

ROAD COMPLETED; TOWN CELEBRATES

Forest Grove Board of Trade Gives Banquet in Honor of Oregon Electric.

CITY'S FUTURE IS BRIGHT

Regular Service Begins Between Portland and Washington County City—Speeches Conclude Splendid Banquet.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Completion of the Oregon Electric Railway between Portland and this city was celebrated by the Forest Grove Board of Trade with a banquet tonight.

The banquet was held on the fourth floor of Herrick Hall, which had been especially arranged for the occasion. The room was filled with the long tables, which were crowded with guests and brilliantly lighted.

Judge W. H. Hollis, president of the Forest Grove Board of Trade, acted as toastmaster and delivered the welcoming address. His remarks had to do with the history of the building of electric lines between Forest Grove, which have been agitated for the past ten years, but which have never materialized until the Oregon Electric Company entered the early days of Forest Grove and the struggling school, and also acknowledged the present prosperous conditions existing here, mainly brought about by the completion of the Oregon Electric, and, as for the future, he compared it with some of the best towns in the Willamette Valley.

Senator E. W. Haines and Rev. A. J. Folsom delivered enthusiastic speeches pertinent to the future of Forest Grove. The College Quartet furnished plenty of good music.

Officials of the Oregon Electric were in Forest Grove Saturday and went over the line from here to Hillsboro and passed on the efficiency of the work done by the construction company and accepted the road. Again on Sunday afternoon the officials came out from Portland, and when asked when the regular schedule would start, Mr. Coolidge, superintendent of the line, stated that there was no better time to start than the present.

"The car that will take us to Portland this afternoon will begin the service, and the regular service will continue from now on," he remarked.

The cars have been running regularly since and are being well patronized from both ends of the line.

TROLLEY LINE IS WELL BUILT

Construction of Oregon Electric Fine Hit of Engineering Work.

The Portland-Salem and the Forest Grove divisions of the Oregon Electric Railway Company systems of lines in Western Oregon represent the first miles of electrical railway, the construction and equipment of which was undertaken, built and operated by actual operation by the engineering firm of W. S. Barstow & Co., of New York City. With its main terminal at the city of Portland, the line extends to Forest Grove, where it crosses the coast range, and two lines already in operation, the Oregon Electric Railway Company is practically in possession of the key to the entire valley.

From an engineering point, the project presented some serious difficulties. The chief of which was the entrance to the city from the southeast, as also the necessity of crossing the Willamette River at a height sufficient to allow the passage of river boats requiring a clearance of not less than 46 feet, at high water elevation, of at least 35 feet above ordinary water surface. However, all these difficulties, including that of curvature and grade, were overcome and the builders were able to turn over two lines to the Oregon Electric Railway Company the first of which, or Portland-Salem, has but 1 per cent of curvature, while the Forest Grove line has only 15 per cent curvature, and most of that is within the city limits. Furthermore, the two lines enter the city from the southwest, in more favorable grades than any other existing line.

The track is of standard gauge and is built for heavy passenger and freight traffic. The road bed is 16 feet wide on embankment and 22 feet in cuts, with 14 feet for each additional track. The entire right-of-way and station grounds are fenced with barbed wire, including one strand of barb wire on top. The rail is of the finest and latest pattern, properly bonded with "knife edge" soldered bonds and soldered in streets and road crossings concealed bonds are soldered to the web of the rail under the angle bar. A comprehensive system of fixed signals, indicating distances, boundaries, danger points, etc., for the guidance of the public, as well as track men, motormen, property agents, etc., as well as a comprehensive signaling and interlocking equipment, has been installed on both systems. There are about 35 stations on the Portland-Salem line and 15 on the Forest Grove division.

The bridges, the transmission line and general power system, substations, etc., are among the fine engineering features of the Oregon Electric Railway Company's line. So is the telegraph and telephone system for the movement of trains, passenger and freight.

The rolling stock, consisting of combination passenger, smoking and baggage-cars, as well as electric locomotives, freight and construction cars, were expressly manufactured for the Oregon Electric Railway Company. Passenger-cars are provided with airbrakes, as well as hand brakes, for use in case of emergency. These cars are equipped with sufficient power to make the run from Portland to Salem, with one trailer, including all stops, in 1 hour and 35 minutes.

