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## ANOTHER VALLEY ROAD.

More Talk of Railroad for Willamette Valley.

"Whether or not the Council grants us a franchise on Front street, the electric road from Salem will enter Portland. But, of course, it would facilitate matters if the privilege of traversing the thoroughfare were given," said Al Welch, head of the Citizens' Light and Traction Company, of Salem, who met the Portland Council Thursday evening, when a warm debate was promised on the application made last month by Thomas R. Sheridan, of Roseburg.

"Mr. Sheridan is one of a few men in the Willamette Valley who are interested in the company," continued Mr. Welch. "We were exceedingly busy at the time the franchise was asked for, and it was agreed that Mr. Sheridan should make the application so that accounts for his connection with it."

"J. H. McNary and F. W. Waters, both of Salem, who are with me, are also interested, but no stock has been offered for sale, and we do not propose to sell any, as the principals in the road are well known capitalists of Philadelphia, and there is fully \$10,000,000 to be had for the work, if that amount is necessary."

"This is not a speculation scheme. Our surveyors are in the field and have been for some time past. The line has been run down the East Side, and we have a right of way as far as we desire to go, and are merely waiting to see what will be done with the franchise before crossing the river."

Mr. Welch would not say what other steps would be taken to gain an entrance into the city. He is hopeful that the opposition to the Front-street line will be removed, as he says it will add a large increase to business to the wholesale houses. Regarding the clause in the franchise that cars would not be operated between Morrison and Flanders streets between 7 o'clock in the morning and 6 o'clock in the evening, Mr. Welch says it is the intention to permit passengers to transfer from Morrison street to other city lines, and that all freight will be moved to and from the Northern Pacific Terminal Company's yards at night. From Salem the line will extend later to Eugene, but it is promised that work will be started this coming winter, so that next year Salem and Portland will be connected by trolley.

Behind the road is the well-known Cyrus Pierce Syndicate, of Philadelphia, and in Oregon and Washington alone the interests control electric plants at Salem, Albany, Eugene, Roseburg, Baker City, Pendleton, Walla Walla, and Spokane. To operate the Salem-Portland line, power will be generated from a huge electric plant to be established on the Santiam.

J. H. McNary, who is a brother of City Attorney McNary, is likewise a barrister, and probably talked for the franchise Thursday. F. W. Watters is Mayor of Salem, and both are widely known in the Valley. Mr. Welch formerly resided in Portland, where he was identified with the Portland General Electric Company, but went to Baker City and operated the plant there, and later he went to Salem. He says no subsidies are asked anywhere and that the entire road will be constructed with hard cash.

Papers are ready to be filed at Salem, incorporating the company, and the work will take on a new activity along the line when the franchise question has been settled.

### Wool Outlook.

If anybody in Benton is hold-

ing wool they may congratulate themselves on the wisdom of their course. Nearly all of Oregon's wool clip of this year has been shipped from the state. The following report conveys an idea of market conditions:

Reports received from merchants who have wool to offer indicate a decided awakening of interest in the market. The greater part of the actual business has been done by the woolen mills, and their activity is gratifying to holders of clothing wools. The worsted mills, however, are showing considerable interest, and are closely watching every move made by both wool men and buyers. Their attitude promises further business before long. Duplicate orders are beginning to come in, but the mills are unable to handle them; in fact, they cannot attend to their original business. Besides this, the heavy weight season is fast approaching, and while some mills have large stocks, others have not. Many of these mills will not wait for the opening of the heavy weights, but will anticipate their wants. Representatives of the Arlington and Wanskuck mills have been operating while the American's buyer's are preparing for action. The Wanskuck is credited, according to report, with the purchase of some territory and Oregon wools, as well as 300,000 pounds of Ohio fine delaine, at 37½ cents.

The woolen mills have bought lines of territory, California and Texas wools, and, on the whole, have been quite active. With the inability of the worsted people to meet the demand, a steady and noticeable improvement in woolen business is apparent, and dealers feel cheerful over the prospect of disposing of their clothing wools, which have been so long on hands.

