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COMMITTEE ACTION IS DEFERRED FOR A TIME

CONFERENCES TO BE HELD WITH P. E. P. OFFICIALS AND FOREST SERVICE

Although only half of the committee appointed to investigate the occupancy of the right of way up the Clackamas river by the Portland Electric Power company were present at the meeting Saturday night at Oregon City, the grounds of argument were pretty well covered and an agreement was reached with representatives of the power company whereby action would be deferred until the committee could meet with O. B. Coldwell, vice president of the company, and T. H. Sherrard, forest supervisor.

The position of the Union of Clubs as presented by A. C. Ames, chairman of the committee was that Clackamas county can not afford to allow the power company the undisputed occupancy of the public highway up the Clackamas river above Estacada. He cited the history of the developments in that section and protested against the attitude of the company in withholding from citizens their just rights of easy access to the national forest. He said that the people do not wish to stand in the way of any power developments up the river, but neither do they wish to give over to the company the permanent right to the only way into a scenic paradise second to none in Oregon.

R. W. Cary, owner of the Cary-Austin hot springs and H. C. Stevens of Estacada also spoke in favor of a resolution protesting to the federal power commission against a permanent license to operate the railroad. Thos. P. Sullivan of Portland, and G. E. Sullivan of Oregon City, put up the P. E. P. side of the controversy, and they were likewise willing and anxious to bring about an agreement that will prove satisfactory. They suggested that a further meeting be held that could be attended by the higher officials of the P. E. P. company, and at which forest officials could be present. Upon motion of Linn E. Jones, representing Oregon City, this action was taken, the meeting to be called and held as soon as the secretary has the necessary information upon hand.

In the meantime the Union of Clubs has asked that action be not taken by the forest service in Washington while the matter is being investigated and compromise negotiations are on.

The next meeting will be held in Oregon City as soon as possible. Great interest is being aroused in the matter, and it is believed that at the next meeting all members of the Union of Clubs will be represented.

XMAS TREES TRAVEL FAST

"Give way for the Christmas Tree Limited!"

Such, in effect, is the order issued today by J. T. Saunders, freight traffic manager for the Southern Pacific Company, who has instructed all of the company's agents that Christmas tree shipments are to be given preferred movement.

"Agents, trainmen and others," the order reads, "are urged to cooperate fully to prevent delays to such shipments, which we will handle in through trains to insure early delivery. By exercising exceptional care in transporting promptly all Christmas trees we are rendering valuable service to the public."

ETHYL GAS ON SALE HERE

Ethyl gas is now on sale by the Cooke Motor Company, this firm having put in a special pump for the new gasoline. Ethyl gas has added to it a prepared chemical that not only makes it more powerful, but is said to eliminate all carbon. It costs 3 cents a gallon more than ordinary gasoline.

O. A. C., December 15.—Rowing as an intercollegiate sport is assured here through the decision to construct necessary equipment early next term. Two 65-foot rowing shells were given the college last month by the students of the University of California as a means of encouraging additional competition on the coast. The proposed course on the Willamette has since been pronounced excellent by California coaches. A scow to be used in training the oarsmen before they are ready to use the shells will be the first piece of equipment to be built.

CLEARING ORDERED ON ELWOOD ROAD

Fisher Bros., Carus men, were Saturday given the contract by the county court to clear the last link in the Foothill highway, being the nearly eight miles from near Colton to Cold Creek, according to the Banner-Courier. Their bid for the work, which does not include the removal of stumps, was for \$5,120 for the entire job, which was much less than some bidders asked for one unit of the contract.

"The only other bidder within reaching distance of the men who got the job was the Clackamas Construction company, composed of Hult Bros. and associates. Their offer was for \$7,300. Other bidders and prices asked: Scott & Peterson, \$14,832; E. H. Itchner, \$8,563; Anderson & Hauglum, \$13,324; J. Rebban, second unit, \$6,500; W. S. Gorbett, first unit, \$4,970; F. Nicholas, first unit, \$3,960.

