

# OREGON CITY ENTERPRISE

Special meeting of stockholders and officers of the Clackamas County Fair April 8 at 1 P. M. in Court house Oregon City.

FORTY-EIGHTH YEAR—No. 15.

OREGON CITY, OREGON, FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1914.

ESTABLISHED 1866

## HISTORY OF CLACKAMAS ROADS

**CLACKAMAS ROAD EXPENDITURES**  
As Shown by Districts

District No. 1	\$ 33,677.64
District No. 2	18,115.60
District No. 3	33,843.37
District No. 4	9,950.46
District No. 5	22,174.43
District No. 6	18,901.02
District No. 7	28,311.51
District No. 8	9,150.51
District No. 9	8,851.36
District No. 10	25,140.57
District No. 11	16,392.90
District No. 12	12,235.41
District No. 13	19,756.57
District No. 14	40,827.40
District No. 15	24,543.32
District No. 16	12,226.26
District No. 17	17,094.47
District No. 18	25,802.38
District No. 19	12,476.62
District No. 20	17,792.96
District No. 21	20,591.12
District No. 22	22,984.13
District No. 23	16,005.98
District No. 24	11,775.93
District No. 25	10,116.16
District No. 26	18,003.24
District No. 27	7,033.49
District No. 28	51,974.35
District No. 29	6,835.10
District No. 30	15,676.97
District No. 31	10,288.43
District No. 32	10,912.44
District No. 33	29,292.27
District No. 34	6,103.45
District No. 35	3,986.37
District No. 36	9,946.11
District No. 37	12,124.18
District No. 38	23,340.34
District No. 39	35,271.14
District No. 40	7,992.21
District No. 41	10,846.36
District No. 42	5,315.40
District No. 43	7,158.83
District No. 44	6,103.45
District No. 45	3,986.37
District No. 46	9,946.11
District No. 47	21,198.34
District No. 48	3,599.50
District No. 49	18,619.09
District No. 50	4,080.21
District No. 51	14,796.70
District No. 52	4,036.70
District No. 53	1,983.84
District No. 54	5,435.50
District No. 55	9,301.63
District No. 56	4,153.44
District No. 57	1,928.30
District No. 58	2,012.59
District No. 59	407.05

## SEVEN YEARS' ROAD WASTE \$1,218,000

MILLION AND A QUARTER THE COST—INEFFICIENT ROADS THE RESULT

## SQUANDERING SINCE 1907 SHOWN

Great Sum Sunk in Mud of County Highways is Strongest Argument Against the Present System

**CLACKAMAS ROAD EXPENDITURES**  
\* Expended in all road districts since 1907. \$ 939,804.05  
\* Expended from general road fund. 278,781.90  
\* Total Clackamas county for roads since 1907. \$1,218,585.95

One million and a quarter! The above figure, which is close to that amount represents the sum of money which taxpayers of Clackamas county have raised and spent in seven years in an effort to build a system of good roads. Preceding discussion in the Enterprise showed a total of \$359,994.05 which represents the expenditures in the 59 districts of the county under their regular apportionments and also included the special levies which have been raised in the various districts since 1907. Add to this amount the sum of \$278,781.90 under the general road fund of the county, and the astounding total above shown is the result.

The expenditures under the general road fund of the county have been met out among the various districts at the discretion of the courts, with regard to special needs and have been as follows:

Year	Regular	Special
1912	\$ 905.55	
1913	1,448.62	1,831.37
Total	\$2,354.17	\$1,831.37

Roads are as follows—were on the first of January, 1914, as follows: Total number of miles, 20; gravel, 0; crushed rock, 0; plank, 1; dirt, 19 miles. Seventh-eighths of a mile of the plank road was built last year. The assessed valuation was \$224,000 last year; the district was entitled to \$560 as its share. Mr. Nat Scribner has been supervisor since the district was created.

Road district No. 57 lies about three miles south of Mackburg in the country between Liberal and Needy and comprises altogether about 12 sections of land, about 12 miles south of Oregon City. This district in its history of two years has expended as follows:

Year	Regular	Special
1912	\$ 772.60	
1913	1,155.70	
Total	\$1,928.30	

Roads in No. 57 are as follows: Total miles, 21; no gravel; no crushed rock, no plank, 1; dirt, 19 miles. Seventh-eighths of a mile of the plank road was built last year. The assessed valuation last year was \$202,435.00 under which No. 57 was apportioned \$702.74. Wm. Stewe has been road supervisor in this district since its creation.

