

Oregon Historical Society
City Hall
Lincoln County Leader.

COAST RAILROAD IS COMING

The Dream and Hope of Years is at Last a Gigantic and Welcome Reality

It's a sure thing. That Oregon Coast railroad is to be constructed. The time limit is three years, with a probability of its completion within six months or a year less than that time.

The company organized for this great enterprise is known as the Oregon Coast & Eastern Railway company, and its purpose is to construct a line of railroad from Portland to Humboldt bay, California, via Tillamook, Siletz, Yaquina, Alsea and Coos bays. At Portland it will connect with the Northern Pacific and at Humboldt bay with the Santa Fe. From Coos bay it will stretch an arm across central Oregon and on east to connect with the Rock Island at Ogden. This will give a route from Portland to the east shorter by 310 miles than any now in existence. It will tap the famous undeveloped timber belts of Oregon and open to settlement what is destined to become the richest part of the state, of which Lincoln county constitutes an important fraction.

Colonel T. H. Supple of Portland has been in Toledo several days as one of the several representatives of the company and to him THE LEADER is indebted for the interesting information regarding the proposed road. The following letters, which the gentleman permits us to give publicity, will explain to our readers the methods of procedure in this mammoth undertaking:

Office of William J. Wilsey
401-402 Stearns Building,
Portland, Jan. 20, 1906.

To whom it may concern:

The bearer of this letter, Mr. T. H. Supple, is the representative of the proposed Oregon Coast Railroad Company, and as such representative is authorized to secure subsidies in lands, cash or otherwise, also rights of way, water frontage on all bays, etc.

All deeds, contracts, or agreements of any kind are to be given him, under the terms of a certain escrow agreement registered with the Security Savings and Trust Company, of Portland, Oregon, copy of which escrow agreement he has in his possession.

You will note by the letters he will show you from Mr. J. N. Teal, Attorney for Transportation Committee of Chamber of Commerce, Portland, Oregon, also letters from Messrs. Baker & Crabtree, of St. Louis, Missouri, that the enterprise is a genuine one, and the terms of the agreement will be carried out and the railroad built, providing the people to be benefited by the building of said road will assist in securing the subsidies and rights of way, so that the enterprise will be a complete success, and those that propose to expend their money in giving to Oregon transportation facilities, may be secure on at least the cost of operating the road, and a small interest on the investment, until such time as the country is opened up and settlement secured.

This proposition is an entirely independent one and not in any way connected with any of the existing transportation lines in the State of Oregon. We ask your earnest support, co-operation and friendship in this most worthy and necessary cause or enterprise, and we know that you will reap great benefit from the same.

Yours truly
W. J. WILSEY

Mr. Wilsey is a well-known timber and mining operator and is perfectly familiar with the country through which the road will pass. To his efforts are largely due the determination of eastern capitalists to construct the line.

Office of Baker & Crabtree
315-16-17, Fullerton Bldg
St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 12, 1906

Col. W. J. Wilsey,
Care Imperial Hotel,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir: With reference to the proposition to construct a steam railroad from Portland to the Coast, and down the coast to Coos Bay, Oregon, thence to Humboldt Bay, California, as per plans heretofore discussed with you, we beg to say that we have made a thorough investigation in regard to this proposition and are prepared to finance it and build the road. We will do this without delay provided the people in the territory through which this road will run and whom it will most benefit are willing to guarantee and give free of charge all the rights of way that will be required, and grant donations of depot sites water frontage on the bays touched by the proposed road, and give sufficient farming and timber lands as a bonus, or subsidy, to place the proposition on a business and equitable basis.

We feel certain that the people living in the territory through which the road will run and owning property therein cannot fail to realize the large benefits that will accrue to them as a result of the carrying out of our plans, and will give liberally toward making the proposition a success.

Of course you understand that the road will not be a paying investment for the first few years it is operated—no railroad is—but we feel that the citizens of that part of Oregon cannot help but realize what a railroad would be to them in the way of increasing the value of their property and placing them in position where the products of their lands and labor can be marketed.

We will add that we have discussed the matter at length with the Transportation Com-

mittee of the Chamber of Commerce of the City of Portland, and the members thereof thoroughly concur in our plan to build this road, and have agreed to join with us in the carrying out of the project.

We would like to have you see how the citizens of that part of Oregon to be touched by the proposed road feel in regard to the matter. If they want a railroad there and want it built and put in operation as quickly as it can be constructed, the opportunity confronts them now, and they should act.

We should like to hear from you as soon as convenient in regard to this matter, as the carrying out of our plans depend on whether or not the good people there are willing to lend their assistance and co-operation in putting through this enterprise which means so much to them.

Yours very truly,
BAKER & CRABTREE,
Per Jno. H. CRABTREE.

