



A BIG TIMBER DEAL

Eastern Capitalists Seeking Washington Co. Lands

Sawmills to be Built and Immense Coal Deposits Opened—Boon to the Grove.

That the vast timber and mine resources of Washington county are about to be developed, seems now certain. The recent transfer of immense timber lands to A. W. Stearns means more to Washington county and especially, Forest Grove, than can at this time be realized. Large sawmills are to be built and railroads constructed while a vast coal vein which has been discovered only a few miles from here, will be developed.

The Sunday Journal contained the following information on the subject:

"One of the biggest deals in Oregon timber lands made during the year has recently been consummated by which title to several thousand acres of the best timber in Washington county has passed into the hands of A. W. Stearns of Duluth, Minn. The land purchased is on the headwaters of Gales creek, 14 miles from Forest Grove.

Mr. Stearns is backed by Michigan and Wisconsin capitalists, who contemplate organizing a strong company, which will go into the lumber industry in this state on a large scale. The company will build immense sawmills on their property and have in contemplation the construction of a railroad from their mills to Linnton, where facilities for shipping their lumber by water are offered.

Mr. Stearns is now in San Francisco. After the business affairs of his country are satisfactorily arranged he will return to Portland and steps will be

taken carrying out the intentions of the company."

It will be remembered that Mr. Stearns spent considerable time at Forest Grove last winter, looking the country over and investigating our resources.

Three Dolls Free.

Abbott & Son have in their window three beautiful dolls to be given away free on Christmas, the first to the girl receiving the largest number of votes, the second to the girl receiving the next largest vote, and so on. One ticket is given for each 50 cent purchase up to five dollars, but on purchases above \$5.00 one ticket for each dollar is given—thus giving the small purchaser the same chance as those who purchase more. The votes will be counted each week and the vote made known through The News. The contest closes on December 24, and the prizes will be awarded on Christmas day.

Relief Corps Officers.

The annual election of the Women of the Relief Corps, was held last week and resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Lillie North; Vice-president, Mrs. V. Weitzel; Junior vice-president, Mrs. Mary Smith; Secretary, Mrs. Emma Anderson; Treasurer, Miss Alice Reynolds; Chaplain, Mrs. Kirkwood; Conductor, Mrs. Marguerite Leach; Guard, Mrs. Emma Cheney. Six delegates were chosen to represent the local lodge at the state convention which will meet at Oregon City next June.

Crystal Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. M. Taylor celebrated their fifteenth, or crystal wedding anniversary last Monday evening, at their home in this city. It was a very pleasant affair, games of all kinds were played and a dainty luncheon was served to the guests which numbered about twenty.

HELD 2 SPECIALS

Busy Season in Municipal Affairs.

Pay for Dead Horse and Attempt to Pass Fire Limit Ordinance—Action Postponed

The council was hurriedly called together last Saturday morning for the purpose of passing an ordinance extending the fire limit in block No. 2 which contains the row of business houses on Main street. The ordinance was given its first reading and upon the motion of Councilman Johnson it was referred to the ordinance committee to be reported on at the next regular meeting. The prime object of the ordinance is to prevent Ed. Ward from building and running a planing mill on his property just across the alley from the Main street buildings on the grounds that to run a planing mill in that locality will raise the insurance premium \$400. per year more.

Mr. Ward has deferred operations for a time, pending the action of the council and also to await the decision of a number of business men in that block, who are contemplating purchasing the property.

Mr. Ward stated to The News that he was willing to sell, and if he does sell he will erect a building on another lot and proceed with his business. The mill under construction is not so large but will answer a long felt need here. In the winter only a few hands would be employed, but in the summer quite a number will be used.

CALLED MEETING

Council room Tuesday, Nov. 22, '04.

The common council of the City of Forest Grove met at the call of the mayor "for the purpose of transacting general business of the city."

Roll call showed the mayor and five councilmen to be present, also the recorder and marshal; absent, Councilman Starrett.

The call of the meeting was read. The mayor stated that the special object for which the meeting was called was to consider the liability of the city for the killing of the horse belonging to the Base Line Lumber Co. on the morning of the 18th. inst.

Some interested parties not being present, the council proceeded to the transaction of general business. On motion of Councilman Hollinger, the recorder was authorized to have such legal blanks as are necessary to conduct his office, printed.

On motion of Councilman Hollinger, the recorder was authorized to have a book of 1000 warrants printed.

The council then took up the matter of the killing of the Base Line Lumber Co's horse and after full discussion, Councilman Harris moved that the city pay one-half the value of said horse, (which is said to be \$75) which motion was seconded by Councilman Hollinger. Councilman Johnson asked the call of the council. On his request Councilman Hughes was excused from voting.

Roll was called and Councilmen Harris and Hollinger (2) voted "yes," and Councilmen Johnson and Stribich (2) voted "no." The vote being a tie. On call the mayor voted "yes," so the motion prevailed.

On motion of Councilman Hollinger, Councilman Hughes was appointed a committee to confer with said company in the matter of the settlement.

On motion of Councilman Hollinger, common council adjourned.

Telephone A Nuisance.

That a telephone proved itself a nuisance to a certain lady in this city recently will be verified by the lady herself—if you could only know who she is. Her son had a phone put in the house during the absence of the lady in question, and had it located on the first landing of the staircase—where it could be heard from all over the house.