Road district No. 58 and 59 each have but one year's expenditure of the county road money and neither sum has been elaborate. No. 58 begins about three miles north of and six miles east of Oregon City and follows along for about a mile north of the Clackamas river to a point a little beyond Barton. There are about 5 square miles in the district. Expenditures have been as follows:

Year	Regular	Special
1913	\$2,012.59	

There are 10 1/2 miles of roads in the district, no crushed rock, six miles of gravel, according to the records. The valuation last year was somewhat over \$202,000, which gave the district \$785.99 as its share. John C. Miller was supervisor.

District No. 59 lies between the junction of Newell and Abernethy creeks and includes about three sections of land, about three miles northwest corner is near 130 miles out eastward from Oregon City. No. 59's expenditure was even more modest.

Year	Regular	Special
1913	\$407.05	

There are 6 1/2 miles in the district, 120 rods of crushed rock, no gravel and 101 rods of plank, 50 rods of dirt, were built last year. The assessed valuation was \$100,000 and a little over, under which District No. 59 was entitled to about \$400.00. W. M. Runey was supervisor last year.

This concludes the Enterprise discussion of road expenditures as far as the regular apportionments of 59 per cent are concerned, and totals close on to \$1,000,000 in the plank, gravel and dirt. In Sunday's edition this paper will give a detailed summary of some of

## HARMONY URGED BY LIVE WIRES

IMPORTANCE OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN CITY AND COUNTY EMPHASIZED

## SHED FOR HORSES SUGGESTED

Good Roads Form Topic at Gathering of Business Men—Franz Kraxberger Endorses Plan of State Aid.

The importance of co-operation between the city and the county was again emphasized Tuesday at the weekly luncheon of the Live Wires, and T. W. Sullivan, George Randall, Franz Kraxberger, L. Stipp, L. Adams, A. A. Price, B. T. McEain, Dr. A. L. Beattie and C. Schuebel all talked over the various phases of the situation. The Live Wires recently appointed a committee, headed by Charles W. Risley, himself a farmer, to devise plans to bring the town into closer harmony with the people of the county, and it is expected the committee will arrange to attend meeting of farmers in the several localities of the county during the summer months. Mr. Schuebel took occasion to rap the business men for what he termed was their backward attitude toward the farmers in relation to the purchase of produce and the absence of stable and hitching accommodations, and A. L. Beattie took up the gauntlet in defense of the merchants. Mr. Price struck the keynote of the situation when he argued for the purchase by the city of ground for a hitching shed, and he said that the business men would not doubt bear the expense of constructing the barn.

## URGES STATE AID FOR ROADS

Franz Kraxberger, of Mackburg, a candidate for the legislature, and E. W. Bartlett, an Estacada attorney, talked of the attitude of the people in the country toward Oregon City. The former talked along good roads lines. He said people in his community wanted state aid for the main arteries running through the counties connecting with adjoining counties, county aid for the main highways running out to the farming districts from the market centers and district aid for the laterals. His remarks were applauded by T. W. Sullivan, chairman of the good roads committee of the Live Wires, who said that he agreed with Kraxberger's statement in the case.

## ATHLETIC FIELD SUGGESTED

The acquisition of an athletic field for baseball in summer and for football and track meets in the fall and spring was brought to the attention of the meeting by August Wagner, professor of chemistry in the Oregon City High school. He said a tract 48x270 feet between Monroe and Jackson streets on the hill could be secured for \$550 and asked for the support of the Live Wires in the movement, which will be broached at the county meeting this week. L. Stipp, J. W. Loder and W. A. Huntley were named as a committee to take up the matter. Mr. Stipp suggested that the city might trade some of its property that is scattered about the city for a compact piece of land that could be used for athletic purposes.

Dr. Van Brakle, head of the civic improvement committee, reported that arrangements had been completed for lighting the suspension bridge, and said a meeting of his committee would be held with the Woman's club committee next Friday night to discuss the "Swat the Fly" campaign.

