The Gold Hill News

PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY AT GOLD HILL, JACKSON COUNTY, OREGON, BY

Ben H. Lampman

Entered at the Gold Hill postoffice for transmission through the mails as second-class matter

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1915

SUBSCRIPTION $1.50 PER ANNUM IN ADVANCE

THE SUGAR BEET SHIBBOLETH

WHEN YOU MEET the perpetual pessimist, hawking his tale of woe and hard times, gratis to the glad world, look him straight in the gloomy eye, and articulate, "S-u-g-a-r b-e-e-t-s!" If that doesn't fetch him out of the slough of despond, have no more to do with him—he is a creature forsaken of inspiration and devoid of spunk. In the state of Colorado last year the sugar factories paid out $10,000,000 in the purchase of beets. They paid out an extra $2,000,000 for the purchase of supplies, and, for good measure, $2,000,000 more in the employment of factory labor.

The Rogue River Valley must have a beet sugar factory. Wherever the sugar beet flourishes the bank account thrives.

C. D. Dodge, of Lansing, Michigan, writing to his son, F. W. Dodge, of Gold Hill, digresses from the customary family talk and gossip to make the following unsolicited testimonial:

"I see by the Gold Hill paper I receive each week, that your valley is going to have a sugar beet factory. Well, if you were to look a long time for a plant that would give returns to the people as a WHOLE, and the FARMER ESPECIALLY, you could not build anything that would pay all concerned any better. You know we have had sugar beet factories here in Lansing for the past ten or more years, and while we have three or more gas engine factories, two wagon works, screw factory, three machine shops, ice plant, with a dozen or more of other factories, none of them pay to the FARMERS and town people as much money for the period of operation as our sugar beet factory does."

LEGISLATIVE LOGROLLING

TWO EMINENT LUMBERMEN gleaned glory for Jackson county at the opening 1915 legislative assembly, when Selling, of Multnomah, was chosen Speaker over Eaton, of Lane. Both representatives Vawter and Wagner of this district helpfully assisted the Multnomah man to pluck the plum—despite a strong sentiment in the provinces against the selection. The selection of Selling was logrolling of the most typical sort. Prior to the balloting seven legislators visited Mr. Eaton to propose their desertion of the Selling enlistment if Eaton could secure a single additional vote. The Multnomah machine was perfect, however, and the vote unprocurable; so the steamroller passed smoothly over the country candidate and the domination of the Portland clique was established for another session. A glimmer of light in the gloom was the cheery little personality of Representative Molly Towne, Jackson county's woman legislator and the first of her sex to so honor the state. The back-room politicians bowed politely and backed down. Miss Towne did not vote for Ben Selling.

Overdrafts (Secured & Unsecured)

B. H. L.

The Rainy Day

You are sorry it is raining, little son? Daytime and playtime, neither is half done? Just to stand and watch the rain chasing down the window-pane isn't fun? You may listen to the trip of a fairy fingertip—strumming on the shingles, humming on the eaves; you may watch the opal heart of a raindrop shine apart on the leaves.

You are grieving 'cause it's raining, little maid? Sun games and fun games, neither can be played? You may watch the lady mist dress the hills in amethyst, lightly laid: you may hear the whisper lisped as the fairy keeps her tryst with the timid, thirsty grasses, the hidden, happy flowers; you may catch the grateful sigh of the leaves toward the sky through the hours.

Listen to the whispered secret, both of you—"Maytime and playtime, Springtime, shall come true. Did I halt or once forget, never would the violet blossom blue. I am mother to the Spring—water cresses do I bring, waken all the meadowland, rouse the drowsy rose; did I quite forget to call, Summer wouldn't come at all—goodness knows!"

The Time for Resolutions

BE IT RESOLVED THAT 1915

Shall be a year of education: That you will carefully study the FREIGHT RATES from the large cities to your own little city. That you will acquaint yourself with the prices offered by your local merchants, and without prejudice carefully compare them with prices offered in the large cities on the same class merchandise.

FREIGHT RATES FROM PORTLAND TO GOLD HILL PER 100 POUNDS

1st Class 94c 2d Class 80c 3d Class 66c 4th Class 56c

Add the freight and RESOLVE that you will spend your money at home---prices being equal. We offer the following prices by way of comparison, and for your information.

