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ORGANIZES IN OREGON

Oregon Securities Company Incorporates for \$5,000,000 Oregon South Eastern Railway Co. for \$1,000,000.

Senate bill No. 244 which recently became a law, has already had a beneficial effect. Heretofore the law for corporations compelled the majority of the directors to be residents of the state. In many instances those who were supplying the money to carry on work were non-residents and it is usually their desire to have a controlling vote in the affairs of the Company which they are supporting. The Oregonian of March 1st says:

"The first corporation to organize in Oregon under the new law provided for by Senate Bill No. 244 was the Oregon Securities Company which filed papers yesterday asking a franchise for a \$5,000,000 corporation. It will be followed today by the Oregon Southeastern Railway Company with a capital stock of \$1,000,000. These two companies control the Bohemia mining district and have formerly been operated under charters from New Jersey, to which they paid as an annual tax \$5000 and \$1000, respectively.

WHAT THE NEW LAW PROVIDES.

The new law provides that corporations having a majority of their directors outside the state may become corporations of this state and may hold meetings out of the state. This gives to corporations operating exclusively in Oregon, but under outside charters, an opportunity to save the tax in the other state and to belong to the state to which their operations are confined.

The Oregon Securities Company owns the Helena, the Musick and the Champion groups and other smaller properties in the Bohemia district, comprising in all about 1000 acres. In the last five years it has expended \$1,500,000 in the Bohemia district, \$250,000 having gone in the last 18 months to a 500-horsepower electric plant, a 30-stamp mill and railroads connecting the mines. It is said to be the largest mining operation in Oregon. It is now drilling at the rate of seven feet a day an eight by nine-foot tunnel with double track through Grouse Hill, connecting the mines at the mill in Champion Basin. Active milling will begin within 30 days.

NAMES OF INCORPORATORS.

The incorporators of the Oregon Securities Company are John W. Wheeler, of Orange, Mass., president; George W. Crosby, of Atlantic City, first vice-president; George French, of North Adams, Mass., second vice-president; G. B. Hengen, secretary and treasurer; John H. Pearsons, of New York, assist-

ant secretary and treasurer; Frederick Eggert, of Portland; Albert Hawkins, of North Adams, Mass., and Dr. Herbert E. Smith, of New Haven, Conn.

The Oregon Southeastern Railroad, Company extends for 18 miles from Cottage Grove towards the Bohemia district. It will not be extended further, as the electric road from the mines will be built down 18 miles to meet it. The grade was built last year.

The incorporators of the Oregon Southeastern Railroad are G. B. Hengen, president and treasurer; George W. Corbin, first vice-president; A. B. Wood, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. A. B. Wood is manager-secretary and treasurer of the O & S. E. railway.

Piano Recital.

The following is the very interesting programme of the piano recital given by the pupils of Mrs. Roy Welch at her home Saturday p. m.:

- Duet: LaPelle Concert Op. 542. Verna Brown and Mabel Rosenberg.
- (a) Etude—Burgmuller. Mabel Veatch.
- (b) Schusucht. Fr. Quackenburg Op. 18. Mabel Veatch.
- Duet: O'er Hill and Dale. Engleman Lindley Welch and Hazel Hemenway.
- Lorella Waltz. Spindler Helah Gorman.
- Sweet Violets Waltz. Winthrop Mrs. Blew.
- Duet: Fill Pat. Engleman Lizzie and Annie Hohl.
- King Fisher March. Karl Melzer Delbert Girkison.
- The Social Whirl. Bayard Foote Mrs. Van Allbon.
- Duet: Little Light Heart. Daseh Allie and Flora Phillips.
- The Robin's Lullaby. Krogman Mabel Rosenberg.
- Landlicher Waltz. Spindler Della Jackson.
- Duet: Parade Review March. Engleman Clara VanRiper and Mrs. Welch.
- Chassonette. Krogman Florence Brown.
- Duet: Leucht Kugeln. Franz Beir Belle Burkholder and Mrs. Welch.
- Leicht Herz. Marguerite Jones.
- The Grasshopper's Frolic. Paul Duellie Belle Burkholder.
- Knights and Ladies Waltzes. Lindley Welch.

Whist Club.

The Whist Club met again on Tuesday evening in Woodman hall.

There were the members and a few invited guests, making an attendance of more than thirty in number.

Eighteen games were played with the result that Mrs. W. C. Connor and Mr. Ben Lurch were the successful contestants for the prizes.

Mesdames F. B. Phillips and LeRoy Woods entertained the club and visitors with an elegant lunch in the spacious dining room adjoining the hall.

Frank Vincent DuMond, one of the world's foremost painters and illustrators, and proprietor of the Lyme school, England, has been selected as head of the Fine Arts exhibit at the Lewis and Clarke Exposition.

DEATH OF EVA DAVENPORT

Found Dying at an Early Hour Friday Morning, Probable Suicide.

Friday morning the city was startled by the report that Miss Davenport, a courtesan who has resided here for some time had, during the night been murdered.

