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SCHOOL PLAY A HISTRIONIC SUCCESS

The auditorium of the high school was completely filled Friday night, with an expectant audience sometime before the curtain was rung up. Preceding the performance Chester Womer lately returned from France, made a short but eloquent address about the experiences of the boys overthere, and boosted the buying of Victory loan bonds. The school orchestra played an overture at the conclusion of which, the curtain was raised on "All-of-a-Sudden Peggy." But Peggy, Ruth Salting, was not in evidence at the start, however she had a charming substitute in Esther Anderson who looked very fetching in her riding togs. Prudes may object, but the modern equestrienne costume of high boots, knee breeches with long coat is much more becoming and sane, than the old fashioned long, trailing skirt in which our mothers, their sisters, their female cousins and their aunts used to ride sidewise. The stage was appropriately set and tastefully arranged, with a glowing fireplace in the centre.

The leading man Homer Sarver had an enviable role which he carried well. And who could do otherwise with such a winsome leading lady to play up to? Sure she was a veritable Peg-o-my-Heart!

The other characters sustained their parts in a creditable manner, Ray Drill as Major Archie Phipps looking the army officer in mufti to the manner born. Those in the caste besides the above were Adele Schenk, Naomi Paddison, Lydia Matson, Irvie Lovell, Joe Woodie, Douglass Drill and Albert Lins.

Most schools give dramatic performances not merely for diversion or for earning money, but for their educational effect. Stage practice is good in the training it gives in physical deportment as well as the mental effort to put oneself in another's

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A Boost for Estacada

Long Beach, Cal.
April 15, 1919.

Editor Eastern Clackamas News,
Estacada, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

I was much interested in what you had to say in the article, "For a Larger and Better Estacada," in the last issue of the paper. It appealed to me as being along the right lines, and indicates a spirit that has been needed in the town for a long time.

As to the possibilities of Estacada, I don't think you have overstated them in the least. To begin, with, the town has an attractive name, and it is located in an attractive and pleasant place to live. With good hard surface roads to Portland and Oregon City, together with the electric line, it can be made one of the desirable residence locations within easy reach of Portland. When a city has reached the size of Portland it begins to reach out for the scenic and quiet, pleasant places to build homes. One who has seen the way New York City has spread its wealthy resident district for miles up the Hudson River and all other quiet and scenic spots within reach, with all other cities of like size doing the same, realizes the possibilities of such desirable locations that are accessible to large cities. Such places with good roads turns a tide of pleasure seeking travel that way.

California, better than any other state, has learned that such a class of travel is an asset to the locality; and not only in a business way, but socially and intellectually as well. Many of the places in California that are advertised all over the country are not any more scenic or attractive in other ways than is the Clackamas River country from its source to where it flows into the Willamette River, but they are better appreciated, and made more of. About the only natural advantage California has over Oregon is in a climate that gives her a longer period of good weather during the year. The other advantages, such as good

roads, are man made and primarily with the idea of bringing travel into the country and exploiting her out-of-door resources.

In the agricultural, commercial and industrial lines the country around Estacada has all the advantages possessed by most other parts of the country, as well as many not enjoyed by vast areas of the United States. Timber and waterpower, for example, are limited resources in distribution. A good deal of the dependable waterpower they have had in the east has disappeared with the timber, which acted as a conservator and regulator of stream flow, as well as affecting the quality of the water for domestic and industrial uses. I have seen, in my own experience, in the east, streams changed from a clear and constant flow to streams subjected to floods filled with sand, clay and mud that made them almost unfit for use in industries, such as textile manufacturing, in which a large supply of pure and clear water is necessary; at the same time destroying the natural beauty of the streams and killing off most of the desirable species of game fish. But these are things the Clackamas River will never have happen to it, on account of the headwaters being protected by the national forests, and the uninhabitable mountain regions from which it flows. It will always remain an attractive and scenic stream. The country around Estacada is well adapted to diversified farming that takes in dairying, fruit growing and stock raising.

But the town needs to clean up, improve the streets and buildings and put on a little more style in civic improvements. It seems to me every town, however small, should have certain building restrictions from the very start, with the idea of keeping the town attractive as it grows. People of any culture at all keep these things in mind in arranging their premises; they do not put the woodshed in the front yard or anything of that sort, but many towns allow things that are as devoid of taste.

Yours truly,

Ben S. Patton.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY A UNIT FOR TRUNK LINE

At a meeting Tuesday evening of the Live Wires at their spacious quarters in Oregon City, Eastern Clackamas County was represented with delegates from practically every road district from Springwater on the south to Barton on the north. A more enthusiastic gathering of boosters could not be assembled in any county. Listening to rousing speeches from delegates present and an able address by Commissioner Holman of Multnomah Co. the meeting immediately resolved itself into a working body, and the delegates present in committee with the committee from the Live Wires, immediately gave the projected Trunk Line the name of Clackamas County Mt. Hood Loop Association and elected Dr. L. Morris, President; Commissioner Harris, Vice-Pres.; E. W. Bartlett, Secretary and H. C. Stephens, Treasurer. The County Court and Commissioners were made members of the Committee and immediate steps are to be taken to consult with the Mt. Hood Loop Association of Portland and the State Highway Commission with the view of permanently designating the route passing from Oregon City thru Estacada and thence Northeast and connecting with the Mt. Hood Loop.

This road as projected with the continuation of the same, already made, to Aurora on the West side of the County will give Clackamas County a trunk line extending from its western to its eastern boundaries and passing thru a fertile district along the Clackamas River and Eagle Creek and one of the most scenic routes any locality can boast of.

Clackamas County is awakening and this project carried to a completion will open and develop its finest farming, fruit and dairying districts.

The unanimity of feeling and the earnestness of the workers augurs well for its rapid development and early completion. A meeting will be held in Estacada the coming week and important matters coming up will be attended to and reports made by the Committee.