

GOOD BY TO STEPS

NO MORE CLIMBING AFTER ELEVATOR IS CONSTRUCTED.

Judge Ryan Asks City Council For a Franchise to Operate Elevators and Electric Railways—He Has Been Working on the Project 13 Years.

At last night's meeting of the city council County Judge Thomas F. Ryan asked for a 15-year franchise to construct elevators, to carry freight and passengers, on any street or streets in the city, to run from the lower part of town to the top of the bluff. He also asked for a franchise to construct an electric railway on Fifth street to the city limits and on Center street south to Canemah. The railway is intended to connect with the elevators and if the construction is pushed the company which Judge Ryan will form will extend the railway out to Molalla and other portions of the county. The ordinance was read and will come up at the February meeting of the council.

Ever since 1889 Judge Ryan has been figuring on the project of building elevators to carry passengers and freight from down town to the bluff and to connect the elevator with an electric railway on the hill. With Tom P. Randall he tried for over two years to secure an ordinance from the council and was successful in 1891. After that franchise was granted Judge Ryan applied to the county court for a right of way for his railway line on the Molalla road but it was refused, the court taking the position that the road was too narrow, although but two of the property owners living along the road had signed the petition to the court praying that the right of way be granted. The promoters of the project had subscribed to construct the electric railway six miles out on the Molalla road and to build and place in operation two elevators, but after they were turned down by the court the matter was dropped.

SEATING CAPACITY OF 1000.

Oregon City's New Opera House Will Accommodate a Lot of People.

The announcement that the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company will construct an opera house in the upper story of its new freight house with a seating capacity of 1000 is gladly received here. It is certain that more people would attend theaters were the building situated more centrally and the new play house will probably be the means of bringing letter shows here than the average has been. The interior will be arranged so that the floor may be used for a ball room or for any public purpose. The galleries will be permanent, seating 600 people, but the reserved tiers on the lower floor will be a take-down arrangement, so that the floor may be entirely cleared. The new structure will be commenced in a short time and will be on the corner of Main and Third streets.

CHURCH SERVICES.

At St. Paul's Church the services next Sunday will be as follows: Celebration of the holy Communion at 8 A. M. Sunday school at 11. Morning prayer and sermon at 5 p. m. The sermon at the morning service will be on "The Star of the Epiphany," and at the 5 o'clock services on "Sons of January." At this service Miss Mary Conyers will sing a new offertory solo.

Annual Epiphany Party.

The annual Epiphany party and parish reunion of St. Paul's Episcopal Church was held in Willamette hall last evening. The hall was crowded with the guests of the church. A short program was rendered. There were songs by the Maccabee quartette and C. A. Miller, and recitations by Francis Galloway and Miss Bessie Warner. Brief talks were made by Revs. Simpson and Chambers, of Portland. Refreshments were served and dancing was indulged in until a late hour.

Annual Meeting of Ladies Aid Society.

Yesterday afternoon the annual meeting of the Ladies Aid Society of the Congregational Church was held in the church parlor. The society was entertained by Mrs. E. S. Bollinger and about forty members were present. Twelve new members were received. The afternoon was passed in conversation and refreshments were served. All of the officers of the society were re-elected for the current year.

Pendo Installation Next Monday.

Crystal Council, No. 161, Order of Pendo, met last Monday evening to install officers but the pressure of other business was so great that a postponement was made until next Monday evening when the following officers will be installed: Alice Cospier, Counselor; I. D. Taylor, Past Counselor; Maggie Bruner, Vice-Counselor; May Taylor, Secretary; Jennie Boyles, Treasurer; Emma Bently, Chaplain; Emma Thomas, Guide.

JOINT INSTALLATION.

Meade Post, G. A. R., and Meade Corps, W. R. C., Install Officers Monday Evening.