To sum up, the Oregon Electric Railway Company's lines in Western Oregon are built and equipped according to the most modern, approved standard. The lines are operated under the standard code of the American Railway Association system, and dispatching is done entirely by telegraph, telephones being installed in shelter sheds stations only, and in each

freight coaches, which are used in case of emergency. The trainmen are recruited from steam roads, and the operating department have so far carried on their work in a manner fully satisfactory to the amount of business the company has done since it began to operate its lines.

M'MAHAN, KREBS IN FIGHT

Attorney and Hop Dealer Mix It on Streets of Salem.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Considerable excitement was caused on the streets here this evening when E. H. McMahan, a prominent attorney, and Conrad Krebs, one of the most widely-known hop men in the state, engaged in a fist fight.

It seems that some time ago, in talking over a phone, Krebs used language toward McMahan which the latter resented, and tonight McMahan met Krebs in front of Wipurt's cigar store, at the corner of State and Commercial streets, and demanded an apology. This was refused, and McMahan, as bystanders say, struck Krebs in the face.

The two were separated after a short battle, but mixed again soon after being released. They were again separated and induced to call the battle off. Neither was seriously hurt.

INTENT TO KILL IS CHARGE

Homer Black Indicted for Shooting Dr. Robertson During Hold-up.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Homer Black was indicted today on the charge of assaulting with intent to kill Dr. C. H. Robertson, November 20. Black had been taken into the courtroom before the indictment was filed, and when Judge Burnett asked him whether he had an attorney he replied that he had not, but expected to employ an attorney named Leet, who lives in Portland. Judge Burnett said he would appoint Frank Holmes to represent him until his attorney arrived.

"It seems to me as this is unusual, arranging a man as soon as the grand jury brings in an indictment," remarked Black. From this comment it is believed that he has been indicted before or is familiar with court proceedings. Judge Burnett gave him until tomorrow to plead.

Black is accused of shooting Dr. Robertson during an attempted hold-up. He was captured the next night and circumstantial evidence against him is said to be strong.

SURVEYING CREW AT ELMA

Men Believed to Be Harriman's Advance Guard Arrive.

ELMA, Wash., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—A party of surveyors arrived here last night, and it is reported they are the advance guard of the men who will build the Union Pacific extension from Centralia to Grays Harbor. They will set the grade stakes for the contractors who will soon be on the ground with their constructing crews.

On the strength of the new railroad being built down this valley, real estate values have advanced, and there is a general feeling that the next few years will be the best ones for Grays Harbor country, has ever seen.

MAN KILLED IN SAWMILL

Log Leaps From Saw Carriage Carrying Death to P. C. Snyder.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—At 9:30 o'clock this morning P. C. Snyder, a single man about 25 years old, was instantly killed while at work in the Willapa Lumber Company's mill at Raymond. He was assisting in rolling a log upon the saw carriage at the time. A big knot on the log struck on a skid and the log swung around violently, striking Snyder's head and killing him instantly.

Snyder had been working in the mill less than a month. His people live in Tennessee.

A. SHULTZ, AGED 84, DEAD

Settled in Dallas in 1861, Where He Lived 47 Years.

DALLAS, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Asbury Shultz, a pioneer Oregonian and one of the oldest citizens of Dallas, died here last night as the result of a sudden attack of paralysis. He was born in Ohio, April 27, 1824, married Miss Eliza Cedars in 1846 and in 1861 crossed the plains to Oregon, settling in Dallas, where he made his home during the remainder of his life. He is survived by his wife, five children, 14 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

NEW YEAR EVE BALL. A confetti novelty ball will close the year for Portland at Merrill's Hall, at 7th and Oak. A double orchestra, all night dancing, a valuable door prize and attractions introduced during the night will be the inducements. Ladies' invitations free and gentlemen will be taxed \$1 for hat checks, with no other charges during the night. 500 seats for spectators.

Township Government in Force. OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Clark County is the first county in the state to report on township organization. State Auditor Clausen has received a complete report of such organization in this county, following the affirmative vote of last November which authorized that change in county government.

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CAPTAIN'S WIFE TELLS OF WRECK

Says Experience in Earthquake Pleasant Dreams in Comparison.

FORGETS NIGHTLY PRAYER

Mrs. Gruggel Relates Vivid Story of Fight With Storm on Ocean. Praises God for Deliverance From Death.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Captain Jacobson, of the life-saving station at Westport, reported through the wireless station at that point this afternoon that the schooner Gotoma is ashore seven miles from that point and rapidly going to pieces.

