

# Clackamas County Record

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## WOOD AND OIL FOR FUEL.

The Oregon City mills have decided on another step toward economy in the production of paper. The managers of the Crown and Willamette announce their intention of using, within a few months, oil as fuel in the place of wood. We believe our land of forests is making premature demands on the oil fields of our southern neighbor. Even though the venture turn out a success and the paper makers profit thereby, the change can be viewed by Oregon City and by Clackamas County only in the light of a misfortune.

The heavily wooded territory tributary to Oregon City has in recent years furnished its owners profitable employment in supplying fuel for the various manufacturing enterprises here. The greater part of this demand has come from the Crown and Willamette paper mills. Only this demand for wood could have made it practicable to clear the surrounding timber lands, making them capable of contributing substantially to the support of many families. To this enterprise the country surrounding Oregon City owes much of its beauty and usefulness.

With the coming of California oil many wood choppers will lay aside their axes, many teamsters will turn their horses to the pasture. These men draw their living and supplies from Oregon City's business houses. These discarded teams are fed from Clackamas County farms.

The city and county are to realize that the profit of the Standard Oil Co. and that of the paper mills, resulting from the change in fuel, represents the amount of their loss. They are to see the large sum of money that heretofore has been distributed in the immediate vicinity for fuel, sent out of the state to find its way into the coffers of the Standard Oil Co.

The removal of this demand for wood will considerably retard the development of the county. We recognize the great value of these mills to the community, we wish them no misfortune, yet we are hopeful that their departure will not be enough of success to induce other manufacturers to follow in their foot-steps.

## TURN BACK TO THE FIELDS

Out of a veritable wilderness, within the last half century, has grown up a great Western empire. In so short a time farm houses and cities have dotted the country from the Rockies to the sea.

In a shorter time still, the electric spark has brought in close communication, cities, villages and country places. The farm house no longer enjoys its splendid isolation. Every hamlet, every hut is in close touch with the world. Within a very short time the postman will each day pass the door of every farm house in the land.

This changed condition will make the farm a more attractive place for restive boys. It will permit them to mingle more with their associates. Let us hope the tide of young manhood, that has flown for a time from the country into the cities, will turn back again to the fields and pastures, whence come our warriors, statesmen and men of affairs, whence always the time of peril calls the man of the hour.

## FELLOW-SERVANT LAW.

The railroads this time seem destined to fail in their battle against what is commonly known as the "Fellow Servant Law."

Railroading is particularly hazardous business. The railroad companies have been protected against the consequences of accidents to employees however, by a provision of the old common law that denied a laborer the right of damages for injuries caused by the negligence of a fellow laborer employed by the same person or company in the same class of labor. As nearly every railroad accident results

from the carelessness of some employee, the railroads have escaped liability for thousands of dollars under this old restriction. They have battled for years and have spent immense sums of money to keep off the statute books the law now will take its place in response to the efforts of organized labor.

The railroads are a powerful organization when they unite on a point of common interest. Their defeat in this instance only calls to attention a more powerful organization—that of the men who build and operate railroads.

## FICTION IS BENEFICIAL.

So Decided the Debating Society at Nedy.

NEEDY, Or., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—The Debating Society continues to be the center of interest. The question debated last Friday evening was "Resolved, that fiction writings are more beneficial than injurious." It was decided in favor of the affirmative.

Our society paper is a progressive and humorous sheet.

Chas. Spagle, our professional wood-cutter, intends leaving soon.

Mr. Johnson, who has been in Eastern Oregon all Winter, came home last Thursday evening to spend a short time with his family.

Julius Spagle and George Askens are making hop poles for Henry Osterholz.

Miss Alice Ritter went to Portland last week and purchased a new organ.

Rube Zimmerman, of Marks Prairie, was here during the week repairing fences, etc., on his property.

Miss Millie Ginther, of Oregon City, is visiting her brother, Mr. Ginther for a short time.

## ALL RIGHT FOR SHOWS.

But the Elwood Schoolhouse May Not Be Used For Religious Purposes.

ELWOOD, Or., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—The polished intellect of this place says "keep the school house closed against religious services but open it for shows, etc." Regardless of this fact a few assemble at the home of Mrs. T. D. Surfus and spend a short time in Sunday school work.

Railmaking is the order of the day at present.

Mr. Park has two horses almost dead with "staggers."

Park & Dibble Co. are building a dam for the purpose of propelling a shingle mill.

John Scott, an aged pioneer of this place, has become ill and is now at his daughter's, Mrs. M. Kandle, of Highland.

