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## EXTENSION OF SERVICE

### OREGON POWER CONSIDERS BUILDING TO BUENA VISTA.

#### High Tension Line Would Afford Light and Power Facilities to Many Extensive Farmers.

The Oregon Power company is considering the advisability of extending its service to Buena Vista from Independence, supplying that place and farmers along the route, with electrical energy for light and power purposes, and will probably build a high tension cable between the places mentioned, provided fifty consumers sign an agreement to use juice for a certain period. Manager Martin attended a meeting of the farmers and citizens of Buena Vista at what is known as the Bottom school house the other night, and the interest manifested in the project by the residents of that section indicated that they are earnestly in favor of introducing the modern method. Nearly fifty people were in attendance, and with very few exceptions all signified their intention of becoming identified with the undertaking.

It is the purpose of the company to build a light and power line from Independence to Buena Vista, via the lower road, the farmers to make connections therewith at their own expense. At the meeting Mr. Martin surprised those present by offering to build the line between the two points without cost to those to be served, the only condition being that his company be given fifty patrons for a specified time. Those who had taken the matter up with him entertained the proposition most favorably, and are now engaged in securing the required number of consumers, in which they expect to experience little or no difficulty.

The proposed line would serve some of the largest ranches of the county, passing through the rich bottom lands of the Willamette river, where extensive hop yards are maintained. One of these is the Wigrich ranch, of which Major Rose is manager, and who is one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the enterprise. Mr. Fred West went over the proposed route on Monday, and interviewed a number of the farmers who contemplate introducing electrical service, and if the project reaches successful consummation he will probably connect most of the properties adjacent to the line therewith.

This is a plan which Manager Martin has been working on for some time past, and the construction of the proposed line to Buena Vista, and furnishing service to farmers, will mean that other sections of the county will eventually follow in the wake of the enterprising tillers of the soil in this locality. The Oregon Power company's plant in Dallas is of sufficient capacity to care for the entire surrounding country. At present it furnishes electrical energy for light and power in this city, Independence and Monmouth, between which points the farmers along the high tension line have an opportunity to secure ample service for the operation of farm machinery and the lighting of their homes, dairy barns and outbuildings.

## ELECTRICAL PROSPERITY WEEK

### A. L. Martin Tells of Significance of National Celebration.

Electrical interests in Dallas and elsewhere are preparing, with much ceremony and publicity, for the celebration of Electrical Prosperity week, one of the most important events in business year for power companies and electrical supply houses. Electrical Prosperity week is to take the form of a nation-wide educational campaign in the advantages of electrical equipment. "The week will be devoted," says A. L. Martin of the Oregon Power company, "to acquaint the public with the new and up-to-date uses for electricity in home, store, office and factory. Every possible form of advertising, including bill boards, window displays and newspapers, will be used to attract public attention to this week, and to prompt people to ask questions about electricity and about electrical appliances. The field is one of great opportunities, and the inquirer is bound to be made enthusiastic by what he learns."

"The wonderful developments in the uses of electricity have come along so rapidly that it has been impossible to keep the people informed. Electrical interests have not been able to keep pace with the growing interest. Not only these things, but Electrical Prosperity week will mean a 'shop early' opportunity. The week of November 29 to December 4, inclusive, will be Electrical Prosperity week. That is just three weeks before Christmas and will give people a chance to select electrical gifts under the most favorable conditions."

### Committee to Hold Meeting.

Mrs. A. H. Morrison, press superintendent for the local Woman's Christian Temperance union, announces that the executive committee of the W. C. T. U. and the superintendent

of departments are requested to meet at the home of the president, Mrs. A. S. Campbell, next Monday evening at 7 o'clock, to discuss plans of work for the coming year. It is hoped that all the members of this committee will be present. At the regular business meeting last Monday it was decided to let each department have charge of one social meeting during the year that there may be a better understanding in general of the work.

