

ELECTRIC RAILWAY

Will be Built From Roseburg to Coos Bay Points.

WILSON INTERVIEWED.

His Company Ready for Business Stock Offered for Sale.

ROSEBURG, Sept. 2.—Col. J. F. Wilson, W. J. Wilsey and J. M. Eddy arrived yesterday from their trip via Florence to Coos Bay, returning via Roseburg, in the interest of the proposed Willamette Valley Electric Railroad, recently incorporated for one million dollars, and of which Mr. Wilson is president.

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ters from Eastern parties who are anxious to take bonds. The money is ready when the time comes for construction.

"We are not asking anybody for a bounty," said Mr. Wilson, but we want the moral support of the people in the enterprise, and the best way we have of getting the public back of us in this big undertaking is to let the people along the route take some stock in the enterprise. To this end we have decided to put 20,000 shares of stock on the market, to be taken by people along the proposed line. The shares will be \$10 each. If the people take up this \$200,000 we will know that they are with us in an effort to develop the country and revolutionize traffic, putting the country forward with a bound. Our proposition is that six years from now, or in 1910, we will take the stock off their hands at par, or let them keep it, whichever they like. The most of them will want to keep it for it will be a good safe investment. Men of capital prefer electric stock to that of most any other."

Mr. Wilson leaves in a few days for Prescott, Arizona, to close up a big mining deal. Mr. Wilsey will remain in the city and look after the business of the company.

Sluiceway Disaster.

NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—"A number of the girls and myself," said Miss Puetz, "were standing on the embankment of the island and saw the burning steamboat coming up the river. When the sluiceway was near I said to the girls: 'I am going to try and save some lives.' They laughed at me, and when I tried to jump into the water they held me back. I loosened my skirts and slipped away from them and jumped into the water. The sluiceway was then a long way from shore. I swam out as close to it as possible.

"One woman was standing on the deck with a baby in her arms, and I called to her to throw the child down to me. I swam ashore with the child and then went back and brought in three more babies, then a 15-year-old girl and finally a big fat woman.

"On the last two trips the water was full of drowning victims, and it was hard to keep away from them and keep them from pulling me down with them. One big woman did grab me and I had a hard time getting her ashore with me. I went down twice, but finally managed to get free from her, and then I pulled her into shallow water.

Roseburg's New High School Building



Roseburg's handsome new \$25,000 brick High School building is now completed, furnished and ready for occupancy. The building is of brick and modern in every particular, well lighted, heated and ventilated. There are three large entrances to the building, rendering it very easy to escape in case of fire.

RUSSIANS' RETREAT

Japanese Capture Liao Yang and Hoist Flag of Mikado.

A TERRIBLE SLAUGHTER

Fully 25,000 Slaves Cut off From Retreat—Heavy Losses.

LONDON, Sept. 4.—The Japanese army now holds sway over Liao Yang, and General Kuropatkin, through whom Russians believed their arms would be successful, is in full retreat northward, while one of his chief aides, General Skakelberg, with his command, the first Siberian Army Corps, numbering 25,000 men, is cut off to the westward of Liao Yang.

This last blow to Russian arms, though it is spoken of in St. Petersburg as "luring the enemy on," doubtless will be taken much to heart by the subjects of Emperor Nicholas who, after a succession of defeats and retirements by their army, had expected a finality of the struggle at Liao Yang in their favor.

What the effect of the retirement from Liao Yang will be on the besieged Port Arthur can only be conjectured, but certainly it cannot but cause depression among the valiant defenders who have been hoping that eventually they would be relieved.

REMINISCENCES OF ROGUE RIVER WAR

Written by "Uncle Sam" Handaker to Lieut. Stephen Longfellow.

Dear old Comrade:—It was all owing to an interview I had with Mrs. A. Martindale, of Camas Valley, Douglas county, Oregon, and which was published in the Semi-Weekly PLAINDEALER in July that I learned of your whereabouts, for we had not met since the day we were discharged from the service, on the 28th day of June, 1856, at Deer Creek, now and for many years past the flourishing city of Roseburg.

A lady friend of yours from Southern Oregon, after reading the interview, wrote a brief note in which she said: "One of the men, Lieutenant Stephen Longfellow, is living, located at Henley, Cal. He is rather feeble from old age and the many hardships he has endured, but is still a kind hearted, genial gentleman, with many friends who wish him a long and happy life."

