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RECENT RAIN STORM CAUSES DELAY--DAMAGE HEAVY

While some of our residents are disputing the recent down pour, some contending that they never saw its like in Oregon, others say they have experienced such displays of the weather before. One man says he saw three days of it straight, right here in town. However that may be, the thirty-six hours previous to midnight of Wednesday of this week, was the limit of precipitation for most of the citizens of this part of country. The report seems to indicate a downfall of near eight inches. From the time the snow began to fall to the end of the rainstorm, this morning the total deposit of water reached near nine inches. Tubs and buckets empty when the storm began, were filled to the brim. Nor is it necessary to cite such instances as these to convince one of the enormous fall of water these latest few days. Every pond and draw is bank full. Johnson creek is having revenge on all its neighbors. Bridges and culverts and roads have been demolished. Hundreds of acres of land in all directions are under water. For awhile the O. W. P. rail road was laid out of business. Mails have been cut off from Portland, for over twenty-four hours and it is probable that the line will be closed till some time Friday.

Lents Junction is in the middle of

a lake. Hundreds of acres to the north of the Junction are under water, and numberless homes have been deserted, many of them up to the windows with water. And yet this is only back water at Lents, so the real dangers of the flood are escaped.

At Gresham all of the flats north of the station were under water, both bridges were under water, and many of the buildings had to be deserted.

The pipe line people are suffering, too. One of the contractors stated yesterday that the entire profits of the job was done for him. Thousands of yards of earth and stones have caved into the the nearly completed ditch, all of which will have to be removed again and thus will the work be doubled.

Communication at Gresham was practically cut off. Outside papers and other mail is far overdue now and yet there is no prospect of immediate relief. While Thursday has been a fair day it closes with prospect of continued storm.

Appearances indicate that the storm as a rain has not extended far to the east. The foot hills and mountains are heavily covered with snow, indicating that rain has not fallen in the immediate higher altitudes. But southward up the Willamette valley, there is every reason to believe the storm is fully as bad if not worse.

The Hood River, Gresham Debate

On Friday, January 13, our high school debating team, consisting of Lillian Fredolph, Herbert Ryan and Kenneth Roberts, met the Hood River team in a contest held at Hood River. Mr. Steele had "coached" our students so effectively and they had worked so faithfully that we had high hopes of success, but the votes of the three judges were given to our opponents.

We are charitable enough to believe that the judges gave, what they considered, an honest decision, but the teachers of Hood River and the citizens of that place generally, conceded the victory to us.

We do not wish to be "howlers," but when even the opposing forces believe that the decision should have been ours, we are human enough to desire the glory.

Within the next year, the high school students hope to prove to the friends at Gresham as well as to the citizens of other towns in Oregon that they can debate and win. The pupils are superior in many ways and have the material for a strong team.

Acknowledges Satisfaction

Gresham, Ore., Jan. 7, 1911.
Mr. W. E. Wood, City.
Dear Sir: I am in receipt of yours of the 7th inst. enclosing check for \$40 in full settlement of my recent illness. I am perfectly satisfied with the treatment given me in this case by the North American Accident Insurance company.

Very truly yours,
P. A. DAILEY.

TELEPHONE CO. MEETS AT FIRWOOD HALL

The Firwood-Dover telephone company held its annual meeting in the Firwood hall Saturday evening and elected the following officers: President, J. Morrison; vice president, Jas. DeShazer; secretary, Percy T. Shelley, elected to take the place of F. E. D. Hart; treasurer, Antoine Molaire; one director, three year term, E. F. Bruns, elected to take the place of Mr. Morley. The executive committee consists of Morrison, DeShazer, Shelley, Molaire, Bruns, Vic. Bodley and Corey. The extension of telephones throughout the Sandy country was discussed at great length. It was finally decided to repair thoroughly what lines are in use before building new. A large proportion of the stockholders favor a change in the location of the switch board and believe the proprietor of the Sandy drug store would be able to give better satisfaction as he is there late at night and also on Sundays. His store is small and he would be able to answer calls promptly. Anything for better results.

New Real Estate Company

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State Aid for Local Roads

Less than one year has passed since the state supreme court declared the appropriation of \$100,000 for the Crater Lake road unconstitutional, yet some of the good roads advocates are proposing an appropriation of \$340,000 for aid in construction of local highways in every part of the state. It is planned to divide this fund equally among the thirty-four counties of the state, \$5,000 yearly to be available in any county that raises \$20,000 to be used with the \$5,000 of state money.

