

REPORTS ADVERSELY

Eugene Canal Proposition too Expensive.

AN ELECTRIC ROAD RECOMMENDED

Committee Advises That the Project be Abandoned--Electric Road Built for Less Than Half.

At a meeting held in Eugene on Saturday, the following report was presented by F. M. Wilkins, chairman of the committee appointed to investigate the feasibility of building the proposed Eugene-Corvallis canal:

"We have carefully investigated the scheme as a commercial enterprise also the cost of digging such a waterway with locks necessary to best serve the purpose for hauling the products of the country.

"We have looked up the history of about fifty canals built in the United States.

Sixteen of them are less than 25 miles in length, and have cost nearly two million dollars, each, and are a constant source of expense.

"About twenty canals are waterways which have been built in the West, not for hauling the products of the country so much as for irrigation and mining purposes.

"The average length of these canals is 39 miles, the average width 43 feet and the average depth being six feet. Now these last mentioned approach more nearly what this proposed canal would be, so we take them as a basis of figures as to cost, etc. In order to get a clearer and better understanding of the cost we will take one mile of canal, representing 5280 feet in length and an average of 36 feet in width and six feet deep and we have a total of 42,240 cubic yards to move.

This engineers figure at 35c a yard as the cost of moving, but owing to conditions which are favorable we figure as a cost for moving, of 30 cents per yard, which gives \$12,672 per mile for the excavation. This does not include the first mile after leaving the river, as that would cost four times as much, or about \$50,000 owing to the depth and the loose gravel underlying the soil. In order to prevent this gravel from caving in a concrete wall would have to be built which would be very expensive. About eight locks would be necessary which if built of wood and stone would cost about \$1000 each or a total of \$32,000. Figuring on a basis of 35 miles we would have a total cost of \$525,520.

"Now these figures are below engineer's estimates and do not contemplate anything but level ground and the waterway being dry under the most favorable circumstances, no flumes and no rocks to be blasted out. One engineer claims that the channel would have to be twice the depth wherever locks were built. If so then this estimated cost would be increased one-third.

"In connection with these figures we have investigated the question of an electric railway to Corvallis, and find it could be built for a little more than one-half what the canal would cost and are of the opinion this would be a more practical solution of the transportation problem.

"We have tried to get comparative cost of transportation by rail and canal, but get nothing definite. It seems from the facts gathered that the railways have the best of it in cheapness, quick and satisfactory service.

"In conclusion we have made no expense so far--we were instructed to have surveys made, but finding it would be quite a heavy expense and not feeling warranted in raising the amount of funds necessary to do this work, we now submit our report and leave the matter with this meeting.

L. L. WHITSON,
F. M. WILKINS,
J. BRYAN,
W. C. WASHBURN.

By motion the report of the committee was adopted and later they were continued in office to investigate the matter of transportation and report at a meeting to be held one month later at the same place.

The Leader leads--never follows.

DOUGLAS AND COOS ELECTRIC RAILWAY CO.

The Electric Road is Assured. And Articles of Incorporation Have Been Filed.

There is no longer any doubt about the Electric road. Indeed, if any one had so little faith in Roseburg and her people as to believe the project would be allowed to drag and fall through, they certainly did not understand the temper of the men who have undertaken this great work. The committee of five sent to Coos Bay only last Wednesday have accomplished the work intrusted to them and are home this evening happy in having performed the trust given into their hands.

Mr. Frank E. Alley, a member of the committee, called up the News at 2 p.m. today from Looking Glass, where they took dinner on their way home, and gave a brief statement of the condition of affairs in relation to the work accomplished.

Organization was accomplished and temporary officers elected as follows:

President--L. J. Stimpson, of Marshfield.
Vice-President--Hon. A.C. Masters, of Roseburg.

Secretary--L. H. Hazard, of Coquille.

Treasurer--James Flannigan of North Bend.

A committee of six, one committee-man from each of the original committees, was appointed to arrange further details of organization.

The name of Douglas & Coos Electric Railway Co., was decided upon, and articles of incorporation have been forwarded to the Secretary of State.

Mr. Alley, Mr. Masters and Mr. Cobb have arrived home, while Messrs. Fisher and Booth were detained at the Bay for a day or two on private business.--Umpqua Valley News.

Get a Small Farm.