Over 100 members of Meade Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and Meade Corps, Women's Relief Corps, sat down to a tempting repast in Willamette Hall last Monday evening. The tables were laden with delicacies, served by the ladies of the corps. The occasion was the joint installation of the post and corps and was the biggest event in Grand Army circles that has occurred in some time. The installation of the corps by Past Department President Mrs. Emma Galloway was especially interesting. The ceremonies were conducted with music and flags. S. P. P. C. Dauchy installed the officers of Meade Post and after the conclusion of the installation the comrades indulged in reminiscences of the days of 1861-65. Following are the officers of Meade Post: Jacob Martin, commander; L. W. Ingram, S. V. Commander; Faxon Hayford, J. V. Commander; C. A. Williams, Adjutant; G. A. Harding, Quartermaster; A. B. Moore, Surgeon; J. Doremus, Chaplain; C. F. Horn, Officer Day; C. W. Midlam, Q. M. Sergeant; F. H. Beach, Sergeant Major. The new officers of Meade Corps are: Mrs. Martha Beach, President; Mrs. Margaret Williams, S. V. President; Mrs. Julia Tingle, J. V. President; Mrs. Mary A. Ingram, Treasurer; Mrs. May Bradley, Secretary; Mrs. Laura Williams, Chaplain; Mrs. Pauline Schwartz, Conductor; Mrs. Clara Moore, Guard; Mrs. May Chas. Asst. Conductor; Mrs. Malind Stewart, Asst. Guard; Mrs. Jennie B. Harding, Musician; Mrs. Rosina Fouts, Patriotic Instructor; Mrs. Henriette Doremus, 1st Color Bearer; Mrs. Annie Draper, 2nd Color Bearer; Mrs. Amelia Martin, 3d Color Bearer; Mrs. Louis Freeman, 4th Color Bearer.

Installation of Encampment Officers.

Falls Encampment, No. 4, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, held its installation of officers in I. O. O. F. hall Tuesday evening. Installation was conducted by Deputy Grand Patriarch E. A. Leighton, who installed the following officers: E. H. Cooper, chief patriarch; J. F. Clark, senior warden; C. Midlam, high priest; A. H. Finnegan, junior warden; E. J. Noble, insigne sentry; C. O. T. Williams, secretary; T. F. Ryan, treasurer.

Next Tuesday the members of Falls Encampment, together with their families, will go to Portland as the invited guests of Golden Rule and Ellison Encampments, and assist in a joint public installation. After the installation is held, a banquet will be given to the visitors.

Ancient Foresters Have a Spread.

Court Mount Hood, No. 8980, Ancient Foresters, initiated a candidate at its regular meeting last Monday night. It was intended to hold installation of officers but owing to high water in Washington installing Officer Johnson did not arrive and the installation will be held Monday, January 19. At the close of Monday night's meeting refreshments were served and a social time was indulged in. A lodge of Companions of the Forest is in the process of organization. A charter list has been secured and as soon as the necessary formalities are through with, the organization will be effected. The Companions of the Forest is the women's auxiliary of the Foresters and like all of such auxiliaries is a great help and benefit to the order. The ancient Foresters are growing steadily and now have about 50 members.

Foresters Installation.

Court Robin Hood No. 9, Foresters of America, will install officers tomorrow evening, January 9, at Red Men's Hall. Visitors will attend the installation from Portland, after which refreshments will be served. The following officers will be installed: J. P. C. R., G. S. Freeman; C. R. M. P. Chapman; S. C. R., M. Sugarman; treasurer, J. A. Moore; F. S., F. W. Humphrys; R. S., W. E. Marshall; S. W., C. Roche; J. W., G. W. Martin; S. B., Fred Terry; J. B., J. Shobe; trustee, G. S. Freeman.

Royal Arcanum Install.

The officers-elect and several of the members of Clackamas Council No. 2067, Royal Arcanum, went to Portland Tuesday night to join Oregon and Willamette Councils in the installation of officers for the ensuing year. The joint meeting was held in Auditorium Hall. After the council and installation ceremonies, a spread was tendered the visiting brothers by the Oregon Council.

Maccabee Installation Tonight.

Tualatin Tent, No. 74, K. O. T. M., will install its officers tonight. State Commander Sherwood will conduct the installation and the officers are: Commander, F. Gilligan; Lieut. Com., Lake May; Record Keeper, E. E. Taylor; Finance Keeper, M. Hyatt; Chaplain, R. Vaughn; Physician, E. A. Sommer; Sergeant, R. D. Miller; Master at Arms, J. R. Turner; 1st Master Guard, C. Ross; 2nd Master Guard, F. Daling; Sentinel, J. A. Thornton; Picket, A. N. Fuson.