The letting of this contract, which doubtless means that the Elwood section will have a passable road in 1927, is more important than seems on the surface. In the Elwood district there are approximately 50 farm dwellings, with only nine of the number occupied. So far as the productivity of the soil is concerned it compares favorably with Sprigwater, a section of the country that did not have killing frost until Friday of week before last. It is generally along in December until killing frost visits this entire section. The new road connects with a road that passes through Springwater and on to Estacada. It is, as stated, the last link in what is becoming known as the Foothill highway, leading from the northern to the southern boundary of the county. By many it is considered the most important road improvement now pending.

WANTS WINNING AD

"Are you writing ads?" has supplanted the old greeting, "How do you do?" Of course, the new greeting will not endure, but while it does we shall be spared that endless list of ailments the old greeting so often calls forth.

Among the list of winners in Monday's Oregonian we notice Miss Martha R. Maloney of Eagle Creek, was the triumphant oriental rug contestant. Miss Maloney's ad spoke convincingly of the charm and durability of an Atiyeh Prayer Rug.

Since the contest is represented as educational, we fail to see why the prize-winning ads are not published, at least, the first prize winners, so that the participants who have missed the mark may see where they have failed.—AY, Boring.

SPRINGWATER GRANGE ELECTS

At the regular meeting of Springwater grange on Saturday the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Master, Everett Shibley; Overseer, Wm. Bard; Treasurer, Ed Clossner; Chaplain, Rev. T. I. Kirkwood; Steward, Clarence Hull; Assistant Steward, Lester Clossner; Lady Assistant Steward, Elva Shibley; Lecturer, Ethel Hull; Secretary, William Shearer, Doorkeeper, Clifford Greenstreet; Ceres, Mrs. Clossner; Pomona, Mrs. Shearer; Flora, Mrs. J. A. Shibley.

New members taken into the order were Mr. and Mrs. Southworth, Mrs. Kirkwood and Mrs. Everett Shibley.

An all day meeting was planned for New Year's day, when everyone in the neighborhood is invited to bring their dinner and spend the day with their neighbors at the grange hall.

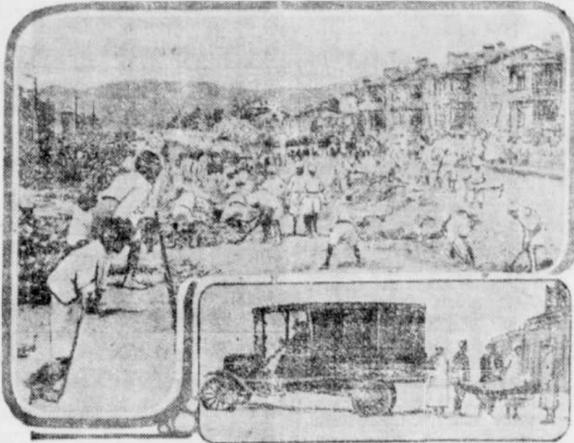
GRANGE TO HAVE PIE

Complete, except for the filling, the Eagle Creek grange has a Christmas pie to be opened at their meeting Friday, December 17. This is a change of date since the regular meeting night is Saturday. The filling for the pie will be supplied by the members who will each be required to bring a gift to put in it. The committee in charge has arranged an enjoyable program according to Mrs. Leo Simonds, who urges every member to be present.

SON ARRIVES

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Cahill of Seaside, Oregon, are proud parents of a ten pound boy, Donald Linn Cahill, born December 8th. Mr. Cahill is a son of J. W. Cahill of Eagle Creek and Mrs. Cahill is the daughter of G. B. Linn of Estacada.

Relief Work in Wake of Earthquake At America's Orphan City in Armenia



Near East Relief Orphans Repairing Damaged Streets—American Ambulance Bringing in Casualties.

INVIGORATING WEATHER?

We must admit that it got as low as ten above zero—and felt it. This was Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock. We didn't see the thermometer. W. G. Moore at the hotel attended to that and we are willing to take his word for it.

