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AFTER HARD SURFACE ROAD.

The people of Oswego are united in this endeavor to get the county road between this place and West Linn placed in the very best condition—hard surfaced. If you please, and no effort is overlooked to impress upon the county court the advisability of such a procedure. Although it is the Pacific highway, still the road is one of the worst of the heavily traveled ways of the county, and is far from being a desirable advertisement for the beauties and comforts of Clackamas county. Thousands of autos pass over this road every season because of its being the Pacific highway, but many thousands more would use it if it was improved as it should be. Perseverance may win in the long run, if the city councils of Oswego and West Linn, together with the citizens of those places, keep up their activity. The city council of this place contemplates the early paving of Front street for a distance of at least a block on the north and south sides of the present cement pavement, the latter having given such splendid satisfaction, and the Oregon Portland Cement company having generously consented to furnish the cement gratis for such improvement.

COUNTY CANDIDATES TO INVADE OSWEGO

OSWEGO, May 4.—(Special)—This town is to be invaded next Thursday night, May 11, by the various candidates for office, when a public meeting is to be held in the moving picture theater, and at which time each candidate will be given an opportunity to tell why he thinks he should be nominated. The meeting promises to be one of the biggest affairs of the kind ever held in Oswego. It is quite likely that practically every candidate who has an opponent, at least, will be present to say his little say and to meet the voters.

LANG & CO. WINS GAME FROM OSWEGO—6 TO 2

OSWEGO, May 4.—(Special)—Lang & Co's baseball team from Portland won from Oswego, 6 to 2, on the local grounds last Sunday afternoon. The collection on the grounds being \$14.

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OSWEGOANS FAVOR HARD SURFACE ROAD

OSWEGO, May 4.—(Special)—As per agreement, the city council of Oswego met with the West Linn council Monday and county court in Oregon City and asked that the county court give its attention to the matter of closing the unfinished road between the two cities, with hard finish of some kind.

The talk was in favor of a concrete road. Short talks were given by A. K. Wilson, mayor of Oswego, and A. Keupin, councilman. G. W. Prosser talked for road not less than 16 feet wide, between the two cities.

West Linn councilmen were in favor of hard finished roads and would finish one-half mile of the Oswego road from the Oregon City bridge north.

Oswego would build south to the city limits.

The county court consented to give all the aid it could and favored the Pacific highway through Oswego.

PRINCIPAL VOSE AND TEACHERS RE-ELECTED

OSWEGO, May 4.—(Special)—The school board and patrons of the Oswego public schools are well pleased with the conduct and progress made in the schools during the past year or two, and this was further evidenced last Friday night when the board met and re-elected Professor B. A. Vose as principal, Miss Mary Eickner, teacher of the fifth and sixth grades and Miss Irma Vose, teacher of the first and second grades. Miss Humphreys, who has been teaching the third and fourth grades, did not apply for re-election. A teacher to succeed Miss Humphreys will be elected within a few days. Principal Vose is just finishing his second year as the head of the Oswego schools, which have showed marked progress during that time. The board awarded the contract to C. M. Rollins for painting the new playsheds, at his figure of \$46.50.

START SHIPPING TO PLANT THIS WEEK

OSWEGO, May 4.—(Special)—The newest developments at the plant of the Oregon Portland Cement company during the past few days is the turning over of the huge rock crusher, which was found to work in excellent shape. No definite date has been set for the starting of the entire plant, but the first shipment of cement deposit or lime stone, will be received this week from the big quarry at Dallas. This quarry is working every day and it is estimated that 400 yards of lime stone will be shipped to Oswego weekly. About 25 men are at present employed there, and this number will doubtless be doubled as soon as the plant here gets into active operation.

BIG ENTERTAINMENT GIVEN BY FIREMEN

OSWEGO, May 4.—(Special)—The Oswego Firemen's entertainment, held last Saturday evening in the Grange hall was well worth the admission fee charged.

All music, readings, dialogues, lynch and ball room was donated to the firemen free of charge. The people of Oswego are always liberal in helping a good cause along, especially a fire department.