HITCHCOCK'S BIG AX

SECRETARY IS DOING THINGS TO OREGON OFFICE HOLDERS.

Surveyor-General Henry Meldrum is Accused of Neglect of Duty and His Office is Said to Be Dilapidated—He May Be Suspended Temporarily.

Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock, following his breach with Commissioner Binger Hermann, is seeking the scalps of his subordinates in Oregon, and Surveyor-General Henry Meldrum, well known as a Clackamas county politician, is the man selected to satisfy the devouring appetite of the secretary. A Washington dispatch in this morning's Oregonian says: Secretary Hitchcock now has before him charges that have been prepared against Surveyor-General Meldrum, of Oregon, which promises to result in the suspension, if not in the dismissal of that official. Some time ago the department became dissatisfied with the manner in which the office was being conducted, and a thorough investigation made by its special agents. It is their report that is now under consideration. One of the most serious charges against Meldrum is that he is addicted to the use of liquor, and in consequence it is said neglects his duties, being frequently away from the office during office hours, leaving its control to subordinates. The Secretary does not wish to act hastily in the case, but will probably temporarily suspend Meldrum, placing the office in the hands of one of his own men for reorganization, as it is now reported to be thoroughly dilapidated.

COURT HOUSE NOTES.

Daniel Keller has brought suit in the Circuit Court for a divorce against Annie Keller, on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment.

Katherine Holzman has brought divorce proceedings against Frederick Holzman, charging him with cruel and inhuman treatment.

Annie L. Clowser has brought suit for a divorce in the Circuit Court against John Clowser, of Barlow, on grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment and non-support. The plaintiff asks for the custody of the two minor children.

Decrees of divorce have been handed down in the Circuit Court in the following cases: Fannie Kingsbury vs. Jesse Kingsbury; Agnes Leland vs. Joseph Leland; Sarah Terwadow vs. Herman Terwadow; Fred Kiseer vs. Bertha A. Kiseer; Annie Clifton vs. Samuel Clifton; Clara Dunn vs. Thomas Dunn; W. H. Hall vs. Laura C. Hall; Nellie Fields vs. Arthur Fields.

Justice of the Peace Stipp has completed the jury list for District No. 4. From this list will be drawn the jurors who will serve during the year 1903. The district embraces the precincts of Oregon City, Willamette, Abernathy, Maple Lane, West Oregon City and Canemah. The jury list follows: Charles Swallow, John Gaffney, James Shelly, M. McGeehan, Joseph Beaulieu, E. L. Johnson, Pat Harris, Samuel Jones, Elmer Dixon, W. H. Smith, A. D. Hill, A. F. Jones, William Ranch, W. Lawson, J. H. Darling, H. J. Harding, Charles Moran, Sam Roake, J. A. Randolph, W. W. Marrs, John Everhart, Luther Moore, F. M. Darling, Duane Ely, Tom P. Randall, J. C. Warnock, A. F. Parker, Solomon Garde, John Morris, Fred Baker, C. Hettman, Tom Hankins, Evan Williams, Eli Maddock, C. G. Miller, C. C. Babcock, William Partlow, Ward Lawton, W. H. H. Samson, William J. W. McCord, John Hickman, August Mautz, J. A. Jones, Ernest Matthews, Richard Prier, George T. Howard, Weldon Shank, Robert Wilson, Allan Frost, Frank Porsburg.

The Fellows will case has at last been settled and an order was made by the county court yesterday for the distribution of the estate, which is worth about \$7000. The will was contested and newspaper readers will remember that some very interesting testimony was produced at the hearing of the case. The contestants have put in a claim of \$250 for costs, and this amount is reserved from the distribution until February 7, when the hearing will be held.

John Kizer was yesterday appointed deputy road supervisor of district No. 16, at New Era. He lives across the river from New Era and there are about 15 people, whose work cannot be handled to an advantage by the supervisor, who lives in New Era.

Pode Jones has been appointed constable of Justice district No. 8, in which Marquan precinct is situated. The vacancy was caused by the removal of the former constable from the precinct.

