



## WEEKLY NEWS ITEMS OF THE LIVE AND GROWING CITY OF FALLS CITY

**Miller's Opening a New Store There—The City Looking to Better Light and Power Service—Cleaning Up the City and Making it a Still More Attractive Place for Visitors**

**City Council Meets Monday Evening**  
The regular monthly meeting of city council was held April 6, 1925. Mayor R. M. McDonald presiding; present were Councilmen Criswell, Teal, Griswold, Bohle, Brown, Courter and Hopkins. City Auditor Carrie E. Jones, Treasurer H. Mather Smith, Marshal H. S. Zimmerman. Besides routine business transacted, the council received a visit from the Civic Pride committee of the Commercial club accompanied by the City Beautiful committee of the Parent-Teachers' association. These committees asked for the purchase of a tree to be used in the plans now being carried out for parking the grade school grounds, asking for an English Holly to be planted in the space between the two flights of steps leading down from the school entrance. This request was granted and \$5 appropriated for the purpose.

These committees also asked the mayor to issue a proclamation setting aside the first week of May as "clean up week," and designating one half day that week as a half holiday, so that every one in town may turn out to help clear the property owned by the city, as well as some donated by individual owners for park purposes, extending along the river front on the south side from Bridge street past the foot bridge to the alley about half way to Dayton street; the ladies of the committee suggesting they would serve hot coffee and hot dog sandwiches so that everyone may come and help. The plan was adopted by the city council, and the mayor's proclamation will be issued soon. This park will be about one to one and a half blocks in width north and south and about three blocks in length running east and west and following the contour of the Little Luckamute river. The tract includes some very fine fir and other trees and will be most attractive when the underbrush is cleared out and more flowers and shrubs added. The present plan includes placing public conveniences for autoists, including two or three hydrants supplying our pure mountain water, placing of electric lights, several "dutch ovens," steps up to the bridges and widening and improving the drive way into the grounds. When this park is opened Falls City will have the distinction of having two free public parks, the larger one at the west end of town including the basketball park, and being the park used by the Epworth League convention two weeks each summer, and containing the assembly hall, kitchen and dining room and other improvements made by the Epworth League Institute.

This latter park is open to the general public at all times of the year, except when the Epworth League institute is in session, and during that time all who care to attend their meetings are made welcome. During this time the park houses several hundred delegates from all parts of the state.

**Mountains State Power Company Seeking Investments in Falls City**  
The city council also took up informally a proposition recently made by the Mountain States Power company by which that company seeks to purchase the municipality owned electric light and power plant, securing the franchise for furnishing electricity to Falls City for both lighting and power purposes. Owing to the absence of the official who was to present their proposition the council adjourned subject to call of the mayor at any time within ten days, when the matter will be formally presented to the city for action. The plans as outlined include twenty-four hour service for the community, metering of all users of current, and a service equal to that given any town in the Willamette valley.

The council also authorized the electric light board to secure figures and submit a proposition at that time, showing what would be the cost of installing the proper machinery and equipment to give twenty-four hour service with the municipal plant.

The city marshal reports the containers for waste papers were installed in the designated parts of the city, Monday afternoon, and asks everyone to use same to help in keeping the streets clean, as well as reducing fire hazards.

**Free Methodist Church News**  
Sunday school 19 a. m., preaching 11 and 7:30 every Sunday; prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. Regular monthly meeting of Women's Missionary society, first Friday of each month 2:30 p. m. Mrs. H. A. Walter, presiding. The S. S. scholars will give a program Easter Sunday at the church. The children will have an egg hunt at the Keller home Sunday.

**Illustrated Lecture**  
The Rev. B. H. Pearson, will give an illustrated home mission lecture Wednesday, April 22, at 7:30 p. m., and the Rev. W. W. Vinson will speak Thursday, April 23, at 7:30 p. m. These are men of renown through the church, and you will miss a rare treat if you do not hear them. Rev. Pearson is at work among the Mexicans in California, and Rev. Vinson is assistant missionary secretary. H. A. Walter, Pastor.

**Confectionery Changes Hands**  
Chas. Ryan has sold his confectionery and soft drink establishment, next door to Mott & Mott, to A. P. Harlan of Alpine, Oregon. Mr. Harlan taking charge on the 6th of April. Mr. Harlan's family will remain in Alpine until the close of the present school year. Mr. Ryan has no definite plans for the future except that he will spend the next few weeks at his ranch near Bridgeport.

**Miller's Chain Stores Extending Service**  
Miller's of Salem and other valley towns has leased the store

# FALLS CITY SECTION

This section is devoted to the industrial development of Falls City, Polk County, Ore. The section will be under the direction of the Falls City Commercial Club, H. Mather Smith, President and Mrs. Abigail Watt, Secretary. The advertisers in this section are Falls City firms. Each takes pride in advancing the civic and industrial development of the community. Every dollar you spend with them will help build a bigger, better and more prosperous city.

## DIRECTIONS FOR STARTING ALFALFA HERE IN THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY

**Conclusion: Use Only Good Grimm Seed; Sow Plenty of Seed on a Fine, Firm, Well Prepared Seed Bed, Alone and Rather Early—Use No Nurse Crop—Think of Nothing But Grimm Variety—Right Down to Date**

(The following is alfalfa information for the Willamette valley, right down to date. It is Circular of Information 6, March, 1925, with title, "Directions for Starting Alfalfa in the Willamette Valley," by G. R. Hyslop, agronomist of the Oregon Agricultural college.)

**Soils**  
The soils best suited to alfalfa are those that are mellow, warm, well drained, fertile, sweet and deep. Alfalfa grows on heavier soil types that are well drained and sweet but in the past many failures have been recorded with the crop on sour soils that are unlimed and on heavy, run-down and poorly drained soils. On soils that are at all sour an application of ground lime stone at from one to four tons an acre is probably necessary to make the crop successful.