The lady returned home and not knowing of the phone's presence, heard the bell, whereupon she proceeded to the front door to admit the person whom she thought was there—but no person. Again and again did this bell ring, and again and again did this good lady open the door to find no one there, when finally she thought it must be some neighborhood boys playing a joke, and in her anxiety to lay hold of the perpetrators, she stood around the corner of the house for a long, long time, but no boys. Returning to the house disgusted—with everything in general and nothing in particular, she was soon joined by her daughter, who is married and lives in another part of town, and to her the mystery was told. Together they examined the doorbell but could see no reason why it should "act so." But finally it was decided it needed some grease. But to grease it, how? No available way was seen to administer the grease which the ladies were certain it needed, without taking the bell apart. This was more than they cared to undertake, but would let the "old thing ring" until her son came home. When the son came, all was told him—even the conclusion that the old bell needed grease—and he too was convinced that it was grease; but with no attempt to alter the case. And not until this dear lady had occasion to go up stairs did she discover the source of her trouble.

Wanted

One thousand, strong, sturdy choppers to be initiated in the Forest of Woodcraft at Portland on Feb. 21 st. Our Camp will do their part to furnish some good timber for this raft. F. A. Falkenburg, our esteemed Head Consul, the man who has led us through the years past in the great work of protection for our loved ones, has set his mark for 100,000 members and \$100,000 in reserve by the next Head Camp session which meets in April, and the Camps in Portland and West Side Camps will furnish 1000 by that time, and each chopper in the forest has again sharpened his ax and will do all in his power to help to build the raft of one thousand "sound logs" for the mill at Portland, Feb. 21, '05.

Our Camp will make arrangements to go in big numbers, and special rates will be given those wishing to be present at this, the grandest fraternal demonstration in the history of our district. Each Camp has its committeeman, who is the clerk, and he will work in conjunction with the Executive Committee of Portland Camps to make this great drive of logs as the mill will be in readiness on time to receive this "Mammoth Raft."

JOHN ANDERSON, clerk.

Fined Two Hundred Dollars.

In the district court, at Hillsboro, Oliver Chowning, of Dilley, was last Friday morning fined \$200, upon pleading guilty to selling liquor in quantities less than a gallon. There were four counts against Chowning, and upon pleading guilty to one, the others were dismissed.

Dilley people have been up in arms against this "blind pig" for some months, and it was owing to its existence that the precinct was the closest in the county at the recent election, when it returned but one vote against prohibition. Chowning will endeavor to secure a majority of the voters to sign a petition to have a licensed saloon.

Church Fair a Success

The Endeavor Society of the Christian church held its fair and bazaar last Saturday all day and evening, in the new brick building near the I. O. O. F. hall. The room was tastefully decorated and plenty of good music was had. The ladies did a good business and netted \$35. Every article that was not sold during the day was auctioned off at the last. The proceeds will go to pay off a debt on the organ while the balance will apply on the preacher's salary for the next year; \$50 of which the Endeavor society has pledged.

WORK OF GRANGE

Build Many Rods of Good Roads

The Business Men and Farmers Contribute Liberally to the Good Work.

The Gale Grange which has taken up the ordeal of building good roads in this vicinity, has done some good work in this line, a report of which we are permitted to publish. It will be seen from the report just what the work is and how they went about it. At the meeting in Vert's hall last Saturday, a large attendance was present and an enthusiastic meeting was held. The report follows:

"To the Worthy Master, and members of Gale Grange, P. of H.

We your committee appointed on March 5th, 1904, to see what could be done to improve the roads leading into Forest Grove, beg leave to report as follows:

First, we held a meeting with the road committees, from the Board of Trade, and the Civic Improvement Society of Forest Grove. At this meeting it was decided best to call on the County Court and see what they would do to help in the matter. Following this decision, the three committees and others from this vicinity called on the County Court during March, 1904, and after consulting with and explaining to them what we were trying to do, the Court promised to put the roads in proper condition to receive the rock and to crush all the rock that we would put on the roads by volunteer work and also to receive and spread the rock on the roads.

With the encouragement of the County Court, your committee got up subscription papers, which were presented by the members of the com-

mittee to the farmers and others along the roads leading into Forest Grove and also to the business men and others of Forest Grove, with the result that there was subscribed by the farmers and others outside of town. The hauling of 2182 yards of rock and the business men and others in town subscribed \$808.50 to be used by the committee in hauling rocks into the roads leading into Forest Grove. The hauling was distributed among the different roads as follows:

On the Gales Creek road the farmers hauled 215 yards, and the committee hauled 63 yards of gravel, making 278 yards hauled on this road.

On the Thatcher road the farmers hauled 184 yards of crushed rock, making 1184 yards hauled on this road.

On the Greenville road the farmers hauled 226 yards and the committee hauled 123 yards of rock, making 349 yards hauled on this road.

On the Cornelius road, the farmers hauled 205 yards and the committee hauled 328 yards making 533 yards hauled on this road.

On the depot road the committee hauled 141 yards.

On the Dilley road the Farmers hauled 357 yards and the committee hauled 55½ yards making 412½ yards on these roads.

In all making a total of 2897½ yards of rock hauled onto the roads.

Respectfully submitted,

H. T. BUXTON,

IRA E. PURDIN,

E. W. HAINES,

H. HAYNES,

Committee.

The chairman of the committee informs us that of hauling above mentioned there is still a small amount not done, and a small sum of cash is as yet unpaid.

Mrs. J. A. Pollock, the mother of Dr. Wm. Pollock, is reported to be very low to-day.

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