Born.—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Guyton, January 1, at Grass Valley, Or., a daughter. Mrs. Guyton was formerly Miss Cora Moore, of this city.

THE QUEEN OF SPICES

CINNAMON, DELICIOUS AND SUGARY, AROMATIC AND PUNGENT.

The Discovery of Its Valuable Properties Antedates Recorded History. Something of Its Uses and the Way in Which It is Produced.

Cinnamon is in itself unquestionably the most delicious of all spices, being sugary as well as aromatic and pungent. Many thousands of pounds are consumed annually in every civilized country, and it is also highly appreciated by even semi-civilized and barbarous nations where culinary art and medicine have as yet made little progress.

Its uses in sweet cookery are innumerable. There are very few fruits which are not improved in preserves, pickles and pastries by the addition of more or less of this delicate bark. It is an essential flavoring in all spice cakes and in many varieties of pies and puddings. In chocolate, confectionery, candies, cordials and liqueurs cinnamon contributes an incomparable flavor.

Its medicinal value is well known as an antispasmodic and carminative and tonic. Its use is recommended as a preventive and remedy for cholera, and in seasons when stomach troubles prevail cinnamon drops are recommended as the most wholesome form of candy for children.

The discovery of the valuable properties of cinnamon antedates recorded history, as it is mentioned in the Bible, in the book of Exodus, as one of the ingredients of the sacred oil with which the priests were anointed. So highly was the sweet bark esteemed by the ancients that even a small piece was considered a fit gift for a king. It is always mentioned as an especially choice substance by Greek writers previous to the Christian era. It is said that the Arab traders, who first brought it to Egypt and western Asia, surrounded its history and production with special tales of mystery and magic.

The cinnamon tree is a member of the laurel family, which in the tropics is represented by a large number of aromatic and medicinal trees and shrubs.

There are several closely allied cinnamon trees, but the finest bark is produced from a species native to the island of Ceylon, distinguished by botanists as *Cinnamomum zeylanicum*. In a state of nature this grows to be a tree from twenty to thirty feet in height, with rather large, oval, entire margined leaves and yellowish flowers succeeded by small, brown drupes resembling acorns in shape. The grayish brown bark is internally of an orange color, which changes upon drying to the characteristic brown which is the recognized name of a particular shade. Almost every part of the tree yields some choice substance and is especially rich in oil. The roots yield camphor and the leaves an oil resembling the oil of cloves and often substituted for it, while from the fruit a substance called cinnamon suet is manufactured, which is highly fragrant and from which in former times candles for the exclusive use of the king were made.

In the latter part of the eighteenth century, while England was for a time in possession of the spice islands, cinnamon plants were among the choice products that were imported into various other tropical regions, including the West Indies, where in Cuba and several other islands it has become a considerable article of commerce. Under cultivation it is not allowed to grow into a tree, as the richest bark is taken from shoots of from two to four years' growth. The young tree is, therefore, cut and shoots from the root are encouraged to grow. The majority of these are cut when about ten feet in height and the bark is detached in ten or twelve inch lengths. After lying in bundles for a few days the bark is scraped by hand, both outside and in, until reduced to a thin sheet. These sheets are then made up into composite "quills" by placing the narrower and shorter pieces inside and rolling tightly, forming firm rods, which after further drying are made into bundles weighing about eighty pounds and wrapped for shipping. Grocers divide, assort and very neatly combine portions of these quills into small packets for the convenience of their customers.

The oil of cinnamon is made by grinding the coarser pieces of the bark and soaking them for two or three days in sea water, followed by the process of distilling. Two oils, one heavier and the other lighter than water, are the product, both possessing similar properties. The color varies from cherry red to pale yellow, the latter being preferred by most purchasers.

The work of distilling is light, and an oil equal to the best Ceylonese is now produced in Trinidad and various other localities in Cuba and other West India islands.

As cinnamon commands a good price and its uses are continually multiplying, there is every inducement for extending the area of its cultivation, both in the eastern and western hemispheres.—St. Louis Republic.

A Crisis Met Half Way.

There were strict orders in the Philippines regarding looting, and one day a lieutenant's suspicions were aroused by a private whom he saw peering eagerly under the piazza of a house on the outskirts of Manila, writes Dixie Wolcott in Harper's Magazine.

