

HARDWARE MEN FAVOR FARMERS

Relief From Burdensome Transportation Rates Is Urged Here

Nearly 30 hardware and implement men attended the all-day session of the Willamette Valley Hardware and Implement Dealers at the Chamber of Commerce rooms Thursday. These meetings are held in the fall and spring of the year for the purpose of a general discussion of the business and to deal with local problems. The annual meeting of the state is held in Portland in January of each year.

Relief from present high transportation rates from the west to the east in order to move farm products is urged, not only of the Willamette session, but has been adopted as a national program. Hardware men are working with government transportation committees to create new markets for farm produce, particularly that of loganberries, prunes, wheat and potatoes.

Delegations from the Portland hardware jobbers and retail dealers attended the afternoon session and participated in a general discussion on the conditions of the country from financial, political and future points and also as to price outlook.

A. L. Jameson, McMinnville, delegate to the national convention of hardware dealers at Jamestown, Va., told of the work of that body, and of its fight for an equalization of rates. He reported that through the east factories were running and labor conditions are good, with little trouble, and with the demand for output exceeding the supply. Credit sales and standardization of hardware products were also discussed.

Officers of the association will hold over. These are Norris Ames, president, Silverton, and Glenn De Haven, secretary, McMinnville.

COUNTY PAVING IS FINISHING SEASON

Work on Aumsville and Sublimity Highway Completed Last Night

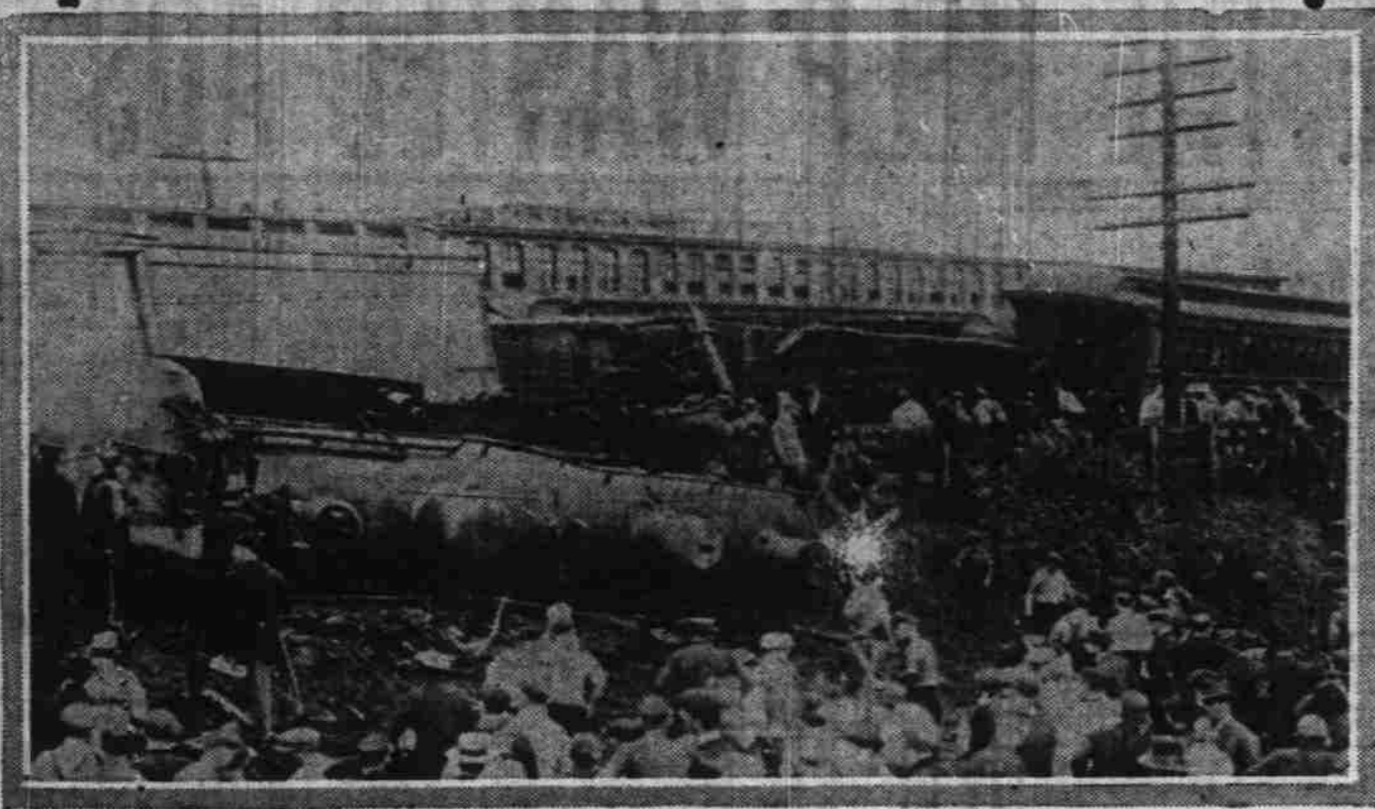
The four county paving crews are closing up the year's work, according to W. J. Culver, county roadmaster. Within the next two weeks the roads now being paved will be completed and the crews disbanded.

