



IMPROVEMENT OF THE WILLAMETTE

Project to Make River Open Waterway.

SANATOR BOURNE WILL AID

Statistics of Tonnage Have Been Prepared to Be Presented to War Department.

Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr., was the guest of honor at an informal reception given Friday evening at the Corvallis Commercial Club and the distinguished visitor was warmly welcomed by many of the most prominent business men in the city.

The object of the reception was for the purpose of acquainting the senator with the pressing need of permanent water communication on the Willamette river by the people of the entire valley and to have prompt action taken to make it an open waterway so that the constantly increasing traffic could be more cheaply handled than at present.

E. E. Wilson submitted a budget of carefully prepared statistics, showing the volume of business now done on the river route and Dr. James Withycombe presented an accurate report of the actual tonnage that could be depended upon should the river be made easily navigable at all seasons, while B. W. Johnson, president of the club, made a brief address in favor of the project and the benefit which would result from its practical completion.

Senator Bourne was deeply impressed with the necessity of providing the rapidly increasing population of the valley with adequate means of water transportation and promised to do everything in his power to have the matter favorably acted upon by the national government.

The first step will be to secure an order for the U. S. Engineering department to survey that portion of the river most needing attention and to prepare estimates of the cost of improvement and the amount required to purchase the locks. This report will then be sent in to the War Department and, if favorable, will be included in the next appropriation bill for rivers and harbors by Congress.

That the result may be all the people here hope for is certainly the sincere wish of every resident of the entire Willamette valley.

Halloween Party by Miss Blanch Hammel at Albany.

A jolly halloween party was given at the Hammel home in Albany that was greatly enjoyed by all present. The decorations for the occasion were very elaborate and in keeping with the elegant taste of the young lady assisted by the mother. Many novel features were introduced, among which was a musical entertainment by Dr. J. R. N. Bell, of Corvallis, who was a special invitation for the occasion. They had a sort of a gypsy play business that created lots of good old solid fun. Miss Vesta Wallace was the gypsy and Rev. Dr. Bell, Mrs. Merrill Hammel and Miss Carrie Danneman acted as Judges. They elected the next President and the only thing left for the people to do Tuesday is to ratify their action. Miss Blanche proved herself a queen at enter-

taining her friends. Those present from Corvallis were Misses Grace Smith, Iva Elston, and Ruth Avery, with Miss Carrie Danneman as chaperone. The Albany attendants were Isabella Young, Anona Dawson, Janet Dawson, Marion Anderson, Carolyn Cannon, Madeline Rawlin, jr., Mary Smith, Maggie Stevens, Elma Ohling and Nelson McDonald.

Scott's Will is Probated.

Oregon City, Or. Oct. 29—The will of the late Richard Scott was admitted to probate this afternoon. The value of the property is about \$300,000. Mrs. Hannah Scott, the widow, is given a life interest in the property, and at her death it is to be divided equally among the seven children, Richard W. Scott, Mrs. Rosalia Wilman, Mrs. Annie Besley Adams, Henry Scott, William B. Scott, Gilbert Scott and Eva Jane Scott.

The will stipulates that Henry is to receive only the income from his portion of the estate, and none of the money shall be used in payment of his debts except with the consent of the executor. The eldest son, Richard W. Scott, is named as executor, without bonds, and also as trustee of that part bequeathed to Henry Scott.

Big Millinery Sale.

All trimmed and untrimmed hats at a bargain.

MRS. J. MASON.

ALL DOWN AND OUT.

OAC First Team Sized up by Some Knocker.

The following tale of woe has been sent out from here by some panicky individual who has evidently been making a visionary diagnosis of the physical condition of the OAC team:

"Misfortune still camps on the trail of the OAC varsity, and Coach Norcross is having a fearful time to keep his first team men in condition because so many have been injured in practice scrimmages. Wolff, Hastings, Pendergrass, Kelly and Loosely are the only ones who have been able to report in good shape constantly.