The menu was:  
Bull Run Water  
Chicken and Dumplings  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Peas  
Hot Rolls  
Onions  
Radishes  
Lettuce and Egg Salad  
Deep Apple Pie  
Whipped Cream  
Coffee

## FALSE REPORT; SHERIFF BREAKS ALL RECORDS

Sheriff Mass has broken the speed records for the trip over Clackamas county roads from Oregon City to Mulino in an automobile. In fact, the sheriff declares, the only thing that could have got there faster than he would have been an airplane.

Sunday morning the sheriff received word that the general store at Mulino had been robbed and he lost no time in starting on his way to the scene of the alleged crime. When he arrived at the scene he found that the proprietor had short-changed himself in cashing a check.

## MAGAZINE WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT CLACKAMAS COUNTY

Asking for information regarding Clackamas county and the Willamette valley, the Northwest Farmstead has written Secretary Freytag of the commercial club and the magazine will receive a complete outline of the resources and opportunities of this section within a few days from the local organization. The Northwest Farmstead plans to issue a special edition showing the true conditions of the north Pacific coast states.

## SNOW AT OGLE MOUNTAIN

Mrs. G. W. Grace received a letter from John Hale of the Ogle Mountain mine that there was 64 inches of snow on the ground at the time the letter was written, March 31.

## SCOPE OF CARVER LINE IS ENLARGED

APPLICATION IS MADE FOR FRANCHISE OVER MANY PORTLAND STREETS

EFFECT ON OREGON CITY UNCERTAIN

Eastern Capitol is Thought to Be Behind Expansion of Portland and Oregon City Electric Railway

## BOARD DISMISSES VAN BRAKLE CASE

OPINION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL IN OCTOBER QUOTED IN OFFICIAL STATEMENT

DEFENSE CLAIMS A REAL VICTORY

State Health Board States That Dr. Van Brakle Has Never Been Appointed and Holds Office Illegally.

## STATEMENT MADE BY DR. VAN BRAKLE TUESDAY

Tonight the state board of health added another chapter to the comedy of errors being enacted by the Clackamas County Medical society, utterly ignoring and dismissing the charges brought before them. They attempted to render an opinion upon my legal rights to hold the office. Frankly, I believe they have passed up the responsibility of attempting to remove me from office. I shall continue to serve Clackamas county as health officer.

The franchise sought is for 25 years and stipulates that work shall begin within 30 days after the council grants the company the right to occupy the streets. Cars are to be in operation within 18 months after the franchise is granted.

The proposed franchise allows the company to operate with any kind of motor power except steam, but it is said that operation is to be confined to the use of electricity. Freight privileges are to be allowed but only on the east side and then during the hours from 6 o'clock to 8 in the evening.

It is clearly stipulated that should the franchise be granted the company is not to be merged with any competing company and the city is given power to revoke the franchise should such be done.

## WELCH MAY BACK CARVER IN NEW LINE

Color is given the report that A. Welch and the financiers behind him are interested with Stephen Carver in the proposed new street railway system for Portland, and the interurban between this city and Portland by dispatches from Centralia, Wash., to the effect that the Washington-Oregon corporation is about to dispose of its properties in southwest Washington.

Mr. Welch, who formerly was head of this corporation, but resigned several months ago, is reported to have purchased these properties, which include the Centralia and Chehalis street railway system, water works and numerous electric generating plants and water powers. It has been known here for months that Mr. Welch is working on an ambitious plan to connect Seattle and Portland with an interurban line, based on intervening local street railway systems.

It has been pointed out that the franchise sought by the new company is not for a comprehensive street railway system at all—merely an in-and-out track entering the city on the Powell Valley road, and departing over streets leading to the projected inter-state bridge. This indicates that the franchise is only for terminal tracks within the city without attempting any competitive scheme of local service.

## JURY CONVICTS ON FISHING CHARGES

In the conviction of Dorsey Smith at Milwaukie Friday, District Warden Irwin sees a victory for the state fish and game commission that has more value than the usual conviction for illegal fishing or hunting.

It is the second jury trial ever won by the game wardens in this county. The jury was out but five minutes. Smith was fined \$25 and costs for catching fish under six inches in length. He also was charged, with fishing within 200 feet of a fishway, but this charge was dismissed.