They were satisfied with the program which consisted mostly of home talent. Several ladies of the Oswego Woman's club rendered their services in the kitchen, where a light lunch was served.

Mrs. J. J. Frankell, of Portland, gave several splendid readings. Mrs. Frankell is president of the Portland Woman's club and it was through the Oswego club she was asked to recite. The school children of Miss Eickner's room, sang two songs. Raymond McKean and Percy Sinclair gave a little dialogue.

On account of sickness the program was not as lengthy as expected, so Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Miller were called upon to help keep everyone good natured, and their comical recitations surely blended with the evening's entertainment. Mrs. Jerome Webster and Mrs. Sinclair played two beautiful pieces. Others taking part were: Alleen Worthington, Della Davis, Margaret Haines and Miss Schaefer. Arthur McVey acted as chairman of the program.

Oswego News Notes

OSWEGO, May 4.—(Special)—Mrs. Mary C. Wells, a former resident of this place, who was recently acquitted in the circuit court in Oregon City of the charge of arson was a visitor in town a couple of days this week.

Deputy County Assessor H. W. Koehler, having completed his official duties in this locality, has been assigned additional territory by Assessor Jack, and is now covering the country around Oak Grove.

A special meeting of the Oswego Commercial club was held last night, being occasioned by the failure to hold a regular meeting last Wednesday when so many of the members were in Oregon City attending the Wells' arson trial.

The next regular meeting of the Oswego grange will not take place until May 21, as the master and several of the members will be absent Saturday of next week at the state grange meeting.

Work at the pipe plant of the Oregon Iron & Steel company is progressing uninterruptedly, and the 50 to 50 employees are turning out a good supply of pipe each day, which is going to Portland, Milwaukie and Astoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Prosser visited friends in Lake Grove and Hazelia Monday.

Elbert McKean who was quite ill with pneumonia is able to be about.

Arthur McVey and Lloyd Tomlin were visitors in Portland Sunday.

The old Town Improvement club is erecting a light for the benefit of all travelers on Church street.

The Dena Rebekah lodge initiated Mrs. Donald James into their order on Friday evening, after which a dainty lunch was served by the committee.

Mrs. William Gray is entertaining the Lake Grove club this afternoon.

The laymen of the M. E. church, of Portland, held a meeting at the Oswego M. E. church last Tuesday evening.

Mr. A. J. Wirtz was in Oregon City on business Monday.

HAZELIA.

HAZELIA, May 4.—(Special)—A. Worthington called at the Hugh Baker home Wednesday morning.

J. Bauer of Tualatin, was a Hazelia visitor Monday.

August Delkar, one of Stafford's progressive farmers, purchased a load of hay from Cook & Wanker, Wednesday.

Miss Blanche Duncan spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Hattie Wanker. D. E. Long marketed broccoli in Portland Saturday.

Mrs. A. E. Thomas was the guest of Mrs. F. W. Lehman, Sunday.

Mrs. F. W. Wanker and daughter, Miss Lulu Wanker, made a business trip to Portland Saturday. Vernon Davidson called on Herbert Duncan Sunday evening.

Mrs. Mary C. Wells Acquitted By Jury Of Arson Charge

HARD FOUGHT CASE REPLETE WITH SURPRISES—DEFENDANT PERSONALLY THANKS JUDGE AND JURORS.

Mrs. Mary C. Wells was freed by a jury in the circuit court Friday night after two hours and 50 minutes of deliberation. The jury retired at 4:50 o'clock and reached a verdict at 6:50. Mrs. Wells, who on the stand had declared that she is 70 years old, was greatly pleased with the verdict and shook hands with each juror and Judge Campbell.

Friday, the fifth day of the trial, was given over entirely to arguments by the attorneys, Walter A. Dimick, Justice Grant E. Dimick and W. Y. Marston for the defense, and District Attorney Gilbert L. Helges for the state.

W. A. Dimick made the first talk before the jury for the defense. William H. Newman, who expressed that he was employed by Mrs. Wells to burn her three houses in Oswego for \$225, he described as an old fool, a victim of a simple mind and old age.