The bill as drawn plainly contemplates the expenditure of this \$340,000 on local roads. It reads:

After having so provided such fund, the county court shall select the particular location of the road to be constructed and shall designate the place of beginning and definitely describe the location of the road, all of which shall be on the journal of the court. Such road shall begin at the principal market place in the county, or shall connect with a permanent road leading to such place, and shall be so located as that when constructed, as herein provided, it will constitute one of the main traveled roads to the place whence it starts.

In other words the sum of \$340,000 of state funds is to be expended in improving roads leading from numerous points in each county to the principal market place of that county. Up Medford way even this bill is not wholly satisfactory, for a newspaper in that locality declares that the state should spend dollar for dollar with the county.

If there is any distinction between the appropriation for the Crater Lake road and the proposed appropriation for numerous unlocated local roads, except in amount appropriated and designation of where the money shall be spent, The Oregonian fails to detect it.

The constitutional inhibition against state appropriation for local highways was not changed by adoption of the good roads amendment, which merely removes the limitation on county indebtedness when contracted for permanent road work approved by vote of the people.

Probably the extremity to which the state may go in giving aid to county road work is in providing salaries for a state highway engineer and an office and field force. In a state where population and higher taxable property are so unevenly distributed as they are in Oregon, this is as much as the counties should reasonably expect.—Oregonian.

Next Dance at Rockwood

Rockwood grange will give its month-end dance on Saturday evening, January 28. Richards' orchestra will be there, and the usual grange supper will be served. Tickets, \$1.00. Undesirables will not be allowed to remain, nor will they be sold tickets if known.

It Is a Queer Game

"Advertising is a queer game," said Mr. Woodard, of Woodard, Clark & Co., yesterday. "Did you ever notice just before Christmas how a lot of firms suddenly wake up from an eleven months' snooze, and begin telling the dear people what a gift emporium theirs is?"

"Surely, if its profitable to tell the public you are in business during the busy Christmas season, it would be more so to deliver that same message during the quieter spells."

Advertising, like the force of gravity, gives a business momentum as it progresses. The merchant, who proudly consumes a few inches of space at this season, thinking that everyone will admire his nerve, may be right; his nerve will be noticed by a discriminating and reading public long before they will think it worth while to look at his wares.—The Spectator.

Something new--no stifling sulphur fumes with the new Lents match. Your grocer should have them.

PENITENTIARY AUTHORITIES TO FURNISH LABOR FOR FACTORIES?

It is stated that a fight has been started on "convict made" articles as produced at the penitentiary. It might not be unworthy of consideration to know that the penitentiary authorities have a contract with a stove manufacturing concern to use 150 more men and it is these laborers that the State Federation of Labor is fighting. Now these men have to live, and one way a civilized society can improve them is to enable them to accumulate something during the time of their imprisonment. The main thing that puts men back in the criminal class, having served a sentence, is that they are compelled to begin life penniless. As laborers they find getting a start next to impossible. Then the life of the prisoner is far more agreeable. His mind is occupied, his body is invigorated by the exercise, and instead of being a victim of melancholia and insanity, his health and mental activities are developed along industrial lines, habits of value are formed, and he will come out of the confinement as good if not a better man than when he entered. We contend the branding of prison made goods would probable do no good. But we also contend that the state should receive pay for the services

of these men according to their ability. They should be classified, and the more able, efficient, should draw more money for the state and should receive more money as their portion. We do not think the state should turn all the receipts over to the convict. He has obligations, he has been the cause of a varying amount of expense to the state and his present surroundings and living is a further cause for outlay. He should in a measure meet these outlays.

The present arrangement with the stove concern provides for 45 cents a day of ten hours. Such a figure is ridiculous. Forty-five cents is probably all some men are worth, beginners and dead heads, but we believe the statement is indisputable that many of these men are industrious, that they are as devoted to their work as if at liberty, and that they are entitled to better pay. They probably turn out as much work on an average as the average man who works on a scale and should meet with rational inducements. We hope our legislators will not pass the bill to brand all prison made products and that the law will provide for a reasonable schedule of allowances to the convicts for the services.