"Jamison, the giant tackle, has been laid up with rheumatism several times and has not had enough practice to get into shape. Dobin, right end, has been out with an injured neck and shoulder, and Keck, sub full, has had the same experience. Cady and Brodie, both ends, were laid up with severely bruised shoulders, while Gagnon, quarter, and the backbone of the team, was held out of the last Saturday's game owing to the same condition. Francis, sub and tackle, received a badly bruised side in the game a week ago, and has yet to recover. At present Wallace, Parker and Steiwer are in good condition, after having recovered from severe sprains which held them out of practice for some time. Enburg, of Baker City, now playing an excellent game at half end, sustained almost a fractured elbow during the last game. Cooper, upon whom the team depends greatly for yardage and the forward pass, has been forced to retire from practice since last Saturday with an exceptionally bad "charley horse." So badly was the team crippled last Saturday that Norcross was forced to shift Pendergrass to end. Although all of the men have not been out of condition at the same time, there has been scarcely an evening when the full squad was in fit shape for practice, which is disastrous to team work."

DOUBLE WEDDING WAS CELEBRATED

Two Popular Corvallis Couples Married.

CEREMONY AT BRIDES' HOME

The Happy Event Witnessed By Many Well Wishing Friends and Relatives.

A charming double wedding was celebrated in this city Saturday, October 31, the happy couples being Fred Quick and Miss Anna Peterson and Edward McBee and Miss Maggie Peterson, the marriages both taking place at high noon at the home of the two brides on North Second street.

The rooms were beautifully decorated in autumn leaves and chrysanthemums, the color scheme of red and yellow and blue and white being prettily carried out. The ceremony was performed under an attractive arch of autumn leaves, Rev. J. R. N. Bell officiating, the full service of the Presbyterian ritual being used.

The brides were daintily gowned in white silk, with veils, and each carried a handsome shower bouquet of white roses, these much prized souvenirs being caught by Misses Anna Quick and Leora McBee. After the ceremony a delicious wedding dinner was served, the tables being set in the form of a cross.

The guests were Mrs. Joseph McBee, George and Richard McBee, Misses Leora, Lizzie and Ida McBee, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Quick, of Halsey; Mrs. T. A. Fowles and daughter, Bertha, and son, Bradford, of Mountaindale; Miss Alice Quick, of St. Helens; Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Trenholm and two daughters, of Philomath; Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lilly, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Graham, Misses Vera Peterson, Nellie Francis, Ruth Graham, Rowla Miller, and Messrs. Laurence Peterson and Roy Ferguson, of this city.

The brides are the daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Peterson. Mr. Quick is one of the popular salesmen at Kline's and Mr. McBee is a prosperous farmer of this vicinity.

The bridal couples left on the afternoon train for Portland accompanied by the best wishes of their many friends. They will return and be at home the latter part of this week.

The presents were numerous and appropriate.

SENSIBLE SUGGESTIONS.

Medical Men Discuss Infection and Contagion.

The following article from the Toronto Evening Telegram will be of interest to the many Corvallis friends of Dr. Robert J. Wilson who attended the American Hospital Association in that city this month, as New York's hospital representative:

The morning session was devoted to the consideration and discussion of papers by Dr. Robert J. Wilson, superintendent of Hospitals of the Health Department of New York; Dr. D. L. Edsa, professor of Therapeutics in the University of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Joseph B. Howland, of the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, on medical organization and medical ed-

ucation, and the treatment and control of infectious diseases in the public hospital. Dr. Wilson believed that isolation should always precede diagnosis in the hospital.

Pneumonia and throat troubles he had found to be easily communicated to patients in wards by the indiscriminate placing of patients affected with these troubles in beds between patients suffering from other troubles.

There was a fallacy that typhoid was spread chiefly through contamination by excreta. "I know of no more dangerous medium for the communication and spread of typhoid than milk and utensils."

