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WILL RUSH NEW ELECTRIC LINE

Rapid Construction Work on Trolley Railway From Portland to Roseburg.

TRIAL RUN FIRST OF YEAR

Financial Stringency Will In No Way Interfere With Company's Plans.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 11.—From W. S. Barstow, of the firm of W. S. Barstow & Co., the New York engineers in charge of the construction of the Oregon Electric railway, comes the positive announcement that definite plans have been made by the firm of Moffat & White, New York capitalists, who are financing the project for the continuation and the construction of the electric line from Salem as far south as Roseburg and ultimately to Ashland.

Mr. Barstow says the stringency in the financial market will not interfere with the company's plans in the least. Furthermore, Mr. Barstow says that Moffat & White have no connection whatever with the survey of the line from Salem south to Eugene, projected by A. Welch, of Portland, the original and successful promoter of the present line from Salem to Portland, and that if this line is built the Oregon Electric will parallel it with another.

The line of the Oregon Electric passes three miles west of Woodburn, and a station has been established under the name of West Woodburn. Mr. Barstow said to a newspaper correspondent recently that the firm of W. S. Barstow & Co. had already perfected arrangements for construction of a spur line to connect Woodburn and West Woodburn, and that a regular motor car service would be maintained and operated upon it to be affiliated with, but not owned or controlled by the Oregon Electric Railway.

Work is to begin immediately upon the line from Portland to Hillsboro by Moffat & White, and Barstow & Co. are to build another spur line from Nasburg to a junction with the Oregon Electric at the west end of the Wilsonville bridge. Other spur lines are to be built on the east and west side of the Willamette River, and thus the entire length of the Willamette Valley is to ultimately be served by a network of electric railways that will not only afford cheap but very rapid transportation for the products of Western Oregon.

If present plans do not miscarry, Mr. Barstow says the trial run on the line between Portland and Salem will be made on or about Christmas with the new standard motor car equipment. The regular through service will begin about January 1. On account of the freshness and doubtful security of the heavy fills that have been made, extreme caution will be taken to avoid accident, and the schedule will consume about an hour and three-quarters between Salem and Portland, which is from one-half to three-quarters of an hour faster than the present Southern Pacific train service. This time will be reduced to an hour and a half as soon as safety will permit.

The first delivery of eight cars of the Oregon Electric's order of standard motor coaches for use on the Portland-Salem line has left the Pullman Car Works, and is expected to arrive within a few days, and two of the electric freight locomotives will depart from the Schenectady Locomotive Works very soon. The motor coaches are of the very latest pattern of Pullman palace motor

WILL HOLD BIG MASS MEETING

Mail Service to be Considered at Chamber of Commerce on Friday Night.

Arrangements were made by the chamber of commerce yesterday to have a big meeting in the rooms of that organization to arrive at some means of securing improvements in the mail service between Marshfield and Roseburg. The meeting will be held next Friday night and Postmaster Curtis, the county court, members of the local news agency, and Mayor Straw have been invited to speak at the meeting. The postmaster will give his side of the story regarding the delay in mail and make suggestions for improvement. The county court members will be asked to explain the condition of the roads which are claimed to be in a bad condition. All those who are interested in receiving their mail regularly are asked to attend the meeting and give their views on the best method of improving the service. It is altogether probable that resolutions will be drawn up and sent to Washington making a general kick against the condition of affairs.

At this meeting an endeavor will be made to find out who is to blame in the matter. It is figured out that when the contract was let to carry the mail, it was secured by the stage owners at the present low figures with the idea that they would have to carry only the same size mail as over a year ago. It is presumed that the growth of the mail to this point has about swamped the stage people, who are endeavoring to make up the difference by carrying passengers and thereby delaying the arrival of Uncle Sam's sacks.

Secretary Lyons, of the chamber of commerce, said last night that he had written Congressman Hawley of this district regarding the service and had informed him of its execrable condition in detail, and had suggested for improvement that the stage decline to carry passengers and attend strictly to the mail service, or that four relays of horses be put on the route instead of three, as at present.

