



MILLION DOLLAR ORDER FOR CARS

Placed by Officials of Southern Pacific.

NEW PULLMANS FOR WEST

Believed to Presage 27-Hour Service From Portland to San Francisco.

A million dollar order for new Pullman cars, intended for use on limited trains between San Francisco and Portland and Los Angeles, has been placed by the officials of the Southern Pacific Company, according to an announcement made the last of the week. The order provides for 50 cars and is said to be due to increased traffic. In addition to this, another expenditure of \$1,000,000 is to be made for 220 new passenger coaches, intended for use on the lines of the Pacific Coast.

The above dispatch indicates that for once at least Portland and Oregon have got an "even break" with the other jurisdictions of the Harriman system in the apportionment of new equipment. It will be recalled that the Telegram published two weeks ago the first announcement of the honoring of requisitions for new 1909 freight and passenger equipment for the lines in the Northwest. It was the first official announcement of what the Harriman system intended to do in the way of improved system and was significant in showing that the lines under General Manager J. P. O'Brien's jurisdiction secure one-third of the entire appropriation of \$6,000,000.

Thursday's dispatch from San Francisco shows that the San Francisco jurisdiction in charge of General Manager E. E. Calvin secures an equal amount. This will leave another \$2,000,000 to be distributed over the Union Pacific territory outside of the Pacific Coast.

The announcement is of still greater interest here, for it is taken to mean that the new 27-hour limited between Portland and San Francisco for which General Passenger Agent William McMurray, of the Oregon lines, has been trying to wheedle out of the Southern Pacific budget for a year or more is likely to be put on in the next few months.

Early this year it was announced from Mr. McMurray's office that the new fast train would be put on during the early summer, but it slipped a cog somewhere and the train was not granted. San Francisco was blamed for the failure.

In case this proves to be the intention of the Southern Pacific it will mean just a day and a night between Portland and the Bay City, instead of two nights and a day. It would also cut the time from Puget Sound to San Francisco down from two whole days to about 34 hours, or three hours shorter than the present running time between Portland and San Francisco.

Mrs. Martha Burnett went to Portland yesterday to make the acquaintance of a little grandson, who arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Burnett in that city a few days ago. The parents are well known in Corvallis, where they formerly resided, and congratulations are extended by their many friends in this city.

NEW CHURCH BUILDING

Presbyterian Church Work to Commence by April 1st.

The meeting at the Presbyterian church on Thursday evening to consider the advisability of erecting a new church was well attended, the house being filled with people of all denominations who are anxious to see a beautiful edifice that will be a credit to the growing little city of Corvallis.

Prof. J. B. Horner acted as chairman of the meeting, which was opened with prayer by Rev. D. H. Leech of the Methodist church. Prof. and Mrs. Gaskins rendered some excellent music. J. Fred Yates read a paper touching on the important part the Presbyterian church has played in the growth of moral and religious sentiment in the community during the past 51 years, closing with a glowing tribute to the noble work done by Rev. and Mrs. Bell. He touched upon many historical points, one of which was that Dr. Bell was largely due the final solution of the contest over the OAC, which has brought such wonderful prosperity to our people. The quartette by Messrs. Fulton, Bradley, Johnson and Moore was so fine that the audience called for more and the dose was repeated.

It being the 40th anniversary of the wedded life of Dr. and Mrs. Bell, the Dr. responded to the kindness shown them in his usual happy manner, after which the church work was taken up.

A resolution was offered and unanimously carried that a new church building should be erected, work to commence not later than April 1st. Five persons started the subscription list with \$1000 each. The appointment of various committees was left in the hands of the trustees of the church and all the preliminaries will be arranged as rapidly as possible.

The people then repaired to the manse where they were punched and sandwiched by a committee of five, consisting of M. S. Woodcock, Zeb Davis, J. H. Harris, A. J. Johnson and E. L. Miller. 'Tis said they did the business up in fine style.

Wants Aid for Eastern Oregon.

Pres. W. J. Kerr left last Wednesday for Washington D. C., to attend, as a delegate from Oregon, the convention of Farmers' Institutes of the United States, and the convention of the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations.

While in Washington, Pres. Kerr will solicit the aid of the Department of Agriculture in the work of developing and improving farming conditions in Eastern Oregon. It is his desire to have two or three experiment stations established in Eastern counties. Six weeks ago, Pres. Kerr took a party of experts from the Agricultural Department on an extended trip through the eastern part of the state, and at that time received assurance of assistance from the Federal Government.

Has 50,000 Boxes of Apples.

M. O. Lonsdale's apple crop for this year is estimated at 50,000 boxes of marketable fruit. This yield of first-class apples represents faithful and painstaking attention to spraying and caring for the trees, one of the principal tenets of Mr. Lonsdale's everyday religion.

