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STREET CAR FRANCHISE.

During the past three or four days much has been said pro and con regarding the city granting a franchise for street cars. There was a special meeting of the council held last Friday night to take the matter under consideration, and of which notice appears elsewhere. There were two companies of wealthy capitalists asking for the franchise, and able lawyers looked carefully over the ground and made clear the propositions submitted by their clients. One thing that struck the writer most forcibly was: No lawyer was present to look after the city's interest, nor on one outside of Councilman Willenberg seemed to have any idea that the city had any interest in the matter; and if we may judge from the interest manifested by those present, so far as the public good was concerned, it seemed to be the general opinion, in the classic language of the dear departed Jay Gould: "The public be damned." It was all street car boom talk, and the streaks of hot air would, if transported to the frigid lands of North Elberta, have produced a genuine chinook more potent than a breeze from the Japan current.

If the franchise sought for so lustily and for which two powerful combines have each had legal talent of the highest order to advance their claims and push forward with so much vim the preliminary stages, is worth the paper it is written on, it is worth more; and it is worth more, then the city has a claim to the value of the franchise and it should be paid for, and the contract for the franchise and also the ordinance governing the franchise, should be so framed that the city's interest should be protected. Now we are aware that the above statement is not good politics as generally accepted, nor is it the kind of municipal politics as practiced in many of our cities, but it should be the public's politics, and as such every man should be interested.

Now if two powerful rival companies can be formed, and each seek the franchise, why should the city surrender its rights without a just and equitable remuneration being paid for the same? We are aware that it will be said: "The street railway will not pay expenses for several years, and therefore, a small or nominal amount only should be paid the city." If this be the case, then there are other reasons why the project is being pushed. The writer thinks he knows, but at present every man can form his own opinion.

If the city really wants a street car system, why not advertise for the same? Why not draw up an ordinance covering the needs of the city and state just what the city will do, and then receive bids for the franchise?

Now it is admitted that the present need of the city is not street cars, but better sidewalks, crossings and streets, but if a majority want to try the street car project, why should there be such anxiety to push through the scheme without taking plenty of time to thoroughly inquire into and examine the matter?

By the terms of the charter sought by the rival companies would pay the city one hundred dollars a year for the franchise until the city had a population of 10,000 inhabitants, and after that will pay a small additional sum for each 10,000 in population. If the city dials will grant a franchise like the one sought for so vehemently by the rival companies, and put it up at public auction, the writer of this article will bid up \$5,000 in cash for the same and will pay the money down just as soon as the city can deliver the goods. This is what the writer thinks about the value of the franchise at the present time, and for every 5,000 additional inhabitants he will contract to pay \$5,000 more in cash or the franchise may be annulled. He is quite willing to risk the money on the city's future growth and prosperity, and while he realizes that he may be called a Razzoozer, he does not want a valuable franchise for nothing; and while the matter may be called a speculation, he is willing that the city should benefit by the speculation. Here is our proposition: If the city will grant to us a franchise covering all the streets of Roseburg, and the additional as recorded in the public plats, and give us two years in which to commence operations, and two years to finish we will pay \$5,000 in cash, and when the city reaches 10,000 inhabitants \$5,000 more and \$5,000 for every increase of 5,000 to the citizenship of the City of Roseburg perpetually as the city takes in territory and the lines are extended.

Whatever the democrats may say the whole world acknowledges that the republican party, by its introduction of correct business methods, has brought the grandest era of prosperity to the United States that has been given to any country on the face of the globe.

Bill Devery improved somewhat on Governor Odell's statement that D. B. Hill was never loved by a woman; Bill says it would give a woman chills and fever to look at Hill. He perhaps if she looks long at Bill she gets a jug.—Ex.

Sir:—191 New York has had an unbroken succession of Republican governors and can point with pride to Morion, Black, Roosevelt and Odell.

It is hardly worth while for W. J. Bryan to waste any more time upon Nebraska. It is a republican state, dyed in last colors.

**CONVICTS SHOULD MAKE ROADS.**  
In several of the Southern States, state and county convicts are worked upon the public roads. In Tarrant county, Texas, for several years past the county convicts are forced to build roads and the state convicts or a number of them are farmed out to the railroads for construction or betterment purposes. We think that it is Georgia that has a very good system whereby the state convicts are kept at hard labor in building state roads and great good has resulted from their labor.

Now if there is a state in the Union where good roads are needed it is in Oregon, and especially in the country west of the Cascade mountains. This district has practically no roads for six months in the year and travel is almost at a standstill. A system of good roads would nearly double the price of land adjacent to the railroads because crops could be marketed so much better and with one-fourth of the cost, time and labor.