The meeting will be in the nature of a protest against the service by the citizens of this city. The subject will be thoroughly discussed and threshed out and efforts will be made to have a large attendance so that the meeting will carry full weight. Mayor E. E. Straw will be present to give a lively talk on what is before Marshfield in 1908, what it is the duty of the city to do and what is going to be done to make her the leading city on the coast.

WELCOME ANOTHER LINE

Southern Oregon Electric Line Extension to Rogue River Valley Arouses Enthusiasm.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Dec. 12.—The announcement through the press that Moffat & White are about to extend the Oregon Electric line through Rogue river valley has been received here with the greatest satisfaction. It has been the dream of the citizens that some day another transportation company would find its way into the valley.

The cars will also be equipped with high-pressure automatic air brakes, and the motorman will have complete control of a train of eight cars. They will also be provided with powerful arc headlights, the power of which can be controlled so they can be turned on full strength in the country and subdued in the cities.

Cash Prize Masquerade.—At Eckhoff Hall, North Bend, Saturday night, December 11.

What Are Coos Bay's Needs?

The Times Requests All Residents of This Section to Tell What They Think It Most Pressing Requirement—Some Views Expressed

The Times wants the representative business men of Marshfield to say what, in their opinion, is Coos Bay's greatest need. Coos Bay has many needs but The Times wants to know which is the most pressing of them all—and it is taken for granted that a railroad and a better mail service are the greatest needs at present. What is the next most pressing need of all? Drop a line to The Times telling what you think. Here are some of the views expressed:

HON. JOHN S. COKE—"My opinion of Coos Bay's first greatest need is the improvement of the harbor to facilitate shipping by the construction of proper jetties at the bar and the dredging of the inner harbor. Secondly, the completion of the Coos Bay and Drain railroad to furnish communication with the Southern Pacific railroad. I have faith that this railroad will be built in a shorter time than is generally expected, and that the real construction of the line will commence next spring. Regarding Marshfield's local requirements we need a new and modern system of streets. The city has now grown and developed to such an extent that we should improve the business streets of Marshfield with bitulithic, or wood blocks treated with creosote or asphaltum. My preference would be the bitulithic pavement in view of the fact that we have an even climate and a great deal of moisture. Applying to Coos County I believe the dairy and fruit business should be developed to the extent of their great resources, as the local market is growing to such proportions that it is extremely desirable."

MAYOR E. E. STRAW—"I do not believe it is my place to make any suggestions outside the city of Marshfield. The most important needs of Marshfield in my opinion are that the city charter should be thoroughly revised to meet conditions at present and for any that may arise in the future—meaning a modern city charter. Prospects of future development should be taken into consideration and many of the provisions of the present charter altered for their betterment. A board of commissioners should be appointed to revise the charter and all ordinances be based upon that charter, in order to have the citizens of the city provided with the best municipal comforts and protection. This is within our reach and can be attained if properly carried out. Our greatest

need is permanently improved streets. There are many other things needed which are too numerous to mention in detail."

POSTMASTER WILLIAM B. CURTIS—"One thing we need on Coos Bay at present more than anything else is a better mail service. I do not see exactly how we are going to get it, but if the Chamber of Commerce takes the matter up I believe it could assist greatly toward an improvement. People who have traveled over the Roseburg road say that conditions are no different from former years when the mail was delayed but seldom. There is no excuse for the delay of the mails which has been so bad during the past month, except that we are getting bad service on the stage route."

REV. EDWARD DONNELLY—"My opinion is that Coos Bay's greatest need is the deepening of the harbor, which I consider one of our chief factors; the encouraging of our lumber industries; the development of our coal mines and advancement of our dairy and fruit interests. A decided improvement in our mail service is a crying need. With a deepened harbor we will have the means of handling our enormous lumber output which is now in sight, and we will surely have in the near future, railroad transportation which is imperatively needed for both passenger and freight traffic. We need also an intelligent manifestation of public confidence and civic pride among our people. All these things occurring will, I am sure, produce on Coos Bay a city of 40,000 people within five years."