"What are you doing there?" he demanded in his gruffest tones.

"Why, sir," said the soldier, saluting, "I'm only trying to catch a chicken which I've just bought."

Lieutenant K. stooped and caught a sight of a fine pair of fowls.

"There are two chickens under there," he exclaimed excitedly. "I bought the other one. Catch 'em both."

OUR WATER SUPPLY

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS.

Six Hundred Consumers Are Supplied and Good Fire Protection Is Furnished—Filter Plant Is Giving Good Satisfaction—Total Indebtedness Is \$85,725 33.

The eleventh annual report of the board of water commissioners was presented to the city council last night. It says in brief that an eight-inch centrifugal pump, the duplicate of one supplying the settling tanks, the same to be used exclusively for washing filters, has been installed during the summer. It is so arranged that it can pump into the settling tanks in case of emergency. The receipt from collections from July 1 to December 31, were \$4470.50, and the total receipts were \$5272.05. The disbursements were \$5293.11. The approximate value of the city water works is \$85,235 33. The operating expenses and fixed charges for 1902 were \$4070 05. The gross receipts for 1902 were \$9084 48 and for 1901 they were \$8288, a net increase of \$796 43. The indebtedness is as follows: Bonds bearing 6 per cent. interest and having one year to run, \$10,000. Floating debt at 6 per cent. interest as outstanding warrants, \$194,31 49; total indebtedness, \$29,431 49. Six hundred consumers are supplied through 6 1/2 miles of mains, and fire protection is furnished from sixty improved hydrants. The filter plant has now been in constant operation for nearly a year and in all that time the water delivered into the mains has been clear and sparkling and the plant, which has cost \$21,160 04, has given the best of satisfaction.

Textile Workers Install.

Local Union No. 337, United Textile Workers of America, held a meeting Tuesday evening in their hall. Twelve new members were taken in. The following officers were installed for the year: G. H. Marley, president; Maxwell Telford, president; M. J. Gleason, recording and corresponding secretary; E. E. Howell, treasurer; J. G. Beucke, financial secretary; Wm. Wickham, guardian.

Union Trouble Ended.

The trouble between the painters union and Johnson & Andrews, who were declared unfair for subletting a painting contract to S. S. Mohler, a non-union painter, was adjusted at a meeting of the federal labor union last Monday night. All sides of the question were presented and the contending parties have agreed to drop the matter. The difficulty will probably result in the establishment of a central labor body in this city.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Samuel Wolfer, of Needy, one of the prominent citizens of that part of the county, was doing business in Oregon City Tuesday.

Floyd Warren, of Portland, visited friends in this city Sunday.

Miss Anna Samuels, of Portland, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Jones last Sunday.

Hon. Frank Williams, of Ashland, visited W. S. U'Ren yesterday. Mr. Williams was a member of the direct legislation and helped the referendum to victory last June.

John Luelling, from Contra Costa, Cal., is visiting his brother A. Luelling in this city.

Miss Harrie Vorsteig, who has been stenographer for the Oregon City Manufacturing Company for the past six years, has resigned her position to enter the employ of Neustadter Bros., of Portland.

Mrs. W. H. Samson, who has been very ill for several days, is reported much improved.

Tualatin Tent Knights Oregon City Assembly, United Artisans, will hold its monthly members social in Woolmen Hall tonight.

Care in Choosing Glasses.

A dealer in optical instruments declared that it gave him real pain to note the careless manner in which half the persons in New York wear glasses. "It is a wonder to me," he said, "that they don't bring on blindness. In the first place, the frames should always be fitted to individual faces instead of being picked up indiscriminately without regard for facial peculiarities. The size of the lenses is another important consideration. Most of the glasses I see on the street are too small. They should be as large as the face of the wearer will permit, for a lens of good size not only affords better protection to the eye, but is more becoming than a smaller one. Another tribulation of the weak eye is due to the reflection from the edges of unframed glasses. The eyelashes should be attended to in order to get the best results from a pair of spectacles. Many lashes are worn so long that they brush against the glass. This is decidedly injurious."—New York Times.

NERVOUS ENERGY.

Don't Overdraw Your Account in the Bank of Nature.