The members of the crew, in addition to Captain and Mrs. Gruggel, who were saved are: Fred Rogers, of San Francisco, mate; Alexander Harley, of Portland, cook; John Holenaki, Erick Erickson, Albert Johnson, and John Teller, seamen. Erickson shipped aboard the schooner at Tillamook, having previously been connected with the lighthouse at that point.

"I never want to see the sea again," said Mrs. Gruggel, wife of the captain, in an interview today aboard the steamer Santa Monica, where she is being cared for. Mrs. Gruggel is slightly past middle age, stout of build, strong in appearance and of Irish parentage. She has accompanied her husband on one or two voyages, but declares never again will she take any chances on the water.

Earthquake Mere Pleasantry. Intensely interesting and dramatic and with touches of pathos and humor in the story she tells of the terrible experience she passed through. For three days she was crowded in the contracted space of the wheelhouse, which provided poor shelter for herself and members of the ship's crew, though this wheelhouse saved them from the awful battering of the seas, and doubtless from death.

"You know," began Mrs. Gruggel, "I was in the San Francisco earthquake and we lost our home, but to make a comparison between the earthquake and my experience on the Gotoma, the earthquake was a pleasant dream. The Gotoma, in the first place, was unworthy. I told my husband on the trip up from San Francisco, after she had been patched over, that she was a dangerous craft. Just as I feared, she went to pieces, when, if she had been a good boat she could easily have ridden out the storm.

Drinks Rain Water From Roof. "When it was found impossible to stay

in the cabin we had to go to the wheelhouse, and by luck there were boards in there which the crew fixed up for a bed for me. They placed it where the water would not reach me, but I might as well have been in the sea. The water poured through the top, but the sides prevented us from being battered to pieces and the wheelhouse is what saved us.

"I was soaked through all the time I was in the wheelhouse and I did not dare to move much, for if I moved one way I would go out of the window, and if the other way into the water that was rushing over the vessel. While I lay there I would catch a little fresh water in my mouth and all at once, for I was so thirsty, I was so terrified that I did not know what to do with myself, though I kept up my courage and encouraged the men. My head was lying in water most of the time, and my stockings were soaked. Then the cook would take off my stockings and wring them out and they were so wet that when they were pulled on again they actually seemed dry.

Forgets Till Last to Pray. "All this time I had forgotten to pray. I have prayed every night when I am at home or on the sea, but somehow I forgot this time, and all at once, when I was sure it was the last of me, I made up my mind to have a little prayer all by myself. You know prayer will avail nothing if you leave it to the last moment. So I was glad I had prayed before and not left it until I got in such a tight pinch, for the Almighty isn't going to help you out then.

"Well, I prayed, and after I prayed such a sweet peace came into my breast. All my anxiety left me and I rested so nice and so calmly that I prayed again. And it was those prayers that saved us. I am sure they did. For why did that peace come into my soul just at that time? It was God, of course, telling me that we were saved. And then the good

steamer Santa Monica came in sight and it was God that sent her to us, too."

BIG ESTATE CONTESTED

HEIRS OF V. H. CALDWELL SEEK TO BREAK WILL.

Seven Children Divided Against Seven More in Effort to Secure \$75,000 Estate.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The battle for the \$75,000 estate left by V. H. Caldwell, a Linn County pioneer, who died last April, is now in progress in the Probate Court here. All of the 14 children of Caldwell are present at the hearing.

Caldwell's signature to the will was proven by the first witnesses called, E. D. Cusick and H. H. Cusick, of Clatsop County, who saw the old man sign the will which is now the basis of the contest. The executors then introduced evidence to show the mental capacity of Caldwell at the time the will was made, and F. N. Dury, George Downing, F. A. Minnsinger and A. J. Jackson, of Salem, and J. W. Pipe, of Albany, all of whom had business relations with Caldwell, testified for that purpose.

George W. Caldwell, a Portland attorney, who is one of the executors, is being assisted in the defense of the will by Attorney T. G. Greene, of Portland, and Gale S. Hill, of Albany, while Weatherford & Wyatt, of this city, appear for the contestant.

The bulk of the estate is given to seven of them. One daughter received but \$100, and six other children only \$500 each. George W. Caldwell, a Portland attorney, and William H. Caldwell, of Albany, were named as executors and were also made trustees of a fund of \$10,000 for charity.

Almeda Caldwell, the youngest child and an invalid, is the contestant in the proceedings. She alleges that her father, who was 77 years old when the will was made, was feeble and that he was unduly influenced by George W. Caldwell, the Portland attorney, who, the contestant avers, wrote the will and had the improper means to secure his father's signature, after poisoning the old man's mind against the seven younger children.