Several days before the fire, just as Mrs. Wells was prepared to go to Newport for the summer, she gave E. L. Davidson, Oswego postmaster, 50 cents with which to wire her in case of any important news. When the fire broke out on the morning of August 15, 1915, he sent her word by wire. The verdict that she received the message about 10 o'clock in the morning, that she fainted for an hour, and finally sent a reply. The state introduced the telegram itself which had been timed 9:45 by the telegraph company.

District Attorney Helges belittled the arguments of the defense that the insurance did not cover the loss, declaring that even the defense's own witnesses were unable to agree on the value of the furniture, which was from 15 to 20 years old and had already been through a fire in Portland on which Mrs. Wells had collected \$188 insurance.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barton and son, Ted, from Portland were out to the Hazelwood farm in Hazelia Sunday.

Mrs. Hugh Baker and Miss Ethel Baker were guests at the Ed Wanker home Wednesday afternoon.

WILSONVILLE

WILSONVILLE, May 4.—(Special)—H. D. Aden returned on Saturday from Astoria, where he attended the "Retail Merchants' association," and reports a very enjoyable time.

Jake Peters has purchased a new car, and is now seen flying past in his splendid Willys-Knight motor.

Clifford Murray has become quiet a poet, and his friends are all preparing to set off the line in future, when he has occasion to talk business over the telephone.

Mrs. J. Elderhoff is a delegate to Roseburg from the Rebekah lodge, which holds its annual meeting in that city this week.

J. L. Seely went to Roseburg to attend the annual meeting of Odd Fellows.

Motor boats were plying on the river during the hot weather of the past week.

The Hood View Ladies' aid society will give a basket social at the church on Friday evening, May 5th, to which all are cordially invited.

Miss Jessie Angus and brother Jack, went to Portland on Monday in their machine, and were accompanied home by their sister, Miss Nellie Angus.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Wagner are the proud parents of a baby boy, who arrived at their home on Tuesday evening, at the Graham farm.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges held a joint celebration at Tualatin on Wednesday evening to which the members from Wilsonville were invited, the occasion being the 97th anniversary of the I. O. O. F. Quite a crowd of members of both lodges responded to the invitation and were most royally entertained by the members of the Tualatin lodge.

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OAK GROVE DEPARTMENT 3 Celebrates May Day

Oak Grove School Celebrates May Day

OAK GROVE, May 4.—(Special)—The May day program of the Oak Grove school will long be remembered as one surpassing by far, events held in the past. The entire afternoon was given over to out-door sports which the participating scholars seemed to keenly enjoy. The supper which was given at six o'clock drew an unusual number of diners and the unanimous praise of those fortunate enough to be partaking of the feast, must have recompensed in a large measure for the efforts of those that prepared the meal. In the evening an entertainment was given under the direction of Mrs. Jno. Waldron and as is usual in affairs of this character, when directed by Mrs. Waldron, was a huge success. A Japanese playlet was given, in which the children wore Japanese costumes and the effect was carried out in truly artistic style. The vocal selections of Mrs. Waldron were outstanding features of the entertainment. The Oak Grove musical affairs are productive of more real talent than is possible to produce in most communities and every effort should be exerted for a continuance of these efforts at frequent intervals.

New Home To Be Built at Courtney

OAK GROVE, May 4.—(Special)—Mr. C. E. George, of Courtney Road, has let a contract to T. E. Blackberry and L. E. Armstrong, for the erection of a modern 5-room residence. Work is to be commenced at once and the home when completed will be a handsome addition to this residential section. From all reports this contract is the forerunner of quite a bit of building activity.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT FOR OAK GROVE

OAK GROVE, May 4.—(Special)—Domestic science work and manual training will be introduced into the Oak Grove School during the coming winter, according to action taken by the Board of Directors. The Board considered the addition of those subjects necessary in order that the school may adequately serve the community.

Teachers were also elected, those chosen being: E. W. Guthrie, principal; Mary Guthrie, fifth and sixth grades; Edith Morgan, third and fourth grades; Clara Howatt, second grades, and Elizabeth K. Matthews, primary. The last three named were re-elected.

