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Oregon Oysters.

Yaquina Bay oyster beds are said to be flourishing at a marvelous rate. It is believed that a million dollars worth of the bivalves can be produced annually. There are also fine prospects for beginning the industry at Coos Bay. The oysters were planted in Yaquina Bay last spring. A former trial resulted in a failure owing to the immaturity of the bivalves planted. "The last experiment with eastern oysters is a success," said State Fish Warden Van Dusen, of Astoria, who has just returned from Coos Bay. "This is good news for the fish commission and should be good news to the state of Oregon, because it means an industry capable of bringing thousands of dollars to Oregon each year. There is no reason why Yaquina bay should not produce \$1,000,000 worth of oysters a year. That is but a starter as compared to Coos bay, which is equally adapted to the culture, and which is three times the size of Yaquina bay."

"Furthermore the success of the experiments means new communities in which hundreds of people can get good employment."

"That Coos bay was once a great oyster bed is proved by the dredging work that was done at Marshfield some years ago. At that time a channel six feet in depth was scooped out and all the refuse removed was old oyster shells. One of the principal made streets of Marshfield is of oyster shells. From reports, this bay was probably the greatest oyster bed in the world at one time—and that not in the distant past. Indians have told that there were an abundance of oysters at Coos bay prior to the big fire. The information coming down through the Indians is a belief that the big fire killed the oysters."

"As for myself I am greatly pleased at the prospects of this new branch of fisheries industry. The possibilities are great."

"Warden Van Dusen was at Coos Bay planning for the coming season's work at the salmon hatchery. More than 5,000,000 eggs were hatched last year and fully that number and perhaps 9,000,000 will be hatched this year."

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CITY FIRE ORDINANCE

Passed by the Common Council of Corvallis, June 20.

(Continued from last issue)

SECTION 11.—No smoke pipe shall be placed nearer than 11 inches to any wall, except at right angles therewith in passing through the same, nor nearer 18 inches to the wall of any adjoining building. All smoke pipes passing through the roof of any building shall extend at least four feet above the roof of the building to which they are attached, measuring from the point where such passes through such roof; and if in the opinion of the fire wardens they be deemed unsafe to the building or buildings adjoining they shall order them carried up to such height as may be necessary not to exceed four feet above the extreme height of said adjoining building or buildings. Provided that hotels, restaurants, laundries and wash-houses, shall in all cases provide brick chimneys or flues to be used in place of stone pipes. All owners or occupants of any building within this city in which there is a smoke or stove pipe, shall when notified by the fire wardens, comply with the foregoing requirements, and replace a bad or defective smoke or stove pipe, with a new one when so ordered by the fire wardens.

SEC. 12. That when any flue smoke pipe or chimney constructed prior to the passage of this ordinance or at any other time shall by the fire wardens be deemed unsafe, they shall notify in writing the owners or occupant of the building that the same must be removed or repaired within ten days; and said smoke pipe, flue or chimney shall not be used until repaired except by written permit of the fire wardens.

SEC. 13. That the fire wardens shall have the right, and it shall be their duty, to enter any building within the city limits, at any time they shall deem necessary, for the purpose of discovering or ascertaining any violations of this ordinance.

SEC. 14. That whenever the fire wardens deem it necessary for the safety of any building or buildings to have any accumulation of moss removed from the roof of such building or buildings, they may notify the owner or occupants thereof to remove the same; it shall be the duty of said owner or occupants to have the same speedily removed. No person shall allow any accumulation of loose hay, straw, dry grass, leaves, paper or other inflammable rubbish to accumulate on or around their premises, and where any such accumulation in the judgment of the fire wardens shall be considered dangerous, they shall cause the same to be removed at the owner's expense.

SEC. 15. No stove except cook stoves shall stand within two feet of any wooden or cloth wall unless such wall is fully protected by tin or zinc plates fastened thereon, and all persons using fires in stoves, shall be caused to be placed under said stoves, zinc or other incombustible material sufficient to protect the place from fire.

SEC. 16. No person shall deposit any ashes in any wooden vessel or on any wooden floor in this city, or deposit them in any place on their premises or on the premises of others, that will be nearer than ten feet from any wooden building or fence.

SEC. 17. All hay, straw or other combustible material, stowed in any building in this city, shall be stowed as to be safe from fire, and when not so stowed the fire wardens may order the removal or cause the same to be protected from fire, at the expense of the owner or occupant of the premises in which the same may be stowed. No owner or occupant of any livery stable,

barn or stable, shall by himself or those in his employ, use therein, or in any place containing hay, straw, sawdust or other combustible material, any lighted candle or other portable light, except the same be securely protected by a lantern.

SEC. 18. It is hereby made the duty of every member of the fire department and of each policeman to give the fire wardens notice of each and every violation of this ordinance, that may come to his knowledge.

