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### WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

#### Any way You Figure It Corvallis Seems Slated for an Electric Road.

George A. Waggoner arrived from Monroe, whither he had been on business, last Thursday evening. He found considerable interest in that section over a proposed electric railway. From what Mr. Waggoner gathered, it seems there is some talk of a road from Corvallis via Monroe to Florence.

Florence is a small port and is situated on the Western border of Lane county. More or less lumber and other commodities are constantly being carried from that port. Our informant assures us that Adam Wilhelm, Sr., is very hopeful of something resulting from this matter. It seems that a couple of gentlemen were in Monroe last week looking over the field and gathering data. After investigating in the neighborhood of Monroe a day or two, the gentlemen departed ostensibly very secretive about their affairs, but said if everything proved satisfactory on investigation they would soon get down to actual business.

Now, the question is whether Florence or Cottage Grove is the destination of the road, if such should be constructed from this city? During the past week there has been a dispatch going the rounds about an electric road from Cottage Grove to Corvallis. On March 8th the following appeared in the Telegram:

"Representative R. G. Smith, of Grants Pass, representing a body of Seattle capitalists, headed by F. H. Osgood, who owns the Seattle-Renton electric railway and is interested in others, announced yesterday afternoon that the Seattle people intended to build an electric railway from Cottage Grove to Corvallis via Springfield and Eugene.

"Mr. Osgood was here a few days last week, quietly looking over the territory, but making his plans known to no one. It is understood that he was entirely satisfied with the appearance of the country through which the proposed line will extend, and with the prospects for business. Mr. Smith has been here since the Legislature adjourned, gathering statistics on the prospective amount of freight and passenger business for such a railway, and has just forwarded to Mr. Osgood and his associates a formidable array of facts and figures. Mr. Smith announces that if the figures are satisfactory to the Seattle capitalists construction work will at once commence.

"No bonus nor subscriptions to stock are to be asked by the promoters of the road, nor will they find it necessary to float bonds to secure money with which to build the line as they are said to have plenty of capital themselves. All that will be asked is a 60-foot right-of-way. It is not intended to construct the line along the county roads, as the high rate of speed necessary for the successful operation of trains would not be allowed if the line is built along the roads. It is intended that the three-rail system, instead of the trolley, will be used.

"It appears that the Willamette Valley Electric Railway Company, which was incorporated here last Fall to construct a system of electric railroads radiating in several directions from Eugene, has so far failed to interest capital in the project, and it is generally thought by the citizens here that the proposition has fallen through. Osgood's proposition, however, is looked upon with great favor, and leading business men here express the belief that the proposed line will be constructed."

About the same date, the Eugene Guard, in an article relative to the construction of an

electric road from Cottage Grove by the same parties referred to by the Telegram, says:

"Mr. Smith informed the Guard that his client asks no bonus from the people for the construction of his proposed line. He simply asks for a 60-foot right of way and nothing else. He does not want a franchise for the use of public highways, as the trains would not be permitted to run at a rate of speed that would be profitable if built along the roads.

"Mr. Smith has been gathering statistics concerning the freight shipments and passenger traffic that the new lines would handle and will at once submit them to Mr. Osgood. If they are satisfactory and he is convinced that the system will pay him construction will commence at once or, as soon as the right of way is secured."

Mr. Wilhelm stated to Mr. Waggoner that the gentlemen with the Florence proposition had told him that they desired no bonus, in fact, they did not propose to allow anybody to hold stock in their company. They had the money themselves to build the road and were going to make what there was in it themselves. They are figuring on water power and are said to have already acquired water rights along the streams of the proposed line. Mr. Wilhelm is quite enthusiastic over the prospects, and we hope with good reason. A road of this character from here to Florence would likely be a pretty good thing.

#### They Didn't Win.

Hope was revived in the Corvallis breast when the Oregonian arrived in this city Saturday noon. Although the news that the OAC girls' basket ball team had been defeated in the game with Albany girls on the Y. M. C. A. floor in Portland, Friday evening, had reached us, the account in the leading paper of the metropolis caused many to think that possibly after all we had won out.

But this hope was short lived. Our girls played a splendid game and the first half ended 9 to 4 in our favor. Right here is where the Oregonian man must have been called away, causing the Oregonian to send out a misleading account of the contest. But Albany changed one or more of her players in the second half and that turned the trick. The final score was 20 to 12 in favor of Albany.

Thus has passed the possible chance for us to claim state championship this year. There is no use indulging in "It might-have-been" in this instance—it is what "was" and "is" that counts. We are still proud of our girls, one and all, and in the future, as in the past, will stick to them like a wax plaster.

#### Women's Kidneys.

Women are more often affected with kidney disorders than men but attribute the symptoms to diseases peculiar to their sex, while in reality the kidneys are deranged. Nervousness, headache puffy or dark circles under the eyes, pain in the back, are signs of kidney trouble that must not be ignored, or a malady will result. Foley's Kidney cure has restored the health of thousands of weak nervous, broken down women. It stops irregularities and strengthens the urinary organs. It purifies the blood and benefits the whole system. Sold by Graham and Wortham.

#### Incredible Brutality.

It would have been incredible brutality if Chas. F. Lemberger, of Syracuse, N. Y., had not done the best he could for his suffering son. "My boy," he says, "cut a fearful gash over his eye, so I applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve, which quickly healed it and saved his eye." Good for burns and ulcers too. Only 25c at Allen & Woodward's drug store.

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### TWO FROM CORVALLIS.

#### O. A. C. Furnishes two Members of the Recently Organized Oregon State Academy of Sciences.

Last month the details were completed for the establishment of an Academy of Science within our state and its organization is due to many phenomena of nature with which Oregon abounds. Here is a great field for investigation, and to one of a mind suited to the task there is ever increasing interest in the work of unraveling and unveiling the thousands of mysteries which nature has bequeathed to those who inhabit the Pacific Northwest.

