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BRILLIANT PROSPECTS

Willamette Valley Will Soon Be Gridironed by Electric Railways.

EUGENE IS RATHER OPTIMISTIC

New Electric Company Given a Franchise by Lane County and Will Begin Construction This Fall.

The Eugene Morning Register publishes the following optimistic article on the prospective development of the Willamette valley under the transforming power of the proposed electric lines:

After thoroughly investigating the proposition of the Willamette Electric Railway Company to gridiron Lane county with a complete system of electric lines in extent covering about 175 miles, the county court has granted the company a franchise in which the rights of the county and the people are carefully protected.

The action of the court will commend itself to the people generally as one of wisdom and foresight. It is a self-evident fact that the era of electric road building has begun in earnest in Oregon. Eastern capitalists with millions lying idle in their vaults are seeking profitable investment in the west, and Oregon, especially the Willamette valley, offers the best field for their operation because it has an equity of climatic conditions, the undeveloped resources and all the conditions necessary to furnish active, profitable pursuit for 20 people where one is now found. The contour of the valley is such that electric lines can be built at a minimum cost, and the abundance of water power going to waste annually in our magnificent mountain streams can be utilized with less outlay of capital than in most any other section of the country.

The opportunity for such gigantic enterprises as is now coming our way is almost beyond comprehension. It is not like building suburban lines in the highly developed, over-cultivated sections of the east. Where such an innovation in Illinois, New York or Ohio might add a few dollars to the value per acre of farm lands and bring a few more people into that immediate section, here it will quickly double farm values, treble the city populations and make pretentious towns out of our country villages. It will furnish farmers quick transportation to market for all of their products at any season of the year, thereby giving them the highest market price for everything they have to sell.

But high and above all, an electric line radiating from Eugene as a common center, and extended into Portland, with branch lines ramifying the adjacent country along the entire route, will give the valley what it has needed for 25 years, namely, transportation competition.

For years the people have growled and grumbled at the Southern Pacific for exacting all the traffic would bear and some over, thereby lessening the legitimate profits of the farmer and the merchant. It is needless to say that the S. P. has treated the public as fairly as lines of road in other sections of the country where they have a monopoly on transportation. Railroads are built for the express purpose of enriching the owners and stockholders, and where they have everything their own way the owners are not long in accumulating comfortable fortunes. While sharp competition enters into merchandising, in farm productions, there must be an equal competition in transportation in order that general conditions may be equalized. That will be the tendency of an electric line between Eugene and Portland, and the quicker it is built the better the people will like it.

Again we say, that if the Willamette Valley Electric Railway Company fulfills the contract as per agreement (and we have every reason to believe it will) the name of the present county court will be handed down to fame and perpetuated by each succeeding generation as having done more at one stroke of the pen for Lane county than has been accomplished in all of the 60 years of its previous history.

If all of the electric lines proposed under the franchise granted are built in Lane county, Eugene, within the next five years, will be a city of 20,000 to 25,000, and our neighboring towns coming in touch with the same influence, will make a corresponding growth.

This is certainly the period of development for Oregon. Washington

and California have been boomed for years and Oregon, the last and best, has been saved for the ultimate triumph of genius, intelligence and business sagacity in building up the greatest commonwealth in the empire of the west.

Let the good work go on, aided and abetted in every possible way by a wideawake citizenship, pledged by every honorable means to the building of an Oregon that shall fill our souls with honest pride and to which we can point mankind as an ideal country in which to live, grow old and die, proud of the land of our nativity and adoption.

And while all this great development is in progress Eugene will be the center of greatest activity. We are just far enough from Portland and surrounded by sufficient exhaustless resources to make Eugene the metropolis of the valley.

PRIZE WINNING BREAD RECIPE.

Award Made After Carefully Conducted Contest at Cooking School.

Baltimore Special: The prize offered by John T. King in the bread making contest at the Samuel Ready school has been awarded to Miss Edith Harbaugh, who used the following ingredients:

One pint of water or of one-half water and one-half milk.

One rounded teaspoonful of sugar.

Three level teaspoonfuls of salt.

One-eighth of a yeast cake dissolved in one-quarter cup of lukewarm water.

Six or seven cups of flour.