The Stayton crew, which has been completing work on the Aumsville and Sublimity road, expected to finish there last night, and has no further work to do.

The Jefferson crew is working on the Sidney road and will be done for the season in four days, according to present estimates, based on good weather.

The crew from Scollard station

ENGINE CREW KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK.



The fireman and engineer of a New York, New Haven & Hartford train bound from Fall River to Boston were fatally injured and a score of passengers hurt when the train left the tracks near Zeadville, Mass. First aid was rendered the injured at the plant of B. F. Sturtevant Company, in front of which the wreck occurred. Photo shows the wreck with members of the fire department at work getting the engine crew from the wreck.

is paving a street through Woodburn and has another week of work, provided the rains do not interfere.

The Salem crew has the most work ahead. The Wheatland ferry road was finished last night and there are now four days work on the Pudding river road near Silverton. Another week's work is scheduled for this crew on the Pratum road when the season's county paving will be finished.

The weather may prolong this schedule, according to Mr. Culver, and it is possible considerable patching will occupy one or more of the crews for a short time.

HURRYING ROAD WORK

GRANTS PASS, Sept. 19.—The prospects for work on the Grants Pass-Crescent City highway are most encouraging, thinks Dr. W. H. Flanagan, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce highway committee. He has been in communication with the state officials for some time and letters received by him cause him to believe that the work of the committee has borne fruit. Estimates have been called for on the road from Grants Pass to the California line by the state highway commission and Dr. Flanagan believes this to be preparatory to actual work of the road. All unsurveyed portions were to be estimated by the local highway office, as well as those portions previously laid out.

Find Prehistoric Jaw Bones
MILES CITY, Mont., Sept. 21.—(By Associated Press.)—The jaw bones and tusk of a large prehistoric animal were uncovered here recently by a railroad construction crew working with a steam shovel. The tusk is 22 inches in circumference.

The animal had only two teeth, each more than six inches long and three inches wide, with thirteen rows of cutting edges running crosswise on each tooth. A short distance from where the jaw bones and tusk were unearthed, shells of mussels a foot and a half long were found, it is reported.

Protesting Low Valuation
MEDFORD, Sept. 20.—That an altogether too low valuation is placed on all property of Klamath county by the assessor, which results in a necessarily high tax rate, is the opinion of a number of property owners of that county. The expressed opinion of many has resulted in the calling of a public meeting for Thursday evening at the city hall in Klamath Falls to discuss a change in valuations. This meeting is being called by W. T. Lee, county assessor. Lee states that it is not intended to increase the amount of taxes, but it is hoped to reduce the tax rate and thus make investment in this county by outside capital more popular.

Boys Left Bicycles
ARLBANY, Sept. 20.—A number of boys who rode their bicycles to the Clyde Peacock melon patch last night, left their wheels to pay for the feed enjoyed, in their haste to get away, according to the owner, who was in Albany this morning.

Last night Mr. Peacock journeyed to the melon patch to meet his guests, who were not so enthusiastic about being introduced. They took to their heels as the host arrived, and sought shelter in the nearby timber. Mr. Peacock found four bicycles near the patch which he believed to have been the means of conveyance of his company. Rather than see the paint work ruined by the night air he spent a quarter of an hour putting them in the garage where he is keeping them under lock and key until his bashful guests return.

Forest Fires Under Control
ROSEBURG, Sept. 20.—The forest fire situation in Douglas county is very satisfactory at the present time, although the danger for an outbreak of serious fires is very great, according to both the forest service officials and officers of the Douglas county fire patrol. Strong northeast winds during the past few days, have driven all moisture out of the forests and they are extremely dry and ready to be ignited at a flash. Every precaution is being taken to prevent the fires from gaining a start and fire fighters all over the county are in immediate readiness to respond.

