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Fire Protection Imperiled

On Thursday of last week, it was discovered that the Estacada water supply was almost at a stand still, with a very slight pressure obtainable in the business district and no water at all in some parts of the city.

It was at first supposed that the freezing weather was responsible for the trouble, but a hurried investigation showed that the dam across the creek at the intake, had been torn out and the flow almost cut off.

Investigation is now under way to determine the cause of the break, as Marshal Ames reports it was not the work of the rise in the stream, ice or livestock.

Investigation further showed that the city's reservoir had been empty for two days, the city receiving its water through a direct connected main.

Owing to the added danger of fire, during the cold spell, the tampering with the water supply is a more than ordinarily serious offense.

Funeral At Eagle Creek

A large crowd of friends and relatives paid their last respects to the late Isaac Foster of Eagle Creek last Saturday.

The funeral service occurred at the home of his brother, with Rev. Givens officiating.

W. O. W. Dance Postponed

Word was received Tuesday noon from Fred Anderson of Eagle Creek, that the W. O. W. Dance, which was to have occurred next Saturday evening at Cogswell's Hall, has had to be postponed indefinitely. This change was made necessary, owing to the illness of the daughter of B. F. Cogswell, who is now down with scarlet fever.

Estacada Girl In Pendleton Hospital

The many friends of Mrs. Ralph Richard, of Stanfield, Or., who was formerly Miss Clema Harkenrider of Estacada, will be pleased to learn that she is reported to be out of danger, following a serious illness, which necessitated her being taken to the Pendleton hospital.

Her mother, Mrs. F. J. Harkenrider, is with her, having gone to Pendleton last week.

The Trend Of The Times

The trend of the times is towards cooperation in all lines of social and economic conditions. This tendency is increasing now in the rural districts as exemplified by the formation of union high schools, commercial clubs, taxpayers' leagues, granges, business men's leagues and the like and the church cannot much longer stand against this growing need of cooperation.

In this connection, the following extract from the Advance, the Congregational weekly publication, sums it up fairly:

"But the thing that bobs up in our mind every time we start to reflect on this new community temper and organizing genius is just this: What is to happen in scores of these small towns when the three or four denominational churches, which have been struggling for self-perpetuation so long, come bump up against a community consciousness that is not interested in the defense of a particular doctrine or the keeping up of a controversy that started in the period just before the war? So sure as there is any power in this thing, something will happen. The community, when it once gets thoroughly awake to its needs, and to the power to serve them that lies in the Christian church, is going to force a redefinition and a new program from the denominations wherever they are too thick to be efficient in the open country or in the villages. And there will be no use trying to throw dust in the eyes of an intelligent community spirit. If the church has a real service to render and a message that touches life to give, then the church is going to stay. But if there is nothing more than a denominational pride to be sustained, there will be short shrift for scores of ecclesiastical organizations that have appealed successfully to home missionary boards, but which cannot make the same claim upon the questioning and alert mind of the community that is awake."

Are not we, of Eastern Clackamas, facing exactly the condition outlined above? Isn't the reason that our church support is lacking, due to the fact that the church is not keeping up-to-date, along with other public institutions?

To get closer home, isn't the reason that there are but 17 regular supporters of the Estacada M. E. Church an indication of the public feeling?

While the Progress isn't closely conversant with the finances of other nearby churches, it is a safe assertion that all are having a hard fight to make both ends meet.

Isn't it time for some of the church leaders to get together and agitate a community church in Estacada?

DESPITE WEATHER

TAXPAYERS MEET

Next Meeting At Logan February 16th

Even the snowdrifted roads and the freezing weather failed to keep many taxpayers from attending the second regular meeting of the Eastern Clackamas Taxpayers League, which occurred in the Family Theatre in Estacada, last Monday afternoon.

About 125 taxpayers were present, although had weather conditions permitted, the seating capacity of the theatre would have been taxed, as many who had hoped to be present, were unable to make the trip.

The reports from several district presidents, showed the sentiments of their respective communities to be heartily in favor of the League, its purposes and aims.

Hon. Wm. H. Mattoon, of the County Court, was the only member of that body present. Mr. Mattoon gave an interesting talk on the work of the court and expressed his sentiments regarding several proposed and past matters. Mr. Mattoon, to the best of his ability, answered any and all questions put to him and much good was accomplished by the discussion.

E. W. Bartlett called attention to the recent appropriation of \$3,000. by this county to enforce the prohibition laws. He further showed that but one other county in the state had appropriated any additional money for similar law enforcement, and in summing up his talk, characterized this \$3,000. appropriation as a foolish waste of the taxpayers money, under the existing conditions. His remarks apparently met with the approval of the members present.

W. Givens was the first regular speaker on the program and his rousing good talk on community cooperation and development was well applauded. Later in the meeting he was requested to give a similar talk at the next meeting at Logan.

Frank Branch Riley of Portland, the well known good roads advocate, was the principal speaker of the afternoon and for threequarters of an hour gave his listeners a good talk on the subject of roads and road building and their value in the development of Oregon. Mr. Riley's

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Estacada Resident Dies in Portland

Mr. Thomas Sampson, a resident of Estacada for the past two years, passed away early Wednesday morning at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, where he was taken Monday night to undergo a serious operation for abdominal trouble.

Mr. Sampson who was 64 years old, was born in Scotland but had spent the majority of his life in Minnesota, where he was engaged in farming.

About a year ago, Mr. and Mrs. Sampson moved from Estacada onto their property in South Estacada, formerly owned by Mr. J. H. Conway.

The deceased is survived by his widow; a son, W. J. Sampson, of the firm of Allen & Sampson and a daughter, Mrs. F. B. Guthrie, of Estacada.

A funeral service was held in Portland Wednesday and the body placed in a vault, where it will remain for a time, to be removed at a later date to Wisconsin for burial.

The many friends, join in expressing their heartfelt sympathy to the family, in this loss of their husband and father.

Paralytic Stroke Fatal

After suffering for sometime from heart trouble, followed by a paralytic stroke last week, Walter Irving Crane of Springwater, died at 7:40 A. M., this morning, January 20th, at the family home.

The deceased, who was better known as W. F. Crane, had been a resident of Springwater off and on for the past 25 years, having lived near Aurora, Or. for about 8 years in the meantime.

Mr. Crane was born in Rockford, Illinois, January 17, 1856, and lived in Michigan and Indiana, previous to his coming to Oregon in 1891. He was married in 1883 to Marie Louisa Andrews.

The deceased is survived by his wife; two sons, Ray and Elgin; and a daughter, Irene, all of Springwater.

At the time of going to press, the arrangements for funeral services and interment had not been completed.

In the passing of Mr. Crane, this country has lost a good citizen, a fellow worker and a good friend, and the sympathy of the community is tendered the family.

Teachers' Institute

Prin. Guthrie of the Estacada schools announces that a Teachers' Institute will take place at the Estacada school house, all day Saturday, January 29th, beginning at 9 A. M.