WALTER S. LYONS—"We need the harbor improved so that Coos Bay should attain her real position as one of the finest deep water harbors on the west coast. We need a railroad connecting with other railroads, either at Drain or connecting with the Northern Pacific at Seaside. We need a better mail service and more mail. We need all the manufacturing plants we can get, in order to increase the population of the city and its business growth. We need more people in Marshfield and in the county, more dairy cows to furnish food for the increasing population, and more poultry for the same purpose. In fact we need the people and the manufacturing plants to put to use the immense resources of Coos County."

GOVERNOR CHAMBERLAIN'S JOKE

PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—Governor Chamberlain played a clever little joke on the people of Portland and Oregon, last week, with the result that they enjoyed a two-day respite from the legal holiday season, and didn't know a thing about it. The Governor did it just to see what would happen and nothing did happen, and he is chuckling in his

sleeve today, and those who have already "tumbled" to the merry jest are trying to figure out how the little game escaped their notice. Neither last Friday nor last Saturday was a legal holiday. No proclamation was made by the governor covering them and the world moved on in the same old groove, never wabbling from the straight and narrow path one bit.

ANTI-TREATING IN DRY COUNTY

Catholic Priests Indorse the New Movement Recently Started.

ALBANY, Ore., Dec. 12.—Rev. Father Arthur Lane and Rev. Father McGhee, rector and assistant respectively, of the local Roman Catholic church, indorsed the anti-treating movement recently inaugurated in the Cathedral Parish at Portland. Father Lane spoke at the LeBanon church and Father McGhee at Albany, and both heartily indorsed the idea. Though it might be impracticable to form the Anti-Treating League in a "dry" county, the speakers said they wished to indorse the spirit of the movement.

FLOCK BY THEMSELVES

Oregon Schools Where There Are No Mixing of Sexes.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 12.—Linn county has one school without a single boy pupil and another which no girls attend. Of course both are in small remote districts. District 84, in Fox Valley, near Lyons, has eight pupils, all of whom are boys, and district 119, near Sweet Home, has only five students and all are girls. Miss Vida Nanney, a graduate of the normal department of Albany college last year, is the teacher in the former district while the five girls in the latter district are instructed by Miss Bessie Parsons.

Dinner sets in Haviland, German China, and semi-porcelain at Milner's.

Gillette Safety Razors, Coos Bay Cash Store.

AIRSHIPS TO RUN APRIL 1

Portland Papers Advertise Fast Line From That City to San Francisco.

Aerial navigation is going to solve the transportation problems which face Coos Bay and all sections looking forlornly for railroad connections in vain may glow with hope. The National Airship company has been formed and on the back page of Monday's Portland Telegram is a cut of the new ship. It represents a huge pencil shaped machine and the wording of the advertisement, which is seeking stockholders, seems to prove to the satisfaction of the concern that its airships are the best and fastest made. A small airship carrying merely a matter of one hundred passengers and thirty tons of freight is scheduled to start on the run between Portland and San Francisco on April 1 next. Incidentally the ship will skid through the air at the rate of 80 miles an hour with the greatest of ease. It is up to the citizens of the city to interest this ship in stopping at Marshfield on its run, in order that passengers and mail may be handled with dispatch. If it cannot be persuaded to stop there will be some satisfaction in seeing it go by at any rate, and the mail bags from Portland might be dropped as it passes over.

MILLICOMA CLUB OFFICERS

New Social Organization Chooses Men Who Are to Direct Its Destinies.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Millicoma Club held afternoon the following officers and committees were elected for the ensuing year: W. S. McFarland, president. J. H. Flanagan, vice-president. J. W. Flanagan, secretary and treasurer. House committee—E. K. Jones, chairman; Dr. Haydon and William Ford. Auditing committee—R. T. Kaufman, chairman; G. W. Carleton and Herbert Lockhart. It is intended to have part of the club rooms open Christmas Eve, and the entire set of rooms will be open not later than January 1st.