## WANTS GOOD ORGANIZATION.

### Republican County Committee May Convene During Present Month.

Although the primary election is a long way off, there is talk of candidates to fill the various county offices, and with this talk comes a call for a meeting of the County Central committee, which will probably be called by Chairman Hampton for the latter part of the month. Already the State Central committee is at work, and leading republicans of Polk county are of the belief that the local body should hold an early meeting and arrange for the election of precinct committeemen for the forty-two precincts of the county, who are to be elected in the primary next spring. The precinct being the unit, the suggestion is considered a good one, and will doubtless be acted upon by the central committee. Last year's organization was the best the republicans of Polk county have had for many years, and it is the purpose of Mr. Hampton to make this organization still more effective in the coming election.

The local offices to fill will be that of sheriff, treasurer, clerk, school superintendent, assessor and county surveyor. John W. Orr will be a candidate to succeed himself, while Fred J. Holman will seek the place of county clerk, as will also Dr. Charles Dunsmore of Independence. H. C. Seymour will probably be nominated to the office which he now holds. Mention of possibilities for the other places have not assumed anything like shape as yet, but several have been fixing their fences for the assessorship. The county treasurer's office may go begging, inasmuch as the salary connected therewith is not of sufficient inducement to bring out aspirants. When the present incumbent was elected the office paid something like \$1500 per year, but since then, because of tax collections having been transferred to the sheriff's office, the salary has been reduced practically one-half.

## QUIRING ASSAULTS DIEHM.

### Youth Blacks Eye of Accuser—Church is Arena for Fight.

Because he was accused by John Diehm of participating in Hallowe'en pranks, John Quiring, a Polk Station youth, assaulted Mr. Diehm who, as a result, is nursing a much discolored eye. Mr. Diehm, who was no match for his assailant because of his physical condition, swore out a complaint against Quiring and late yesterday afternoon Justice Holman fined the youth \$5 and costs when he pleaded guilty to the charge. Sheriff Orr arrested Quiring by phone, and the young man appeared at the court house on time. The mixup in which Mr. Diehm was assaulted occurred on Sunday at the Menopite church at Polk Station, where the fistifuffs attracted a good audience.

### Courier's Wires Are Crossed.

The Benton County Courier, published at Corvallis, has its wires crossed and as a consequence confounds the operations of the Oregon Portland Cement company, whose work of connecting its quarry near Dallas by rail is now in progress, with the project to manufacture a commercial fertilizer from limestone deposits adjacent to the company's holdings. The one is real, the other prospective. The Oregon Portland Cement company will open its quarry here and ship limestone to Oswego as soon as the railroad spur of several miles has been completed, while as regards the fertilizer proposition "investigations" are still being made.

### Co-operative Egg Marketing.

Co-operative marketing of eggs has been taken up by the Lane County Pomona grange. The market committee of that body has made arrangements to buy all the eggs the members have to offer, the scheme being financed by a local bank. The highest market price prevailing in Eugene will be paid for the eggs. They will then be candled and graded and shipped in bulk to the city, where the market is best. The money received over the price paid by the local committee will be distributed among the farmers who furnished the eggs.

### Accidents Reported.

Five accidents in Polk county are listed in the last weekly report of the State Industrial Accident commission. They are: Mrs. C. O. Johnson, Falls City, head bruised; Mrs. N. A. Montgomery, Falls City, bruised face; E. R. Lewis, Falls City, hand cut; August Schrader, Dallas, hand injured, sawmill; Roman Houser, Falls City, bruised shoulder, sawmill. The first three injured were passengers on the motor car that hit a log train, near the shops here, last week.

## BUILDING NEW FENCES

### MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION KIBOSHES FAKE ADVERTISING

#### Solicitors Must Hereafter Have Scheme Sanctioned Before Business Men Contribute.

The elimination of fake advertising by itinerants who travel over the country catching the unwary, and placing the soliciting of money for charities, picnics and all other purposes on a sound business basis, are two important features of the recently organized Merchants' Retail association. From the evidence of business people, introduced at the session, it was clearly shown that the average merchant annually contributes several hundred dollars to these causes for which the returns amount to comparatively nothing. While no merchant declines to contribute to worthy causes, the drawing of the line between the worthy and unworthy is difficult to distinguish without some investigation, and it is the purpose of this organization to name a committee to which such matters may be taken for approval, without which all contributions will be withheld in the future. This same plan is successfully operated elsewhere in the valley, and it is as much in the interest of meritorious undertakings as those of a questionable character. Under the proposed new order of things causes of merit may secure the approval of the committee by applying to the secretary or president of the association, and when their petition is so branded the desired support will be forthcoming from those members who may elect to make contributions.