Our Prices:		Portland Prices:
Best Fruit Sugar		5.95
Honolulu Cane Sugar		5.75
Hard Wheat Flour		1.60—1.65
Graham Flour		40
Pancake Flour		50
Japan Tea 1 lb		50
Schilling Baking Powder 2½ lbs		1.00
Peaberry Coffee 1 lb		30
6 lbs good Coffee		1.00
3 lbs Cresent Baking Powder		70
1 lb Cream Tartar		50
Good Dairy Salt 50 lbs		65
Violet Oats 2 packages		25
Columbia Wheat-flakes		30
Columbia Oats		35
Cream of Wheat 2 packages		35
	Add freight to Mail Order price	
Fruit Sugar		5.50
Honolulu Sugar		5.45
Good Flour		1.70
Graham Flour		45
Pancake Flour		47
Japan Tea		43—53
Schilling Baking Powder 2½ lbs		1.00
Peaberry Coffee 1 lb		30
5 lbs Santos Coffee		1.00
3 lbs Cresent Baking Powder		70
1 lb Cream Tartar		60
Dairy Salt 50 lbs		68
Violet Oats per package		15
Columbia Wheat-flakes		30
Columbia Oats		35
Cream of Wheat per package		20

Give us a Cash order of $40.00, with flour included, and we will give you a sack of best sugar for $4.00. We wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

LANCE & COMPANY -- The Home Store

Proceedings of City Council

PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL
November 23, 1914

The Council met in special session for the purpose of hearing the report of the Lighting Committee on the installation of a system of street lights, and to take any necessary action thereon.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Morelock. Members present:—Adams, Cameron, Kell, Patrick, Redfield, and Mrs. Truax.

The proposals of the Rogue River Public Service corporation and the California Oregon Power company were read and discussed. Mr. Dodge in behalf of the former company and Mr. Stoddard of the latter company addressed the council.

The report of the Lighting Committee was then heard as follows:

General: In as much as the Rogue River Public Service corporation's bid has been presented to the committee since the calling together of the present meeting, thereby allowing no time for the consideration of the same, the committee equests the council for an extension of time before making the report, or a call for the report as it now stands.

After thorough and due investigation of all bids submitted and power companies represented the Committee recommends as follows:

First: That the Committee be empowered to draw up a suitable and valid ordinance and contract with the California-Oregon company, as outlined in their proposals Nos. 1, 3, 5, 6, and general conditions, and additional provisions as read and attached hereto.

Second: That the Committee be empowered to employ an attorney for drawing up said ordinance and contract.

Third: That additional provisions may be added at the discretion of the committee.

Fourth: That said ordinance, contract and specifications be submitted to the Council at its next regular meeting for acceptance.

Submitted by the Lighting Committee of the City Council.

Committee:
Burt A. Adams, Ch'man
Gold Hill, Or., Geo. A. Patrick,
Nov. 23, 1914. Chas. Kell.

A motion was made by Redfield that the recommendations of the Committee be accepted, and that the committee be empowered to employ an attorney, Mr. Neff, to assist said committee in drawing up a legal contract, which should be submitted to the Council for action at the next regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Cameron. The vote thereon stood as follows: Yes: Adams, Cameron, Kell, Patrick, Redfield; no: Mrs. Truax. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

—B. G. HARDING,
City Recorder.

PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL
December 3, 1914

Council met in called session for the purpose of hearing a report from the Lighting Committee on the proposed street lighting system, and was called to order by Mayor Morelock. Present: Adams, Cameron, Kell, Patrick, Redfield, and Mrs. Truax.

The Chairman of the Lighting Committee, Mr. Adams reported that the Council as a whole and the Lighting Committee had erred in undertaking to make a contract for a lighting system without first publishing the notice the proposed contract and calling for bids thereon, said action being contrary to the intents of the City Charter.

Thereupon a motion was made by Redfield: That the work of the Lighting Committee thus far be rescinded, due to an error of proceedure on the part of the Council and the Lighting Committee, and that the Lighting Committee be continued and instructed to proceed according to the provisions of the City Charter, and to report at an adjourned meeting of this Council to be held in the Town Hall, Saturday evening, December 19th. Motion seconded by Cameron.

Motion was made by Redfield that the original motion be amended to read, "and to report at regular session of the council on January 4th, 1915". Cameron consented to the amendment. Amendment carried.