Smith was arrested Thursday afternoon at Deep Creek with seven fish under the legal limit in his possession. The case was tried before Judge Kellogg. He was prosecuted by County Attorney Hedges and was defended by Harry C. Yanwick.

## AUTO RUNS DOWN FARMER

Charles Rages, 31 years old, a farmer from Canby, Ore., was run down at Third and Everett streets in Portland Friday night by an automobile driven by James Lamb, 741 Washington street. Mr. Lamb took the injured man to the Good Samaritan hospital. Mr. Rages was not seriously injured.

## ACTION STARTED TO CLOSE FRIAR'S CLUB

CHARGE MADE PLACE IS OPERATED FOR PURPOSES NOT IN CHARTER

A suit was filed in the circuit court of this county Wednesday to dissolve articles of Incorporation of the Friar's club of Milwaukie by the state of Oregon upon the ground that the club is being operated for purposes which are not revealed in the articles of incorporation. The purpose of the club, according to its charter is to equip and maintain a club and clubhouse and to develop the literary, physical and mental capacity of its members.

It is said that the complaint was made at the special request of Governor West. The place, when known as the Milwaukie Tavern, had been closed not only by the sheriff of Clackamas county but also by the officials of Multnomah county and the state officers in the past.

Service of the complaint was made Wednesday upon L. M. Hoyte and J. Wilbur, trustees of the club.

## W. V. S. FREIGHT DEPOT IS NEXT

CONSTRUCTION ON BUILDING TO BE COMMENCED WITHIN TEN DAYS

TWO CAMPS OF MEN NOW BUSY—THIRD TO BE OPENED IN TWO WEEKS

NINE MILES FROM CITY

Within 10 days the freight depot of the Willamette Valley Southern will be under way, a third camp will be established about nine miles from Oregon City, and the total number of men employed will be increased from 140 to 300. This was the statement of President Swift Thursday evening.

The freight depot will be 30 by about 70 feet and will be located on Main street just south of the point where the track of the road crosses the street. The Willamette Valley Southern will build a side track on one side of the building and the Portland Railway, Light & Power company on the other. The building will be used by both companies although the local concern will own it and rent part of the floor space to the electric company.

With a common freight house it is thought that it will be much easier for the exchange of freight as the contract recently signed, specifies. The offices of the Willamette Valley road will probably be moved from their present location in the Beaver building to the new structure on north Main street as soon as it is completed.

Two camps are now working along the right-of-way of the company, two pile drivers are busy building bridges and trusses, and about 140 men are employed. The new camp which will be located about nine miles out will be opened within two weeks and will raise the number of men to about 300.

"Things are going fine," said Mr. Swift Thursday evening. "We have not met a serious obstacle and from the present outlook the road will be well under way in a very short time."

Work on the trussel which was to extend from the freight yards to Twelfth street has been stopped by an injunction of Charles Cruse who claims that the railway has no right on Water street on the grounds that the street has never been dedicated a public thoroughfare and that the council has no power to grant a franchise on it. About 150 feet of this trussel has been completed.

## COUNTY COURT ASKED TO AID IN ROAD WORK

Asking the county court of each county to assume direction and leadership in organization for All-Oregon Good Roads day, April 25, Rufus C. Holman, president of the association of county judges and commissioners, has addressed to each county court the following letter:

"Saturday, April 25, is to be All-Oregon Good Roads day, by the governor's proclamations. All Oregon, all citizens and all organizations are requested to cooperate in this movement. If every county does its share, it will be of inestimable benefit to the roads and state, so say nothing of the excellent advertising the state will receive from the publicity that will result."

"The promoters of this scheme expect that at least 10,000 men will each give a day's labor to the roads, and that in addition thereto that the day will be observed in all the public schools of the state."

"I have been requested to address you in the hope that you will take the management and direction of this movement in your county, and that you will do whatever you can to get the men to cooperate and make the day a success."

"In every county a banner will be given by the Portland Ad club to the organization doing the most work. If you will call upon your road supervisors and appoint voluntary assistant supervisors for every section of road in your county and see that the preliminary organizations are perfected, the publicity which will be given this matter throughout the press of the state, will undoubtedly do the rest."

