

OSWEGO DEPARTMENT

Oswego to Have Weekly Newspaper

COMMERCIAL CLUB SHOWS ACTIVITY IN CIVIC AFFAIRS—COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

OSWEGO, Ore., Dec. 16—(Special)—Unless all signs fail, Oswego is to have a newspaper and that before very long. Several weeks ago the Oswego Commercial club became interested in seeing that the town have some means of publicity commensurate with the growth and standing of the locality, and having secured the assurance of a practical newspaper man that he would establish a newspaper if a certain number of paid-up subscriptions were furnished him, the club started to work. At last night's meeting of the organization, the leaders reported that they had secured 175 paid-up subscriptions, or about 75 short of the number needed. A number of people had agreed to take the paper, the payment to be made later. The club will now close up with these persons in the hopes of getting the matter definitely settled during the next week or two. The meeting was presided over by Frank Hoffman, president, who asked the members for a vote of confidence in the officers for the conduct of the club's affairs, and this was given unanimously.

A communication was read from the Oregon Iron & Steel company in which the former agreed to lease tracts the vacant lot between the Oswego Lumber company and the Oswego postoffice to the Commercial club, which proposes the erection of a frame building thereon for the newspaper plant.

The publisher of the proposed newspaper will be Mr. Secor, at present a night telegrapher on the Oregonian, who is to put up a bond to put in a plant costing at least \$1,000, and agree to run his paper at least a year.

The annual election of officers of the club is announced to take place December 29th.

On motion of Amos Moore, the club instructed the president to name a committee to communicate with a like committee to be appointed by the Oregon City Commercial club and also a committee from West Linn with a view to conferring with the Southern Pacific Railway company relative to extending its electric line from the present terminus between Bolton and Oswego into Oswego.

Mrs. Mary C. Smith moved that the financial condition of the club be written into the minutes at each meeting, and the same carrying the new plan is to be effective with the first meeting in January.

The Commercial club will give its regular weekly dance this Saturday night in Cooper's hall.

County Makes Hurried Repair Turns Down Request For Rural Mail

REALIZING THAT DELAY MIGHT MEAN BAD ACCIDENT TRYON CREEK BRIDGE REPAIRED

OSWEGO, Ore., Dec. 16—(Special)—Realizing that to delay might mean a bad accident, with the resultant effect of a heavy damage suit, the county court ordered the immediate repair and strengthening of the Tryon Creek bridge, and the same was done several days ago, following the inspection of the bridge to ascertain whether the structure would bear up under the weight of a 12-ton road roller, when it was discovered that at least one of the stringers was broken, and placed the bridge in a dangerous condition when used by heavy vehicles. Up to this time, however, the town council has received no word from the county court as to whether the county is willing to bring the roller across from Dunmore so that it can be used during the wet weather to pack gravel into the streets of the town. The council tries to be patient with the county court, but it realizes that unless this work is done soon that it cannot be done to good effect for many months to come. It is generally believed that the bridge is not of sufficient strength to hold up any such weight as the roller, and it is not thought that the county court will commit itself, fearing that to do so and should an accident result, the county would have a big damage suit on its hands.

Saloon to Serve Soft Drinks, Etc.

OSWEGO, Ore., Dec. 16—(Special)—This town's lone saloon will, in all probability, on and after January 1, 1916, become a soft drink and lunch emporium, according to the statement of Henry M. Williams, one of the members of the firm of Mosler & Williams, present owners. Mr. Williams says that while himself and partner have not definitely settled upon serving soft drinks and lunches, it is quite likely that this will be done with the state's becoming dry. Mr. Williams owns considerable property in Oswego, and he does not contemplate relinquishing long in the proposed new business.

Lumber Company Doing Big Trade

OSWEGO, Ore., Dec. 16—(Special)—Despite the rainy weather which interrupted so greatly with many lines as well as retarded building improvements in other localities, the Oswego Lumber company, of which E. W. Cochran is treasurer and manager, reports that its business for October and November was the largest in the history of the company, and December has had a good start toward keeping up with the other months.