The PLAINDEALER favors a state system of main roads running from north to southwest of the Cascades and a system running from the east to the west or from the north to the south east of the Cascades. These roads to be built with convict labor and we care not where the work is done so that it is commensured. With such a system of state roads each county needing better facilities for travel could build county roads to the state roads and township roads to the county roads. By so doing there would be system in the entire work.

We are aware that the labor unions are adverse to convicts being employed at work which brings honest labor into competition with convict work, and the sentiment manifested is a tribute to their own self respect, but in employing convicts to construct state roads there would be opened for convict labor a field of usefulness which at present presents no prospect.

We are not in favor of putting convicts sentenced for willful murder or heinous crimes to work with the commoner or lower graded offense convicts, but we would favor a law governing the case so that every day of faithful work performed by a convict on the roads should count for two days of sentence, and besides, the convict should have credit given him for every day of faithful work the sum of 25 cents and this money in total should be paid to him the hour that his sentence expired for good behavior or faithful service. Any man be honest mechanic or convict at hard labor will work better with the certainty of just recompense in view. As a matter of justice the convict even has rights and if he earned more by his labor than was required to keep and guard him the excess should be his property, and besides it would convince him that the state was not an Egyptian taskmaster requiring adobe brick to be made without furnishing the straw, but that the state was just and honest even to the minute consideration of his manual labor. With a few hundred dollars in his pocket to commence life anew, many convicts who drift back into crime would be enabled to go elsewhere and commence life again and have the means to sustain them until they found employment for which they were suited.

We could elaborate this principle but we think that enough has been written to see if the Oregon press and legislators will take kindly to the proposition.

**ANOTHER ATTACK OF WORMS.**  
Mark the brilliant grammatical construction, refined and edifying English employed, and the very convincing argument presented in the following from the Roseburg Review of recent date:

A villainous attack, as contemptible as its source and as untruthful as its author, appeared in last Thursday's issue of the local paper called the Review. It was followed by another series on Monday. These exercises were aimed at Hon. S. C. Flint, Chas. H. Hill and the McBrooks, vilifying these gentlemen by name, with all the characteristic choice of epithets, and followed by declaring their removal to Idaho a couple of years ago as the cause of that state going republican at the recent election. The silliness and utter untruth of this charge is shown by the fact that Washington and Montana, lying on either side of Idaho, gave proportionally larger republican majorities than did Idaho. Further than this, Mr. McBrook's county went democratic as usual, electing the entire ticket, with the exception of but one man. The county where Fisher and Sheridan now live has been republican right along for years past. However, as we have heretofore often stated, anything emanating from the source mentioned is unworthy of notice, except to show what a depth of depravity it is possible for an individual to reach. Still, for an organ which recently defended in its characteristic way a case of open political mendacity, it is possible for it to be admitted into respectable homes.

The above is conclusive evidence that the pny individual, who styles himself editor of the Review, is suffering from a renewed attack of worms. Jayne's Tonic Vermifuge is recommended as an infallible remedy in such aggravated cases.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson seems to have done a good job for Alaska, and especially the starving Indians up there, if, as he is credited with being, he was instrumental in stocking that territory with reindeer. According to a census report there were no reindeer in Alaska in 1890, only 143 in 1899, 1009 in 1898, and 2289 in 1900. While they number 6000. Last year there were 19000 births in the domesticated herd. The ascertained fact that these animals will thrive in Alaska as well as Lapland, where they number 400,000 may become of great importance. They will furnish the natives with milk and meat, besides being very useful in other ways.

**ANOTHER COMPANY.**  
A company of Duluth capitalists recently incorporated for the purpose of building and operating street car and motor lines in Roseburg and vicinity. This company has a capital stock of \$200,000, and is represented here by A. E. Spoke, of Duluth, Minn., F. W. Wegner, of Spokane, Wash., and C. Schmidt, of Roseburg, Oregon. They have already secured rights-of-way and franchises in the new Great Central townsite addition, and a tract of ten acres of land on the hill at the north extension of Jack-

**RAILROAD UP COW CREEK.**  
The Johnson Brothers Big Saw Mill Enterprise. Fight With a Deer.  
The present indications are very promising for a new lumbering enterprise at Glendale. Last Monday, Messrs. Curtis and W. P. Johnson, of the new Myrtle Creek plant, made an inspection trip up Cow Creek, to review matters previously attended to by their agents, J. R. Thorne and Gen. Hedfield. Now they have employed Surveyor Hamilton of Myrtle Creek, who, assisted by Redfield and Thorne, began today the work of surveying just above town for a railroad to the Lehman Falls, 13 1/2 miles above. From there a flume will be constructed in the creek to bring down logs to the railroad. The Johnson Bros. are up-to-date lumbering men, have ample capital, and will, since the people along the creek have received their proposition in the right spirit, go ahead and make valuable improvements which will prove a boon to Glendale and the Cow Creek country. The saw mills will be built at Glendale. We hope to be able to give more particulars next week.—Glendale News.