Territory staple wools have sold well, and while some large transfers have been made, the greater part of the trading has been done in comparatively small amounts of Wyoming, Idaho, Utah and Nevada. Half-bloods sold at 72 cents strong. Scoured wools are easier in price, and not moving to the extent that they were two weeks ago. Owners that have been holding at high prices are now willing to do business on a lower basis. California and Texas eight months' wools have been more active, and a small amount of Eastern Oregon has changed hands. Pulled wools have been in more demand, especially on fine grades.

### Poultry Show.

Corvallis is fast becoming the fancy poultry center of the state. Hardly had the announcement been made that Corvallis would hold another big poultry show the last of this month when the secretary received a letter from a noted breeder in Victoria, B. C., that two Buff Plymouth Rock cockerels, of rare quality, were on their way from Canada to be placed in the Corvallis show, and a price set on each. As the first entry for this season's show comes from outside of the United States it begins to look as if the Corvallis show was of more than local interest.

Four handsome silver cups, valued at \$10 each, have been ordered to be placed on winning birds, the particulars of which will be given later.

The catalogue will be out in about a week, and a copy will be mailed to any interested party. One thing that has helped place the Corvallis Association at the front is attractive catalogues gotten out each year, surpassed by no other show on the coast.

Society invitations and wedding announcements are constantly changing in styles of type faces and form. Have them printed neatly and up-to-date at the Gazette office.

## TALKS TO FARMERS.

Prof. H. E. Van Demen on Valley Conditions.

"I feel like some of these Willamette Valley farmers need scoring," says Professor Van Demen. "It is one of the richest valleys in the world and they adhere to the production of a single crop. Wheat is their hobby, and they attempt to grow it on land that has had no rotation and necessarily produces low yields for that reason. They simply try to plow a living out of the ground, instead of selling water and sunshine in the form of fat stock, fine poultry, fruit and vegetables. Strawberries are 90 per cent water, apples about the same, and turnips and cabbage is mostly water, and they sell at prices that net big returns. Wheat and dry provender are only about 12 per cent water, and when sold at market price it is like selling cream at the price of skim milk. The order is just reversed with the fruit growers, and more Oregon farmers should learn the lesson."

"Above all things, golden opportunity exists for the live stock feeding industry to become among the foremost of the farming districts. The stock is needed to consume the dry provender and drink the water to furnish traffic for the railroads and enrich the soil. Fertilizing is badly needed in some localities, and there is no money or time more wisely expended than that of enriching the soil of the fields and orchards. Why some of these Willamette valley farmers will even say it is impossible to grow red clover! This is absurd, and it is just such crops that should be grown to build up the soil through rotation."

"The Willamette Valley is a paradise if the farmers would make the most of their opportunities. They should raise good stock. It costs no more to raise a thoroughbred than a scrub. Good poultry of the variety that may be relied upon to lay the most eggs in a year is just as easily raised and cared for as the kind that refuses to lay at all. Eggs, the most profitable branch of the poultry industry, are 88 per cent water, just about the same proportion as good milk."

Prof. Van Demen is a thoroughly practical man. He was for 18 years a farmer in Kansas, and for a time occupied the chair of botany and practical agriculture in the Kansas State Agricultural College, today one of the largest institutions of its kind in the United States. He established the division of pomology in the Department of Agriculture and conducted it for eight years.

As a judge of horticulture he is much in demand and judged the fruit exhibits of the Trans-Mississippi, Pan-American, and many other expositions previous to the Lewis and Clark Fair. While here he was summoned to judge the fruits at the Dominion Fair at Westminster, and at the Puyallup Fair, and declined several requests because time did not permit. He is the president and manager of the American Nut and Fruit Company and leaves Portland for Louisiana to visit the large plantation of the corporation where 1000 acres is now being set in pecans.

### State Dairymen Meet.

The Oregon State Dairymen's Association will meet this year in Forest Grove. The time had been left for the officers to decide upon and notice was received a few days ago that they had selected Friday and Saturday Dec. 22 and 23 as the date for the sessions. Gale Grange had appointed a committee at its last meeting to confer with a committee from the Board of Trade to make arrangements for the

proper reception of delegates Messrs. W. K. Newell and A. T. Buxton, of the grange committee, met with the directors of the Board of Trade Saturday afternoon and after considering the question at some length Messrs. Walter Hoge, E. S. Callendar and Judge Hollis were appointed as a committee to represent the Board and together with the grange committee to make all arrangements for the meeting. There are usually from 60 to 100 dairymen in attendance and it has been customary at other places to give them a banquet or a dinner during their session, and it was the sense of the conference that the Board of Trade together with the grange should give a dinner to the visitors Saturday noon.