For some conditions, as where heavy lime applications are needed and where the crop serves no special purpose, this may be too expensive. For poultrymen or dairymen who need green feed badly during the dry season, the expense of even a heavy application of the ground lime stone may be justified.

There will probably be less disease if the alfalfa can follow a cultivated crop or a grain crop rather than clover or vetch, especially if there has been any stem rot in either of those crops. Stem rot has been present in a good deal of the clover and some of the vetch during recent years and occasionally it may do some damage to the alfalfa, although usually not killing out the Grimm alfalfa as extensively as it injured clover.

**Seed Bed Preparation**  
The object is to make a seed bed free from weeds, firm enough to assure moisture, and prevent too deep planting, and level enough that the permanent meadow may be handled satisfactorily.

Friday of last week, the group of two hundred pupils loaned to our school by the Elson Art company, of Belmont, Mass., were exhibited in the assembly hall and room 5. The collection included photographs and color prints of the great masterpieces. The exhibition was conducted by the seniors and the proceeds will be used to purchase a picture for the school.

Saturday, April 4, the girls in the home economics club held a cooked food sale in the old jewelry store building. The room was decorated with Japanese quince blossoms and Japanese lanterns. The proceeds, which will be used to furnish the rest room, were twenty dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bohle of Raymond, Washington, visited school several days last week. Since Mr. Bohle was an instructor in our high school last year, everybody was glad to see them. After school on Wednesday several of the students entertained them with a hike and lunch on Teal creek.

Those who are interested in art exhibits might visit the botany class and study the drawings that are being made of Oregon wild flowers.

The boys began baseball practice in earnest Monday, our first game is scheduled with Dallas for April 17, consequently everybody will have to work hard to get our team in shape.

Falls City high school will have something new in girls' athletics this year, because the girls expect to have a baseball team and schedule games with outside schools.

On Wednesday of this week the girls in the cooking class will entertain the members of the faculty, and the school board.

The home economic club met on Monday. The principal part of the program was an explanation of how to make a gingham hat, by Miss Palmer.

Tuesday the members of the Physics class and their teacher, Mr. Goodwin, conducted their class along the road between Falls City and Dallas. The object was to see how fast sound travels.

The junior vaudeville will be given April 16. Their program is varied and consists of several numbers. The "Love Potion," a one-act farce, "The Dancing Dolls," a Norwegian Dance, "Hiram and Sophia" and the "Fair Sparkin' Peggy Jane, High School



## ONLY METAL WORKING NATIONS LEFT LASTING IMPRINT ON HUMAN RACE

**Oregon Mineral Resources Not Greatly Developed But Give Great Promise of a Large Future in Silver, Gold and Copper—Capital Needed to Put Oregon on the Map**

BY EDWARD T. BARBER  
The nations of the earth which have left permanent marks of their genius on all succeeding generations are the metal working nations.

No purely pastoral nation has made any enduring contribution to the advancement of the human race.

It was the quest for metal that led the ancient Phoenicians to explore the Mediterranean coast; discover the strait of Gibraltar; follow the Atlantic coast to the British Isles; and there discover deposits of tin which are still worked.

When Columbus discovered America the most advanced nations found on either continent were the metal working Peruvians and the Aztecs of Mexico. The mines they were working then are still being worked at a profit.

The pre-historic mound builders of the Ohio valley were metal workers. They worked the copper mines of Michigan and left many evidences of their skill and ability in handling metals. Their mounds and pottery show evidence of artistic skill and knowledge unknown to their successors, the Indians.

In this western country the trapper followed the Indian trails and the miner followed the trapper. It was the discoveries of the miner that revolutionized western settlement and developed the great mountain and coast states of the west. Most of these states are still dominated in the mineral field, but from some cause the development of Oregon mines has not kept pace with the rest of the Pacific Northwest.

This may be partially due to the general impression that mineral deposits are seldom found in volcanic regions, and the volcanic nature of the Cascades as expressed by its many towering peaks of lava has led to the belief that Oregon is not mineralized to a profitable extent.

However, prospectors have never been totally discouraged from making an effort and their labors have not been in vain.

There are numerous highly mineralized localities now located in the Cascades and the mining world is beginning to look more favorably on Oregon mineral deposits.

Gold, silver, lead and copper, with copper predominating, are the chief minerals so far that have been found in sufficient quantity to attract attention.

Eastern Oregon is at present enjoying considerable mining activity based upon copper discoveries in and about Baker City and the mountains to the northeast of it. The region of the Seven Devils mountains through which the Snake river cuts its channel has shown valuable deposits of copper which are beginning to attract attention of the mining industries.

Mining in the Cascades has developed many valuable deposits of copper and silver, with some gold. The exploitation of these deposits has been hampered and

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**Lumbering and Agriculture Are Industrial Twins**  
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The cut-over lands are especially adapted to goat pasture, as the goat is a browser rather than a grazing animal and delights in pasture where buds and twigs may be secured.

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The lumber industry around Falls City is now employing several hundred men. With the indicated revival of the business in the near future this number will be greatly increased.

However, while there are still openings for small mills in the lumber business about Falls City, the peak of production of that area has been reached and the lands released for agricultural purposes as stated above.

Agriculture, in its most profitable and diversified form, is on a firm footing in this vicinity. It has advanced beyond the experimental stage and it offers a permanent investment which will rapidly grow more valuable as development is accelerated.

A married couple want to rent a furnished room with a connecting bath to a young man.—Orlando Sentinel.

The bride was destroyed to make room for a new one. It spans the Little Miami river at Milford, Ohio. — Winston-Salem Journal.