Baker & Crabtree, a wealthy St. Louis banking firm, is taking the lead in financing the project. The company represents available capital of \$300,000,000, and \$28,000,000 has been estimated as the cost of constructing the line.

Portland Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Commerce Bldg.,
Portland, Oregon, Jan. 8, 1906

To Whom it May Concern: The Transportation Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of Portland, Oregon, have been advised that Mr. W. J. Wilsey and his associates are about to form a corporation under the name of the Oregon Coast Railroad Company for the purpose of building railroads within this state, and that they desire to secure rights of way and other rights in connection with the building, constructing and operating of this road. From the investigation we have been able to make and the representations made to us respecting the proposed railroad, we believe it to be a genuine enterprise and worthy of support and to the interest of the people generally to further its construction.

Yours truly,
J. N. TEAL,

Attorney for Transportation Committee of Chamber of Commerce.

The endorsement of the Portland Chamber of Commerce should leave no doubt as to the solidity and good standing of the promoters of the road. At present everything connected with the scheme looks on the square.

It is now up to the people of Lincoln county to give Colonel Supple all the encouragement and assistance at their command.

By the way, better register.

Home-cured hams at Stewart's Store.

Harry Porter of Nortons was in the city Wednesday.

Dr. F. M. Carter of Newport was in the city Tuesday.

Oliver Aintree made a business trip to Corvallis yesterday.

A. W. Weber of Ona had business in the city Wednesday.

Albert Sijota of Kernville was a county seat visitor Tuesday.

A. T. Peterson left Wednesday morning on a business trip to Portland.

Claus Ludemann, a Waldport merchant, had business in the city Wednesday.

Superintendent K. C. Egbert of Siletz was a passenger for Portland Tuesday morning.

Merchant and Mrs. Warren Hall of Siletz visited relatives and friends in the city last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis and Mrs. Archie Rowin of Winaut were passengers for Portland Wednesday morning.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church will meet next Tuesday afternoon, February 6, with Mrs. C. F. Soule.

Hon. J. K. Weatherford and other Albany celebrities returned to their homes Monday from an outing at the beach.

James Dixon of Elk City and Grant Graves, who lives about six miles above on Big Elk, had business in Toledo Tuesday.

J. E. Wilson, R. R. Wood, H. N. Cook, Grant Hart, James McDonald and R. L. Wildman of Chitwood were in the city Wednesday on business with the Commissioners' Court.

B. F. Jones and family departed Monday morning for Independence, where Mr. Jones has for several weeks displayed his lawyer's shingle. The fact that he has located in Polk county proves that the people out there are more likely to get into trouble and require the services of a lawyer than they are here, where they are notoriously peaceable and harmonious. However, Mr. Jones and family will visit Toledo and Yaquina bay whenever they wish to see a spot where every prospect pleases except the prospect of connecting with a big legal fee.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

Business Transacted at Regular February Term.

TOLEDO, Or., February 7, 1906.

Commissioners' Court for Lincoln county in regular session. Present—Hon. C. M. Brown, Judge; Hon. Geo. King and Hon. F. A. Thompson, Commissioners; Ira Wade County Clerk; J. H. Ross, Sheriff.

CLAIMS ALLOWED

W B Mulkey, report and claim as supervisor of district No. 12.....\$32.50
Carlo Minotti, bedding furnished at death of unknown man—not allowed. 14 00
Jos Ludwig, digging grave for Goesser... 5 00
Toledo Cemetery Association, for lot 2 block 4, burial for Goesser..... 5 00
M J Alphin, taking care of Goesser—rejected..... 12 00
A Rosebrook, coffin, box and robe for Goesser..... 30 50
John Turnidge, boarding Goesser..... 5 00
Chas Stender, report and claim as supervisor of district No. 2..... 20 00
C M Brown, salary as County Judge for January, 1906..... 50 00

J L Hyde, salary as Treasurer for December and January..... 66 66
J H Ross, salary as Sheriff for December and January..... 300 00
Ira Wade, salary as County Clerk from December 7 to February 7..... 208 30
Lee Wade, Deputy Clerk, salary for December and January..... 100 00
George Betters, Superintendent, salary, stamps and express..... 91 10
S C Owen, taking care of Goesser..... 14 50
H Lewis, supplies for county..... 1 90
C F Soule, printing for county..... 70 10
Otto O Krogstad, supplies for county..... 3 00
J H Ross, stamps and sundries..... 18 84
Cren Ruperts, pauper account..... 30 00

J A Hall, janitor and feeding prisoners... 51 75
A W Weber, work in road district No. 3... 6 00
F M Carter, medical attention to Goesser... 10 00
G R Schenck et al, drawing jury list, and John Turnidge, witness in case of Aintree vs Lincoln County..... 8 50
Albert Marcin, boarding Mollie Bessell—continued indefinitely..... 1 00
Sam Hill, Supervisor district 5..... 10 50
Glass & Prudhomme, supplies for county... 20 80
F W Carson, blacksmithing for county... 3 85
Toledo Livery Stable, draying and rigs for funeral..... 2 25
Chas Allen et al, drawing jury list for Elk City precinct..... 7 00
Ira Wade, stamps, express and freight... 18 85
A Rosebrook, window shades for Assessor's office..... 1 30
George King, Commissioner, per diem and mileage..... 10 50
F A Thompson, Commissioner, per diem and mileage..... 37 00

J E Wilson et al, petition for survey of road. Dismissed for want of legal petition.

