

ALL ROSEBURG FOR THE ROAD

Roseburg and Coos Bay Electric Line Project Enlists Every Business Man.

TODAY A HOLIDAY BUT IS NOBODY'S PLAYTIME

Great Mass Meeting Collects City's Energy and Capital in Determined Effort—Coos County Towns Active in Support—Rich Region to Open.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Roseburg, Or., May 10.—Not a place of business will be opened in Roseburg this afternoon. Almost every man in the city and surrounding country who can gain admittance to the building is in the Roseburg opera house forming a part of an immense mass meeting that is being held to discuss ways and means of building the proposed electric line from Roseburg to Coos bay. When the meeting was called by the Merchants' Protective association the request was made that the stores remain closed today from 1 o'clock until 4 o'clock and there was a universal compliance with the request. Even the saloons are closed and the entire city is in gala attire and the town has a holiday aspect.

Hon. A. C. Masters is presiding over the meeting. Speeches will be made by Louis Barzee, O. F. Conhow, George M. Brown and other prominent citizens.

All Home Money to Build It.
The whole town is fairly aflame with the enthusiastic determination to build the road. Prominent and wealthy citizens are promising on the street to take stock in the company to the amount of 10 per cent of the assessed valuation of their property and it is the avowed purpose of the people of Douglas and Coos to build the road without asking for a dollar of outside capital.

At the meeting this afternoon a committee will be appointed to meet with the committee from the five Coos county towns at an early date and at this general conference it is expected the company will be organized that will build the road.

Wonderful Region It Will Open.
The proposed line will go through Canine valley to Myrtle Point and will parallel the 26 miles of Southern Pacific road from Myrtle Point to Marshfield. It will tap seven-eighths of the agricultural and dairy lands of Coos county, will go through the finest body of timber on the Pacific slope and will reach the immense coal beds and gold fields of Coos county. Besides it will come in touch with a magnificent stretch of the best of the farming and fruit lands of Douglas county, which are second to none in the world.

Costs and Profits Estimated.
It has been estimated by careful engineers that it will cost \$1,500,000 to construct a good road and equip it with the best of modern rolling stock. The same estimates show that the stockholders will be given 10 per cent dividends even on the first year's operation after the cost of operation and interest on the stock and borrowed money is provided for. Of course the population of the terminal towns and the tributary country is expected to grow very rapidly after the completion of the road and the profits will correspondingly increase.

In a certain sense the building of this line is a kind of life struggle for Roseburg to maintain her position as the metropolis of southern Oregon. There is no longer any doubt that the Southern Pacific will build the line from Drain to Coos bay and that will divert travel and trade from Roseburg and necessitate the construction of this or other lines. Coos bay also needs this connection and feels the want of it perhaps more than Roseburg.

POPULAR FUNMAKER SOON COMING TO MARQUAM GRAND



Teddy Webb, Comedian.

Teddy Webb, the little comedian of the San Francisco opera company, who returns to Portland with the company for the reopening of the Marquam Grand theatre, Wednesday night, May 15, is one of the most popular funmakers in the country. Before going in for comedy Webb was a tenor and has the distinction of being the leading tenor with Lillian Russell, Dorothy Morton and other famous prima donnas. Mr. Webb may not remain with the San Francisco opera company during its entire stay in Portland, for he has been secured by John Cort of Seattle, and will be starred in "The Alaskan," the new comic opera by Blithen and Girard. As Hawkins, the cockney valet in "Fatima," Mr. Webb has one of the best comic parts of his career.

ALBANY SUPERINTENDENT AND TEACHERS ELECTED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Albany, Or., May 10.—The Albany school board has selected teachers for the ensuing year. The list shows many changes. Among those retiring and not candidates for reelection are Misses Saltmarsh, Francis, Norwood, Garritt, Baltimore and Pratt. Some of these have announced their intention of assuming the matrimonial relation, while others have resolved to rest for the year. Among the teachers selected, the new ones are Misses Grace Campbell and Nellie Kerrigan of the Ashland Normal school, Frances French of Bay City, Lottie Morgan of Brownsville, Maude Kelly of Grants Pass, Ella Hinch of Roseburg and Naomi Cowan of Silverton.

Professor A. M. Sanders was elected city superintendent, and it is expected that under his leadership the schools will vastly increase in efficiency. L. L. Baker was elected principal of the Madison street school, Mrs. F. M. Powell of the high school and Mrs. Thrall of the Maple street school.

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Was Won" and the Harry La Rose company in "The Sailor and the Horse" are two of the most comical plays that Portland vaudeville audiences have seen in months. All baseball fans will be delighted with the jokes which Gil Brown tells on the Portland Seavers, and there are several other turns on the bill which will be found pleasing. Same bill until Sunday night.