Although less than an inch of snow fell Sunday night, it was a great protective covering for the ground while the cold snap lasted. The farmers are well pleased since the general opinion is that the crops will be much benefitted by the storm. A thaw set in Wednesday and by night the snow looked pretty thin. In this storm, as is generally the case, conditions here were much better than in other sections of the northwest.

TO MEET FAST TEAM

For the first game of the season, the local town basketball team will go up against an exceptionally fast organization. Manager Bob Cooke has secured a date with the Graybar Electric team of Portland. The game will be played in the high school gym on Monday, December 20, at 8:00 p. m. The local boys will need support in this game because it is the first of the season and because the team they go against is rated as a top-notch.

BOYS TO COOK

On Saturday the 18th, at noon, in the I. O. O. F. hall, you will have a chance to sample a meal prepared by the band boys—with the assistance of some of their wives and mothers. The dinner will be served family style at 50c per plate.

CLOSES OVER HOLIDAYS

The La Dee company closed down their logging camp until about the first of the year, due to the snow in their camps, the men being unable to work.

The train 1461 and also the night freight have been taken off because of the shut down of this company.

MIDNIGHT MATINEE

If the past year hasn't suited you you will have a chance to "laugh it off" if you attend the midnight matinee, New Year's Eve, at the Liberty theater, for Buster Keaton will be there in the "Battling Bunker." This is an uproarious comedy, it is said, and there will be special music.

NEIGHBORS TO ENTERTAIN

The Neighbors of Woodcraft will entertain at a five hundred party on December 16, at 8:00 p. m. All are invited.

O. A. C., December 15.—One of the latest pieces of electrical laboratory apparatus, known as the voltmeter-milliammeter and valued at \$800 has been received by the engineering department as a gift from the Bell Telephone system which has made similar gifts to leading engineering colleges throughout the country. The new equipment is an addition to some \$5000 worth of apparatus received from the same company last spring, all of which is for use in general electrical engineering training rather than for instruction connected with the telephone systems only. The gift was made through the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company.

PAYS TO ADVERTISE

"It pays to advertise" is the conviction of the land settlement department of the state and Portland chambers of commerce after the splendid response it has received from the advertising campaign launched November 1.

Advising farmers of the east, mid-west and south that over 2000 of their co-workers had recently selected homes in Oregon, the department has been broadcasting an invitation to come to Oregon through the medium of the columns of farm journals published and circulated in many states.

Immediate and sincere are the 550 letters which have come directly from these advertisements betokening an earnest desire to accept Oregon's welcome to farmers.

A peculiar phase of the response is the fact that Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota and Wisconsin lead the list of states represented by the inquiries with 62 letters each coming directly from these advertisements. Illinois followed close with 46 inquiries, while the states scattered from Florida to California shared in contributing the remaining 258.

The campaign of advertising will be continued in the farm journals until the first of the year, it is anticipated by W. G. Ide, who is directing the work. That many people have already come to Oregon from the states in which the publicity is now being placed for Oregon is borne out by the registration of approximately 3400 people at the chamber of commerce booth at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition. The largest registrations were from Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, and Ohio, which indicates that the majority of the people now settling here at least of those interested in the Livestock Exposition, came from those states.

CHURCHMAN BADLY HURT

A hit-and-run driver is believed responsible for serious injuries sustained by Rev. J. E. Dunlop, 61, Rockwood, Or., formerly of Estacada, who was found by his wife unconscious in front of his home gate with his left leg fractured and bruises and cuts over his entire body, last week.

Although no one saw the accident, it was believed that the Rev. Mr. Dunlop, who is pastor of the Rockwood Methodist church, had been dragged for some distance by an automobile.

Rev. Mr. Dunlop was treated at the Portland sanitarium.

Mr. Dunlop sends word to his friends here that should any of them find the opportunity to come in and see him he will be pleased to have them as he will be confined there for some time.

ACCIDENT AT EAGLE CREEK

What might have proved a most serious accident occurred late last Saturday evening near the Eagle Creek grange hall.