Leading men in science, representing the foremost educational institutions in the state are banded together to investigate some of these natural wonders, and are known under the title of the Oregon State Academy of Sciences. Their field for labor is as unlimited as it is interesting and none of those who have started on an era of investigation will live long enough to see a thousandth part of the various mysteries cleared up.

The botanist is afforded an almost unparalleled range for the study of flora and fauna. Almost all kinds of plant life are before him who cares to investigate. And here are some of the greatest forests known to man. The geologists and mineralogists, too, have a world of interesting problems to solve. Scientific study will not be confined to Oregon alone, but will cover the Pacific Northwest.

The various tribes of North American Indians, with their strange customs, mystic ceremonial rites and ancient savagery, fall to the ethnologist. This is a fascinating task. Where did they originate, and whence came they? is the question. Are they indigenous to American soil or did they come hither by way of Berhing Straits and for centuries roam the Eastern plains at a time when the earth was young and Portland's site was the bottom of the sea?

A strange animal life, unknown flora and fauna, birds and beasts and fish of the air, field and waters, are here for study. Animal and plant life of former centuries, the fossil beds of John Day, vast mountain peaks that were at one time active volcanoes, all united, provides perhaps the richest field in the world today as the scene of action for an academy of science. Success to the promoters of this society—the world is theirs, but we will all profit by their discoveries.

In a recent write-up in the Oregonian the several officers and trustees of the Academy of Science were made known and commented upon. Among those are Dr. James Withycombe and Prof. Cordley, both of OAC, and well-known to readers of the GAZETTE. We consider it fitting to reprint excerpts of the mention given these prominent men, as follows:

"Arthur Burton Cordley, M. S., the second vice-president, well known as the biologist of the Oregon Agricultural College received his early training at the Michigan Agricultural College from which he was graduated in 1888 with the degree of B. S. He remained at his alma mater two years as instructor in zoology, then accepted a position as instructor in zoology and assistant entomologist at the experiment station of the University of Vermont, resigning this at the end of the year to accept a position as assistant entomologist of the United States Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C.

"Since 1895 Professor Cordley has been in charge of zoology and entomology at the Oregon Agricultural College, and is also entomologist and plant pathologist at the experiment station." Hon. E. L. Smith, president of the State Board of Agricul-

ture, said:—"On behalf of the board he wished to give utterance to the appreciation of the board of the very valuable work done by Professor A. B. Cordley, of the Oregon Experiment Station in ascertaining the true nature of the apple-tree anthracnose and supplying the information needed in fighting this serious foe of the orchardist."

Concerning Dr. James Withycombe, one of the three trustees who will have the management of any property that may come into the possession of the Academy of Science, is the following:

"Dr. Withycombe by his high-minded character and honorable life has won the admiration, respect and confidence of all who know his work as director of the Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis. His management of the affairs of that institution has been pre-eminently successful, and he has been a vital and powerful influence for good in the life of the state to such an extent that many are now advocating him for Governor. He has always been an ardent admirer of rural life, a lover of Nature, and an enthusiastic agriculturist. Preceding his present work he was for nine years State Veterinarian. Animal husbandry is his specialty, and he has been engaged in the breeding of high-class horses, cattle, swine and sheep for the past 25 years."

The Oregonian could have with propriety added that Dr. Withycombe's retirement from his present position at the agricultural College would likely prove a great detriment to that institution and retard its progress for a time. It would be difficult to find a man possessing his all-around qualifications for the position Dr. Withycombe now occupies.

#### The Colonel's Waterloo.

Colonel John M. Fuller, of Poney Grove, Texas, nearly met his Waterloo, from Liver and Kidney trouble. In a recent letter, he says: "I was nearly dead, of these complaints, and, although I tried my family doctor, he did me no good; so I got a 50c bottle of your great Electric Bitters, which cured me. I consider them the best medicine on earth, and thank God who gave you the knowledge to make them." Sold and guaranteed to cure, dyspepsia, Bilelessness and Kidney Disease, by Allen & Woodward, druggists, at 50c a bottle.

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### COLLECT JOTTINGS.

#### Items of Interest in and Around the O. A. C.

The Pierians were delightfully entertained Saturday evening by the Philadelphians. The library was daintily decorated for the occasion with umbrella plants and other potted flowers. The program was well rendered and all had a good time.

Some time ago President Gatch offered five dollars to the student who would write the best article in answer to one which was written by Elbert Hubbard. The time for handing in the articles has been extended to the 28th of next month.

Miss Mabel Wamsley, of Blodgett, visited Alice Jones while on her way to Eureka, California, where she will remain.

The students of the college are very much disappointed over the result of the game in Portland last Friday evening. At the end of the first half the score stood nine to four in our favor, but during the last half a change was made by Albany which proved to be a disadvantage to our girls.

John Withycombe, representing O. A. C., was second in the State Oratorical Contest at Newberg last Friday evening. Since we cannot all be first it is credible that Mr. Withycombe exerted such an effort as to entitle him to the honors he received.

Hon. W. P. Keady, after a brief visit at O. A. C., left Friday morning for his home in Portland.

Among the students who have left O. A. C. to begin teaching are Mabel Parker and Winnifred Gates.

The members of the Village Improvement Society realized quite a little sum at the entertainment given Friday evening by the departments of music and elocution.

### SIGNS OF FAILING VISION.

When your eyes tire in reading, when you frown or partly close the eyes when looking at an object; when things "swim" or become dim after being looked at for some time; when the eyes ache, smart, or water; or when you have pain in the eyeball, orbit, temples or forehead.

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