Fake advertising has long been a source of annoyance to merchants of Dallas, as elsewhere, scarcely a week passing that some itinerant does not appear upon the scene with some publicity scheme, which is worked with more or less success. The association purposes to hereafter give the home publications the benefit of their expenditures for publicity, and unless some proposition of unusual merit is presented schemes of this character will be nipped in the bud by the committee, the members of the organization not being permitted to tender their favors, or their money, without its sanction. As one member whose bank account has been debited by this class of advertising remarked: "This fake advertising gets us nowhere; I believe in patronizing the home papers, for they are constantly laboring to build up the community, and their efforts in this direction gives us direct returns. In building a fence around our advertising dollar we are not only encouraging home industry and home enterprise, but are showing our appreciation of what the newspapers are doing for the whole country."

### No Poultry Show.

The report, originating in the fertile mind of the Oregonian's Rieckreall correspondent, that the Polk County Poultry association will hold a show in Dallas in January is without foundation of fact. When the Poultry show was consolidated with the county fair, the January event was eliminated.

### High Tides Play Havoc.

High tides at Bar View during the past week have caused much damage to property, and in some instances building lots on the beach have been washed completely away. Several cottages were moved into the street to save them.

## Attracts Much Attention

For two entire days The Observer staff has been on a continual jump to answer telephone calls and personal presentations by those who found the misspelled word on the bargain page that appeared for the first time in the Tuesday issue of the paper. At noon on Tuesday the rush started and even now an occasional response comes from some one who has carefully perused the page of interesting and attractive ads. in the hope of collecting the dollar in cash. Although the announcement offered one dollar to the first finder to personally present the mistake at the office there were many telephone calls. Leif Finseth was the first, however, to detect the mistake and he collected the cash. The staff had almost despaired of getting out the next issue of the paper when it hit upon the plan of directing applicants for the award to the merchant in whose ad. the misspelled word appears each Tuesday. Therefore, if the finder of the mistake will personally present the correction to the merchant, in whose ad. it appears, he will be given one dollar without further ado.

That The Observer's special page of advertisements from a small list of the city's enterprising merchants has attracted the instant attention of the people of Dallas and Polk county

## MAY USE ENDOWMENT

### DALLAS COLLEGE CONSIDERING CORVALLIS FOR LOCATION.

#### Would Establish Divinity School to Replace Defunct Institution of Learning.

The defunct Dallas college, conducted in this city for a number of years by the Evangelical church of the state, and which undertook to form a consolidation with Philomath college after it had closed because it could not meet standardization requirements, may take its permanent endowment to Corvallis and there establish a permanent Bible school, to be conducted along the lines similar to those of the Christian church's Bible school at Eugene. Rev. C. C. Poling, presiding elder of the Evangelical church, accompanied by Presiding Elder Mumey, this week visited Corvallis and presented a proposition to the commercial body of that place with this end in view, which is told by the Times-Gazette in the following:

"Dr. Poling stated he is a member of a committee appointed to look over the state for a suitable location for an Evangelical school in some city in the state of Oregon, where Bible subjects may be taught and young people prepared for the ministry. The committee is to report its findings to the trustees of the church at the next meeting of the conference, which will be held April 1, 1916, at Portland. The committee, Dr. Poling stated is kindly disposed to establish the institution at one of the cities where a state institution of learning is established, thereby saving the church school the expense of operating a liberal arts department and giving it the opportunity to devote its entire energies to the divinity school or department. According to the statement of the Portland clergyman it is not a matter of which city will offer the biggest bonus, but all things will be considered, and that Corvallis has the natural advantages that gives her citizens the opportunity to bring the school to Corvallis if they desire it. The school, the speaker stated, would be located somewhere in the neighborhood of the present Evangelical church property, which is across Monroe street from the O. A. C. campus, and in an ideal location for a divinity school."

