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Morning Astorian, 60 cents a month, delivered by carrier.

Go to A. D. Craig for your tents, awnings and all kinds of canvas work 12th and Exchange.

The very best board to be obtained in the city is at "The Occident Hotel." Rates very reasonable.

Astor Temple No. 25, Rathbone Sisters, will give another popular social dance at Logan's Hall Monday, Feb. 11. Admission, 50 cents. 2-7-5t

That's the Place! Where? No. 598 Commercial street. You can get any kind of a Valentine at prices to suit you. Sentimental, comic and post cards. Come early and avoid the rush at Hart's Drug Store.

Make Good Use of It—There is an "odd and end" sale on just now at the popular shoe house of Chas. V. Brown. Don't fail to avail yourself of the unusual opportunity for bargains in footwear. It's up to you!

Re-Opens Irving Hotel—William Reischman, formerly of Portland but lately of Chinook, has leased the Irving hotel and will open it up. He will conduct a first class hostelry for the accommodation of the public.

We are going to move into the Spexarth Building, Commercial street, between 8th and 9th, the end of this week. Stock much be reduced in that time; in order to do so, will positively almost give goods away. Don't wait, come at once, or you will regret this opportunity. C. H. Cooper's Great Retiring Sale.

Dressmaking School—Mrs. M. E. Hawks, of the dressmaking firm of Hawks & Smith, at 519 Duane street, is concluding a very successful dressmaking school, where she teaches young ladies the art of dressmaking, or how to cut and fit and make their own dresses. The school is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 7 to 9 p. m. All young ladies are invited to come and join the class. Prices reasonable.

Do you feel sleepy and not a bit like working in the afternoon? Perhaps it's because of the kind of lunch you're eating—too heavy and too hard to digest. Why not try the Palace restaurant on Commercial street, where all the baking is done in those famous slow-process ovens, which turn out light, appetizing wholesome things? You'll save money, too.

New Flower & Garden Seeds
 JUST IN
 Call and make your selections early while the assortment is unbroken.

Scholfield, Mattson & Co.,
 SUCCESSORS TO JOHNSON BROS.

For a
VICTOR OR AN EDISON
 PHONOGRAPH
 go to
Johnson Phonograph Co.,
 Parlors Second Floor over Scholfield & Mattson Co.

SOME KEEN COMMENT ON S. P. TRICKS

OREGON LUMBERMEN AND THE CAUSE OF THEIR ASSEMBLAGE AT COTTAGE GROVE YESTERDAY—S. P. WARMLY GRILLED.

COTTAGE GROVE, Ore., Feb. 9.—The object of the great meeting of Oregon lumbermen held at Cottage Grove today was to discuss ways and means to best present the grievances of the lumbermen and shippers of this portion of the state to the legislature caused by the announcement of a prohibitive rate advance of \$3.10 to \$5.90 per ton, which is equivalent to \$2.17 per thousand feet on rough green lumber to California Bay points by the Southern Pacific Company.

The maintenance of this rate simply means ruin to the lumber business of Central Oregon. The timber of this section by reason of geographical location and character is destined always to find its best market in California as 60 per cent of the average log is low grade and must necessarily have the present freight rate maintained in order to pay the cost of manufacture and successfully meet competition.

The railroad company established the \$3.10 per ton rate about nine years ago at the instigation of C. H. Markham, then in control of the freight department of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon. This rate was based on the water rate of \$5.00 per thousand feet from Columbia and Oregon Coast points to California, and was maintained until the recent San Francisco disaster temporarily advanced charter rates; which are now receding and in all probability within the next sixty days will again be normal. The result of the inauguration of this rate was to stimulate and encourage the building of the numerous small mills now in existence.

On no other basis could they have existed or could the great lumber business of Central Oregon ever have been developed. This fact was proved to the satisfaction of the railroad company three years ago when the rate was raised to \$5.00 per ton for six months, causing the greatest stagnation and general depression of business ever witnessed in any portion of the state. Why again invite disaster? The reply of the Harriman line is "Go East with your product." This is largely a delusion, as the majority of the small mills are unable to avail themselves of this opportunity from the fact that their methods of manufacture and equipments are not suited to cater to the Eastern trade and they do not feel justified in attempting to make the necessary changes, having no assurance that the railroad company may not also increase the rate to the East just as soon as they think the traffic will bear an advance. The rate on lumber which permits shipment to California has been the direct means of adding thousands of dollars to the wealth of the state, and the railroad company has been the principal beneficiary by the increased business and the maintaining of exceedingly high local tariffs. The company was losing at the rate of half a million dollars per year when the foresight of Mr. Markham discovered a means of changing a large yearly deficit into a dividend paying policy as shown by the company's own financial statement on file in the secretary of state's office. The number of mills tributary to the Southern Pacific Company's lines between Salem and Gledale aggregate about one hundred and fifty employing about 5,000 men, about 50 mills belong in this vicinity. The Southern Pacific company has complained bitterly of the advance in the price of lumber for its own use. For years it purchased ties for \$6.19 per thousand feet and when the mills refused to cut their timber any longer for less than cost the railroad company, at the instigation of the management caused three mills to be built and are planning a fourth in order to further coerce the small mills to accede to their wishes in the price of lumber. The timber the railroads are cutting was placed in their hands by a generous but too confiding government in trust, to be sold to actual settlers at \$2.50 per acre, to assist in the development of the state. The company has not only betrayed their trust in not selling these lands in accordance with the terms of the grant, but absolutely refuse to sell at any price, thereby retarding the development of the state, but have become a competitor against the principal industry they fostered, and nurtured into life. If the railroad company may lawfully engage in the lumber business against

its patrons under undue advantage, it can with equal propriety invade every other line of business along its route. The railroad company with cool, calculating deliberation, has insisted in raising the rates during the present long period of car shortage leaving the unfortunate lumbermen with large accumulated stocks, canceled orders and in many instances a depleted credit.