Shipping Pears Test
GRANTS PASS, Sept. 20.—Thirty-eight cars of pears, includ-

Oregon State News

Hard on Greater Oregon
BAKER, Sept. 20.—The Democrat of this city sees in the proposed recall of Governor Pierce a blow at the greater Oregon about which we have been talking so hopefully. It says editorially: "Without doubt the starting of a recall campaign against Governor Walter M. Pierce is one of the biggest political mistakes which has been made in Oregon in recent years. Oregon's position as a state at the present time is peculiar and it has received more harmful advertising during the past few months than is good for it. The movement is the work of disgruntled politicians who should be cast aside in the minds of all those real builders of a great state. Such moves will never bring forth a greater Oregon."

More Road Work
MARSHFIELD, Sept. 20.—Definite decision to create a super road district under the provisions of the Hall act for the purpose of putting through needed road projects was reached at the chamber of commerce last night by special road committees from the North Bend and Marshfield chambers.

The paving of the skyline boulevard was the one project on which practically all delegates were agreed, although there was a wide divergence of opinion as to the manner or method in which the road to the beach resorts should be completed.

A New Farm Instructor
CORVALLIS, Sept. 20.—H. H. White has been appointed the new instructor in the Smith-Hughes department of agriculture in the Corvallis high school. As the work of this department has attracted a great deal of attention during the past year, this is an important position to be filled. Last year the state and federal board deemed it worth while to give the school a regular Smith-Hughes department rating although not all the technical requirements could be met. Last year the enrollment was about 40 boys.

Mr. White has been transferred here by the state director in charge of the Smith-Hughes work. He comes with a splendid record made at the McMinnville high school, where he developed the farm shop idea of erecting and equipping a farm shop at the school by the boys themselves without any outside help.

ing both the early and late varieties have been shipped from Grants Pass this season by the Oregon Growers. The late pears are now moving rapidly and a few days will see the pears of the valley cleaned out. Three cars were going forward today. One of these was of Bose, the first of this variety to go out. Two were of D'Anjous. The first car of Comice will be shipped out tomorrow. There are to be two cars of that variety. Of the 38 cars, 27 were Bartlett and 11 were late pears.

GRAIN INSPECTION PAYING ITS KEEP

Margin of Profit Shown for Month of August, Says Spence Report

The state grain inspection department made money during the month of August this year, for the first time in its history, according to figures submitted to Governor Pierce by C. E. Spence, state market agent, whose department includes grain inspection. Formerly it was under the public service commission.

The statement compares the months of July and August, 1922, with the same months for this year. It shows that for July, 1922 total expenditures were \$9343.73, and total earnings \$4592.60, the loss for the month being \$4751.13. The amount paid out in salaries was \$874.35, and the number of persons on the payroll was 65. For the month of July, this year the total expenditures were \$3,612.93, and the total earnings \$4,585.19, a loss of \$1027.74 for the month. The amount paid out in salaries was \$4871.94, with 32 persons on the payroll.

For the month of August, 1922, the total expenditures were \$9563.71, and total earnings, \$9,199.36, a loss of \$364.35 for the month. The amount paid out in salaries was \$8552.62, with 62 persons on the payroll. For the month of August this year the total earnings were \$10,907.16, and the total expenditures \$8828.53, a gain for the month of \$2078.63. The amount paid out in salaries was \$7452.75, with an average of 84 persons on the payroll.

North Carolina Legislates To Lessen Auto Accidents
ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 21.—"Safety first" exponents, as reflected among those who want to see the high rate of railroad grade crossing accidents lowered, carried their fight into at least four southern legislatures this summer, with success in only one. In the North Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Alabama general assemblies measures were introduced which would require the motorist to come to a complete stop within a specified distance of a grade crossing and at the same time require the railroads to erect suitable warning signals. North Carolina, alone of the three, enacted such legislation and officials charged with its administration say that the first few months of its operation showed an appreciable lessening in the number of accidents. The Florida, Georgia and Alabama law-making bodies refused to adopt the measures, their opponents characterizing them as the handiwork of railroad men seeking to

free their interests from possible damage suits. In the Florida assembly the measure was amended to meet these objections, a clause being inserted which would have expressly provided that it was not

to be construed as removing the liability of the carriers. Firpo-Dempsey fight drew almost as big a crowd as a couple of fighting umpires would draw.

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