The motion as amended was then voted on and declared carried.

Adjourned.

—B. G. HARDING,
City Recorder.

PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL
December 7, 1914

Council met in regular session and was called to order by Mayor Morelock. Members present: Adams, Cameron, Kell, Patrick, Redfield, Mrs. Truax. Absent Cameron.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

The following bills were read and ordered paid:

Darling & Hodges, Drayage and street work	$38.00
Big Pines Lumber Co., Lumber	14.70
H. T. Pankey, Salary and extra work	30.25
J. B. Pankey, Street work and Deputy Marshal	3.75
D. H. Miller, Hardware supplies	1.35
Ben H. Lampman, Printing	7.85
B. G. Harding, Salary	15.00
O. U. Newell, brick used for manhole 6th street	2.00
B. A. Adams, Expenses on Lighting Com. Grants Pass	1.85
	$114.75

Upon call of the Council the marshal reported that he had collected four dog licenses. A motion carried that the Lighting Committee be instructed to confer with the attorney and have a speed ordinance drafted and submitted to the council, said ordinance to regulate the speed of trains passing through the city. A motion by Redfield, seconded by Mrs. Truax that the Lighting Committee be made a permanent committee, carried.

The chairman of the Lighting Committee was instructed to change the advertisement for bids so as to comply with the city charter.

A motion that the Nuisance committee be empowered to see to the enforcement of the dog license ordinance was lost.

A motion that the improvement committee be empowered to make a pound for dogs, carried.

The City Marshall turned in his resignation, which was accepted and Mr. Archie Walker was elected to fill the vacancy at $25.00 per month. Mr. Tom West was sworn in as special officer to act until Mr. Walker should qualify.

There being no further business the Council adjourned.

—B. G. HARDING,
City Recorder.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

The number of graduates from the Oregon Normal school for the present term will far exceed 100.

Logging operations in eastern Oregon are greatly hampered this winter by lack of snow in the mountains.

Counties of Oregon paid a total of $88,408.99 interest on warrants during the nine months ending September 20.

The Siuslaw port commissioners during the week authorized the sale of $100,000 bonds for the improvement of the Siuslaw harbor.

First company, coast artillery, of Ashland, has asked that Governor Withycombe reappoint W. E. Finzer as adjutant general of the Oregon National Guard.

Although the past season was the most dangerous one on account of dryness, for many years, the total loss of timber by fire in Coos county was only 7,000,000 feet.

Ed Bostwick of Floras Creek district was brought into Coquille by Game Warden Thomas, following the discovery of evidence that indicated that he had killed 40 deer.

An aggregate of 92.72 miles of railroad was constructed in Oregon in the year 1914, according to records compiled by the Railway Age-Gazette. The state of Washington built 206.34 miles and Idaho 130.11 miles.

Records of the city engineer and building inspector show that the city of Marshfield expended $337,000 in the construction of new buildings, repairing others, and for paving and other street improvements during the year.

No more liquor of any kind under any circumstances will be sold in the drug stores in Coos county. This was decided upon at a meeting of the Coos County Pharmaceutical association when resolutions to this effect were passed.

State Dairy and Food Commissioner J. D. Mickle has prepared drafts of two bills for presentation to the coming session of the legislature, looking toward the correction of existing evils in the present sanitary and cold storage laws.

The Dalles city park association has sold its fairgrounds, just west of the city, to Wasco county for $11,000. The property will be used by the county for a poor farm, but will be maintained in such a way that the grounds will be available every fall for the Wasco county fair.

That the state may be saved $100,000 by doing away with the census this year seems probable. As a result of the suggestion of Secretary of State Olcott to abolish the census, which has been taken every 10 years since 1865, the secretary has received assurances that a bill will be introduced making the new law effective May 10 of this year.

The state highway commission has placed a petition, presented to it by the citizens of Columbia county, asking for the removal of State Highway Engineer Bowlby, on file without discussion. The signers of the petition charged the state highway engineer with extravagance and incompetency in the construction of roads in Columbia county.

Pronouncing the present law providing that the fiscal year shall commence on the first day of January of each year, and that it shall close on the day preceding the first day of the same month unsatisfactory and unbusinesslike, Secretary of State Olcott in his biennial report to the legislature recommends that it be amended to read that the fiscal year shall commence on the first day of July of each year, and close on the thirtieth day of June.

