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WHY IS IT NOT COMPLETED?

In a recent issue we presented an address that dealt with the problem of the river; and while considering in a general way the matter of an open river and as strictly in the line of development we are to remember that about 1883 it was proposed to complete the West Side railroad from Portland to Junction City, thus paralleling the East Side road for the distance of one hundred and thirty miles through Washington, Yamhill, Polk and Benton counties, until it reached Junction City, in Lane county.

The line of road was surveyed and the right-of-way secured from Corvallis to Junction City, a distance of twenty-five miles. Much of the necessary work in bridging Marys River was actually accomplished and some grading done on the line of the road south of that river when the work ceased. It has been dormant ever since.

It is admitted by all that this stretch of twenty-five miles remaining uncompleted is the garden spot of the valley. The Long Tom country is there in all its glory waiting for the early completion and connection with the main through line of this stretch of road. It is destitute of railroad connection with the balance of the state.

Why is this twenty-five miles not closed and the railroad line completed to its fixed terminus, Junction City? Is the railroad company acting in good faith with the farmers who deeded to the company the right-of-way over their lands in almost every instance without consideration? Is this financial stagnation to deter forever the railroad from finishing its line over twenty-five miles of the least expensive of any like number of miles of road within the State?

If railroad development is to be the order of the day in the valley, here lies work for the early harvest, that will not cost the company as much for the whole twenty-five miles as the steel bridge at Harrisburg; besides opening two lines of travel to the city of Portland from the center of the valley.

The early completion of this line deeply concerns the whole of the West Side of Western Oregon. Is the time not opportune for that much needed work? Is the farming community to be compelled for all time to cart their produce to Corvallis, Harrisburg and Junction City?

When we come to consider that the through line of travel and freight from California to Portland is wholly dependent on the one road from Junction City with the chances at all times for a wash-out or other like interference at any point north of Junction City, the importance of closing up this twenty-five mile gap is manifest.

A twenty-three years wait for a railroad to construct this small stretch is sufficient to chill the patience of Job, independent of it being an outrage on the whole of the West Side, as well as a breach of faith toward the farmers who gave the right-of-way to emphasize the spirit of development. Why not a through line from Portland by the West Side to California if this is the day of railroad building?

Has inertia seized the railroad people until the right-of-way shall lapse and the farmers claim the same by adverse possession?

ONLY SEVEN AGAINST.

It is very complimentary to President Roosevelt that the

house passed the railroad rate bill with only seven dissenting voices. The wonder is that these seven did not "flop" and make the passage of the bill unanimous. The bill gives the Inter-state Commerce Commission authority when a rate has been complained of as "unreasonable" by a shipper to investigate and report on the same. After due investigation the commission may fix what is considered a just and reasonable rate.

This rate so fixed will go into effect at the expiration of 30 days, subject during this time to be set aside or suspended by the commission itself or the courts. However, after once having gone into effect it is to remain the rate for three years. It is understood, from the debates that have taken place, that during this period of three years the courts may review the situation and set aside the rate should it become plain that the rate so established was confiscatory or in conflict with the constitution.

To the president more than any other man is credit due for the passing of this bill, through the house. Railroad rate regulation has been Roosevelt's slogan for years and the outcome certainly looks pleasing. It is now up to the senate.

County Court.

Last Wednesday county court convened for the transaction of the usual county business. The usual grist of bills were allowed.

Bounties for the months of December and January were allowed in the sum of \$16.

The matter of the application of B. Bartlett and others for a county road from a point 40 rods east of quarter section 30, township 14, south range 4 west, to Willamette river ferry was continued for the term.

It was ordered that all special road levies filed with the court be passed, except road district No. 20.

The application of the Summit Telephone company for the county to take stock in said company was denied on the ground that the county cannot take stock in a private corporation.

It was ordered that the county clerk advertise for bids to provide the county with wood, as follows: 25 cords oak grub wood 4 feet long and not less than 3 inches in diameter; 35 cords split maple four feet long, and 15 cords second growth fir four feet long. Wood is to be delivered at the court house between June 1 and August 1, 1906. Bids will be received up to 1 o'clock p. m., Wednesday, March 7, 1906.

The Willamette Valley Company having petitioned for the privileges to maintain, construct and operate certain lines and wires in Benton county, the same was granted.

The Oregon and California R. R. Co. having petitioned for cancellation of tax on a certain parcel of land within the county, the court, after duly investigating the matter, saw that said petition was correct and steps were taken to ratify the same.

What Western Newspapers Say.

What Western Oregon newspapers are saying regarding Dr. James Withycombe, Director of the Oregon Experiment Station, who has recently filed his declaration as a Republican candidate for Governor.

His friends believe there is no man in the Republican party more representative, more deserving of honor than is Dr. Withycombe. His high qualities of mind and character have made for him many friends throughout the entire state.

They regard his platform as truly characteristic of the man, ever eager to recognize and aid the welfare and rights of all—an honest and fearless performance of duty.

They do not consider him a party politician, but regard him a conscientious, progressive, and most honorable man, who seeks the office of Governor, not as one dependent upon a political position for a livelihood, nor for any selfish personal benefit, but as a man appreciative of honor, and a champion for a greater and united Oregon.—Union Republican.

Juniors Entertain Seniors.

On Friday evening the two upper classes buried the hatchet of antagonism, forgot the hard battle on the gridiron where they fought against each other for class honors and for a few hours indulged in the pleasures of the evening. It had been announced that the occasion would be a character party and from a glance at the assembled hosts and guests one would have thought that it was carried out to the fullest extent.