What farmers can do on small tracts of good, well tilled and properly utilized land is a subject that ought to interest multitudes of people, and in the course of a year a great number of these very interesting little stories are told in the Journal and in its exchanges throughout the state. One old sow produced \$203 worth of pigs in a year. A man with 1,500 hens made \$3,000 clear last year. Two men in Freewater, one day last week, says the Pendleton Tribune, picked \$100 worth of strawberries each from two acres of ground. This was one day's product and strawberries ripen every day while the season lasts. Hood River strawberry growers expect to sell 75,000 crates, at from \$3 to \$5 per crate. Many orchards yield from \$100 an acre a year up; occasionally one as high as \$500 or \$600 an acre. A garden of vegetables carefully and scientifically cultivated anywhere around Portland will yield from \$100 to \$300 an acre clear of expenses. On good alfalfa land from four to seven tons an acre can be raised, worth from \$7 to \$12 a ton, or more if fed to stock, besides affording months of good pasturage.

These instances might be indefinitely extended. What's the matter with people, that they don't get small tracts of land, cultivate them right, and get rich--or at least become comfortably well off? From 20 acres of right land, rightly used, a man in ten years can make sufficient to ride up to the bank in his own automobile to make his deposits. A box of strawberries cost 20 cents. A good chicken costs from \$1 to \$1.50. A sow is a good starter for a fortune. It takes from \$5 to \$10 apiece to buy ewes. A good span of mules the other day sold for \$700.

Get a little farm, and then nurse it, love it, tend it carefully, get all possible out of it without abusing it; and be one of the most independent men on earth.--Portland Journal.

Mr. Stewart, of this city, owns and cultivates four acres near the edge of town, from which he marketed last year \$500 worth of produce. This year he expects to sell at least \$250 worth of Logan berries, besides other produce, and there are plenty of other four-acre tracts around Cottage Grove which can be made to produce equally as well.

SCHOOL YEAR ENDED

Commencement Exercises at Christian Church.

GREAT PROFUSION OF FLOWERS.

Three Young Ladies Graduate from High School and Nineteen Pass From Eighth Grade.

Immense audiences attended the Annual Commencement exercises of Cottage Grove Public schools at the Christian Church, Thursday and Friday evenings of this week.

The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, the rostrum being a perfect bower of roses and flowers of every description, with the class flowers and class colors in profusion.

The high school graduating class, Misses Ethel Moore, May Sprouse and Ethel Storms, held their exercises Thursday evening, each number being well rendered and greatly enjoyed by the large audience present.

Professor Strange, Principal, presented the young ladies with their diplomas, and they were the recipients of many handsome floral pieces. The following is the program as rendered:

Invocation Instrumental duet--"On the Race Course"--Blake Vernie Brown and Mabel Rosenberg Vocal solo--Selected

Mr. Isham Instrumental solo--"Grand Valse Brillante"--P. Chopin, Op 18 Mabel Veatch

Address--Dr. H. D. Sheldon, U. of O.

Presentation of Diplomas--Principal C. L. Strange

On Friday evening the Eighth Grade class, composed of nineteen splendid young ladies and gentlemen held their exercises. The class regretted very much the absence of one of their number, Miss Dorothy Funk, who was compelled to return to her home in the East a few days only before the close of the school. Those on the program acquitted themselves creditably and with honor to their instructors. Never before in the history of the school has a better class passed from the Eighth Grade into the High school, and Professor Harvey, their principal, is justly proud of them, and it is to be hoped that the class will live up to the class sentiment, "Finished, to Begin Again," and at the opening of the school year in September enter the High School with the same determination and earnestness as has characterized it in the past, never forgetting that

"The heights by great men reached and kept, Were not attained by sudden flight, But they, while their companions slept, Were toiling upward in the night."