Agriculture is recognized as the greatest of all industries and a prosperous, progressive and enlightened agricultural population is the surest safeguard of civilization.

LEGISLATURE BEGINS SESSION AT SALEM

Ben Selling Wins Speakership Contest in House Over Allen Eaton.

Salem.—Everything was in readiness for the convening of the Twenty-eighth General Assembly of Oregon Monday morning. Secretary of State Olcott, as custodian of the capitol, had the senate and house chambers and committee rooms renovated and put in ship-shape. The name of each member, his district and county, appears on each desk, the drawers of which were bulging with stationery and other paraphernalia which Oregon furnishes her lawmakers. Both the senate and the house convened at 10 o'clock.

Ben Selling, of Multnomah county, won the speakership fight in the house of representatives. He defeated Allen S. Eaton, of Lane county, by a vote of 37 to 22. On motion of Eaton, after the result was announced, the election of Selling was made unanimous by viva voce vote.

Will G. Hare, of Hillsboro, placed the name of Selling before the house. When Temporary Speaker S. B. Huston recognized him, Hare declared the demand of the state for a business administration forbade any bombastic presentations, but he admitted that the legislature has been in disrepute, and that the time has come for the representatives of the people to win back their lost respect.

The nomination of Eaton was presented by Dana H. Allen, of Marion county. He declared Eaton to be the dean of the present session, having been returned by his constituents five times. "If a man's worth is judged by his enemies," he said, "Mr. Eaton is a great man indeed."

No Contest in Senate.

It required barely eight minutes for the senate to perfect a temporary organization and take a recess to allow time for the committee on credentials to prepare a report.

The senate was called to order by Senator W. D. Wood of Washington county, the dean of the senate, and the temporary organization was completed, the necessary committees appointed and a recess taken.

There was no contest in the senate, and only one name was placed in nomination, yet Senator Dimick and Senator Kellaher refused to vote for Thompson and cast their ballots for Senator Wood of Washington county. Senator Thompson also cast his complimentary vote for Wood.

Deviating from the usual procedure, the two democratic senators, Garland of Linn and Strayer of Baker, joined in on the organization and did not place one of themselves in nomination for the presidency.

Dr. Withycombe Takes Office.

Dr. James Withycombe was inaugurated Tuesday, taking the oath at a joint session of the two houses. The oath was administered by Chief Justice Moore.

The ceremonies were simple. A brass band played, but no street parade marred the accustomed decorum of Salem's thoroughfares.

Neither was there an inaugural ball. The incoming governor vetoed that detail. It was his first use of that prerogative.

Members of the legislature had planned on having the inauguration Monday, so all the preliminaries would be out of the way and the session could get down to actual business early Tuesday. But they did not care to upset the arrangements that already had been made.

Governor West did not read his message in person. Printed copies were placed on the desks of members. Immediately after his inauguration Governor Withycombe read his message.

Of prospective legislation chief interest centered in a proposed executing law to make effective the prohibition act passed by the people at the last election. A draft recommended by the committee of one hundred, which directed the recent prohibition campaign, prohibits the sale of liquor by drugstores and restaurants, as well as saloons. Hotel men of Portland announced that they would try to get this modified to permit the serving of liquor with meals in large hotels.

SIGNS OF REVIVING INDUSTRY MULTIPLY

Chicago.—Material progress of industrial activity in the United States was emphasized last week by carrying out of many plans of expanded operations.

Railroads placed orders for rolling stock, steel rails and track supplies aggregating $6,670,000. Inquiry for more than $10,000,000 more of these necessities are pending among the larger systems.

Reports from day to day indicate that railroad shops, the steel and kindred lines and a large number of miscellaneous industries throughout the country have re-employed upward of 40,000 men since the new year began.

The United States Steel Corporation's increase of 512,051 tons in unfilled orders in December, the first monthly gain in business since last August, shows the favorable effect of the eastern freight-rate decision. Orders placed since January 1 constitute additional tonnage, so it is fair to assume that the increasing volume of steel demand will lead to steady enlargement of mill operations.

State Commissions May Fine Roads.

Washington.—The right of state railroad commissions to fine railroads which violate intrastate orders was sustained by the United States supreme court. The decision affirmed a fine of $1000 imposed upon the Southern railroad for violating a ruling handed down by the Georgia state railroad commission.