Eastern Clackamas News (Formerly Estacada Progress) Published every Thursday at Estacada, Oregon R. M. Standish, Editor and Manager Entered at the postoffice in Estacada, Oregon, as second-class mail. SUBSCRIPTION RATES One year \$1.00 Six months .50Thursday, Mar. 30, 1916 A number of the Garfield residents are considering the opening of a cooperative store in their

midst, to occupy the premises of the late Garfield Mercantile Company. This plan of cooperation among

these farmers is a worthy one, but too idealistic and Utopian to attract the shrewd investor.

As any local merchant will vouch for, the percentage of profit in the mercantile business is narrow or nil, even with the best of merchandising methods and with but one boss.

That small element, called profit, which is of prime importance in the operation of a store, might not be present in a cooperative institution, where each rural stockholder reserved the right to freely reach into the cracker barrel or openly dig out a dried herring, while the femine stockholders would naturally feel equally privileged in the candy jars.

Maybe the true spirit of unselfishness, coupled with a willingness to dig down in their pockets to make up a deficit and + the reposing of full authority in a store manager, may characterise the rural residents of Garfield, if so, the venture would be a success, not withstanding the * fact that the big majority of cooperative stores have been an expensive failure.

With the Estacada schools attracting state wide attention, owing to their up-to-dateness and the high school ranking as one of the best in the state, is it not time for the formation of a Union High School in Estacada?

It seems odd that this move was not made sometime ago, as nearby districts now pay the high school tuition tax and allow Estacada to elect the school board and run the school.

By the forming of a Union High School, such as Gresham, Sandy and many other localities have done, each district joining in the union high school, would be entitled to a director on the school board and usually representation is fought for by those who pay the taxes.

According to the statistics of an accountant, who recently audited the county's finances, the

item of \$11,524.66 spent in 1915 for the indigent poor, was the largest single expense.

conomies, the Oregon City Cour- Admission will be one penny and ier and others are advocating the everyone is requested to come early creation of a County Poor provided with plenty of pennies, Farm, where by bunching the as several attractions will be ofcounty's poor together under one fered for one cent each, with reroof, a saving can be realized.

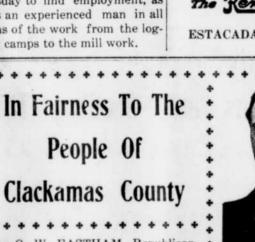
The idea is all right and has its The proceeds will go towards imadvantages over the present sys- provements at the school. tem of allotment of charity funds, which in some cases may be wasted, but again, many worthy and deserving widows and other needy people, who have some pride left, would rather go without aid, than make the trip "Over the Hills to the Poor House."

Have you registered yet? The registration books close April 18th.

Big Realty Deal Consumated

Announcement is made this week of a realty deal, whereby C. A. Spackman of Garfield, disposed of 220 acres of his Upper Garfield property, the purchasers being Mr. and Mrs. Julius Markwart of Portland.

With the opening up of the lumber business in the state, Henry Fanton of Garfield left Tuesday to find employment, as he is an experienced man in all forms of the work from the logging camps to the mill work.



By O. W. EASTHAM, Republican Candidate for District Attorney + * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

Editorial from Eastern Clackamas News, issue of Feb. 24th.

"In fairness to the office of District Attorney and contrary to the general belief in this part of the County, the duties of the recently appointed assistant to the District Attorney are not confined, to any large extent, to investigation and prosecutions of prohibition infractions, but the assistant is, really the legal advisor of the County Court, which capacity, the Judge and Court are credited with having stated that he has already more than saved the County the amount of his salary".

IN FAIRNESS TO THE PEOPLE OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY, I would not, if District Attorney, appoint a young lawyer with ONE YEAR'S EXPERIENCE, as "LEGAL ADVISOR" of the County Court.

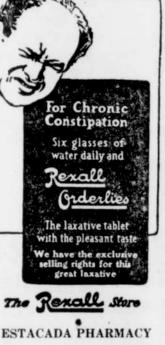
IN FAIRNESS TO THE PEOPLE OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY, I would give the County Court the benefit of my seventeen years experience as a practising attorney. The present District Attorney could do that — it is what the people PAY HIM \$2100 A YEAR FOR.

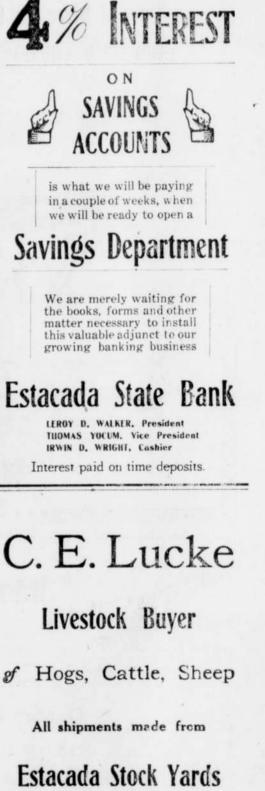
On recommendation and request of the present District Attorney the County Budget Meeting (excuse the joke) set aside \$3000 for enforcement of the prohibition law. Why is the money being used to pay a DEPUTY whose duties "ARE NOT CONFINED TO ANY LARGE EXTENT TO INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF PROHIBITION INFRACTIONS"?

Penny Social

The Garfield School will hold a 'penny social' at the Grange As a solution and to effect e- Hall, Saturday evening, April 1st, freshments at the same rate.

> N. M. Tracy of Garfield lost a valuable horse last Friday.





Phone W. Givens, Estacada agent, and advise him of what you have for sale, and I will call and arrange for purchase and shipment.

The sympathies of her friends are extended to Mrs. Geo. Coates (nee Krigbaum) of Garfield, whose child died Friday last, a few hours after its birth, at the Bland Hospital in Estacada. The mother, who was very ill, is reported to be getting along as well as could be expected.