Henry Turner, formerly a resident of this community, was out from Oregon City and is preparing to move to Washington.

## Graeme Brevities.

GRAEME, Or. Feb. 11.—(Special.)—As this is the first time any items from this place has appeared in your paper, perhaps some would like to know where we are situated. Graeme is not a city, town or village, just a simple postoffice at a farm house. It is the terminus of one of the star mail routes situated in the extreme west end of the county.

Dan Stalknecker had the misfortune to get a piece of steel in his leg last week while splitting cord wood.

Chester Tooze returned home last week from Mr. Probst's at Wilsonville, where he has been working for the past month.

Our teacher, Mr. Spagle, has gone to Oregon City this week to attend examinations.

Miss Florence Stringer, of Portland, spent several days last week visiting Mrs. J. Wood.

Mrs. J. A. Moore, of Independence, but formerly of this place, returned to her home after spending several weeks visiting her daughter Mrs. E. G. Jones.

Mr. H. Goulding, engineer on the steamer Modoc, is home for a vacation while the boat is undergoing repairs.

Mr. Barstow, an uncle of Mrs. John Mayes, has returned to his home in Eastern Oregon, after spending some time visiting his niece.

Born, Jan 31, to the wife of E. G. Liehenthaler, a boy

Miss Mattie Lee, who has been at tending school here, is spending this week visiting her parents near Butteville.

## Wilhoit Brevities.

WILHOIT, Or., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—The snow that fell a few days ago is still with us.

B. Wade and son are busy sawing wood for Horner Williams.

Monroe Groshong is suffering with pneumonia fever at present, Dr. A. A. Lenord, of Silverton, is attending him.

Ralph Slaughter, a well known young man of this section, will leave for Eastern Washington in a short time.

Cast ye sorrows and troubles to the winds—come with us and we will lead you on to "Merry Land." We are not composed of back numbers or of has-beens. Who's Who Minstrels is a fun making, jolly, rollicking band—at Shively's, February 19.

# RATES ARE REDUCED

## TRANSPORTATION LINES AND MERCHANTS REACH AGREEMENT.

Business Men Secure Four-Fifths of All They Asked and Harmony is Again Obtained.—Other Reductions Will Be Made By Railway and Steamer Lines.

The combination is broken.

The Southern Pacific Co., the Oregon Water Power & Railway Co., the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co., and the Oregon City Transportation Co., which combined to raise the freight rates between Oregon City and Portland on the first day of February, have very sensibly made a reduction to about the former rates.

A. Robertson, Frank T. Barlow and Frank Busch, the committee representing the merchants of the city, went to Portland Monday and held a conference with the representatives of the transportation lines with the result that the companies agreed to restore the rates to the former schedule. This goes to show what the business men can accomplish if they will stand together.

The companies have decided to make reductions practically along the lines requested by the committee. Groceries, including canned goods, pickles and preserves, coffee, syrup, rice, soap, baking powder, starch, vinegar and packing house products, \$1.20 per ton.

Cornmeal and breakfast cereals will be included in the grain rate of \$1 per ton.

Stoves and heavy hardware are also reduced. Nails, bolts and washers are placed at \$1 per ton. Wire merchandise, iron pipes, etc., \$1.30 per ton. Other reductions will be made.

The freight on sugar and salt was not raised and consequently there will be no reduction on those goods.

The committee approached the companies in a kindly spirit and was met half way. It is a source of much gratification to the business men of Oregon City that an agreement was reached and they were avoided the necessity of making a fight and securing an independent boat on the Portland—Oregon City run.

## INSURANCE.

Fire insurance is protection against loss by fire, and it is based on the productiveness of the property insured—present or prospective—and the possibility of its destruction by fire.

Life insurance is protection against financial loss by death, and is based upon the productiveness of the person insured—present or prospective—and the absolute certainty that he will die.

A healthy body, a strong will, an active brain, and a natural aptness for business are the most productive property in the world. It has been said that when time was young, only two human beings lived on this earth. They lived in a garden and fig leaves were their clothing. There were no business blocks, no railroads, no banks no palatial residences, no trade, no commerce, no money, no art, no science, no culture,—no material wealth.

All of these have since been produced by the brain of man. One generation after another has lived and passed away, each contributing something to what now constitutes the wealth of the world. One hundred years hence every man, woman and child now living will be dead. The exceptions only prove the rule. Man, truly, is very productive, and there is nothing more certain than that he will die. Your annual income on that business block is \$30,000, more or less. You keep it well insured. You even have the rental insured. Not because if it were to burn down your family would be paupers, or that you would experience other than slight inconvenience from it. It is productive property, liable to burn, and it is business-like to protect such property.