## GERLINGER BUNK PRAISED.

### Dallas Man Has Patent on Unique Apparatus.

A tribute to a log bunk patented by Carl Gerlinger was paid at a meeting of representatives of twenty railroad companies engaged in the transportation of logs in this state, before the public service commission at Portland on Wednesday. The representatives of the railroad companies were called together by the commission to show that the bunks and unloading devices on their cars measure up to specifications prescribed by law, complaint having been made by Labor Commissioner Hoff. The bunk patented by Mr. Gerlinger was said to be the best possible contrivance for the purpose and was strongly recommended for adoption. Railroad companies operating in this vicinity which were cited to appear at the meeting are the Southern Pacific and the Valley & Siletz. The Gerlinger patent bunk was subjected to rigid tests at Willsburg, some time ago, along with a large number of other patented and makeshift bunks. It was found by the labor commissioner to be the safe

est and cheapest bunk of all, and was at that time recommended for adoption. It was adopted officially by the Southern Pacific company, and is in use by many other railroads throughout the country. The Gerlinger bunk can be tripped from the opposite of the car and thus avoids any possible danger to the operator. At the time of the tests at Willsburg the Gerlinger dump unloaded five and six carloads of logs while other contrivances were unloading one car. Mr. Gerlinger is working on several other patents that seem to be equally as useful as is the log bunk.

## MEYERS SOLVES SITUATION.

### Dallas Farmer Gets Good Price for Porkers—Market Weak.

In the face of a weak feeling in the hog market of the country, and especially at the Portland Union stock yards, where the principal transactions in livestock are carried on, Floyd Meyers whose farm near Dallas has been the home of many fine porkers, has solved the problem of beating the market price, and his solution is working out to his entire satisfaction. In spite of the fact that a very small supply of hogs have entered the stock yards the price has been unusually low, averaging \$5.83 and \$6.03, and those who have many swine on hand have almost started the funeral service over their business. But Floyd Meyers failed to let this effect him when he forsook the situation some time ago. He made a trip to Portland, hired a stall in the public market, a man to take care of it, and he butchers, on an average, three porkers each day, for shipment to his market stall. By this means he gets 11 cents a pound, dressed, for every animal he butchers and is jubilant in the face of the stock yard depression. He is not selling in any other way, being very well satisfied to bank 11 cents a pound for all the meat he can produce.

## HALLOWE'EN GONE, ALSO GATES

### Those Missing Property Threaten to Prosecute Perpetrators.

Hallowe'en fun is all well and good while it remains within the bounds of fun, but it is predisposition with youngsters to carry their play too far. The frolicsome element that trifled with the peace and quietness of the city on Hallowe'en night lifted several perfectly good gates from their hinges, and so securely covered their hiding places that owners have been unable to recover their property. Though a gate may be a small thing in the youthful mind, it is a serious subject with owners, and more than one whose gate is still missing has threatened prosecution unless their property is returned within the next few days. It seems that the perpetrators of these things that have long since ceased to be jokes are known, in several cases, and the owners of the missing gates are keeping close tabs on them to determine whether the property is returned within a certain time. There is very little foolishness in the tones in which the owners say they will bring the reckless lads to justice unless they return the gates.

## VACANCY IN FACULTY FILLED.

### O. I. Shenoweth of Purdue University Manual Training Teacher.

The board of education having delegated Superintendent W. I. Ford with authority to engage a teacher in the manual training and bookkeeping departments, Mr. O. J. Chenoweth, late student at Purdue university of Indiana, has been employed and is now in the discharge of his duties. Mr. Chenoweth came hither from Silverton, and although this is his first actual teaching experience, he possesses those qualifications necessary to success, and enters upon the work with a determination to get the best possible results. In addition to the duties named it will be incumbent upon Mr. Chenoweth to assist in athletics, and in this line he has had much experience.

### Operate on Harry Woods.

Harry A. Woods underwent a very critical operation at the Dallas hospital on Wednesday, when an ulcer in the stomach and the appendix were removed. Mr. Wood has been suffering for several months with the pains incident to these growths, but he is rallying splendidly after the operation. Dr. A. B. Starbuck says his patient will be in the hospital for about three weeks. His many friends will be visitors at Mr. Woods bedside as soon as his condition permits.