There were costumes of every conceivable design representing characters from the most renowned personages of antique fame, to the most comical likeness of the various specimens of humanity living in our own day.

After a few minutes of laughter, conversation and mirth, a short program was rendered. The remainder of the evening was spent in playing games, the event culminated with a sumptuous repast served by Madam Hofer. Among the best sustained characters were Phil Gerhart, Stimpson Getz, and Misses Graves and Watson. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

Elect Officers.

The OAC athletic union held its annual election last Friday and selected men to fill the two most important offices for the ensuing year. The method of voting was modeled after the Australian ballot system. It was the first time it has been tried in the college and proved to be highly satisfactory.

There were two candidates for general manager, Bert Pilkington, '05, Grover Cate, '06, and three names all out of the '07 class were on the ticket for treasurer. The final count of votes gave the following: Pilkington 326; Cate, 125; Weatherford, 326; Thayer, 80 and Stebinger, 43. In electing Bert Pilkington general manager, the most important office, the students have chosen a man well qualified for the position. He is a veteran on the gridiron, having captained OAC two years. He is well informed on all phases of the game, a warm supporter of student trips, and no doubt will be able to manage a successful season.

An Invitation.

On account of typhoid fever at Eugene the State Christian Endeavor Convention cannot be held there. The time set for the convention is from the 22nd to the 25 of February. Owing to the circumstances an invitation has been extended to Corvallis that our people may act as hosts. It is desired that our citizens give an expression of their sentiment on this point.

Steps were to have been taken toward deciding the matter in a meeting held last night by the ministers of the city and others. Should the convention be held in Corvallis we will have many noted people as our guests. The matter is to be decided today.

Best Age For Breeding Heifers.

There is an almost general agreement of opinion that the right time to breed for the first calf is at about fifteen months of age, this period varying somewhat, according to the size and vigor of the animal, says Dr. Killeen in Jersey Bulletin. If an animal is sufficiently vigorous and of a good enough size when she comes to this age and is not bred, she goes on to a beefy tendency more or less fast, according to hereditary inclinations.

I suppose every breeder of long experience has noticed the tendency to a bull headed development in heifers that are delayed in breeding. This tendency is due to the fact that blood which would have been directed to the hind quarters through the stimulus of the activity in the uterus is drawn to the forward part of the animal through the influence of the activity of the brain if the animal is not pregnant.

Standing Room For Cows.

The length of the standing room for the cow will vary with the size of the cow and the method of fastening. When swing stanchions are used a medium sized cow will require a distance of fifty-six inches from the gutter to the stanchion. In order to provide for cows of different sizes it is well to vary the distance between the gutter to the stanchion from one end toward the other. In this way the cows may be arranged according to size.

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DAIRY POINTERS

Much stress is being placed by certain farm and dairy speakers this year on the importance of a home supply of cows, farmer raised milkers, whose history and bringing up the farmer knows all about and which, one by one, take their place in the milking line without the requirement of a large sum of spot cash on the part of the farmer.

The advice is good. On many farms the cost and care of the young stock are scarcely noted, and the cows so raised may be better than can be bought at any price within reach of the owner. Then, too, there is small chance of building up a choice, handsome, heavy milking herd unless the members are carefully bred and selected on the farm year by year.—American Cultivator.

Vaseline in the Cow Barn.

We use considerable vaseline in the cow stable, says H. G. Manchester in Rural New Yorker. Whenever a cow has a sore or scratched teat a little rubbed on just before milking softens the teat, so that she does not object to gentle pressure and helps much to quiet milking. After milking a little more rubbed over the sore spot helps to heal the trouble. The cost is small, 15 to 20 cents a pound, and its use pays. Do not put on so much that the teats are slimy, as a little goes a great way. We bore an inch hole into the side of the milking stool about two inches, and we keep the vaseline in this. It is always at hand, yet out of the way. "Vaseline" is a trade name, and often one can buy "petrolatum" or "petroleum jelly," which is the same thing, for less than is asked for vaseline.

Frozen Cream.

If the cream is permitted to freeze it is apt to impair the flavor of the butter, for we believe that when cream is kept where it is so cold that it freezes it is impossible to ripen it properly, says Hoard's Dairyman. Moreover, butter made from cream that has been frozen is apt to have an oily appearance and taste unless great care is exercised in thawing it out.

Fishy Butter.

E. H. Webster, chief of the dairy division at Washington, stated that the experiments of the division show quite conclusively that the fishy flavor in butter comes from the cows drinking stagnant water. Day adds unto day convincing proof that the farm end of this butter business has a great deal to do with the final quality and the final price received for the butter.

Watering Cows.

Cows should have all the water they will drink. How often to offer them water will depend somewhat upon their habits. Many cows will not drink but once a day, but we think it better to train them to divide the amount. A good practice is to give them opportunity to drink just before the usual time for letting them out for the daily airing and again shortly before the evening feeding.

Meat in Germany.

Good meat is scarce and dear in Germany. The executive committee of the German trade unions has petitioned the federal diet to allow an increased importation of live pigs that the necessary meat requirements of the German population may be satisfied. The petition declares that the working people are suffering severely from the extraordinarily high prices ruling for meat.

Wrong Implement.

First Neighbor—Mrs. Snap says she can't get a smile out of her husband with a pair of tongs! Second Ditto—Well, that's just about the way I thought she went at him!—Detroit Free Press.

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR

Height of French Soldiers.

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