## VAN BRAKLE CASE DROPPED BY COURT

PROCEEDINGS ARE DISMISSED ON MOTION OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

TORNEY HEDGES

## 'COMPLETE VINDICATION' VAN BRAKLE

But One Charge Now Remains Against Accused Doctor—Hearing Before State Board Set For Tuesday.

The quo warranto proceedings against County Health Officer Van Brakle in the circuit court charging that he is not a graduate of a reputable medical college were dismissed Saturday morning upon the motion of County Attorney Gilbert Hedges.

Three Charges Filed. The county attorney was acting only in relation to the case, the motive behind the proceedings being the physicians of Oregon City of a rival school of Van Brakle, who is an osteopath. The complaint when filed early last November consisted of three charges: that the health officer was not the graduate of a reputable medical school and that he did not have a license issued by the state board of medical examiners as is contemplated by law and that he for other reasons under the law is not qualified to hold the office. Only the first of the charges reached the court, the other two being thrown out shortly after the complaint was filed.

Is Vindication, Says Van Brakle. "The dismissal of the proceedings attacking my legal qualifications in the circuit court is a complete vindication of my rights to hold the office of county health officer," said Dr. Van Brakle Saturday evening. "The fact that this dismissal was asked for by those opposing me is proof positive that they were unable even to make out a case against me. Typical medical association tactics again were used. The motion for dismissal being filed a few minutes before the case was to come for trial thus throwing upon the taxpayers the expense of bringing witnesses from several parts of the state. My case now rests with the state board of health and I am confident that I will win out in that action, although the word has gone out that I must be removed."

Eaton Explains Action. Clarence L. Eaton, who has been connected with the Clackamas County Medical society since its organization and who has taken a more or less prominent part in the struggle offers the following explanation:

"The plaintiff had arranged for the attendance at the trial of several physicians, occupying official positions on the boards of other states and men of national reputation who would testify that the American School of Osteopathy of Kirksville, Missouri, of which the defendant is a graduate is not a reputable medical college. It was found at the last day that these important witnesses had mistaken the date of trial and could not reach Oregon in time. It was therefore decided by plaintiff's attorneys to ask for the dismissal of the case."

One Charge Remains. The one charge now remaining against the local health officer is that which has been brought before the state board of health upon the complaint of Dr. Guy Mount and Dr. M. C. Strickland both of this city. The two Oregon City doctors charge that Van Brakle is not competent to hold the position and, to prove their contention, they cite three cases in which the accused doctor is alleged to have made the wrong diagnosis. At a hearing Tuesday evening here evidence was taken before three members of the state board and the case will be argued before all the members Tuesday evening in Portland. In these charges, the attorney for Van Brakle: John Stevens, Chris Schuebel and L. Stipp, have taken the stand that the state board is exceeding its authority in hearing the charges and that the proceedings are not lawful on the grounds that the complaint against Van Brakle does not state how the charges which have been filed can be used to remove the defendant.

Action Helps Clear Situation. The action in the circuit court Saturday is one of the final steps in clearing up the confusion in the office of the county health officer which has existed since early last summer. The state board of health removed Dr. J. W. Norris early in the summer of 1913 on the grounds of incompetency. The local doctors petitioned the county court and the state board to reappoint Norris which both bodies refused to do. Dr. W. C. Schultz and several others were offered the position but each refused. The physicians then organized the Clackamas County Medical association and each agreed not to accept the position of county health officer and to combine their efforts to have Norris re-established in the office. About this time the county court appointed Dr. J. A. Van Brakle, an osteopath, to the position and the medical association turned its efforts to secure his removal.

In the fight against Van Brakle two proceedings were started, the one which will be argued before the state board of health Tuesday and the one which was dismissed in the circuit court Saturday.

## CHINAMAN HELD FOR DISAPPEARANCE

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 3.—Mrs. Charles J. Millard, wife of the head ticket agent at the Canadian Pacific Railway station, and who has lived in Vancouver for many years, has disappeared, and the police believe she has been killed. The police have arrested the Chinese servant employed in the Millard residence and believe that he can solve the mystery.

## SALEM FIRE FATAL

SALEM, Ore., April 2.—The burning of his home frightened John Thompson, 60 years old, to death early this morning.