Ask Extension Line Into Oswego

PEOPLE OF WEST SIDE WANT TO DO BUSINESS WITH OREGON CITY MERCHANTS

OSWEGO, Ore., Dec. 16—(Special)—The people of this town and locality are anxious to do more business with the merchants of Oregon City, and they believe the latter should show more interest in getting this business, which at present goes to the Portland stores. Oswego wants to be loyal to its county seat, but just as long as the present condition of transportation prevails it will not be possible to do other than is being done—trade mostly in Portland. But Oswego does not intend to stand idly by and permit this condition to prevail if work will alter it, and it intends seeing that the people of Oregon City and West Linn also show some spirit of cooperation, for the latter towns would benefit much more than the former by such a change. The Oswego Commercial club at its meeting last night went on record as decidedly in favor of the Southern Pacific extending its electric line from the present terminus between this place and Bolton, on into Oswego. The Oregon-Portland Cement company has agreed to a use of its track by the Southern Pacific at a cost to the latter of only three and one-half per cent of the initial cost of the track, exclusive of the right-of-way. By connecting up with the cement company line, the Southern Pacific would have but a very small stretch of road to build, together with a trestle over the Sucker creek, and the electrification of the stretch, which according to the estimate of its own engineers, made a year or so ago would cost not to exceed \$15,000. The people of this locality do not believe that this small sum should stand in the way of completing the line which would give them a direct line into Oregon City, at least to the west side of the suspension bridge over the Willamette, and they are now going after the railway company to put the improvement through. The Oregon City Commercial club as well as the people of West Linn are to be asked to appoint committees to meet with a committee from the Oswego Commercial club and a general committee named from these to confer with the Southern Pacific officials.

In talking with different representative citizens of the town and locality today they expressed themselves as more than willing to do their trading in Oregon City if they had anything like convenient transportation facilities. At present they must either take the jitneys, which are altogether uncertain and quite expensive, or else go to Portland and thence into Oregon City over the electric, which makes it not only a long journey, but costly as well.

Milwaukie Man Buys Oswego Store

W. A. Perry Monday bought the drug store of E. L. Davidson at Oswego at a constable's sale for \$175 and for an outstanding mortgage on the property. Mr. Perry has sold his store at Milwaukie and will devote all his time to his new property. Mr. Davidson's store was foreclosed by Portland creditors. Constable D. E. Frost conducted the sale.

Boy Returns Home Improved

OSWEGO, Ore., Dec. 16—(Special)—Fred McIntyre, son of Mrs. J. M. McIntyre of this place, has returned to his home after being confined in the Oregon City hospital for a time, where he received treatment for an ear trouble from Drs. Mount. The boy is greatly improved.

Big Crowd at Theater Opening

OSWEGO, Ore., Dec. 16—(Special)—No less than 300 people attended the opening of the town's new moving picture theater last Sunday night when a splendid program of pictures was shown. The new building, erected by H. M. Williams, for Henry C. Wirpel, of Portland, has a seating capacity of about 250, and between 50 and 75 persons had to stand during the initial performance. Mr. Wirpel is well pleased with his new location. He has a string of moving picture theatres conducting the one in Milwaukie and Canby, as well as two others besides the one at this place.

Hermiston is working for a new library.

Standardization Rules for School

OSWEGO, Ore., Dec. 16—(Special)—The Oswego school is putting forth every effort to become standardized, and with this in view received a visit Tuesday from County School Superintendent Calavan, who posted the requirements and talked to the schools upon the benefits derived. The county superintendent announced that a star would be given every time one of the requirements was complied with, they being 12 in number as follows: Flag must be flying, weather permitting. School house must be properly lighted. Equipment—Teacher's desk and chair, desks for pupils properly adapted and placed; suitable blackboards and window shades in good condition. Heating and ventilating—Jacketed stove properly situated, minimum requirement; window boards or some other approved method of ventilating. Rooms—Attractive at all times. Standard Picture—One new one unless three are already in room framed. Grounds—To be free from paper, etc., at least three features of play apparatus; walks if necessary. Sanitation—Pure drinking water, either drinking fountain or covered tank and individual drinking cups; individual family or paper towels. Outbuildings—At least two good ones, to be sanitary at all times and free from marks. Teacher—Must maintain good order at all times; supervise the playground, have her work well prepared; follow state course of study; take at least one educational journal; have program posted in room; keep register in good condition; be neat in attire. Library—Good selection of books from state list; case for books, books kept upright in good condition and recorded according to rules specified by the Oregon state library and required by law. Attendance—Average of 92 per cent for the first year and not to exceed two per cent in tardiness per year. Length of term—Not less than eight months school each year. When all the requirements are completed a suitable pennant or certificate will be awarded by County Superintendent Calavan.

Want Old and South Towns In Corporation

OSWEGO, Ore., Dec. 16—(Special)—Now that Oswego is taking on new life since the resumption of work on the completion of the Oregon Portland Cement company plant, there has been considerable talk of incorporating Old Town and South Town into the present incorporation, and the matter is receiving serious consideration from all the people. With the towns united and all working for the upbuilding and advancement of Oswego it is believed that the year 1916 would be especially bright and prosperous for every one.

Church Societies Meet

OSWEGO, Ore., Dec. 16—(Special)—The Dorcas society of the Congregational church meets tomorrow afternoon with Mrs. J. M. McIntyre, at which time the ladies will have many useful and fancy Christmas articles on sale. This afternoon the Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church is being entertained at Mrs. McIntyre's by the latter's sister, Mrs. Prim.