If you owned a thousand such blocks you could assume the risk, yourself; but you own but one block, and you can no more afford to carry the risk on one block than you can afford to carry one letter to San Francisco for two cents. The companies can carry the risk because they are carrying the same kind of risks on thousands of other blocks, and their receipts from all pay the losses on a few that burn, and there is still a margin left for profit. Your block earns a handsome income. You produce the block. Which is the more valuable property, you or the block? Which is the more liable to perish; the block by fire, or you by death? Which would be attended with the more disastrous consequences, in a

strictly financial sense; the destruction of the block by fire, or your death, in the next thirty days? Would the destruction of the block uninsured, impair or incur the value of your other property? With no insurance on yourself, would not your death, within the next thirty days, impair the value of your estate at least twenty-five to fifty per cent? The average duration of a class of lives is certain, but there is no certainty of the duration of one life. When you have buildings and merchandise insured, you protect yourself against what may occur; but, when you have yourself insured, you protect your family against what must occur. Fire insurance is protection against a possible calamity; but life insurance is protection against an absolutely certain calamity. One may possess those very rare and indefinable qualities of mind that always insure success. Everything he touches turns to gold dollars and a great many of them. When he purchases stocks, they are at the lowest; and when he sells, they are as mysteriously at the highest. Under his magic touch wealth increases, he hardly knows how, so natural is it for him to control the wealth producing elements that surround him. When his plans ripen, they stand out in bold relief, emphatically his own, and are tenaciously carried out to a generally successful issue. He seems to be impelled by a force which he has power or inclination to resist. He loves to watch the mental machinery within, working so admirably, and, with rare exceptions, accomplishing desired results. But this valuable machinery will not always last. His grasp of the lever will be gradually loosened. He will trust to others what he once thought could only be done by himself, and he thought rightly. At this junction men of princely fortunes, by one single misstep, have lost all. Some of our wealthiest men, conscious of this approaching epoch, have "hedged", by investing heavily in life insurance. There are others younger business men, whose fortunes are not yet made, and who, utilizing the experience of others, have invested quite extensively in Endowments, Tontines, Semi-Tontines and other forms of Life Insurance paying for them during their present productive period of life. These insurances, in event of premature death, will constitute an estate, together with other accumulations, as large, probably, as if they had lived their full measure of days. These young men have learned that men die, and that they sometimes die in full strength of manhood, when their prospects are the brightest, before their well matured plans have had time to work out expected results, and just when they have reached the threshold of success.

They have seen such untimely deaths bring financial loss, and sometimes utter ruin, to bereaved families. It was like the freighted ship sinking in full view of the safe harbor; or, the costly building going up in smoke and cinders! These representatives of American enterprise are hopeful, for they have reasons to be, but there still remains a period of uncertainty between hope and accomplished results, and they have thus bridged it over by the only method known and approved by the best intelligence of the nineteenth century.

## NEW BELL FOR BULLRUN.

Basket Social to Raise Money For Its Purchase Netted \$55.

BULLRUN, Or., Feb. 11.—(Special.)—The basket social given by the Mar-mot school was a grand success and was very largely attended by the Bull-run people. It was given for the purpose of raising enough money for the purchase of a bell for the school house, and \$55.00 was raised, which will buy them a very nice bell.

At last the snow is gone, and from all indications the cold spell is broken, and the farmers are all rejoicing.

The Christian Endeavor which was started here about two months ago is proving to be quite a success. There is quite a good attendance and every one seems to take quite an interest in it.

Mr. Frank T. Dodge, Superintendent of the Portland city water works, was a guest of Mr. Maupin a couple of days last week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Andrews a boy. Mother and child are both doing well.

## Church Services.

At St. Paul's Episcopal Church, services will be held next Sunday as follows: Holy Communion at 8. Sunday School at 10. Morning prayer and sermon on "Treasures in Heaven" at 11. Evening song and sermon on "The Spiritual Basis of Education" at 5 P. M. Mr. C. A. Miller will sing the Offertory solo in the morning and Miss Conyers in the evening. The ladies of St. Paul's Church will give a Valentine Tea next Saturday in Willamette Hall from 2 to 5 o'clock. Souvenirs will be given, delicate refreshments served and a very interesting program rendered, including a charming talk by Mrs. P. J. Mann, of Portland on "A Trip Abroad." Everyone cordially invited.

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