### Adjourned Meeting Monday.

The Retail Merchants' association will hold an adjourned meeting at the La Creole club parlors Monday evening, when it is expected that several new members will sign the roll. In order to make the efforts of the association effective it should have the co-operation of all merchants in the city.

### Polk Saves the Valley.

Polk was the only county west of the Cascades to receive recognition at the Land show, four Eastern Oregon counties having been awarded prizes. Polk, in getting second place, should be congratulated for saving the Willamette valley from utter defeat.

## SPRAY SAVES DAMAGE

### FRUITMAN TELLS HOW TO PREVENT DISEASE TO TREES.

#### Marion County Inspector Consults Authorities and Gives Out Valuable Information.

The following article written by C. O. Constable, Marion county fruit inspector and published in The Journal, is of special interest to fruit growers and particularly those owning prune orchards:

Due to the loss to the growers by brown rot, cythodrosporium leaf spot and the synetia albidia insect during the past season I have taken the matter up for our mutual interest, with Professor Bars and Professor Posey of the Oregon Agricultural college, with a view of learning the best method of control. Unless you have observed very carefully you do not realize the extent of damage that has been done by the above.

The cythodrosporium leaf spot by causing the leaves and fruit to fall in mid summer, the loss of fruit and unmarketable condition at drying time by brown rot, and the eaten foliage and one sided imperfect and unmarketable cherries and prunes by the synetia albidia bug. We have outlined for the orchards that I am interested in as follows:

Cythodrosporium Leaf Spots—Plow all leaves under as deep as the roots will permit soon as possible.

Spray—Bordeaux mixture 4-4-50 when buds first appear. Bordeaux mixture 4-4-50 every three weeks until rainy season is over.

Brown Rot—Bordeaux mixture 4-4-50 when buds first open. Bordeaux mixture 4-4-50 soon has petals fall. Bordeaux mixture 4-4-50 three weeks later. Bordeaux mixture 4-4-50 one month before picking time.

Synetia Albidia—When this bug appears we will add to the above sprays, two pounds of arsenate of lead to 50 gallons of the Bordeaux mixture, which we think will control it at the same time we are spraying for the other trouble. In fact we believe that the spraying can be so timed that the three can be controlled at the same spraying.

## WANTS TWO BILLIONS MORE.

### War Is Costing England \$12,750,000 Daily, Says Asquith.

Dealing in dizzy totals, Premier Asquith has asked parliament for \$2,000,000,000 additional credit for carrying on England's share in the war—a share, he admitted, whose cost is constantly continuing upward. In seeking this vast new sum, bringing the total to \$7,000,000,000, Asquith announced that from a total of \$2,715,000,000 expended from April to November 6, \$2,585,000,000 had been used in buying shells, guns and other munitions with which to blow the enemy to bits. Loans to aid her allies have also continued, and of the above total, from April, \$491,000,000 was used for this purpose. The balance was spent in miscellaneous ways.

While picturing a continuing increase in England's daily war burden, the premier assured the house of commons that the government is doing its utmost in the way of economies. He mentioned that creation of a joint England-French war council is expected, while it is hoped Russia and Italy will also be represented. Asquith estimated that to September 12 the war had cost \$12,750,000 daily.

### Holbrook Asks Reparation.

Because his horse was killed and his buggy demolished and severe personal injuries received as a result of colliding with a Ford, L. A. Holbrook of Monmouth has filed suit in the circuit court against Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Nelson of Salem. Holbrook alleges that Harry Nelson, young son of defendants, was driving at an excessive speed on the Salem-Independence road on October 1, when he hit the Holbrook buggy. The complainant asks for \$300 damage for property loss and \$1500 for personal injuries.

### We Will Have a Honey Day.

Floyd E. Smith, secretary of the Oregon State Bee-keepers' association, has announced that Thursday, November 25, Thanksgiving day, has been set aside by bee-keepers as national honey day. The honey industry is one of the most important of the smaller industries in this state and the interest that will be aroused in the product through the observance of honey day will be a good thing for bee-keepers.

## POLK GOATS LEAD

A dispatch from San Francisco, under date of Wednesday, says William Riddell & Sons of Monmouth took three first prizes in three sections for Angora goats. The dispatch further says: "The prospects are that they will sweep everything over Texas, New Mexico and California in the Angora goat entries."