C E Spencer, petition for constructing road on Yachats. Continued.

W F Hyde et al, petition for appointment of R S Derrick for Justice of the Peace for Little Elk precinct. Granted.

J R Edwards et al, petition to change county road on lands of H S Porter and E H Bryant. Continued indefinitely.

H S Porter et al, petition to allow Fredrick Wagner to change county road. Continued indefinitely.

In the matter of appointing a supervisor for road district No. 2. William H Doyel appointed.

In the matter of the assessment of W B Morse and taxes for 1904. Sheriff instructed to accept \$18.69.

In the matter of the change and survey of the Yachats county road in sections 1 and 2, township 15 south, range 11 west. At this time came on for consideration the matter of changing the location of said Yachats county road between the two lower bridges on the main stream of said Yachats river, said change being on the land of C. S. Hanson, said county court did on the 15th day of January, 1906, enter upon said land, near said road, examine, and survey with the assistance of G. Elksnet, deputy county surveyor, the land on said C. S. Hanson's place necessary to make the change of the location of said road according to the diagram, survey and report of said deputy county surveyor which is attached to and made a part of this order and marked "exhibit A." And it further appearing to the Court after said examination and survey that the improvement of said county road at said place will be materially benefited and assisted by the changing of said part of said county road as shown and described in the said diagram and report of said surveyor or so as to run over said C. S. Hanson's place or land adjacent to said road and the court being fully advised in the premises, it is ordered that the survey of said proposed change be and the same is hereby referred to the board of county road viewers of said county. J. F. Proctor and J. E. Edgar are hereby appointed viewers, who, with the county surveyor, shall compose said board of

county road viewers for said proposed road above mentioned. And it is further ordered that said board of said viewers shall proceed to view the same, and determine the value of the land included in said survey and the damages, if any, that the owner or owners of said land would sustain by the appropriation of said land for said road purposes, and report their findings in said matter to the county court.

Court adjourned until Wednesday morning, February 14, at 9 o'clock, a. m. C. M. BROWN, County Judge, GEORGE KING, Commissioner, F. A. THOMPSON, Commissioner. Attest: IRA WADE, Clerk.

Firemen, Attention!

An adjourned meeting of Toledo Fire Department will be held Tuesday evening, February 13.

R. A. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Say, have you registered?

Home-cured hams at Stewart's Store. G. L. Gray went to Portland Wednesday on a business mission.

Mrs. Annie Hawkins has been in Portland this week in the interest of the Women of Woodcraft.

A severe drouth has prevailed in this Yaquina Bay country during the past two weeks, but signs of rain are visible today.

Clifford Gray, who is now a student at Willamette University, Salem, came in last evening for a visit with his parents.

Walter L. Tooze, a well-known business man of Woodburn, was in the city Tuesday. Mr. Tooze is a candidate for Congress.

George McCaulon, Renus Arnold and Fred Stanton returned yesterday from a tour of inspection of the Table Mountain country.

Mrs. C. E. Hout and daughters Lillian and Emily returned Tuesday to their home at Corvallis, after a two-weeks' visit with THE LEADER family. They also enjoyed an outing at the beach.

The Washington's Birthday dance, February 22, to be given under the auspices of the Woodmen, is a go, regardless of the committee's announcement of postponement in last week's issue. See the posters.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. B. Sears of Inkster, N. D., arrived Wednesday evening for a visit with Norman Anderson and family. They came via California and have enjoyed the summer weather of that state and Oregon immensely. Mrs. Sears is a sister of Mr. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Ling arrived Monday evening from Summit to become citizens of Toledo. Mr. Ling succeeds J. E. Franklin as local agent for the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad company. Later—Mr. Ling has been transferred to the Mill City station, and Lou Fox of Mill City will come to Toledo.

H. W. Kaupisch, manager of the Corvallis Creamery, was in the city Wednesday and leased for a term of years the Toledo Creamery owned by Messrs. Stewart & Center. Mr. Kaupisch informed THE LEADER that an expert butter-maker will be put in charge of the local creamery, which will resume operations not later than April 1.