Milk was declared to provide all the conditions for the rapid development of typhoid bacilli, and a case was cited where an epidemic had ensued from a milk bottle being taken out of a typhoid patient's room and passed on into use without being sterilized. Dr. Wilson commended cleanliness as the best disinfectant, and advocated the segregation and isolation of all contagious and infectious diseases.

The discussion of the papers brought to the front the question of preventing infection. It was admitted that infection was possible in hospitals, but it was most improbable. Wherever infection had been carried from one ward to the other investigation had always revealed carelessness. Dr. Wilson declared that his investigations had been rigid. Cases of carelessness were few.

COST OF RAILROAD.

Commission Gets Figures on the C. & E. Line.

The Oregon Railroad Commission has just completed an investigation of the original cost and cost of reproduction of the Corvallis & Eastern. Two sources of information were resorted to: the records of the builders of the road and the estimates of a competent engineer who has gone over the property carefully and computed the cost of reproducing the road at the present time.

The original records of the construction of the Corvallis & Eastern are not available, but the Commission took the testimony of Wallis Nash, who disbursed all the money spent on construction work. He testified that he disbursed in round numbers \$4,250,000, but this included \$200,000 spent in an effort to hold a right of way in Malheur county, and large sums, not definitely stated, expended on Willamette River steamboats and on an ocean-going tug at Yaquina Bay. The estimate of the engineer as to cost of reproducing the road and equipment is \$3,912,322. It will be noticed that the estimated cost of reproduction is very close to the statement of original cost.

The statistics will be valuable not only for the purpose of determining actual value as the basis of computation of reasonable rates, but also the actual value as a basis for assessment and taxation. The total mileage of the Corvallis & Eastern is 142 miles, making an average cost of about \$27,550 per mile.

Father O'Reilly Lecture.

The lecture given Sunday evening at the Opera House by Rev. P. J. O'Reilly, S. J., was well attended and very interesting. The subject, "The Church and the Bible," was most ably handled by Father O'Reilly, whose remarks impressed his attentive hearers as being both truthful and logical, the relationship of the church to the doctrines and commandments of Holy Writ being so lucidly explained as to make the lecture impressive and helpful.

INSTRUCTION TO VALLEY FARMERS

Demonstration Train This Week.

CARS USED FOR EXHIBITS

Complete Itinerary Covers all Important Points and O.A.C. Profs. Will Give Talks.

Exact dates have been decided for the visit of the elaborate demonstration train to be operated by the Southern Pacific company to the various cities of the Willamette Valley. The train will be the most complete ever run by any railroad in the country to serve a similar purpose and is expected to do much to bring about better methods of agriculture, dairying and horticulture throughout the country visited.

One car in the train will be devoted to agricultural exhibits and demonstrations, another to horticulture, a third to dairying and livestock. One car will have a number of model dairy cows for exhibition and practical demonstrations with milking machines, cream separators and other appliances of modern dairy methods will be given. A model stall will be shown for the benefit of dairymen and owners of livestock. In another car, practical demonstrations will be given in packing fruit.

Coaches will be attached to the train, in which lectures will be held in the event the weather will not permit outdoor meetings at the various stops, and there will be special cars for the accommodation of the party of railroad officials and Oregon Agriculture College professors who will accompany the train throughout its tour.

The professors from the Oregon Agricultural College who will accompany the train and deliver lectures are as follows:

Dr. James Withycombe, director Oregon Experiment Station; M. O. Lowndale, horticulturist; Professor A. B. Cordley, entomologist; Prof. C. I. Lewis, horticulturist; Prof. H. D. Scudder, agronomist; Professor F. L. Kent, dairy husbandry; Prof. R. W. Allen, assistant horticulturist, Harry Asbahr, herdsman.