The following is the program, each number of which was well rendered:

Invocation--Rev. J. L. Beatty Address of Welcome--Guy Whitlock

Oration--"Inventions"--Marvin Jordan

Instrumental solo--"Meditation"--Allie Phillips

Essay--"Louisiana Purchase"--Kittie Brumbaugh

Oration--"The Oregon Country"--Elsie Brewer

Chorus--"Nymphs of the Ocean"--Misses Brewer, Doward, Branton, Hogate, Brumbaugh, Perkins and Osmon

Essay--"Panama Canal"--William Garoutte

Instrumental solo--"Wedding of the Winds"--Thomas Campbell

Essay--"The Awakening in the Orient"--Melvin Jordan

Oration--"Fifty-ninth Congress"--Luther King

Chorus--"In the Starlight"--Misses Brewer, Branton, Brumbaugh, Doward, Hogate, Osmon Perkins, Class Momentoes--Jean Doward

Valedictory--Blanche Branton Address to class--

Pres. A. L. Briggs, of Drain Normal

Thus ends one of the most successful years in the history of our schools, and Cottage Grove has every reason to feel proud for the excellent work accomplished, and the school board should be commended upon retaining the same efficient corps of teachers under the principalship of Professor Strange and his worthy assistant Prof. Harvey.

Latest style in visiting cards at 75 cts. per 100 at The Leader office.

OFFICERS SELECTED

For the Fourth of July Celebration.

ROUSING CELEBRATION PROMISED

Committee of Ladies Appointed to Arrange for Liberty Car and Select Goddess of Liberty.

The committee having in charge the Fourth of July celebration, met on Tuesday night and selected all the officers for the occasion excepting the Reader and Orator, who will be chosen at a meeting of the committees next Tuesday night.

Everything is progressing nicely. The committees are hard at work and the celebration promises to be one of the most successful ever held in this city.

Following is the list of officers appointed and the ladies committee appointed to arrange the Liberty Car, and select the Goddess of Liberty:

President--Dr. D. L. Woods.

Chaplain--Rev. J. L. Beatty.

Marshal--Ed. Tullar.

Vice-Presidents--Geo. W. Reynolds, Divide; Miles Pitcher, Starr; Scott Jackson, Lorane; Levi Geer, London; Ublin Walker, Walker Station; Allen Kirk, Dorana; J. D. Palmer, Mosby Creek; Castle, Sagana; J. F. Hunt, Wildwood.

Ladies Committee--Mrs. Dr. Job, Mrs. J. T. DeSpain, Mrs. W. F. Hart, Mrs. F. D. Wheeler, Mrs. F. B. Phillips, Mrs. L. H. Roseberg, Mrs. C. H. Vandenberg, Mrs. J. C. Johnson, Mrs. Dr. Kime and Mrs. Herbert Eakin.

The name of Thomas Jenkins was added to the Sport Committee.

MAKE A GREATER OREGON

Progressive Oregonians Will Gather in Convention at Portland.

The Oregon Development League convention is to be held in Portland June 21-22. There will be a meeting of the presidents and secretaries of the seventy commercial and industrial bodies composing the League the evening of the 20. The railroads have united on a one-fare rate for the round trip from Pendleton and all points east, and from Roseburg and all points south, and a rate of one and one-third fares from near by points. Get exact particulars from your local agent.

Portland to show her appreciation of the Oregon Development League has organized the Portland Rose Show and Fiesta during the session of the Convention, and it promises to be one of the best attractions yet given in the State.

At a recent meeting of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, addressed by Governor Chamberlain and Tom Richardson, \$5,000 was raised for advertising purposes, and Marshfield will be heard from.

North Bend has a great Commercial Club, and among the members of that Club, \$300 was raised in 300 seconds to present a set of North Bend furniture made from Oregon timber, to Governor Chamberlain, and none of the subscribers were allowed to pay more than \$5.

The Portland country Club and Live Stock Association was organized at the Commercial Club Thursday and among its incorporators are many of the leading financiers and business men of the metropolis. The purpose is to give a great annual live stock show which will have for its object the thorough and complete development of the live stock industry of Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. Capital stock \$150,000.

Next Saturday, June 1, the tourist rates from all points in the United States to all points in Oregon will be in effect. Tickets will be on sale for a little more than one fare for the round trip. Inform yourself through your local agent and write to your friends and insist on their coming to visit you and see the advantages your community presents.

Hinds will sell you any kind of a ranch from 10 to 2000 acres. Call and see his list.

TAKES HER OWN LIFE

Mrs. J. C. Christy at Drain Ends Her Invalid's Woes With a Bullet.

Drain, Or., May 28.--Mrs. J. C. Christy wife of the well known resident engineer of the Southern Pacific on the Oregon Western branch, being built toward the coast, fatally shot herself in a fit of despondency at the family home here at 10 o'clock this morning. She had been in very feeble health for many months past and there was no hope for her recovery. This was no doubt the cause for her tragic ending.