The small per cent of apples inferior in size and quality will be made into a fine quality of apple jelly, at the farm.

Mr. Lonsdale's orchard is near McMinville.

Subscribe for the GAZETTE.

EASTERN CAPITALISTS SECURE 30,000 ACRES ALONG C. & E. RAILROAD

THE PURCHASE PRICE IS \$250,000

Land Will Be Placed on Market in Small Parcels and Inducements Offered to Immigrants From Middle West.

One of the biggest land deals ever made in this part of the state, and one which presages unprecedented development for Lincoln and Benton counties, was consummated in Albany, Saturday, when a party of Minneapolis capitalists purchased 30,000 acres of the old Corvallis & Yaquina Bay wagon road grant. The deal was closed by A. Snyder, representing the purchasers, and Fish & Hodges, of Albany, representing the Eastern owners of the old grant, and the consideration is said to have been in the neighborhood of \$250,000.

The land embraced in this transaction extends from Blodgett, Benton county, almost to Toledo, county seat of Lincoln county, on Yaquina Bay, and along both sides of the Corvallis & Eastern railroad. The new purchasers will divide the land into 10, 20 and 40-acre tracts, and will bring Eastern people West by the carload to view the tract. The company has already arranged to bring 300 families from St. Louis early in the Spring for the purpose of locating. The land will be used principally for dairying and for fruit and nut culture.

The men who have purchased this tract have formed the Yaquina Valley Fruit & Land Company to exploit the tract. The company includes as its leading members J. B. Streeter and Geo.

E. Adams, of the J. B. Streeter Company of Minneapolis; Geo. W. Taylor, general agent of the Central Union Life Insurance Company, of Minneapolis, and A. Snyder, who closed the deal in Albany, Saturday. The company will establish its Eastern office in Minneapolis, and will have Western offices in Portland and Albany. The Western offices will be in charge of A. Snyder and Fish & Hodges, of Albany.

The old Corvallis & Yaquina Bay wagon road grant originally included all of the odd sections for six miles on each side of the old wagon road, which follows the general course of the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad, from Wren to Toledo. Very little of this tract was sold until two years ago.

The deal, which should mean the immigration of thousands of people to Oregon and the settling up of virgin land, means development for the country lying along the western end of the Corvallis & Eastern railroad. The land is valuable for fruit-raising and for dairying purposes, but is practically all undeveloped. There is probably no tract in Oregon contiguous to a railroad which is so undeveloped and which offers such great possibilities for a prosperous fruit and dairy country.—Oregonian.

COLLEGE TO RAISE \$50,000

Albany Institution to Begin Campaign for Endowment.

Albany College has launched a campaign for a \$50,000 endowment. Friday, November 20, will be "college day" in Albany and on that date an effort will be made to raise \$10,000 in that city as a nucleus for the fund.

An endowment now seems assured for Albany College by the action of the college board, of the Presbyterian church of the United States. The president of this board has promised to give one dollar for an endowment for Albany College for every dollar raised in Oregon up to \$25,000, thus providing for a \$50,000 endowment. With this encouragement, President Crooks and the board of trustees of the college have inaugurated a movement to raise \$25,000 in this state.

Albany College has been doing better work this year than ever along all lines of collegiate effort. It has a larger faculty, better equipment, an improved library, the biggest conservatory of music it has ever had, better opportunities in oratory and debating, while in its athletic department the football team has won the championship of the nonconference colleges of Oregon. With the first big offer of help from the National college board of the Presbyterian church and the prospects of the realization of its first endowment, the college faces the brightest period of its history.

BURGLARS AT PHILOMATH.

Stores Robbed of Merchandise and Cash Taken.

Our neighboring city of Philomath was cleaned up in good shape by burglars on Saturday night. The store of Hill & Son was entered and the money drawers relieved of all the surplus change which amounted to about \$120. The money taken belonged to the Woodmen, Water Company and the store and was distributed in various places. At Moses' store they secured \$8.00 in cash and various articles of merchandise, such as handkerchiefs, gloves &c., all of which might be deemed necessary during the winter season now at hand.

With stolen goods they silently stole away, leaving no trace behind by which the officers might cultivate their acquaintance. The burglars found things just to their liking at Philomath as her people have lived in perfect security so long they little dreamed of the bold, bad burglar in their midst helping themselves to the cash. Many citizens lie down to rest at night with doors unlocked without a thought of some reckless prowler, seeking whom he may devour. Times have changed, brethren, and it behooves all good citizens to be prepared to give the vagabonds a warm reception. In this land of plenty there is no need of stealing or begging for every man, woman or child wanting work can surely find it at a fair remuneration for their services.