The seven children who were bequeathed practically all of the \$75,000 estate are Mary S. Kantz, of Portland; George W. Caldwell, of Portland; Nellie Hughes, of Washington County; Andrew Caldwell, of Stoughton; William H. Caldwell, of Albany; Frances Caldwell, of near Albany, and Martha E. Marsh, of near Albany. The children who were cut off with \$500 each or less are Charles Caldwell, of Portland; Lydia D. Caldwell, Fred Caldwell, Frank Caldwell, Nancy J. Shoe, James G. Caldwell and Almeda Caldwell, all residing near this city.

NEW BUILDING IS VOTED. Forest Grove School District Elects to Spend \$12,500.

PRICHARD UNFIT TO TEACH, CHARGE

Affidavits Filed Against ex-Superintendent of Clark County Schools.

CRUEL TO WIFE, SAYS SON

Action Begun to Revoke Teacher's Certificate—Married Second Wife While First Mate Lay Near by Unburied.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Sensational charges have been made against Milton Prichard, ex-Superintendent of Clark County schools, before the State Board of Public Instruction, in an attempt to have his teacher's certificate revoked. The case, it is expected, will be heard at Spokane some day this week by the State Board of Public In-

struction, the State Educational Association being in session in that city. It is alleged in affidavits on file with the State Board at Olympia that Prichard is morally unfit to hold a teacher's certificate, that he is of a cruel, overbearing, vindictive temperament, and that he has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a husband and father. These charges are supported by affidavits of residents of Clark County, among them being Robert Clifton Prichard, the 16-year-old son of Milton Prichard, and the integrity of those making the affidavit is vouched for under oath by some of the most prominent citizens of the county.

In these affidavits it is alleged that Prichard repeatedly beat and whipped his first wife, now dead; that he was guilty of unbecomingly cruel to his son Robert, who at the time was about 7 years of age; that he used violent and profane language in addressing his wife, and that he was guilty of unbecomingly cruel to his son Robert, who at the time was about 7 years of age; that he used violent and profane language in addressing his wife, and that he was guilty of unbecomingly cruel to his son Robert, who at the time was about 7 years of age.

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A few days over six months after the divorce was granted, Mrs. Prichard died of tuberculosis, September 18, 1907. September 13, 1907, while the body of his former wife was still unburied, Prichard secured a marriage license in this city and was married here the same evening at 8 o'clock by Rev. J. E. Snyder, of the Presbyterian Church, to Miss Alle Nunn, aged 23, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Nunn, of this city. The bride couple left the same evening for Carbonado, Pierce County, where Prichard had started to teach school about two weeks before.

Steals Knife; Gets 12 Days. OREGON CITY, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—William Wilson, who was arrested Saturday on a charge of stealing a knife from the Royal restaurant, was this afternoon found guilty in the Justice Court and sentenced to serve 12 days in the County Jail.

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GAMES RUNNING WIDE OPEN

SUMPTER PRESENTS VIVID PICTURE OF WILD WEST TOWN.

Woman Conducts Gambling Business and Barmaid Serves Drinks to Patrons.

BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The lingering remnants of wide-open frontier life may still be seen at Sumpter, Huntington and Cooperfield, this county, where gambling is practically all its forms run wide and uncontrolled. And to complete this picture of the old border days, a woman conducts one of these gambling houses at Sumpter.

Since the crusade of recent years which pressed down the lid upon public gambling, roulette, twenty-one and other kindred games that caused gun play and wild west romances, were supposed to have been discarded except in Nevada. This wave of reform is also supposed to have swept Baker County, but in at least three towns games are running as wide as they ever did at Virginia City or Telluride.

It is in Sumpter, however, that open gambling retains the standing and respect it commanded in the days before the crusade. Shorn of its former glory as a great mining camp, as the result of continued litigation by the owners of the mines, the camp still holds the distinction of being the most prominent, wide-open gambling camp in the Pacific Northwest.

Sumpter has a population of between 600 and 1000. It also has two grocery stores, a butcher shop and ten saloons. Connected with most of these ten saloons is a complete gambling layout that runs night and day, provided there are sufficient patrons. And it is in Sumpter that the only woman gambler and saloon-keeper in the entire Pacific Northwest conducts her place. She is known among the miners and all who patronize her place as "Mother" Woods, and addressing her at the bar and tables are a young barmaid and several gamblers.

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