Yes, old Comrade, I am sure the sentiment is true, every word of it for it is not flattering to say that during the time we were in the service, whether on the march over rugged mountains, frequently covered with snow, and nothing but a narrow trail on which to travel, or on the battlefield with the murderous Indians, "Steve" was all right. I have the kind permission of the editor of the PLAINDEALER for use of its columns to publish a few reminiscences as they occurred forty-eight years ago and in which the Company of Capt. Buoy, Company 3, 2nd Regiment, Oregon Territory Volunteers, were actors. It seems needless to say that but a few of the old company of one hundred and twenty are, so far as I know, now living.

CAMPAIGN OPENED

Leslie M. Shaw Addressed a Vast Throng at Portland.

A CONVINCING SPEAKER

Polite Arraignment of Democratic Policies and Principles.

Congressman Binger Heermann and Hon. A. C. Marsters returned home from Portland Friday, where they went to attend the grand republican rally and listen to the opening speech of the campaign, which was delivered Thursday evening by Secretary of the Treasury L. M. Shaw. Upon being asked as to their impression of the speaker and his address, a PLAINDEALER representative was informed by the distinguished Roseburgers that the republican national committee certainly chose wisely when it selected Mr. Shaw to open the campaign in Oregon.

The PLAINDEALER was also informed that he never antagonizes his audience. On the contrary he places his hearers on a party with himself, lays his views before them as one fair-minded man talking to another, convinced that he is right, yet open to conviction if he is wrong. It is eminently flattering to the audience, and successful in its results. Even the unbeliever finds it hard to dispute the assertions of a speaker apparently so fair, and so just even to his opponents. Frequent flashes of wit and humor enliven Secretary Shaw's public addresses and he possesses the gift of telling apt stories in a way that is strongly suggestive of Lincoln.

The PLAINDEALER believes the following extracts from Mr. Shaw's speech will be perused with interest by every reader of the paper: POLITICS IS A SCIENCE. "Politics is not a squabble for office. Politics is the science of self-government. The issues of a campaign do not have their beginning and ending in the election of men to office. Candidates are usually acceptable men. The issues of a campaign are between measures, not between men. A political party must be something more than an aggregation of office-seekers. A political party ought to be to represent some principle of self-government, and it ought to stand for the same principles of self-government continuously."

OLD MAN SUICIDES

Pioneer at Cottage Grove Hangs Himself in Barn.

SICK AND DESPONDENT.

Life Had Not Left Body When Discovered and Cut Down.

COTTAGE GROVE, Sept. 5.—(SPECIAL TO THE PLAINDEALER.)—The citizens of this city were greatly shocked Sunday morning upon receiving the intelligence that the old gentleman McKibben, who had resided in and about Cottage Grove for the past 20 years and had reared to manhood and womanhood a very estimable family at this place, through dependence, or perhaps temporary insanity, brought on by a long and serious illness, had taken his life by hanging.

The old gentleman was observed going to the barn from his residence, early Sunday morning, and not returning as soon as usual, a son went to the barn to learn the cause of his father's prolonged stay, and was horrified to see the limp form of the old gentleman dangling at the end of a rope, his feet firmly touching the barn floor. When cut down by the son, the old gentleman spoke a single word and expired, his destruction having been accomplished by strangulation, as he had evidently tied the rope over a sill, then placed it about his neck while standing on the floor, and brought about death by simply drawing up his legs, producing strangulation by the weight of his body. Had he been discovered a few minutes earlier, his life might have been prolonged. The old gentleman has been in very poor health for some time past, at times suffering severely, and it is thought that in the midst of one of these severe attacks he sought to end his sufferings by hanging. Besides a wife, several married children survive him, all of whom are highly respected people of this community. The old gentleman was probably nearing 70 years of age.

Officers State Medical Board. PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 1.—Dr. George F. Wilson, one of Portland's foremost physicians, is now president of the Oregon State Medical Association, having been elected at the 31st annual meeting of the association, which closed last evening. Dr. Wilson's election came as a surprise to himself, as he had no expectation of being elected, and had expressed no desire for it. Dr. Max H. Cardwell, who served last term as third vice-president, was elected first vice-president; Dr. W. H. Byrd, of Salem, second vice-president; Dr. W. L. Wood, third vice-president; Dr. L. H. Hamilton, formerly of Roseburg, secretary; Dr. Jessie McGavin, treasurer, and Drs. H. W. Cox and B. C. Wiley, counselors. Drs. Hamilton and McGavin were re-elected secretary and treasurer, respectively. The convention just closed was pronounced by all those attending to be the most satisfactory ever held.

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