PHILLIPS IS ASSISTANT STATE BANK EXAMINER
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Olympia, Wash., May 10.—Albert A. Phillips, a leading citizen and pioneer of Olympia, has been appointed deputy state bank examiner, under the law passed by the last legislature, which takes effect June 12. The position carries a salary of \$2,400 a year. Mr. Phillips located in Olympia in 1867 and has resided here since that time. He was for 14 years auditor of Thurston county, and four years county treasurer. He was connected with the First National bank of Olympia some years ago, and when the institution failed he was made receiver. He has always been a Republican.

AT THE THEATRES

"Salome" at Heilig Tonight.
Beginning tonight at the Heilig theatre, Fourteenth and Washington streets, Oscar Wilde's great play, "Salome," will be the attraction for three nights. The clever young actor, Wilfrid Hooper, will be seen as King Herod and Elizabeth Stuart as Salome, supported by a capable company of players. Seats are selling at the theatre for the entire engagement.

Seats for "Fantasia."
The entire theatre-going population of Portland is interested in the reopening of the Marquam Grand theatre, which will occur next Wednesday evening, May 15. The San Francisco opera company has been engaged for a long season and will open its engagement with "Fantasia," the brightest and best of recent musical comedies. The sale of seats will open at the Marquam Grand box office Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The reopening of the Marquam Grand will be an event of importance and every one will want to be present. The Marquam Grand is to be the home of musical comedy and light opera and will be an institution of which the city can well be proud. Remember that the sale of seats begins tomorrow afternoon.

Crowded House at Baker.
"The Cowboy and the Lady" at the Baker this week is making a great hit. It is a western play, with heart, interest, and western plays are decidedly the vogue at this time. There is some excellent individual acting in the play and it is pleasing large audiences at every performance.

New Bill at Baker.
"The New Dominion" will be the bill at the Baker next week. It is the play which Clay Clement wrote and in which he starred for so many seasons. Incidentally it is the play which he made his fortune. It is admirably suited to the Baker company and will likely be one of the greatest attractions of the season of the Third street house.

"White Caps" at Empire.
Every one is interested in the stories of the Kentucky feds, for there are few subjects about which so many novels and plays have been written. It is on this subject that "The White Caps" was written. It is the play which is to be produced at the Empire by the Seaman stock company next week and is sure to be a winner. It is as thrilling as the most exciting could demand.

Excellent Play at Empire.
At the Empire the Seaman stock company is appearing to very pleasing advantage in the melodrama, "She Dared Do Right." It is a play which will heart interest, abounding in thrills and emotions and arouses a storm of applause. The Seaman company has not only "made good" but is drawing large crowds this week.

"Devil's Island."
Next week, beginning Monday night, the new stock company at the Star theatre will present for the first time in Portland the thrilling melodrama, "Devil's Island." This play is based on the trial of Captain Dreyfus, and the famous courtroom scene and the prison on the island are depicted in the play. "Devil's Island" should be a strong drawing card. Seats are now on sale.

"The Silver King."
At the Star theatre the new stock company is playing that ever-popular drama, "The Silver King," and the performance is more than satisfactory to the thousands of patrons of the house. The company is well equipped and capable and there are no indifferent actors on the list. "The Silver King" is only presented and the scenery and properties are new. The play will be repeated up to Sunday night, with matinee Saturday and Sunday. Seats can be reserved by telephone if convenient.

"Brown's in Town."
By far the best farce comedy to be seen in Portland during the present season was "Brown's in Town," given this week at the Lyric by the Allen stock company, with Miss Verna Falcon, Forrest Seabury and the other favorites in the cast. Ask any one who has had the good luck to see it, and you will be sure to see it every evening at 8:15. Reserved seats may be ordered by telephone.

"Behind the Mask."
One of the melodramatic successes of New York during the present season was "Behind the Mask," a story of the golden west by a pretty setting and with a unique plot. At great expense Director Allen has secured this bill for the Allen stock company, and it will be given at the Lyric next week, beginning Monday evening, with matinee Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Reserved seat sale opens Sunday.

Headline Features.
Headliners are plentiful this week on the vaudeville program of the Grand theatre. The San Francisco company in "How the Widow

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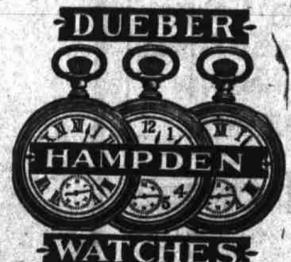
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