CONCORD ELECTS TEACHERS

OAK GROVE, May 4.—(Special)—The Concord school board has elected teachers for the ensuing year. Miss Pearl Bailey was re-elected principal; Miss Gertrude Lee, who has done efficient work here for the past three years, has resigned, and will leave as soon as school closes for her home in Michigan. Miss Inez Bailey has been selected to fill Miss Lee's place.

Oak Grove Locals

OAK GROVE, May 4.—(Special)—Mrs. Rev. Dow DeLong is visiting this week in Salem.

L. A. Ballard is engaged in completing the week planting his garden.

Mr. Harold Wood has accepted a position with W. B. Stokes, the well-known grocer.

G. W. Taylor and wife, of Canby, are the latest additions to Oak Grove. They are moving into W. B. Stokes' home.

J. Dean Butler completed planting his garden last Sunday. Report has it that his wife did most of the "completing."

Work is still progressing on the new telephone exchange, the completion of which is anticipated in the near future.

Jno. W. Julian, who has been operating a garage in Oak Grove, has accepted temporarily a position with the Ford Motor Co. in Portland.

Mr. Rex Lampan was one of those partaking of the supper at the conclusion of the May day festivities at the school home last Monday evening.

From reports, it is learned that Mr. E. C. Warren, the local contractor, expects to complete plans for the erection of a new building very shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie, who have recently been elected to the positions of principal and teacher, respectively, in the local school, were Oak Grove visitors last Sunday.

Mr. Ben Lillis, who was operated on for appendicitis about ten days ago at the St. Vincent's hospital in Portland, is reported to be improving rapidly and will be sufficiently improved within the next couple of days to be removed to his home.

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OSWEGO OREGON (Adv.)

Miss Carrie Woods Leaves For India

OAK GROVE, May 4.—(Special)—Knee regret was occasioned by the departure this week of Miss Carrie Woods, of Oak Grove, for Michigan, from which point she intends going to India. Miss Woods has been engaged in missionary work in India for five years previous to the last year, which she has spent visiting her parents in Oak Grove. She was accompanied as far as Michigan by her mother, Mrs. Libens Wood, who intends to remain there for some time, perhaps indefinitely, visiting relatives. Mr. Woods is endeavoring to dispose of his local property and in the event he is successful, intends joining his wife in Michigan, where they will make their permanent home.

PORTLAND INSURANCE MAN TAKES OWN LIFE

W. H. ROBINSON FORMERLY LIVED IN CLACKAMAS STATION DISTRICT.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 29.—Under circumstances that indicated suicide had been committed W. H. Robinson, cashier of the Pacific States Fire Insurance company, was found dead in his private office at 218 Chamber of Commerce building at 8:30 this morning.

The body was lying on the floor, a bullet through the heart, and a .32-caliber revolver, one cartridge discharged, near his feet. In his pocket was an unopened bottle containing poison. On his desk, nearby, his office books were lying open, together with a check transferring his bank account to Mrs. Robinson.

No notes of any description were left, although it is thought that he wrote a letter and placed it in the mail box just outside the office before killing himself. From the position of the body it is believed that Robinson sat down on the floor and shot himself. The body was full dressed.

W. H. Robinson formerly lived in the Clackamas station district in this county and was well known throughout that section. At one time he was employed by E. P. Dedman, now county recorder.

MORE FISHERMEN'S LUCK

PORTLAND, Ore., May 4.—So anxious were they to be first on the fishing grounds at Oregon City that four Portland anglers failed to notice the speed at which they traveled in their automobiles on yesterday morning until they were arrested by Motorcyle Patrolman Ervin. The four pleaded guilty in the municipal court this morning to speeding charges. Those fined were W. Davies, \$20; W. Perna, \$20; O. T. Littleton, \$25; and G. V. Viano, \$20. Little, because he was going 35 miles an hour, was shown through the city jail as a prospective tenant. One other speeder, R. V. Peterson, was fined \$20.

Greenham: Work started on two-story brick business block.

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