and filed.

George Randall petitioned the council to open the alley way running through block 110, and his request was granted.

The report of the viewers appointed to view the damages to block 67 on account of the Eleventh Street improvement was read, and a warrant for \$25 was drawn in favor of the owner, V. Harris.

The report of City Engineer Mel-drum regarding the acceptance of the improvements on Eleventh street, and on Washington street between Second and Seventh was referred to the whole council, who will, in a body, examine the work on both streets the matter that evening.

City Attorney Stipp recommended that the remonstrance against the improvement of Ninth street was not sufficient to stop the improvement work. This recommendation was accepted, and the city attorney was ordered to have an ordinance prepared by Friday for the improvement of the street.

The report of the city engineer regarding plans and specifications for the improvement of a portion of Center street near Eleventh, and for improvements on Thirteenth and on J. Q. Adams were read and filed.

GAIETY UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

When Electricity Fails, Candles Light Woodmen Hall.

Sola Circle held a social at the Woodmen hall Friday night following the regular meeting. Four candidates were initiated, and five new applications for membership were received. There were about 60 members of the order present. As the lodge was in session the electric lights were turned off owing to the fire that was raging on Twelfth Street, when the Busch building was consumed, and the members left for the scene of the fire, but returned for the supper that had been prepared by the committee in charge of the social. Candles were brought into use, and the hall presented an appearance that will not soon be forgotten by the members. The social was under the supervision of the adviser's committee, and in two weeks the guardian neighbor's committee will give a similar entertainment.

APPLES ARE DISPLAYED HERE.

Exhibit of Fruit That Won Commercial Club Prize at Portland.

M. J. Lazelle, secretary of the publicity department of the Oregon City Commercial Club, has commenced the installation of an exhibit of Clackamas County apples in the show windows of the Weinhard Building on Main and Eighth streets. The fruit is from the orchard of W. H. Gresle, of Milwaukie, who won the prize offered by the Commercial Club for the best exhibit of Clackamas County apples at the Portland Apple Show. The exhibit comprises Magner, Jonathan and Baldwins, and will remain on display for several days. Mr. Lazelle is anxious to have every person at all interested in fruit growing to inspect this exhibit, which is a fine indication of what can be accomplished by the apple growers of Clackamas County.

HOME RULE BEING EXAMINED.

Mayor Names Committee to Look Over the Recommendations.

At a meeting of the city council Wednesday Mayor Carl read to the councilmen the recommendations of the Home Rule Association to city council in a model saupon license ordinance under the Home Rule law. Following this, the mayor appointed Fred Meyer, J. Michole and William Andresen as a committee to examine carefully the recommendations and report their findings to the city council at the meeting Monday, December 19.

Hurt By Blast.

Tim Palmer, a young man employed on street work under the supervision of Street Commissioner Charles Babcock, met with a painful accident on Thursday night. The men who are engaged in street work were blasting a rock, and had taken refuge behind a large boulder, when a piece of flying rock struck Palmer on the arm breaking that member near the wrist. The injuries were immediately attended to by a physician, and the young man taken to his home.

At the recent election held by Sola

Circle the following officers were elected to serve the ensuing year: Guardian neighbor, Mrs. Lucinda Freeze; advisor, Mrs. M. E. Dunn; magician, Mrs. Christina Barber; clerk, Mrs. Carrie N. Parker; banker, Mrs. J. L. Waldron; attendant, Mrs. Liell Erickson; manager, Mrs. Rosina Potts; musician, Mrs. Frank Betzel; captain of the guards, Mrs. S. S. Walker; inner sentinel, Mrs. Cannon; outer sentinel, Mr. Morgan.

Altizer Appeals Case.

On three counts, Phil Altizer was convicted Thursday of selling liquor on Sundays at his Estacada soft drink establishment. He was fined \$25 on each count. Through his attorney, J. R. Rosford, he appealed to the Circuit court.

Ferry Waives Examination.

William Ferry, who was caught in the Thanksgiving raid at Estacada, was brought into the Justice court here Thursday to face a charge of gambling. He waived examination, and furnished bonds for his appearance before the grand jury.

LIBRARY LEVY IS ADOPTED MONDAY

AS A RESULT, \$1000 OR MORE WILL BE USED FOR LIBRARY PURPOSES.

CHARTER AMENDMENT ALSO CARRIES

Both Measures Lost in Third Ward, But Carried Safely in the Downtown Voting Districts.

The ordinance providing for a half-mill special tax for the maintenance of the Oregon City Library and free reading room was enacted by the voters with a majority of 119. In the third ward the proposition lost out by seven votes, but the majority in favor of the ordinance in the first and second wards was decisive. The charter amendment empowering the council to transfer money from the general fund to the permanent street improvement fund and vice versa, for the purpose of reducing interest and for a more business-like conduct of the city finances, was also enacted by a majority of 93, losing in the third ward by 23 votes, and winning in the first and second wards, aided by the press and the Live Wires, brought about the desired result. The special tax of one-half mill will produce something more than \$1000 per annum, based upon the assessed valuation last year of \$2,061,000 within the city limits. The vote by wards on the charter amendment and the library tax follows:

	1st	2d	3d
Charter amendment, yes	145	291	60
Charter amendment, no	98	132	83
Library tax, yes	148	214	70
Library tax, no	101	125	77

Stores Open Evenings.

The merchants of this city have decided to keep open the stores on the 8th of December and the following evenings until after the holiday trade.



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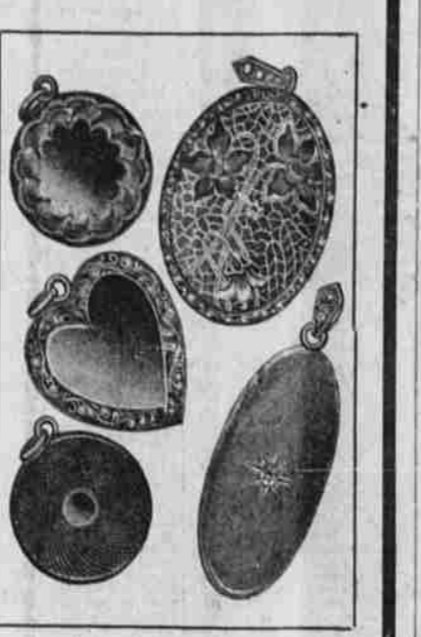
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