**STRENGTH FOR LIFE WITH A 2-POUND BUCK.**  
Master Glen Booth, aged 10 years, son of W. S. Booth, on Friday last had a terrible struggle with a three-pronged deer in the woods near his home at the mouth of Starvort. He had shot and killed his game, as he supposed, the animal falling and plunging its head beneath a log. The boy stood his rifle by a tree, about 75 yards away, and went over to stick his animal. Upon pulling the head from under the log, the deer, whose neck had only been creased by a cut in the hair, attacked the boy. A terrible struggle followed; sometimes the buck had the advantage and again the boy gained a good hold. He finally managed to push the struggle close to his gun; after considerable engineering he seized his trusty gun with one hand, and holding the deer with the other, he finally managed to fire a death-dealing shot. Glen's clothes were nearly all torn from his body. He was considerably bruised about his body.—Glendale News.

**Next Winter's Appropriations.**  
The next Legislative Assembly will almost necessarily be a more expensive one than usual, if not the most expensive ever held. Especially will this be the case if the desired appropriation of \$500,000 for the Lewis and Clark Exposition is made. The state institutions will require more money rather than less, and there will be other heavy demands for money. This is not to be condemned if the money is voted for necessary or beneficial purposes. Oregon is growing rapidly, but needs to make some expenditures to encourage and stimulate still greater, faster growth, and for this purpose, and to attend to the legitimate wants of our growing population, more money is needed than formerly. Valuable results are only obtained at considerable cost; good things are expensive; it is not so much the amount expended as how it is invested that is a proper subject of criticism.

In some directions, however, expenses can be cut down. The state printing, in particular, ought to cost many thousands of dollars a year less than it does now. Much ought also to be saved in fees now paid to some other state officers. The "flat salary" project may very likely fail of success, but there should certainly be some reform in the schedule of governmental expenses.

George Smith, colored, has been sentenced to hang at Portland, December 19. He killed his white wife several months ago.

# LATEST NEWS OF THE COUNTY

## Gleaned by Our Able Corps of Special Correspondents— Industrial, Social, Personal

**Glendale News Notes.**  
W. S. Britt, of Riddle arrived at Glendale Thursday morning to do some surveying for Mr. Gilbertson. We are told Mrs. S. K. Willet, of Grants Pass, and little Leone Cowher of Roseburg, were visiting at Hotel Clarke Tuesday.

Surveyor McCullough, of Grants Pass was at Hotel Glendale Wednesday night returning Thursday morning. It is reported that he was here relating to the proposed survey for a railroad up Cow Creek.

Messrs. Woolley & Churchill of Roseburg, have installed a brilliant gas plant in Guth & Walla saloon, the "Owl." It is now the best lighted house in the city. Hill & Mallory are going to extend the light to their market. We cannot have too much expansion on the light problem.

The suspension of timber lands at the Roseburg, Dalles and Lakeview districts is only on former filings, as timber-entirely received as usual, with most satisfactory results. Congress will probably repeal the present timber and stone act at its next session on the recommendation of Secretary Hitchcock, or make a large advance in the price of timber land.—News.

**Nugget News.**  
The roads are getting muddier, muddier muddier.  
Mr. A. L. Ayl has a new cutaway that is a good thing on any farm.  
Mr. W. C. Bates is prospecting the old Cross Cut Mines with good results.  
Mr. G. W. Johnson is showing some good prospects on the Hambletakers place.

Messrs. Clark & Cartin out hammering away on their drift, with good prospects in sight.  
Mr. Cloyd Chaney is superintending the building of flood gates in Potters dam, for Mr. Johnson, the saw mill man.

Work is progressing rapidly on the reservoir up South Myrtle Creek, under manager Wm. McKee.  
The development work on the Little Chieftain Mines is being pushed day and night. We wish them success.

Mr. J. M. Wardrip and family are moving to Myrtle Creek. We are sorry to lose them from our little valley.  
Mr. John England is moving on the place vacated by Mr. Wardrip, the James Rice place, which he has rented for the ensuing year.  
Post-master Sanders still carries the mail. We wonder who will be mail carrier, as the contract will be let Dec. 1. It has been said that five bids were sent in.

**Dillard Items.**  
Miss Bertha Wardrip made Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wardrip, a very pleasant visit part last Saturday and Sunday.  
Misses Millie and Maud Howard, who are teaching at Greens and Rice Creek respectively, spent Saturday and Sunday at home as usual.

Mr. Ollie Pickens, Miss Millie and Eva Howard, Mr. Eggers and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wardrip, were among the Dillard people who spent Saturday last in Roseburg.  
The heavy rains during the past week have put the river past fording. Our little suspension bridge is very convenient, but one of larger dimensions, would be more accommodating.