Preliminary steps have been taken to secure Vert's Hall and Masonic Hall for the meetings and the dinner.—Forest Grove Times.

### Intensive Farming.

Benton county land need no irrigating—there is rain during the twelve months in the year in sufficient quantities to provide against any calamity in the nature of a drouth. What we need is more intensive farming. We have many splendid farms of large size, but comparatively few good small farms.

Not far from this city are a number of little places that are made to yield a living for a family. If the large farms paid so well in proportion to their size there would be "money to burn" in Benton county. But they do not pay so well as the place of small acreage, and why? The land is practically the same. The secret lies in the manner of cultivating it.

A large farm is generally more carelessly tilled than a small one. The schooling that our farmers require is that which teaches them to make the largest possible profit from the smallest tract of land from which a family may be supported in comfort. The trend at present is toward larger farms, and this is unfortunate as it decreases the population of the country districts. The large farmer secures more and more land and conditions are such that it is almost impossible for the average farmer's boy to get a farm of his own today.

The only conceivable remedy for present conditions must come through educational channels. The change of the conditions must be brought about through the value of the boy (the knowledge he possess) that the value of land may be placed on another basis. The boy must be made to realize the futility of ever expecting to be possessed of large acreage and made to study intensified farming. Herein lies the secret. To make a good living and lay away a little money for a rainy day—say on ten acres—is the goal sought.

## TO CONSIDER, HARBORS.

Willamette Valley Development League Meets in McMinnville, Saturday.

The great extent of coast between Portland and San Francisco, and the various resources of the country along that coast, demand that some of the harbors thereon be improved so that the largest of ocean craft may freely enter. The need of such improvement is emphasized by the fact that the Willamette Valley is entirely dependent, for the transportation of its products, on a single line of railway.

The prosperity of a country depends not solely on the intrinsic value of its products, but also on the accessibility to markets. Nor are the most prosperous communities those that have access to but one market. Competing markets are necessary.

It is in view of these facts, that a demand is being made for the improvement of Coos Bay harbor—the largest and best harbor between San Francisco Bay and the Columbia River. A strong movement is on foot to secure the building of a road from the Willamette Valley to Coos Bay, and also to obtain federal aid in improving the naturally fine harbor at the latter place. A meet-

ing to discuss this matter was being arranged by the Willamette Valley Development League to be held in McMinnville on November 11. Among the prominent speakers will be Governor Chamberlain, Jas. Withycombe, Jos. N. Teal, of Portland; Walter L. Tooze, of Woodburn; E. Hofer, of Salem; Judge Hewitt, of Albany; and others whose names will be announced later.

There will be sessions in both forenoon and afternoon, and possibly in the evening. A definite program will be announced about November 8. A very large attendance, not only from all parts of this county, but from all the Valley and some of the Coast counties is expected. The Board of Trade in the various towns throughout western Oregon are invited to send representatives to the meeting.

While the league is in session it might be a good idea to consider the possibility of doing something for the betterment of conditions around Yaquina Bay. There is a railroad already constructed to this harbor and the bay is good in every sense. The bar is in good condition even now and there is no reason why ocean going craft should not be plying from Yaquina to other ports of the world. Think of this.

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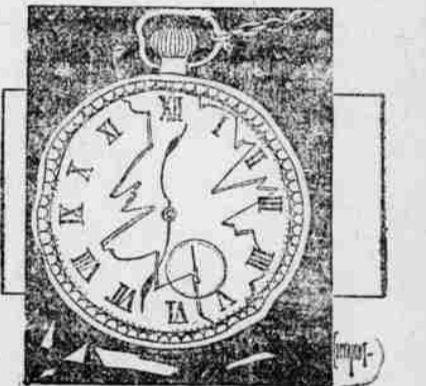
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