You have a deposit of nervous energy placed to your account in the bank of your body. It may be large, in which case you are a millionaire in strength and accomplishing power, or it may be so microscopic as to need careful husbanding and little expenditure to keep it from dwindling out altogether.

But many millionaires become paupers, and some "dime savers" sweat into millions. It depends upon the way the capital is managed. You may think you have so much that there is no need to be economical. You get up in the morning and feel the blood bounding through your veins like mountain cataracts, and you think you can turn the mill wheels of the world.

You work day and night or you play day and night, which is sometimes more exhausting, and go at the limit of your speed all the time. You are over-drawing your bank account of energy, and that needlessly, for you probably have enough to last a long and useful lifetime. It pays to sit down and sharpen your tools, and it adds cent per cent to your body bank deposit.

Another with not half your brains or bustle will get ahead of you in the end, for he makes every act, every thought, go straight to the mark. He wastes no effort. Everything he does means something. It helps toward some given end. You spend a great deal of ammunition on your quarry because you are over-anxious. He keeps cool, takes steady aim and wings his bird.

You get wrinkles and frost tipped temples and become a bankrupt in vitality when you should be in your prime. You have overdrawn the best and most valuable bank account of the Lord ever placed on the books of life—the ability "to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars."

A MONTE CARLO LEGEND.

The Story the Croupiers Tell of the Wandering Jew.

All gamblers are superstitious, and some of their pet superstitions are now so old as to have acquired the respectability of venerable traditions. The croupiers of Monte Carlo have an interesting set of traditional superstitions of their own, most of which are entirely unknown to the many thousands of visitors who toy with the "tiger" in that gilded court of chance.

The most striking of these is the story of the Wandering Jew, which the croupiers believe as fervently as they do that the bank will down any "system" that ever was invented. There is one day, and one day only, in the year on which the rooms of the casino at Monte Carlo are closed—that is on Good Friday. When the rooms are opened on the following day, they say, the first person to enter the "Grand Nouvelle Salle de Jeu" is an old man of venerable appearance. He wastes no time; but, walking straight to one of the tables, he places with the trembling fingers of extreme old age a piece of money upon a certain number. The wheel is turned, the croupier's nasal cry falls upon the ear, announcing that the number selected by the old man has won. With a bitterly savage exclamation the aged man seizes his winnings, throws them about him and hurries from the room to disappear, no one knows where.

He is the Wandering Jew, and until he can lose a bet at Monte Carlo he must continue his wanderings. Get on the "blind side" of any of the old croupiers of Monte Carlo, and they will tell you this legend. Have they seen him? Of course they have and are fully persuaded that the aged and mysterious stranger is none other than the man condemned to perpetual earthly wanderings nearly 2,000 years ago.

An Obstacle to Piety.

A story told by a western congressman is about two brothers, Ed and Jim, who went in wool at their home in Iowa. Jim went to a revival meeting (unthinkingly, the congressman bursts out enthusiasm he told his brother of how much better he felt since his conversion and urged Ed to come into the fold. The latter pondered gravely for a time and then said: "Ain't any doubt but what religion's a good thing, and I'm glad you've got it Jim, but I guess you better let me alone just now," he continued reflectively. "You see, Jim, one of us has got to weigh the wool."

Chase That Frown.

Learn to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine. Learn how to tell a story. A well told story is as welcome as a sunbeam in a sickroom. Learn to keep your own troubles to yourself. The world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows.

Learn to stop croaking. If you cannot see any good in the world, keep the bad to yourself. Learn to hide your pains and aches under pleasant smiles. No one cares to hear whether you have the varicela, headache or rheumatism.

Thoughtful Nature.

"How wondrous is nature!" sighed the dreamy eyed person.

"You bet!" answered the practical man. "Why, you know how little love is lost between the Hibernians and the Africans, and just look how nature has arranged things so as to prevent the Irish potato from coming in contact with the blackberry." — Baltimore American.

Merely a Suggestion.

"Man proposes and woman disposes," remarked the young man who gets quotations twisted.

"Well," replied the beautiful blond on the other end of the sofa, "I'm disposed to do my part if some man will do his."

Three minutes later she had him landed.—Chicago News.