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The river which has been quite high, can now be forded again.  
Mrs. J. M. Dillard, of this place, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Miller, Nov. 14th.  
Dr. Fallon, of Myrtle Creek, was in town on the evening of Nov. 14th.  
Mr. Artie Crews and sister, Miss Lottie, of Myrtle Creek, are visiting their sister, Mrs. H. Wardrip, of this place.  
Miss Millie Howard, who is teaching at Greens Station, and her sister Miss Maud, the teacher of the Rice Hill school, are spending Saturday and Sunday with her mother, in this place.

**Dixonville Items.**  
Rev. W. G. Leonard preached an able sermon in the Bogess school house last Sunday.  
Louis Cass, employed by Mr. McWilliams of Roseburg, to take care of his farm on Deer creek, was found a few days ago by John McKane in an almost helpless condition. His arm was badly swollen with erysipelas and he had not tasted food for nearly two days. He has already lost a leg by erysipelas and may lose his arm. He is now in Roseburg.

N. Cookle, an old pioneer and an honored member of our community, has been very ill the past two weeks. Mr. Cookle is 83 years old and still a hard working man. Through your correspondent Father Cookle's desires to sincerely thank all those who have contributed to his comfort during his very trying illness.

A very painful accident happened last week while Harry Hatfield and Will Dixon were driving fence posts. Harry was holding the posts while Will was driving. At the time of the accident they had presumably finished driving a post and Harry placed his hand on the post to test its solidity, when all unnoticed, down came the sledge upon his hand smashing the end joints of the third and fourth fingers of his left hand. We sincerely hope that amputation will be unnecessary.

**Winston Items.**  
Mrs. W. C. Winston returned last Friday from a short visit in Oakland, Calif.  
The infant son of Mrs. Chas. Hargan has been quite ill. We are pleased to report that this writing, however, that he is improving.

Mrs. B. B. Brockway went to Dea creek last Friday to attend her father, Mr. N. Cookle, who is quite ill.  
Mrs. W. S. Howard, daughter of Mrs. B. B. Brockway, and little son returned last Friday to Petaluma, Calif., where she resides.

**Yoncalla Items.**  
T. E. Fagan, of Stacey, has sold his farm to an eastern man and will move to Ashland in the near future.  
John Andrews, an old pioneer and for nearly 50 years a resident of Yoncalla, passed away the 12th inst., aged 81.  
Timothy Montgomery was found dead in bed the 12th inst., at the home of Geo. Andrews on Billy creek. Heart disease is supposed to have been the cause of his death. Justice Meizer held the inquest. Mr. Montgomery was 84 years old.

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**In the Justice Court.**  
Upon complaint of Game and Fish Warden E. G. Holson, Fred Bateman, was summoned before Justice of the Peace J. A. Buchanan this morning charged with unlawfully killing deer and having the same in his possession in the close season. He pled guilty to the charge and was fined \$25 and costs. Upon the payment of the fine he was released.

**Notice for Publication.**  
United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, Nov. 11, 1902.  
Notice is hereby given that the following land has been surveyed and is available for sale in accordance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 22, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber land in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1882.

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**Society Meetings.**  
F. & A. M.—Laurel Lodge No. 13. Holds regular meetings on second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. E. J. Strout, W. M. N. T. Laws, Secretary.

O. U. W.—Roseburg Lodge No. 16. Meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p. m. in the I. O. O. F. Hall. Members in good standing are invited to attend. H. F. McCallum, M. W. E. H. Lenoxx, Recorder.

P. O. ELKS—Roseburg Lodge No. 239. Holds regular communications at I. O. O. F. Hall on second and fourth Thursdays of each month. All members requested to attend regularly and all visiting brothers are cordially invited to attend. W. H. Jameson, F. R. V. C. Lenoxx, Secretary.

C. O. E. FOURTH REGIMENT—O. E. S. U. Meets at Army Hall every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. F. B. Hamlin, Capt.

DEGREE OF PONOR—Myrtle Lodge No. 13. Meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month in Native Sons' Hall. Visiting members cordially invited to attend. Mrs. Mary West, C. of H. E. H. Lenoxx, Rec.

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O. O. F.—Philetian Lodge No. 9. Meets in Odd Fellows' Temple, corner Jackson and Cass streets, on Saturday evening of each week. Members in good standing are invited to attend. H. B. Guller, S. G. N. J. Jewett, Secretary.

P.—Alpha Lodge No. 47. Meets every Wednesday, in I. O. O. F. Hall at 7:30 p. m. Members in good standing are invited to attend. G. W. Kimball, C. O. C. E. Roberts, K. R. S.

O. T. M.—Protection Tent No. 15. Holds its regular reviews the first and third Friday of each month in the I. O. O. F. Hall. Visiting members in good standing are invited to attend. E. F. Patterson, Com. E. E. Blodgett, Record Keeper.

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