Molalla Man Is Killed by Woodsaw

Clinton Guy hurred to death on end of shaft—broken neck is cause of death. Clinton Guy, aged 24 years, was instantly killed Friday afternoon while working on a gasoline woodsaw belonging to Mr. Metzler at Molalla. He was caught in the end of a shaft and whirled around with such velocity that his neck was broken. He was a son of W. S. Guy, of Molalla, and is survived by his father, mother and a brother. He had lived at Molalla about two years. Guy was unmarried.

Carrier Pigeon Killed

CLACKAMAS, Ore., Dec. 12—What is thought to have been a stray carrier pigeon was killed recently by George Bachmann at his home at Brookside Farm. He did not discover the stranger until he noticed a small aluminum band on one of its legs, bearing in raised letters and initials "A" and figures "44737," and in cut figures "14." The dove was a blue one with a few white feathers on its neck.

C. C. Peery Buys Oswego Pharmacy

OSWEGO, Ore., Dec. 16—(Special)—By a deal consummated Monday the Oswego Pharmacy, so long owned by Postmaster Davidson, was purchased by C. C. Peery, of Portland, a pharmacist of long experience. Mr. Peery was formerly owner of the Milwaukie pharmacy, but sold out a year ago to W. A. Perry, whose name is quite similar. It is the intention of Mr. Peery to increase the stock, adding a number of new lines, and as soon as possible secure a new location, in a building to himself.

Women of Oregon! Women Everywhere Adore this Favorite

Lenta, Oregon.—"In my younger days I was greatly troubled with gas on my stomach; it gave me lots of trouble. I began using Dr. Pierce's medicines and received such relief that I can recommend them to others. I have raised a large family and am a great grand-mother and have always insisted that my daughters-in-law use Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription when expecting to become a mother."—Mrs. B. F. NEELY, 5411 9th Street, S. E. Thousands of women who are now blessed with robust health cannot understand why thousands of other women continue to worry and suffer from ailments peculiar to women when they can obtain for a trifling sum Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, which will surely and quickly banish all pain, distress and misery and restore the womanly functions to perfect health. Young mothers who preserve the charms of face and figure in spite of an increasing family and the care of growing children are always to be envied. Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription gives the strength and health upon which happy motherhood depends. It practically does away with the pains of maternity. It enables the mother to nourish the infant life depending on her, and enjoy the hourly happiness of watching the development of a perfectly healthy child.

IMPORTANT SPECIAL OFFER TO READERS OF THIS PAPER.—Any person desiring a copy of The People's Common Sense Medical Advisor before the edition is exhausted should send this notice together with three dimes (or stamps) to Dr. Pierce, Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., and a copy will be sent by return mail, all charges prepaid.

Milwaukie Water Bids Are Opened

MILWAUKIE, Ore., Dec. 15—At the regular meeting of the council last night bids were opened for the construction of the distribution system of the Milwaukie municipal water plant, but the contract was not awarded. The bids ranged from \$22,000 to \$25,000, the lowest being submitted by Gleibisch & Joplin, of Portland. The total sum authorized to be spent on the distribution system, including the standpipe in Minthorne, is \$25,000. By a vote of two to one Fritz Boyesen, proprietor of the Hotel Belle, was allowed to transfer his license to his bartender. Mayor Pelton objected.

Warner Grange To Elect Dec. 18

Warner Grange will meet December 18, the regular meeting day falls on Christmas day and Lecturer George M. Lazelle announced the meeting for Saturday.

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Big Exhibit to Be Held Dec. 22

MILWAUKIE, Dec. 16—(Special)—Wednesday night, Dec. 22, has been set as the time for demonstrating to the people of Milwaukie just what is possible through the inauguration of the domestic science, art and manual training departments of the Milwaukie schools. These departments were just added to the school curriculum last fall, and then at considerable opposition from those who were unacquainted with the work and the benefits that result. On Wednesday night, under the direction of Miss Blanche Jefferys in charge of the domestic science and Mr. S. Chambers in charge of the manual training, there will be held an exhibition of domestic science, millinery, art and manual training in the school house, and it will be the occasion of Milwaukie people inspecting what the students are really doing. Professor Goetz of the schools is highly gratified at the results so far accomplished and thinks the eyes of many Milwaukie folk will be opened when they once see the exhibit.

Letters Awarded Football Players

MILWAUKIE, Dec. 16—(Special)—No less than 15 boy students of the Milwaukie high school were happy today when each was presented with a letter "M" as a reward for the part they played in the school's football contests during the past season. The exercise at which the letters were awarded took place at the student body meeting this afternoon, at the close of the school period, when Lee Thiloasen as president of the body, presented the letter, with one exception, that to himself being presented by Professor Goetz. Those receiving letters, upon the requirement of having played in at least one game during the season were: Albert Gambell, William Merriott, Lee Thiloasen, Louis Shindler, Claude Buckner, Rolfe Skulason, Clyde Davis, Boyd Gibson, Ben Hopwood, Arthur Wetmore, Harry Atwood, Leroy Edwards, Gilbert Morgan, Thomas Sanders, Homer Clippel.