From the circumstances and evidence thus far obtained it is quite likely it was a case of suicide.

Miss Davenport has frequently been seen on the streets and it has been remarked by many, of her quiet and unobtrusive ways, and it was evident she had in former years been a woman of some culture.

The coroner was telephoned at Eugene, and he deputised Judge Vaughn to act for him. Constable Atkins summoned a jury and at nine o'clock the jury was sworn and proceeded to make an investigation.

The jury proceeded to the house of the deceased and made an inspection of the room and where she was found. Dr. Kime, who had been summoned and was with her at the time of her death assisting.

On the top of her head a cut some two inches in length was shown, which was probably made by striking against some object when she fell.

After the return to the Justice office the jury consisting of Oliver Veatch, J. S. Osmond, Scott Christian, Harry Wynne, W. H. Martin and H. L. Lincoln began the examination of witnesses.

Dr. Kime was the first witness called and testified: That he was summoned by telephone and reached the bed side of the deceased about a quarter past three, she was then in spasms and about twenty minutes past three breathed her last breath, on examination of head found a gash about one inch in length and cut to the bone, no fracture of skull. How the cut was made is only conjecture, made through examination. Had learned that she had purchased one dram of strychnine at Modern Pharmacy the night before. My opinion is the cause of death was strychnine poison. The spasms were such as that poison would produce.

John Witte sworn a druggist at Modern Pharmacy; Miss Davenport came in last night, wanted strychnine to kill rats, bought rat poison about a month ago which she said was not strong enough, and if this did not kill the rats nothing would; seemed rather wearied when she came. Showed jury the record of the sale of the poison.

Lee Minert sworn—stated he had gone to rear of saloon at 3 o'clock heard a noise which he at first supposed to be a cat, walked closer to house and concluded it was the voice of a woman, tried to open door and found it locked, broke the lock and found Miss Davenport lying on floor, face upwards, spoke to her but received no answer, took hold and tried to raise her up when spasm passed, asked what was the matter, she said "I am dying" and requested me to send her body home to Fisher, Minn. Then went to saloon sent George Spedham for doctor went back and I, Herb Leonard and Flossie Harris carried her to a bed. Doctor Kime arrived shortly after; she did not say anything about taking poison; was rational only one time. Did not see anyone about the place and the doors were all locked.

Flossie Harris testified, Miss Davenport called me about 8 o'clock last evening and asked me to go to the show, I went and was with her until about 11 o'clock, she seemed happy and laughed considerably. About three this morning heard a noise, heard Minert go to her house and break in the door. He called me and I went over. She was lying on her back on the floor and seemed very sick. We placed her on the bed and the doctor came, but she died soon afterward. She only said "I am dying."

H. C. Leonard was called and testified the first he knew of the matter he was sitting in house back of Cummin's place. Minert called to Flossie to come over to the Davenport house; she asked me to wait until she returned; she soon called me to come over and when I went in Eva was lying on the floor; we placed her on the bed and the

doctor soon arrived. He tried to give her medicine but she seemed unable to swallow. She soon died. Have never heard her say she was afraid of anyone injuring her. Never knew her to drink anything but beer.

Ben Curry stated he was at the house of Miss Davenport a little after 11 o'clock she appeared to be all right with the exception of complaining of a pain in her chest. Once her breathing seemed to almost stop, she talked about the show. No one else was there and I left about one o'clock.

To learn if the rumor was true that she had drawn money from the bank yesterday, Herbert Eakin president of the bank was called. He testified she had money in the bank but had drawn none out for a month or more.

Lee Minert was recalled and asked if he knew whether she had money in the house. He stated he did not know had been away for some days.

Miss Flossie Harris also recalled but did not know of her having any money in her possession.

CORONER'S JURY VERDICT

We the coroner's jury impaneled to enquire into the death of Eva Davenport would submit the following verdict:

We find from the evidence that deceased came to her death by strychnine poisoning administered by her own hands with suicidal intent.

W. S. CHRISMAN, Foreman
OLIVER VEATCH
J. S. OSMUND
H. WYNNE
W. H. MARTIN
H. O. LINCOLN

THE INSPECTION WORK IS DONE

B. A. Worthington Completes Work for Harriman Lines.

The special train used by the officials of the Harriman lines in the inspection of the lines in the west side of the Willamette Valley, returned to Portland yesterday. Leaving Portland Monday with three special cars, the party made a thorough inspection of all the west side lines in the Willamette Valley. Several hours were spent in visiting at the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis. Monday night the train was sidetracked at Corvallis. This trip finishes up the inspection of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon. In several weeks B. A. Worthington, general manager of the Harriman lines in Oregon, will tour the Washington branch of the O. R. & N.