STORM WARNING IS SENT FROM PORTLAND

Violent Wind Scheduled to Arrive From Southwest Tonight.

Fred S. Dow received word today from the weather man at Portland that a severe storm is due on the Oregon coast today. The wind is scheduled to blow strongly from the southeast and then switch around to the southwest this evening or tonight. It is probable that the worst part of the storm will strike the coast about Bianco. The conditions this afternoon bore out the warning, as the wind blew strongly and the sky looked wild. There is every indication of a severe storm on the west coast tonight.

BAY CITY BANKER IS UNDER ARREST

Felony Charge Against J. D. Brown of San Francisco—Great Mismanagement Is Alleged.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—J. Daizell Brown, a prominent financier of this city and general manager of the California Safe Deposit & Trust company, which closed its doors early in November, has been arrested on the charge of felony embezzlement. A warrant has also been issued for the arrest of W. J. Barnett, a leading lawyer and director of the banking company. Officers have gone to Barnett's suburban home to serve the warrant. Brown is in custody pending the securing of a cash ball of \$100,000, or a bond of twice that amount.

WILL CONTEST FOR PRIZES

Coos Bay Pupils Will Participate in First Annual Oratorical Contest.

FRIDAY EVENING DEC. 20TH

L. A. Frey Offers Gold and Silver Medals to Develop Art of Oratory.

The first annual oratorical contest of school pupils of Coos Bay for the Frey trophies will take place in Eckhoff hall, North Bend, Friday evening, December 20, at 8 o'clock. To stimulate oratory Mr. Frey, the well known and popular clothier, has decided to offer prizes for an annual oratorical contest to be given at North Bend on the Friday evening preceding Christmas at which time the prizes will be awarded the successful contestants.

The contest is open to any pupil of certain ages in Coos county and a great deal of interest has been manifested in the competition. Mr. Frey deserves credit for bringing so important and so much neglected an art as oratory to the attention of the public schools of this county.

The following are the rules governing the contest and under which the initial efforts of the young Demosthenes will be made.

- 1. The contestant must be between the ages of 14 and 19 years and must be a regular attendant at some public school on Coos Bay. 2. The contestant must present in person to Mr. Frey not later than October 15, a written application to contestant's teacher and said application to contain a 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice of subjects for the oration and the name of school teacher, etc. 3. Oration to contain not fewer than 1400 word nor more than 1800 words. 4. Three copies of said oration to be furnished Mr. Frey not later than December 10th observing the following conditions: (a) To be written on 8 1/2 x 11 paper writing on one side only. (b) To contain subjects as heading; but nowhere shall anything occur that would lead judge to know author. (c) To be signed by a number given by Mr. Frey. (d) Each copy to be placed in a separate sealed envelope; the three copies to be placed in a fourth, plain envelope, and given to Mr. Frey. 5. Each oration to be the product of the person presenting the same—anything quoted and not inclosed in parenthesis will be counted against the writer. Three prizes, one gold medal, value \$25; one silver medal, value \$15; and one cash prize, value \$5. The grading shall be on the scale of 100, 1-3 for thought, 1-3 for composition and 1-3 for delivery and the pupil having the highest average will be declared the winner of 1st prize, second highest 2nd prize, third highest 3rd prize. 6. No winner of the contest shall be eligible to enter a second contest.

Then there will be three judges in thought and composition and three in delivery. Mr. Frey retains the privilege to select one of each of the principals of Marshfield, Empire and North Bend schools to select the maider.

There have been four entries for this year's prizes, the names of the contestants are as follows: Miss Edith Coke, Marshfield. Marion Reynolds, North Bend. Miss Harriett Truman, North Bend. Hary Russell, North Bend.

The Ladies of the Aid Society of the M. E. church will serve a New England supper from 5 to 7 p. m. in the building next to the Lockhart Grocery. All are invited.

Coal and wood heaters at Eckhoff's.

You can buy a first class sewing machine for \$20 at Milner's.