Miss M. M. Hood, the teacher of domestic science in the school, one of the "Ready" girls herself, and the director of the classes in cookery since her graduation, says the mixing is to be done as follows:

"To make three small loaves of bread," she said, "we always take a pint of liquid, either all water or half milk and half water, or all milk—of course; all milk will make the bread very nutritious, but it is too expensive to be used regularly. Ordinarily, we use simply water. If we use milk we are careful to heat it to the boiling point, otherwise it might sour. If we use water, we heat a portion of it, so that the whole quantity is lukewarm."

"So much for the liquid. Then we mix a rounded teaspoonful of sugar, three level teaspoonfuls of salt, and three-quarters of a tablespoonful of lard, in a bread-raiser, either of tin or granite iron, or a crockery bowl; and we pour the heated liquid on the mixture to dissolve it. Next we dissolve an eighth of a cake of yeast in a quarter of a cup of lukewarm water, and add that to the mixture. Then add enough sifted flour to make rather a stiff batter; beat that well; add more flour and knead it. The quantity of flour varies somewhat according to quality, but we use ordinarily from six to seven cups of flour to a pint of liquid.

"You have to learn from experience how much to knead it. Sometimes the girls take a knife and cut across the dough to see if it is full of large air bubbles. If it is, it hasn't been kneaded thoroughly. Sometimes, too, if they want their bread to be very fine grained the girls hold the dough some distance above the bread board and drop it lightly on the board. If this is repeated several times it will drive out all the air bubbles, and give a close-grained bread. This is the way the French cooks do, and you know they are noted for their breadmaking. I remember hearing Mrs. Parlow say that once during a visit to Paris she passed a street occupied almost entirely by bakeries. As she went along, she kept hearing a succession of peculiar sounds, and when she asked the reason for them she found that the flop, flop was caused by the bakers dropping the dough from a little elevation above the board as they kneaded it.

"After the bread has been kneaded thoroughly we put it away over night to lighten. Of course, at this time of the year bread should not be made up until late in the evening. In the morning the bread is kneaded a little more, and then we put it in the pans and leave it there until it is raised sufficiently to bake. The loaves are ready to bake when they have raised to twice the size they were when first moulded. Small loaves, the size the girls make, must be baked about three-quarters of an hour. When the bread comes out we put it on a rack, where the air can circulate around it; then cook it in a draft."

Some of the bread made earlier in the week for the commencement exhibition was still to be seen yesterday. The firm-grained loaves were done a light crusty brown and gave out the delicate fragrance that, added to the attractive appearance, gave convincing evidence of its palatableness.

WANTED—Wants for the want column of the Morning Astorian.

NEW TRUST IS FORMED

All the Principal Dressmakers of Paris Have Gone Into a Big Combination.

MUST PROTECT THEMSELVES

The German and Austrian Dressmakers Have Been Selling Paris Fashions to Cheap Dealers Elsewhere.

New York, Aug. 11.—All the principal dressmakers of Paris have, according to the Herald correspondent there, joined in a trust of altogether new kind. For many seasons the German and Austrian dressmakers have been, it is asserted, buying the best models of the big Paris houses, then selling copies at reduced prices to second rate houses all over Europe and America. As a result, when the genuine client of a Paris dressmaker had bought a high class original, it was often merely to find on returning home that the same American model had already been produced by the wholesale. Complaints were frequent. To offset this the trust has been formed. As concerns the autumn fashions, the members of the new organization have decided to show none of the new models to foreign buyers before August 16, and to deliver no model to the continental trade before September 15. American buyers, however, may have their models one week earlier.

GERMAN EMPEROR'S YACHT.

Gives the Meteor to His Son.—New Yacht Ready for Kiel Race.

Berlin, Aug. 11.—Emperor William has given his American built yacht, Meteor, to the crown-prince. It is expected that the emperor's new yacht, to be built by the Herreshoffs at Bristol, R. I., will be ready in time for the Kiel race next June. The entire crew of this yacht will be German, instead of part German and part English, as is that of the Meteor.

Aged Actress Paralyzed.

New York, Aug. 11.—It is reported that Madame Janaschek, the aged actress, who has been ill at the Actors' Fund home at Staten Island, has suffered a relapse, and has been removed to a sanitarium at Amityville, L. I., for special treatment. She is a victim of paralysis.

The Death Penalty.

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