Mr. Worthington, in speaking of his trip on the Southern Pacific track to Ashland, where his jurisdiction ends, said that work had commenced on the laying of 200 miles of 80-pound rails between Ashland and Divide. The rails to be displaced are 56 and 62-pound rails. Three separate large gangs of men are at work laying the rails, and it is expected the task will have been completed by June 1. This improvement will be rushed in preparation for the great amount of travel to the Fair at Portland.

Will be Interesting Feature.

Portland, March 3.—Preparations for the salmon fisheries exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Exposition will be instituted immediately at the Yakima hatchery. Eggs are now being stripped from steel-head salmon, and it is planned to have at least 500,000 for the exhibit which will be held in the Forestry building at the Centennial.

The eggs stripped from the salmon will be kept in the hatchery for a week or ten days. It requires about fifty days for the eggs to mature, but by putting them in cold storage, their development can be retarded. The eggs will be shipped to Portland at the expiration of two weeks.

By the time these steel-head salmon eggs are hatched, the chinook salmon will commence to spawn and afford the fishery officials a source for fresh eggs. In this manner all stages of the propagation of salmon eggs will be exhibited during the entire period that the Exposition remains open.

BORN.
VEATCH—To Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Veatch, on March 3rd, 1905, a ten pound boy.

A PLEASANT SOCIAL GATHERING

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jones Entertains a Large Party of Friends Wednesday Evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jones on Wednesday evening entertained in a very hospitable manner a large number of their friends in this city.

At an early hour the parlors in their elegant home were filled and until midnight every one present was made to feel the occasion was arranged especially for his or hers benefit.

After all had arrived partners for the guessing contest were selected by the unique method of letters which had been dissected and when the two pieces could be matched the partnership was formed.

On cards twenty questions were asked, all of which could be answered by something to be found upon a penny.

The "gray matter" was in active operation for sometime and until it was announced that a solution of each question propounded had been answered, when the work was compared and the prizes consisting of elegant small cups and saucers were awarded except in the booby class, a very ordinary but useful tooth pick holder was the reward for the winners.

First prize, Mrs. Gunn and J. I. Jones, 2nd prize, Mrs. R. Smith and Miss Gertrude Bardick; 1st booby prize, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hogate; 2nd booby prize, Mrs. Cunningham and J. S. Benson.

Following the awarding of prizes, a number of the guests kindly consented to assist in the evenings enjoyment.

Mr. F. L. Gunn recited a humorous selection, which was well received. Charles Cochran, accompanied by Mrs. Benson on the piano, gave several fine cornet solos.

Mrs. J. M. Benson then amused with a splendid rendition of "a visit of a country lady, who went to a department store in the city, but being overcome by the impertinence of clerks and other troubles, returned to purchase her bonnet at the country store at home."

Dr. Corpron recited one of Tennyson's poems which was also well received.

Then came something that all were fully prepared for by this time—a splendid lunch. Ike had to stop the clock so that the party could adjourn to their respective homes before the hour of midnight.

The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lundy, Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Eakin, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hogate, Mrs. and Mrs. J. S. Benson, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Gunn, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Dunn, Mr. and Mrs.

M. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. A. Corpron, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. VanDenberg, Mrs. W. C. Conner, Mrs. Berdick, Mrs. S. Stevens, Miss Lizzie Orpud, Eunice VanDenberg Charles Cochran, Earnest Sears, W. B. Root.

A "Summer" Social.

An enjoyable evening was had on Tuesday evening, when a large crowd of young people gathered in the Odd Fellows hall, where a "summer" social was given in honor of the boy's Basket Ball team by the Freshmen class of the High School.

The enjoyments of the evening were opened by a grand march which was followed by various games, dances and social chats. After participating therein till a late hour a very dainty supper was served and after a brief time the young folks departed for their various homes pronouncing it a success.

To be Chief.

It is reliably reported that J. S. Stiles, who resigned as chief of police last spring to make the campaign for sheriff on the republican ticket and who, after his defeat, was appointed by Mayor Chrisman on the night police force, will soon resume his old position as chief.

Chief Gilbert is at present taking a layoff and will leave in a few days for Southern Oregon to look after some mining properties which he owns there. It is said that he will resign from the office and that Stiles will be appointed in his place. Chief Gilbert has other property interests which, it is said, require his attention and it is probable that he will resign on this account. —Guard.

Woodman Convention.

On next Wednesday the district convention of the Woodmen of the World will convene in Cottage Grove.

From the best information at hand there will be at least one hundred delegates and friends, possibly more. These delegates are coming from all parts of Southern Oregon and the appearance of the city will be noticed.

The committee in charge request that at least the business houses be decorated upon this occasion.

The colors of the order are red, white and black.

Mining Locations.

W. Foley files notice of location of the following mining claims Bohemia district: "Sampson," "Capital," "Monte Carlo," "Dewy," "Tiger" and "Elkhorn."

John W. Cox locates "Trade Dollar" claim, Bohemia district.

A. Brewer locates the following claims, Bohemia district: "Corlies," "Keystone," "Bonanza," "Conger."

It is almost time for candidates for city officers to appear in our midst.

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