SEC. 19. Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof before the police judge be punished by a fine of not less than five, or more than fifty dollars with cost of trial, or by imprisonment in the city jail not less than two, or more than twenty-five days; and each day such violation maintained or continued shall be deemed a new offence and shall be punished accordingly. The fire wardens are hereby authorized to arrest any person or persons for the violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance with or without a warrant. It shall be the duty of the fire wardens to enter up the premises and remove any building erected within the fire limits in violation of existing ordinances.

SEC. 20. All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed and this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the mayor.

Oil Discovered Near Eugene.

Real for sure oil has been struck in Springfield and the roaring well, which caused many denizens of that place to wish steadfastly that they had voted for local option, has been relegated to the rear in public interest.

Merritt Huntly in quest for water on his place caused a well to be sunk. Down to 28 feet it was dug but from that point Mr. Huntly secured the services of a drill. When a depth of 32 feet had been reached black sand was encountered and oil oozed from the crevices. Work was stopped and the water was bailed out in the hopes that its flavor and general appearance would improve, but to no purpose. From a barrel of the liquid four large pails of crude petroleum were skimmed off. Walter Ross, of this city, applied a blotter to the mixture and after exposing it to the air a few minutes touched a match to the paper and it burned and sputtered throwing off heavy fumes of petroleum.

Water of the well is rendered unfit for use and Mr. Huntly feels very much chagrined over the fact that the trouble and expense of sinking for water that has come to naught. However, the find may be the means of greatly enriching him.—Eugene Register.

Clean Up for the Fourth.

The most prosperous city is the one where there is the greatest evidence of local pride. It does not require that all shall live in splendid mansions, have wide spreading lawns, and display the gorgeous trappings of wealth and ease, to make a prosperous city. But order, cleanliness, indefatigable industry and civic pride are absolutely essential to a prosperous town or city. The neat, clean, well-kept home, with the evidences of personal interest, clean streets and back alleys free from rubbish, the things that may be possessed by everyone are a few of the things that make a town inviting and upon which prosperity in a large measure rests. A vast concourse of people will be in Corvallis July 2, 3 and 4, and nothing will add more to the good impression these people will have of our city than the aforesaid.

HELLO! CENTRAL.

The Independent Telephone Company.

The Independent Telephone Company is an accomplished fact. A year or so ago an effort was made to secure certain concessions from the Bell people but without success. A movement was then started to form a company that would guarantee better service to the public. When a company of capitalists from Kansas city applied for a telephone franchise in the city it was granted, several citizens, of Corvallis, subscribing liberally to their stock. About the first of May announcement was made that work was actually begun on the line and would be finished in about six weeks. The line is now in good working order with connections to Philomath, Beilfountain, and Mountain View. The farmers of Benton county have shown commendable enterprise in erecting rural lines to affiliate with the city independent line. The Independent Telephone Company is emphatically a Corvallis enterprise, backed by Corvallis business men and sanctioned by Corvallis citizens. It is not an experiment. It is an accomplished fact. So successfully is the new line working that everyone who has used the line is agreeably surprised with its extraordinary efficiency. Telephones can be secured by applying to J. R. Smith & Co. and Robert Jonsson.

There are some special features that will appeal to everyone desiring good telephone service. There are no batteries to get out of order. The electricity is supplied by the city electric light works to a receiving battery in the central station and that is all there is to it. There is nothing to get out of order, and no dry batteries to be replaced. It is what is called the central energy system.

Removing the receiver from the hook signals central. It is not necessary to ring. Your bell does not ring unless you are wanted; when your bell rings that means that you are wanted. This is accomplished by grounding the wires on all your party lines except your own. You are not bothered by a lot of useless rings. These are decided advantages over the old system of magneto-batteries that constantly needed replacing, and the constant ringing of your telephone that ever kept you on the watch. The company has gone to great expense in securing the very finest cedar poles obtainable, that are an ornament to the city and besides being so high that the wires will be out of the way in case of fire, are sufficiently large to supply space for other wires coming into the city. The new company has given employment to about fifty men since its beginning and a part of this force will be permanently employed to keep the line in repair.

The schedule rates are reasonable considering the superior service. Four-party line \$1.00 each per month. Single-party lines \$1.25 per month. Business lines two-party, \$1.50 per month, single \$2.

Special praise is due the enterprise of the gentlemen from Kansas City, W. DeVarney the general manager, and a number of Corvallis citizens who have given time, money and energy in bringing about the result.

Result of Voting for Silk Flag.

Public School.....	2521
Firemen	1379
O. A. C.	2117
W. O. W.	368
A. O. U. W.	156
Maccabees	90
G. A. R.	49
I. O. O. F.	21
Lions.....	194
Rebekahs	300
K. of P.	720
Eastern Star.....	88



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