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## FREE MOVING PICTURES

### Estacada Merchants Working Along Progressive Lines

Plans were consummated this week between the business men of Estacada and A. E. Sparks to hereafter run free moving pictures at the Family Theatre, every Saturday afternoon from 12 noon until 4 P. M. for the benefit of all people living outside of the city limits of Estacada.

A plan has been tried out for the merchants to give away a limited number of free family tickets, for use on Saturdays. This plan brought good results but owing to the limited number, who could attend, it was decided to open the theatre up early in the day and allow all outsiders to witness the show.

The local business men are not asking for any credit as philanthropists, but they do deserve credit for being up-to-date merchants. The biggest problem facing the country merchant is to get his due share of the patronage from his adjacent territory. The mail order house has always exacted a heavy toll in this district, as in every rural one, and this evil has to be combated.

The local merchant, besides being one of the local taxpayers and always contributing more than his share for all public benefactions, is aiming to establish closer and more personal relations between himself and neighbor.

The opening up of the Family Theatre on Saturday afternoons, will mean an attraction to the housewife and children, as well as to the men. Many people living along the P. R. L. & P. line come to Estacada to trade, arriving at 12:30 P. M. and as no return train leaves until 4:55, this innovation will be welcomed by them, for everyone enjoys moving pictures.

Remember, next Saturday bring your wife and children and come to Estacada and spend the afternoon, you can leave the children at the picture show while you do your shopping and then see the show yourself and get back home at an early hour.

### Don't Tell Anyone

What you are going to wear at the C. I. C. Valentines Masquerade Dance, Monday evening, Feb. 15th. All of the clever costumes recently worn at the Dodge masquerade will be there and a hundred more, will compete for the prizes. Marchbank, Cary and Park & Clossner are showing a complete assortment of masks and dominoes.

## COUNTY ASSET

### Fishing and Hunting Clackamas Resources

Sportsmen from all over the State of Oregon are fighting the proposed measure that was recently introduced in the Legislature, to force the Fish & Game Commission funds into the general funds of the state and allow the appointment of Master Game and Fish Wardens to the discretion of the Governor.

In other words it would be making this commission and its operations dependent on political favor, and subject to change every turn of the political wheel.

The present commission is made up of four good men; men, who are sportsmen at heart and good business men in their respective professions. These men receive \$5. per day for the days on which they work, and not to exceed \$100 each in a year, with mileage and expenses. This commission appoints their Master Fish Warden and the Master Game Warden, who in turn appoint their deputies. These men have probably made some mistakes, for they had no precedent to go by, but they have had the experience, which would be lost entirely if a new commission was to be appointed with each political change.

A petition, signed by a large number of the sportsmen and business men of this community, was recently sent to Representative Hunt at Salem, protesting against this contemplated measure. Also several parties wrote him personal letters expressing the same views. Hunt comes back in a letter to Dr. H. V. Adix of Estacada, insinuating that the local people don't know what they are talking about and are not informed on the subject, as he claims that the present commission has not kept a good record of the expenditures of the department. In reality, the commission has kept a first class record, which is open to the public, extracts of which are on file at the Progress office.

Representative Schuebel has not been backward in his antagonism to the present Fish and Game Commission and Senator Dimick seems to agree with him, as they are advocating the passing of the proposed measure. It does not seem necessary for Representative Hunt to stick with his brother legislators on this question, especially after "the folks at home" have gone on record against it.

### George Club Elects Officers

The George Social & Commercial Club at their annual meeting, Jan. 30, elected the following officers: Pres. A. H. Miller; V. P. H. C. Stevens; Secy. Otto Janssen; Treas. Henry Johnson; program committee, Mrs. Henry Smith, Mrs. C. A. Johnson and H. C. Stevens; house committee, Geo. Eilers, Henry Smith, Henry Joyner, Chris Johnson, Chris Klinker and Mrs. Peter Rath, and Miss. Flora Johnson, reporter. Retiring president Joyner was given a unanimous vote of thanks for his work in the past year. After the business session an informal dance was held.

## County Taxes \$784,377.

In Clackamas County this year, \$784,377 will be collected in taxes, according to the figures prepared by J. O. Staats, who, Saturday night completed his two-month task of extending the tax roll. The total amount is divided into the following items:

State and county tax	\$661,940.15
Special school	108,644.14
Special high school	1,752.66
Special roads	64,012.21
Cities and towns	47,716.94
Forest patrol	311.54

Total.....\$784,377.64

Treasurer Dunn announced the following deputies, who will serve under Tax Collector Harrington: Misses Jessie Paddock, Ona Renner, Mary Confer and Nell Richardson.

### Priscillas Entertain Hubbies

The Currinsville Priscillas entertained their husbands Thursday evening, Jan. 28th, at Ely's Hall, with a play entitled, "Hans Von Smash" with the following cast: Hans Von Smash Ellen Erickson  
Mr. Batch Della Lovell  
His daughters, Edith Trowbridge  
Dora Currin  
Henry Dasher Ruth Githens  
John Pettymann Nina Taylor  
Katie Doris Lovell

The Currinsville orchestra, assisted by Hattie Belfils, provided the best of music. The balance of the program included readings and recitations by Mesdames O'Neel, Sisson, E. E. Saling, Henry Heiple and Miss. Minnie Steinman. Last but not least a fine chicken dinner was served.

### To Be or Not To Be

The county court and others interested, had considered the advisability of discontinuing the County Fair at Canby. Now, commissioner Mattoon says it is likely that it will be held as usual.

Recently the Legislature repealed the law appropriating certain sums to each county, for premiums at local fairs, and without the \$2,000. or more which previously has been Clackamas' share, it will be up-hill, pocket-rending work, to finance this annual show.

Commissioner Knight, who lives at Canby is naturally much in favor of continuing the fair but many of the directors and stockholders had to make up a deficit last year.

If the county can afford it, the fair should be held and the East Clackamas Fair should not be overlooked when the money is being distributed.

## MERCHANTS NEED AN ASSOCIATION

In nearly every enterprising city in the country, there is an association made up exclusively of the merchants or business men. It is the old story of cooperation and in union there is strength.

Estacada has had its Commercial Club and its Development League, both of which organizations flourished for a time, but the objects of these associations were broader and more rambling and as a result harder to accomplish. Let the Ladies Civic Improvement Club handle the civic and municipal duties, for they have proven that they are perfectly able to do so, but the business men should unite and cope with problems directly connected with their work.

The opening up of the Family Theatre on Saturday afternoons is one good step in the direction of drawing trade and making the home town a pleasanter place to trade in. Many similar ideas could be worked out by such a united organization.

The need is felt in Estacada for a commission house to handle the farmers' products. The merchants all buy eggs, but all potatoes, apples and other vegetables should be bought in Estacada, and ultimately a farmer's entire output could be handled here. Owing to the narrow profit in such staples and the fluctuations in prices, the average merchant cannot afford to run the risk of over-stocking and standing a loss with the chance of making a profit. A plan might be consummated among the merchants to unite and handle these products and prorate the profit or loss, until the business became self supporting.

Such an organization is also needed in the proper establishing and handling of credits and collections.

By united effort, trade from outlying sections can be brought into Estacada, in some cases by the improving of short intervals of roads. Trade, like water, naturally follows the line of least resistance, but trade, unlike water, is particular as to whether it flows into a cesspool or into a live, lustling valley.

Such an organization should be formed and at once as results will surely be felt.

The residence of O. S. Matthews of South Estacada was completely destroyed by fire last Monday evening. The family had recently moved to Milwaukie and the origin of the fire is unknown.