OREGON SCHOOL TEACHERS

State Has a Capable Corps of Instructors.

Though it was asserted at the recent meeting of the Normal School Board of Regents that only 10 per cent of the teachers of the state are normal school graduates, it does not follow that the other 90 per cent are without the special training or experience necessary to qualify them for efficient work. A considerable number of the teachers employed in the public schools have spent one or two years in a normal school, but have not graduated. They procured certificates by taking the usual county teachers' examination.

To secure a state diploma requires 60 months' teaching experience; to secure a state certificate 30 months; to secure a first grade county certificate, 12 months, and to secure a second-grade county certificate requires 3 months' experience. The forthcoming biennial report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction shows that 4243 teachers were employed in the public schools last year and that 22 per cent of them hold state certificates or diplomas, which vouch for from 30 to 60 months' experience. More than half the teachers have had at least 12 months' experience.

Many of those who hold first, second and third grade certificates have had some normal training. The following statement shows the number of teachers employed holding the various grades of certificates:

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| Teachers employed..... | 4243 |
| State certificate or diploma..... | 934 |
| First grade certificate..... | 1235 |
| Second " "..... | 838 |
| Third " "..... | 454 |
| Primary certificates..... | 232 |
| Permits..... | 550 |

Utilize Farm Waste.

As the area given to diversified farming increases, the by-products of agriculture increase. If this were not true, farming would be one of the most wasteful of all industries. The waste of orchards, gardens, melon and potato patches in pioneer times in this state was enormous. The producers used what they could, sold what they could to a market easily glutted, and the large surplus went to waste. This time has, to some extent, passed, and is rapidly passing. One of the latest examples of this is found in the report that excellent molasses and catsup are being made from watermelons in the Yakima country and that melons fed to cows increase the quantity and richness of milk. Recalling the dismal spectacle that was presented in former years by tons of watermelons rotting on the ground in October and November, it is easy to realize the great saving that is affected by turning this most perishable and abundant crop into marketable by-products.

May Extend C. & E. up the Coast

In an article on the railroad situation the Oregon Journal says in part:

"Colonel Hollabird, who recently made an extended trip through the coast counties as far south as Newport, will forward his reports on the advisability of constructing an extension of the Corvallis & Eastern up and down the coast to Mr. Harriman at once. It is known that Colonel Hollabird was very favorably impressed with the immense value of the coast country while on his trip and it is probable that plans for a Harriman coast line will be approved within the near future."

PASSING OF PROF. COOTE

Well-Known Member of OAC Faculty.

DIES AT YAQUINA THURSDAY

Death Results from Cancer of the Stomach After an Illness of Many Months.

The College flag was placed at half mast Thursday morning, and faculty members and students bowed their heads in sorrow, for the sad news had flashed over the wires that a member of OAC's faculty had passed to the beyond; a familiar figure about the campus, where he was universally known and esteemed by hundreds of graduates and students of the college, could be welcomed there no more; a man who had taught his pupils and associates to love and see the beauty of flowers and plants as he did and who often remarked that he would rather have the flowers with him while he lived than placed upon his grave when he was dead, could never teach them again; for that fatal disease, cancer of the stomach, had completed its work, and the soul had left its earthly tenements and flown to a higher Home.

Professor George Coote, a pioneer of the state and for over 20 years an active member of the Oregon Agricultural College faculty, died at an early hour Thursday morning at his home near Yaquina. The remains were brought to Corvallis on the morning train Friday and were taken to the college armory, where the funeral services were conducted at 2:30 that afternoon, an Episcopal bishop, of Portland, whose name could not be obtained, officiating, and interment was in the Odd Fellows' cemetery. The flowers which Prof. Coote had loved so well were everywhere in evidence; magnificent, profuse and beautiful, and the armory was filled with old friends and former students of the deceased, who came to pay their last respects to a good and noble man.

Prof. Coote was born in England, in 1842, and came to Oregon in the early seventies to assist Wallis Nash in the construction and operation of what is now the Corvallis & Eastern railroad. In 1887, he gave up his railroad work to accept a position as professor of floriculture and gardening at the Oregon Agricultural College, which position he has actively filled until his failing health compelled him to take a leave of absence in May of this year.

Professor Coote was a familiar figure about the campus and was known and respected by many generations of college students. As college landscape gardener he laid out and improved the college campus until it has become one of the most beautiful in the Northwest.

He leaves a widow and two children, Mrs. Butler, of Santa Barbara, Cal., and Mrs. Pernot, wife of Professor E. F. Pernot, of this city, to whom the sympathy of the entire community is extended in their hour of sorrow.

The plastering has been done on the new 8 room house of R. C. Wills on 12th street and the finishing touches will be put on by the carpenters and painters as rapidly as possible.