One car, a Ford, was parked on the side of the road; another car approached for the opposite direction and although seeing the Ford, seemed to misjudge the location of the latter car, and drove too close, wrecking the Ford to some extent. No one was hurt seriously, the fortunate feature of the affair.

No doubt it was a case of reckless driving again, and should warn us to be more careful.

CORRECTING AN ERROR

In last week's News we gave a wrong date for the band dance and here's hoping that no harm was done. The big masquerade dance to be put on by the band is to take place at the band hall on New Year's eve. Make the correction in your date book now because everybody is to be there to help the band.

O. A. C., December 15.—Student managers of school exhibits for the fourth annual educational exposition to be held February 18-20 were appointed in the closing weeks of the term. These men will be responsible through large committees for seeing that the work of the college is presented for the inspection of the 500 or more delegates from high schools who attend the exposition.

Now they are having a communist revolt in Java and we suppose that means another rise in the price of coffee.

NO INTENTION TO HALT TRAVEL, CLAIMED

POWER OFFICIAL SAYS COMPANY WILLING TO GIVE REASONABLE SERVICE

(Last week the News published an account of a meeting of the Eastern Clackamas Community Club officials with R. W. Cary, owner of the Cary-Austin hot springs, in which were set forth the statements regarding the Portland Electric Power Company's occupation of the right of way up the Clackamas River which have given rise to an investigation of their merits by the club. In this matter, as in any other, it is the policy of this paper to present the different angles of the controversy fairly. Our editorial comment is withheld for the present until we have stated in these columns the positions of the three parties to the controversy, which includes the forest service as well as the P. E. P. Co. and the community club.—Editor's note.)

The attitude of the power company was presented to a representative of the News in an interview with Vice President O. B. Coldwell, Saturday.

"There is apparently a great deal of misunderstanding about this matter," said Mr. Coldwell, "or such a resolution as was placed before the Greater Union of Clubs would never have been thought of. There is no controversy so far as the power company is concerned. We have spent a great deal of money on the upper reaches of the Clackamas river in building a power project and have proceeded in our construction work there in accordance with a license we now have with the Federal Power Commission. Our railroad has been constructed under a special permit with the forest service."

Mr. Coldwell told of the building of the trail by the Southern Pacific company, predecessors of the P. E. P. company, and stated that the portion from Cazadero to Roaring River was built entirely at private expense, and that while he realized that such part of it as is located on government lands is public property, he does not believe it fair that the resolution should read, "built at public expense."

In answer to the charge that company officials had kept people out of the forest, Mr. Coldwell stated that such guards as had been maintained by the company, at certain periods when there was danger of blasting and other construction operations were acting under instructions from and in cooperation with the forest service officials and the control of the forest had always been and remained at all times with the forest service.

In regard to the charge that the company had not complied with the clause in the special use permit which says that they shall build a trail paralleling the railroad track, Mr. Coldwell explained that an understanding had been arrived at with the forest service officials that the construction of such trail might be deferred as it seemed to serve no useful purpose while the company was taking care of the transportation.

As there seems to be some complaint in regard to the issuance of transportation in Portland, which arrangement was made after consultation with the forest supervisor, Mr. Coldwell suggested that no doubt a satisfactory arrangement might be made for issuing the transportation at Estacada. The company has not sought to restrict the use of the forests by individuals, the jurisdiction of such use being a function of those in charge of the forest.

"Much of the misunderstanding seems to come from a fear that the railroad, provided it is made a part of the project property, will become a permanent railroad," said Mr. Coldwell. Just what the ultimate disposition of the railroad is to be cannot at the present time be stated. So far as he is advised, the Federal Power Commission has not yet fully determined the treatment to be accorded railroads of this character in licenses for power projects.

Mr. Coldwell further stated that should it be the desire of the committee of the club to further discuss the matter with the forest service officials and the company, he would meet with them at any convenient time.



Mrs. J. J. Penner's mother from Stettler, Alta., is visiting her.

Mrs. John A. Duncan and Mrs. J. B. Robertson of Garfield were doing Christmas shopping in Estacada the first of the week.