GRANGE FAIR ASS'N ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the directors of the grange fair association was held on last Monday evening. All but three of the directors were present. The deed for the transfer of the ground from the city to the fair association was turned over to the attorney for the association. Considerable time was spent in discussing the interests of the fair. R. W. Gill, H. A. Lewis and R. P. Rasmussen were appointed to prepare a premium list. The officers elect for the ensuing year are Lewis Shattuck, president; R. W. Gill, vice president; Emil Kardell, secretary; Theodore Brugger, treasurer. The executive committee appointed were Lewis Shattuck, H. E. Davis, H. A. Lewis, John Townsend, T. R. Howitt.

Multnomah Grange Dance

Multnomah grange will give another dance Saturday Evening, Jan. 21. The usual grange supper will be served. Richard's orchestra. Undesirables will not be allowed to remain.

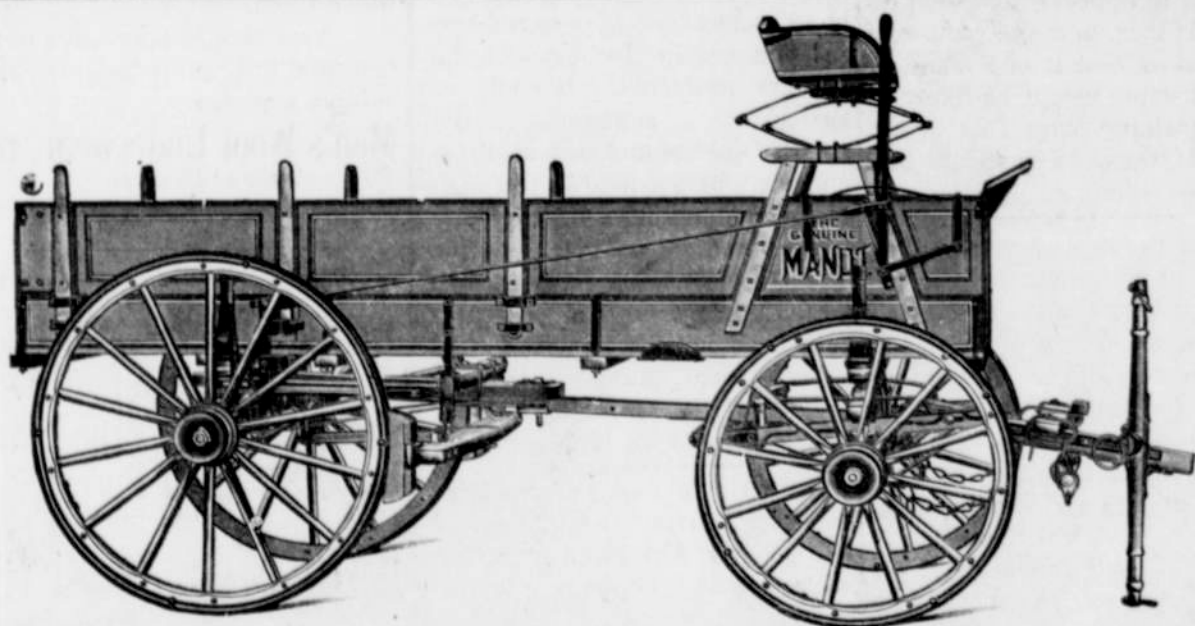
Ask E. L. Rayburn, Lents, about the new Lents match.

Cheap Legislation

"These eight cost several times what the entire legislature cost the commonwealth," declares the News-Reporter of McMinnville, telling of the eight initiative measures. Nothing of the sort. Those eight measures did not cost over \$50,000, even with the wildest reckoning, and that is what the last legislature cost in mileage, salaries and contingent expenses. The workmen in Yamhill county will be ahead that amount with the abolition of local poll tax, liabilities of injuries, etc., in a very few months. It should not be forgotten that the legislature for two sessions had refused to pass any legislation providing for liability of employers to injured workmen.

One of the most novel automobile exhibits ever held on the Pacific coast is to be held in Portland during the week between Saturday, January 21 and Saturday, January 28. Portland's automobile dealers are to hold open house during that week and every man, woman and child in the city is invited to visit the various garages and see the new models on exhibition there.

A dance will be given by the Artisan lodge at their hall in Fairview, Saturday night, Jan. 21. Tickets \$1. Supper 50c per couple extra.



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