A CONTINUOUS JOKE.

How Dell Scully Started an Avalanche of Humor.

For practically 100 days that block of Eleventh street, which lies between Commercial and Bond streets, and has the distinction of running right in front of Dell Scully's amokery, has been in a condition to warrant the quickest and fullest kind of repairs, and has been barricaded by the street commissioner as against vehicles of all sorts, but no attempt has been made to put it in shape, or is likely to be made until the new charter amendments come back from the Supreme Court. The consequence is the street has become a source of fun for the dwellers thereon, chief of whom is Scully.

Yesterday Scully posted a few ridiculous signs on the barricades on the street, and these set the pace for a very deluge of funny business, emanating from all parts of the business section. Every merchant and clerk with an odd, fanciful, farcical, satirical, scornful, humorous, pithy idea has put it in conspicuous black and white and hung it on the much abused thoroughfare and the display is drawing hundreds of amused visitors from all parts of the city.

CONFIRMED OF RECORD.

Resolution Providing for A. & C. New Belt Line.

Among the matters sent to the county clerk's office for public record yesterday, was the following resolution passed by the board of directors of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company, at its last meeting in Portland, and certified here, for record by Secretary G. B. McLeod, of the board, as follows:

"Resolved, That this corporation be, and is hereby, authorized and empowered to construct, operate and maintain, a branch, or side line, from some point on its railroad line as now constructed, at, or near, the town of Warrenton, in Clatsop county, State of Oregon; thence, by some practical route, in a general westerly direction, to, or near, the beach of the Pacific Ocean; thence, in a southerly direction, along, or near, said beach, to the town of Seaside, in said county and state; the terminal of said branch or side line being Warrenton and Seaside."

The Fox Case—It is admitted now that C. Roy Fox, the young man in jail here, charged with murder, in the case of Blanche Day, does not want a preliminary hearing in the minor court, and will stay in durance until the grand jury, which will undoubtedly be summoned in the circuit court for February 18, shall pass upon the merit of the charge and find, or not find, a true bill.

Possesses wonderful power over the human body, removing all disorders from your system; that's what Holister's Rocky Mountain Tea does. 35 cents. Tea or Tablets. For sale by Frank Hart.

5 pairs of Sox, good woolen to cotton Sox, regular price 25c to 3 for \$1.00 at Wise's removal sale 5 pairs for \$1.00.

HATS, formerly \$2 to \$4 now 55 cents at Wise's removal sale.

All new Neckwear and Suspenders worth from 50 to 75 cents now 35 cents at Wise's removal sale.

Boys' Suits reduced from 75c to \$2.00 at Wise's removal sale.

25c caps for 15c at Wise's removal sale.

\$1.25 and \$1.50 Umbrellas reduced to 85c at Wise's removal sale.

Men's Suits reduced from \$2.50, \$5.00 and \$7.50 at Wise's removal sale.

Winter Overcoats as well as top coats reduced almost one-half at Wise's removal sale.

A TRIAL PROVES THE WORTH OF OUR \$4.00 and \$5.00 SHOES FOR MEN



They are the height of fashion but not the extreme. Full of comfort and good service for the man that walks much or little.

They come in various leathers. All sizes and widths in stock.

Wherity, Ralston & Company
 The Leading Shoe Dealers.

YOU CAN GET IT AT THE 10 CENT STORE
 Reed Building, on 11th St., Between Commercial and Duane Streets.

WILL STAND IN.

A. & C. Official Declares Company Will Stand by Astoria.

In conversation yesterday morning with General Passenger Agent J. C. Mayo, of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company, that gentleman informed a reporter of the Astorian that his people will be only too glad to take an equal hand in the compilation, distribution and cost of a folder, in which the industrial advantages of this city and county shall be duly and fully explicated.

Mr. Mayor deprecated the idea of advertising the city as a summer resort, and said he could not assist in any venture of that kind; but as to an industrial exhibit, he was ready at any time to take a hand, and he insisted that if this were done at all, it must be done in a large, handsome, thorough way, or not at all, since the modern folder is a real creation, attractive, meaty and signifying something, and not a mere medium to be

hastily scanned and as hastily cast aside.

It were well to make a note of this friendly offer against the re-organization and early program of the big Chamber of Commerce.

Vague But Pleasant—A rumor was current on the streets last night that A. Montgomery, the patriarchal pioneer of this city, has taken unto himself a wife in the person of Mrs. E. A. Williams. According to these reports the happy couple took their departure for Seaside on the evening train to spend their honeymoon in that pleasant little place. They many friends of the bridal pair wish them the utmost felicity in their married life. The license was issued this afternoon and it is reported that City Auditor Olof Anderson performed the ceremony.

The brigantine Lurline went to San Francisco, via the Columbia bar yesterday on the forenoon flood.

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Now ready for your inspection. The largest assortment, most beautiful patterns, highest grade of workmanship and most exquisite designs in Embroideries and laces.

Prices so low that you will be amazed. We now have on sale our complete stock bought before the manufacturers' advance of 25 per cent and this is why we can quote prices below other dealers.

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