The train will start Nov. 4, and the complete itinerary follows:

Wednesday, Nov. 4—Hillsboro, 9:05-10:50 a. m.; Forest Grove, 11:10-12:45 p. m.; North Yamhill, 2:15-3:45 p. m.; Carlton, 4:05-5:40 p. m.

Thursday, Nov. 5—Newberg, 8:45-10:45 a. m.; McMinnville, 11:25 a. m.-1:25 p. m.; Amity, 2:30-4:30 p. m.

Friday, Nov. 6—Sheridan, 8:45-10:15 a. m.; Dallas, 11 a. m.-12:45 p. m.; Independence, 1:50-3:25 p. m.; Wellsdale, 4:5-3:30 p. m.

Saturday, Nov. 7—Albany, 8:45-10:30 a. m.; Shedd, 11:10 a. m.-12:50 p. m.; Harrisburg, 1:50 to 3:40 p. m.; Junction City, 3:50-5:30 p. m.

Monday, Nov. 9—Cottage Grove, 8:30-10 a. m.; Eugene, 10:50 a. m.-12:30 p. m.; Springfield, 1:20-2:50 p. m.; Brownsville, 4:05-5:40 p. m.

Tuesday, Nov. 10—Jefferson, 8:45-10:25 a. m.; Salem, 11:05 a. m.-12:45 p. m.; Gervais, 2:05-3:40 p. m.; Woodburn, 3:55-5:30 p. m.

Wednesday, Nov. 11—West Stayton, 8:30-10 a. m.; Silverton, 11:10 a. m.-12:50 p. m.; Hubbard, 2:20-3:50 p. m.; Aurora, 4:10-5:40 p. m.

COLLECTS VALUABLE DATA

University Gathering Facts for use of Legislature.

The Research Bureau of the Department of Economics and Political Science of the University of Oregon, at Eugene, is collecting a great deal of valuable data for the use of the members of the legislature at the coming session. The facts on both sides of questions under consideration are gathered from all sources and placed in convenient form for reference. Some of the questions being investigated are the following:

"Comparison of the financial provisions of the Oregon State Constitution with those of Contemporary State Constitutions, and with those of present day Constitutions."

"Graphic showing of the development of the different sources of Oregon State Revenue."

"The Pacific Northwest internal waterways system."

"Oregon water power resources and a desirable state policy."

"Graphic showing of the development of different lines of public expenditure."

"Oregon's public lands policy—Oregon's school fund and system of common school finance."

"Oregon's wagon road appropriations and system of state highways."

"Financial statistics of railroads of the Pacific Northwest."

The information gathered will also be placed at the service of the public, who may get the results by inquiring at the University when the work is completed.

"HANS & NIX"

Jolly Musical Play at Opera House Tonight.

The jolly German dialect comedy, "Hans & Nix," will be the attraction at the opera house tonight. It is a cheerful mixture of gaiety, music and fun; contains an original score of 20 songs hits and borders on light opera. It has many high class specialties and is presented by an organization of thirty people. This comedy claims but little title to plot. It is presented for the sole purpose of introducing laughter, beauty and song, with the refreshing elements of gorgeous scenery, brilliant costumes, jolly nonsense, entrancing music, clever comedians and a fascinating chorus with pretty faces and sparkling eyes. In addition to Dixon and Bernard, the stars, Ruth Berstein, a pretty and talented singer, has a leading role. Reserved seats are now selling. Prices 35, 50, 75 and \$1. Election returns will be announced from the stage.

River Traffic Opened.

The Oregon City Transportation Co. inaugurated its winter service between this city and Portland with the arrival of the steamer Pomona, Sunday, and her departure the following morning. It is the intention of the company to maintain an every-other-day service until arrangements can be made to run daily with at least three steamboats on the line. Every accommodation will be afforded the traveling public and prompt and careful attention will be given all freight shipments. Byron Taylor has been appointed local agent at Corvallis and will be pleased to furnish any information desired as to time schedule and rates.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 at the Manse. All the ladies are cordially invited to attend.