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NO CAUSE FOR COMPLAINT.

Conditions in Portland Alarming—The Fuel Famine.

Although the past week has been a cold one for this section and people in Corvallis have complained not a little of the frosty mornings and chilling breezes, they should really go about with smiling countenances when conditions elsewhere are so much worse. Fancy having nothing but wet slab wood to burn, these cold days!

Portland is in the grasp of winter and people are suffering from lack of fuel. The condition is declared to be the worst in the history of the city, and the Telegram says:

"In the meantime dealers are doing all within their power to relieve the shivering condition of the people who from force of circumstances are without fuel. Teamsters are kept on the jump from early morning until night, in order that more wood than ever may be delivered.

"The classes that suffer most from cold rooms are tenants in buildings where steam heat is not used. Housekeeping-room occupants who have no place to store any great quantity of wood are likely to be entirely out, and tenants of office buildings dependent on the stove in the room are fortunate if they have fuel enough to keep them from freezing. These people are wearing all the clothes they can put on and earnestly hoping that the clerk of the weather bureau will reheat or the fuel companies deliver the orders now several days old.

"Green slab wood is the only fuel that can be obtained within a reasonable time after it is ordered, but this will not burn without dry wood to go with it, and so there is little use in getting green slab.

"Coal was \$13 a ton today, and dry slab \$3 a load. Boxwood has advanced to \$2 a load, and you have to wait a week at least before you can get a load of this."

Albany Shippers' Meeting.

Drastic legislation to remedy car shortage evils was discussed at the Oregon Shippers' and Producers' Convention, which met in Albany yesterday preparatory to being submitted to the state legislature. Among the remedies proposed in a tentative measure which had been drawn up for discussion is a requirement that railroad companies must furnish cars as soon as ordered or pay the shipper \$5 a day per car for every day's delay. This measure also prohibits discrimination as to community or shipper and provides for a state railway commission.

The bill was agreed on by representatives of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, of the Portland Board of Trade, and of the Oregon and Washington Lumberman's Association. It was sent to the local committee by J. N. Teal of Portland.

This proposed measure contains the most drastic provisions of its kind ever advocated in Oregon. It also contains measures for the protection of the railroad, however, in regard to the proper ordering and loading of cars.

In addition to the consideration of this bill, which will be one of the main subjects before the big convention, a resolution will be introduced requesting the legislature to call the attention of congress to the failure of the railroad companies to comply with the land grant law.

Contrary to the original convention, representatives of the railroad companies were invited to participate in the convention. The list of speakers includes Governor George E. Chamberlain, J. N. Teal and J. O. Story, of Portland; Stephen A. Lowell, of Pendleton; Senator I. H. Bingham, of Eugene; R. Hofer, of Salem;

D. E. Yoran, president of the Business Men's League, of Eugene, and C. J. Howard, president of the Commercial Club of Cottage Grove.

For Paved Streets.

Initial steps were taken Tuesday night at the meeting of the city council toward the paving of First street when on motion, the city attorney was ordered to prepare an ordinance providing for the paving of First street from the west line of Ferry street to the east line of Washington street, and also Ferry, Broadalbin and Ellsworth streets from First street to Second street, says the Albany Herald.

The matter of paving Albany's thoroughfares has been discussed by the council from time to time but no definite action has ever been taken until Tuesday night when the subject was again brought up by Mayor Wallace in his annual message.

Meigs Bartness of the class of '04 at OAC is very low with typhoid fever in Columbia hospital, Pittsburg. He has been there since December 15th, and at last accounts was only slightly improved. Mr. Bartness was a popular student and his friends hope to hear of his speedy recovery.

MEETING AT WELLS.

On Saturday Next Week—The Program.

A big parents' meeting is scheduled to occur at Wells, ten miles north of Corvallis, next Saturday, January 19th. It is one of the sort of meetings that has made Sup't G. W. Denman so successful in his field of labor, as it brings teachers, parents and children together in a social and educational way and creates an interest in school work that no other method has ever succeeded in creating.

The program begins at 10:30 a. m. next Saturday, and will include singing by the audience, an address by Sup't Denman, the "Trend of Modern Education;" music by the phonograph; address, "Agriculture in Public Schools," by R. N. Williamson; singing; address, "The Big School Fair; the Parents' Part, The Pupils' Part," Sup't Denman.

At noon a basket dinner will be spread and everyone who attends is supposed to bring a generous supply of good things to eat.

The literary program for the day will be furnished by districts number three and 32, and it will be well worth hearing.

These meetings have become very popular events among school patrons in Benton county, and the results derived are too far-reaching to permit of attempt at explanation. The people are alive to the benefits to be secured from such gatherings, and the attendance is such as to attest the popularity of the meetings in all parts of the county.

Played Many Games.

After an enjoyable as well as a very successful tour of the northwest, the basketball men reached home yesterday. The boys made a record of which any team might justly feel proud, and in which Corvallis feels a universal interest.

The tour included games with the following towns with the following scores:

Vancouver	15	58
Winlock	5	104
Centralia	28	68
Seattle	30	41
Spokane	32	41
Pendleton	9	63
Weston	35	53
Spokane	30	70
Pullman	14	30
Total	198	528

HE TALKED CANNERY.