Mrs. Gabriel Dahl, who has been under treatment in the Good Samaritan Hospital at Portland for several weeks, returned yesterday, her husband having met her at Albany. Before going to the hospital Mrs. Dahl had been bed-fast for seven months. She is now able to walk, with a little assistance, and the physicians say she will soon recover the use of her limbs.

M. H. Mulloy of Portland was in the city Tuesday. Mr. Mulloy is superintendent of the sawmill department of the Oregon Furniture Manufacturing Company. He has a scheme—and it's a good one. He desires to build another sawmill in Toledo and construct and operate a logging railroad from the head of tide on Depot slough into the fine saw timber from three to six or seven miles up stream. Mr. Mulloy seems to have confidence in his ability to interest certain friends with ample capital. He returned to Portland Wednesday to lay his plans before them and will be heard from again in the near future.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Doings of the City Dads in Regular Session.

Council Chamber, Toledo, Or., Feb. 5, 1906.

The common council of the city of Toledo met in regular session. Present—Mayor Vincent, Councilmen Arnold, Anderson, Gardner, McCaulon, Fish and Van Cleve, Recorder Krogstad and Marshal McElwain.

Minutes of last regular session read and approved.

Following claims against the city read and audited:

Fred J. McElwain, salary as marshal.....\$35.00
O. O. Krogstad, salary as Recorder..... 6.00
Oscar Ostedahl, work sprinkling streets... 1.00
M. Wyzant, establishing grades..... 10.00
J. A. Hall, services on election board..... 3.75
J. H. McNeil, services on election board.... 3.75
A. T. Peterson, services on election board... 3.75

On motion above claims were allowed except those of election board, which were allowed, as heretofore, in the sum of \$3 each.

Moved and seconded that inasmuch as the City Marshal's duties have been considerably lightened by discontinuing the lighting of street lamps, his salary be from now on the same as fixed by ordinance—\$20 per month. Motion unanimously carried.

The annual address of the Mayor was here read. Moved and seconded that the same be received, placed on file and a copy offered each of the local newspapers for publication. Motion carried.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL OF CITY OF TOLEDO, OREGON:

GENTLEMEN: Conformable to custom I hereby submit for your consideration my annual address as Mayor of your City.

I find upon investigation that our little City has been fairly progressive the past year and can show up several needed and permanent improvements. By a comparison of the City Treasurer's statements I find our City \$300 better off, or in other words, \$300 less warrant indebtedness than at the close of 1904.

We have during the past year bought a first-class hose cart with 500 feet of fire hose, buckets and ladders, and a city fire bell, besides completing the City hall structure, all of which we can feel proud of.

We owe our well organized fire company thanks for their co-operation in completing the furnishing of the City council chamber. During 1904 we issued city warrants in the sum of \$178.85, whereas during 1905 only \$1164.16 or \$985.31 less than the previous year.

I find the present actual warrant indebtedness to be \$250.97.

We have no bonded indebtedness.

Our City owns, free from debt, a commodious City hall structure with ample storing capacity for fire apparatus in the middle story and comfortable meeting quarters for Common Council on the third floor. We own a substantial city jail, two wharves on water front, and an extensive "City Park" tract of land in the eastern part of our city.

I will recommend the purchase of a suitable fire proof safe in which to keep our valuable records, knowing that our records and papers were once destroyed by fire.

I recommend a sidewalk to be constructed on south side of Fourth street from Hill to Grove street. Also for consideration of the Council the completion of the grade on Second street. Also the opening up of the south end of Hill street to the wharf on First street. Also would I suggest the finishing of Third street from Hill street to Courthouse, and to remove the eyesore of an ugly stump now obstructing the view and lending ugliness to the street; that ornamental trees and shrubbery be planted on said Third street after leveling is completed. Would suggest to our citizens the formation of a Board of Trade or Commercial Club, which all regulated towns find necessary to their well being.

The City has been run, as we believe, on the strictest economical plan and we hope that this well started policy will be continued so as to keep our indebtedness within reasonable bounds, or get out from under the burden of interest paying entirely.

So far we have levied each year, except two years ago, a small tax of 5 mills which might well be augmented to 10 or more mills without being called excessive.

Thanking you, Gentlemen of the Council, for the many courtesies the past term, I shall continue to serve you to the best of my ability.

Most Respectfully,

H. W. VINCENT, Mayor.

The Recorder exhibited receipt from City Treasurer in the sum of \$41 for fines collected during past month.

On motion Council adjourned.

OTTO O. KROGSTAD, Recorder.

Fred Dawson, the celebrated wallpaper and pill man of Albany, returned to his home Monday from a business trip to Yaquina.

George Newberry returned Tuesday to Portland, after a visit with relatives and friends at Siletz.

For Sale—A safe, cheap for cash. Inquire at residence of Mrs. J. Ostedahl.

George Blattner was up from Newport Wednesday.

Home-cured hams at Stewart's Store.