Mr. Bob Billed For Next Thursday

The stage is almost set for the presentation of the comedy, "Mr. Bob," by the students of the Milwaukie high school, in the city hall one week from tonight, Dec. 23, under the direction of Miss Campbell, of the school faculty. Those comprising the cast are showing real histrionic ability, and the comedy promises to be well rendered and to prove a treat to all who attend. The proceeds are to be devoted to the student body activities. The cast of characters follows:

- Philip Boyson William Merriott
 - Robert Brown, clerk of Benson & Benson Clyde Davis
 - Jenkins, Miss Rebecca's maid Albert Gambel
 - Rebecca Luke, a maiden lady Charlotte Merriott
 - Katherine Rogers, her niece Muriel Nichols
 - Marion Bryant, Katherine's friend Dorothy Wissinger
 - Patty, Miss Rebecca's maid Clarissa Gould
- There are three acts, and it takes the better part of two hours to produce the play.

Milwaukie Grange to Elect

MILWAUKIE, Dec. 16—(Special)—The regular election of officers of Milwaukie grange, No. 26, will be held in the grange hall in Milwaukie next Saturday, Dec. 18, and other business of importance is to come before the gathering so that the attendance of all members is urged. C. B. Hanson is the present master of the grange, and Miss Kate Casto secretary.

R. R. Gets Permit To Issue Bonds

MILWAUKIE, Dec. 16—(Special)—Permission has been granted the Portland & Oregon City Railway company by the city of Portland to issue \$350,000 bonds and give a mortgage to the Security Savings & Trust Co., of Portland for the amount on its railway line, a large part of which has been completed. It is said the money to be realized from the sale of bonds will be spent in completing the roadway and purchasing equipment.

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Water System Will Cost \$22,500

MILWAUKIE SAVES BY SPIRITED BIDDING—OREGON CITY FIRM SECOND LOWEST.

MILWAUKIE, Dec. 16—(Special)—The first pipes of the Milwaukie municipal water system, have been awarded the contract for the main unit of the system, which will be supplied with Bull Run river water by the city of Portland. The above firm was the lowest of seven bidders that submitted bids to the city of Milwaukie at the council meeting Tuesday night, their figure being about \$22,500, which is \$2,500 less than the amount of bonds voted several months ago by the people of this place for the construction of the new system. The bids ranged from the lowest at \$22,500 to \$25,000, Jenks & Gardner of Oregon City being second lowest and within about \$450 of the successful bidder. The highest was the Pacific Bridge company of Portland. Work is to be started at once, and the contractors expect to complete the work during the month of January, 1916.

Say R. R. Has Abused Privilege

The Portland & Oregon City Railroad company and its president and manager, Stephen Carver, are in decidedly bad with the city council of Milwaukie, as was evidenced from the tone of the discussion at the Tuesday night meeting, which resulted in the council instructing the city recorder to draft an ordinance revoking the franchise to the railroad for the use of the streets of Milwaukie. It was contended that the railroad had disregarded every term of the franchise granting it the use of the streets of Milwaukie, and unless it made an earnest effort at once to comply with the same, its franchise would certainly be revoked. The councilmen stated that the streets had been left in bad condition, that the railroad was using steam cars instead of electric as guaranteed and specified in the franchise.

Milwaukie Girl Marries Portlander

MILWAUKIE, Dec. 16—(Special)—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Gibson in Milwaukie was the scene of a wedding Tuesday evening when their daughter, Gertrude Myrtle, was united in marriage to Everett E. Fisher of Portland. The rooms were decorated with ferns, Oregon grape and chrysanthemums. The ceremony was at 9 o'clock and was followed by a wedding supper. The bride was attired in a gown of cream satin trimmed with real lace and pearls. She carried a shower bouquet of chrysanthemums and ferns. The wedding party consisted of the immediate family and a few intimate friends. The service was solemnized by the Rev. William H. Amos of Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher will be at home to their friends after December 15 at the Hanover apartments, Portland.

Apparatus Received

MILWAUKIE, Dec. 16—(Special)—The school board committee not yet having gotten action upon the Portland Railway, Light & Power company in the way of ascertaining whether the abandoned car sheds might be used as a playground for the Milwaukie school children, it is impossible to place in position the playground equipment, which arrived a few days ago. The equipment consists of teeters, swings, parallel bars, baskets for basketball, etc. The car sheds are an admirable place for the children to play and it is hoped the railway officials will conclude to allow them to be used by the school.

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