And Says There is Money in It—A Visitor.

A man in Corvallis this week from a neighboring part of the county talked of the benefits of a cannery to a community, and commented on the articles that have recently appeared in the Gazette on that subject.

This man has a brother in another state who is engaged in this business and the statement of this gentleman is that there is big money in it for those who operate the plant, to say nothing of the benefits that accrue to the town and locality in which the plant is established.

"I know something about it, and I tell you there is nothing like it for building up a town," declared this visitor, remarking at the same time that if Corvallis would follow up the agitation begun and not rest until capitalists or others were induced to invest in such a proposition great things could and would be accomplished for this section.

This idea is not new in Corvallis nor in Benton, but it remains only an "idea" and until some one puts it into practical use and acts upon it there will be hundreds of bushels of fruit go to waste annually in Benton county that might easily be converted into cash.

While some of the farmers of this section follow the same old lines of wheat raising and do not seek to try the new ideas of farming, there are many more who go in for the advanced methods and who would gladly join in a movement for establishment that would mean steady employment for many persons and help to build up the town and county.

Several of the papers in neighboring towns have in recent weeks touched upon this subject for their sections, and the Gazette now, as in the past, urges the subject upon the attention of its readers, believing it to be of the greatest importance to the people hereabouts, both in and out of town, since the benefits to be derived would be for all classes.

Merchants Carnival.

Striking representations, laughable situations, brilliant and astounding electrical displays, dainty delarte drills and captivating capers will mark the presentation of the Spectacular Carnival to be given at the opera house next Monday and Tuesday evenings under the auspices of the ladies of the Episcopal church.

This one popular entertainment has been often rightly called a scene from wonderland and with its beauty, color and artistic arrangement creates a scene not soon forgotten by those who attend.

Rehearsals are in progress and all concerned are working hard to make this affair the real social event of the season.

Seventy five young ladies and little girls are taking part and a first class production is assured. No long tiresome waits, always pleasing no matter how exacting the audience and given with a dash and brilliancy that would do credit to professionals.

Seat sale opens Saturday morning January 12th at Graham & Wortham's drug store and those desiring good seats should get in line early. Admission has been placed within reach of all, 25c and 35c.

Remember the time and place. Opera house Monday and Tuesday evenings, January 14th and 15th.

Elwood Clark in It.

An Eastern Oregon exchange tells of a big coyote hunt in that section, in which Elwood Clark, a former Corvallis man participated. It says:

Thursday Dr. Taylor, Elwood Clark and Wess Caveness of Vale,

Dr. Payne of Ontario, together with a number of other parties started out with a big band of dogs to bring in all the yelping, snapping, barking coyotes, that lord it over the range in this county. They were welcomed early Thursday morning with a challenge from the hills northwest of Vale where about twenty coyotes were singing their announcement of storm to come. They little realized that Wess Caveness as chief of the scouting party was rounding up his braves for that momentous event, and that for fifty miles around Wess had secured the best and swiftest hounds the county afforded, and that each of these scouts had the latest repeating army revolvers and ammunition enough to blow the city of Portland into the sea 100 miles distant.

Fully one hundred men offered their services to Wess but only the select few were chosen. Every one in that crowd was a marksman of fame and we prophesy that they will have stories of the coyotes that in legions lie dead upon the prairies where any person could follow the course of their travel by the carcasses and blood stains that make a plain trail for the entire distance of their travels.

REGENTS' MEETING

At OAC Wednesday Night—What was Done.

The mid-winter meeting of the OAC board of regents was held at the college Wednesday night, beginning at 10 o'clock and closing at 1 a. m. Regents present were Weatherford, Apperson, Keady, Wilson, Buxton, Irvine and Pierce.

The formal resignation of President Gatch was tendered and accepted, to become effective at the close of the school year. He was unanimously invited to the chair of civics and economics. It was decided to ask the legislature for \$125,000 for new college barn, shops and addition to administration building, and also for a re-appropriation of the \$13,000 for the Eastern Oregon experiment station, which reverted to the state treasury after being held up by the referendum, and an additional \$3,000 for the same station.

A report by the executive committee showed that operation of the Eastern Oregon Experiment Station for the past 18 months has resulted in a profit of \$1,500.

No secretary was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John D. Daly, but Captain Apperson was appointed as temporary secretary.

It was agreed that it might be possible to make exhibits of certain branches of college work at the legislature at Salem, that the legislators may gain an idea of what is being done at OAC.

A special meeting of the board of regents is to be held in the early spring, probably in March or April.

On account of delayed trains the meeting Wednesday could not be held until after night.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie McIntyre and Mr. and Mrs. Will McCullom, young people, who have all attended OAC, are now living in Alberta, Canada, and to Corvallis relatives they write the thermometer goes to 33 below zero there although 23 below is the usual weather. However, they do not mind it at all the letter says, but go out sleighing and have a fine time. It is a new country and the people are very friendly and go in for dances, parties, socials and other amusements. These young couples are living on homesteads which they have taken up. Mrs. McIntyre was formerly Miss Frankie Cuthbert, and Mrs. McCullom was Miss Berthe Henkle, both of this city.

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