She leaves a husband and one little son. The family moved to Drain one year ago from Texas.

Mrs. McKinley Buried.

Canton, Ohio, May 25.--With simple and impressive ceremonies the body of the late widow of President William McKinley was laid at rest in the family vault in this city this morning. No sermon was preached, Rev. E. O. Buxton conducting a short ritualistic service and pronouncing the benediction before the casket was passed into the tomb.

White and red carnations were the principal decorations placed upon the casket at the family home. When the late president's favorite hymn, "Lead Kindly," had been sung over the body of his widow, the funeral procession was formed the relatives following the casket, after them riding President Roosevelt, Vice-President Fairbanks, Secretary Root and Private Secretary Loeb. Immediately following the national officers were the secret service guards.

Soldiers who stood guard over the tomb were among the saddest mourners, for each man had been a great favorite with Mrs. McKinley.

Forestry Commission

Salem, Or., May 29.--In accordance with the provisions of the act of the last legislature, Governor Chamberlain this morning announced his appointees to compose the Oregon Forestry commission, with himself and the director of forestry of the Agricultural college, who designated as members in the act as follows:

Upon the recommendation of the Lumber Manufacturers' Association of Oregon, Leonidas S. Hill, of Eugene; upon recommendation of the Oregon Forestry Association, E. P. Sheldon of Portland and upon recommendation of the United States Superintendent of Forestry of Oregon at Portland.

Governor Chamberlain has fixed June 5, in his office at Salem, as the date for the commission to meet and effect organization.

The New Brick Machine in Operation

A visit to the new brick yard of Mr. Gleason's yesterday morning found the new machinery in full operation. Mr. Gleason has quite a sum invested in the plant, but feels reasonably assured that the demand for the brick will tax his present abilities to the utmost. The grinder is the celebrated Quaker City machine made in Wellington, Ohio, and is one of the standard makes, and will turn out from 15,000 to 20,000 brick a day when they get everything to run smooth. At present he is employing five men, but expects to have to double that number in a short time. The first kiln of about 200,000 if all goes well will be ready to burn about July 1, and from then on during the season he will burn about the same number every month.--Nuggett.

STATE AND COUNTY

News of Interest in a Condensed Form

AS TAKEN FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

A Resume of the Week's Local Happenings of the State and County Briefly Told.

Salem has raised the salaries of its school teachers.

Bert Knox, a ten-year-old boy near Condon has not been absent from school or tardy once in three years. That boy is likely to amount to something.

The Wholesale Liquor Dealers' association of Astoria has gone on record in unequivocal terms as opposed to the presence of dance halls in that city.

A Tillamook man was attacked by a vicious bull in his barn, and before he could get away from the infuriated animal he had four ribs broken, his head badly cut and was mashed up quite a bit.

A Linn county farmer had an auction, 134 articles being sold and 500 people being present. Though six months' credit was offered, cash was paid for every article, not a note being given, showing how the farmer has money under the new system of doing business, with dairying and poultry around.

Albany is to have a condensed milk factory providing her citizens will give a bonus of \$10,000.

The school board of Portland will save the district \$30,000 next year by buying slab wood for the city schools.

The senior class of the O. A. C. this year is the largest in the history. Graduates from all departments numbering 66.

W. B. Scott, formerly a merchant and postmaster at Jasper, this county has bought the general merchandise store of C. E. Drake at Leaburg.

Congressman Hawley will deliver the Fourth of July oration at Corvallis.

Albany Herald:--Confirming the announcement first made in the Herald some two weeks ago that the Curtis Lumber company intended to put a steam schooner between Yaquina bay and San Francisco to transport the lumber output of the Mill City mills to the southern port, the steamer Leggett arrived in Yaquina Bay Wednesday evening and is now tied up at the wharf at Yaquina preparatory to loading lumber.

The Curtis company are already shipping many carloads to the coast and expect to have the steamer loaded in about two weeks at the least. The Leggett has a capacity of 1,500,000 feet of lumber and is one of the largest lumber carriers engaged in the coastwise trade. According to report the Curtis company intends to add another lumber carrier to the Yaquina run if the present facilities are found inadequate in handling the output of the mills which have recently been enlarged to a capacity of 125,000 feet per day.

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