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ELECTRIC RAILWAY A SURE GO

Actual Operations Begun--Right of Way Most all Procured--Other Notes.

That Forest Grove's population is about to realize the achievement of an electric car line between this city and Portland, seems now certain. The work of surveying on the Portland end is about completed and operations on this end have begun. The right of way between Hillsboro and this city is all there is left to be procured, all the rest having been secured. R. W. McNutt of Cornelius and W. J. Wall of Hillsboro, have been in the city all this week getting right of way matters between the two cities adjusted, and we learn that they are meeting with success from all sides.

A Sunday some two weeks ago, Andrew Grayden, president of the company and L. Y. Keady, treasurer, in company with their engineer and another gentleman, all of Portland, were in this city making arrangements for the surveying crew that will soon be transferred here.

The Portland papers for the past week have contained long accounts of the operations, probabilities and possibilities of the company. The following we take from the Oregonian:

"Judging from the surface indications oozing out of the secrecy of the promoters, the dream of the electric line from Portland to Forest Grove, by way of Hillsboro, is about to be realized.

There have been many rumors that this line is to be built at some time in the future, and many attempts have been made to bring the project to fulfillment, but up to this time the effort has been in vain. The Oregon Traction Company, succeeding to the scepter thrown down by the West Side & Suburban, is setting its stakes and making its survey.

Two surveying parties have been working on the proposed line for the past two weeks or more and have already nearly completed their task. The two gangs commenced work in the middle of the line and have been working each toward one end. There yet remains about a week's work before the crew working toward Portland reaches the city and comes across the Balch Creek Canyon over a steel trestle

110 feet high and along Ralieh street to a station in the northern part of town.

As soon as these surveys are entirely done, and the specifications and grades have been figured out and platted so that the contractors can get an intelligent idea of the work that it will take to lay the tracks, then, so it is said, the company will ask for bids and will commence the construction as soon as these can be submitted and approved and the contracts let.

Bonds for the road have been floated, so it is asserted, and the capitalization will approach \$1,000,000. This has been subscribed largely by local capital and the road will be for a great part a local corporation.

The line will run up Ralieh street and out of the city by way of Willamette Heights. It will then go up the West Side, taking in Hillsboro and many of the smaller towns until it reaches its terminus at Forest Grove.

The road has been talked of for years and several attempts have been made to start it, but each time the men interested suddenly ceased operations just as it began to appear probable that the road would be constructed. This attempt, however, seems to be in earnest and developments are expected within the next two weeks."

School on the Increase.

Prof. G. B. Hardin, of the Correspondence School, has greatly increased his school. A department of book-keeping has been added with a competent instructor in charge.

Here is an institution that has sprung up in the past two years from nothing to a school of some thirty students by correspondence and twenty-five who are instructed in this city.

Mr. Hardin came here from Nebraska and started teaching shorthand meeting with success from the start.

He has been either a student or teacher since 12 years of age and holds the distinction of having students holding responsible positions in Kansas, Nebraska, and the Willamette valley.

The course in book-keeping which he has just added, will start next Monday, December 19, with a class of 12 or 14 pupils. The school will be enlarged from time to time, as the increase in students demands, and Mr. Hardin is quite confident that this is an excellent point for an institution of this kind.

ELECTRIC PLANT TO BE ENLARGED

New Corporation Formed to Build Railroads and to Operate Saw and Flour Mills

Articles of incorporation have been filed absorbing the Haines Electric Power Company with all its property, franchises, etc., of this city. The new corporation will be known by the same name, but the main object is to materially enlarge the company and develop some good properties belonging to them. The incorporators are all well known financiers of both Portland and this city. The power plant at a point some 12 miles up Gales Creek will be increased, and as the business demands, the water power, of which there is said to be an unlimited quantity, will be further developed. It is intimated that the power, or a portion of it, will be generated at this plant for the propelling of the cars on the new electric road that is now being surveyed. The new company in any event will be an important addition to Forest Grove's many enterprises, and is certainly heartily welcomed by all. The articles of incorporation are as follows:

"Know all men by these presents. That we, the undersigned, E. W. Haines, J. A. Thornburg, C. W. Nottingham, Ralph W. Hoyt, W. B. Haines and J. Frank Watrous have this day associated ourselves for the purpose of forming a private corporation under the general laws of the State of Oregon, and for that purpose we hereby make and subscribe, in triplicate, the following articles, to-wit: Article I.—The name assumed by this corporation and by which it shall be known, is the Haines Electric Power Company. The duration of said corporation shall be perpetual.

Article II.—The enterprise and business pursuits in which this corporation proposes to engage, is: To purchase, acquire, own, hold and lease real, personal and mixed property of all kinds, water, riparian and water rights, and to sell and dispose of the same; To generate electricity for illuminating, power and other purposes and to sell and dispose of same, and to charge and collect rates and tolls therefor. To acquire, own and hold franchises granted by any public corporation. To purchase, acquire, own, construct, maintain and operate street and electric railways and motor lines in the County of Washington, State of Oregon, and elsewhere, and to carry, freight, express, and passengers thereon and thereover for hire, and to act as and be a common carrier of freight and passengers for hire. To purchase, acquire, own, hold, maintain and conduct grist and flouring mills, lumbering mills and manufacturing plants of all kinds. To borrow money and to evidence the indebtedness of the company by promissory notes or bonds, or in any other way, and to mortgage and pledge any and all of the property of the company, real, personal and mixed to secure the payment of the same; and generally to do every act and thing necessary or convenient to carry out any or all of the purposes herein stated.

Article III.—Said corporation shall have its principle office and place of business in the City of Forest Grove, Washington County, Oregon.

Article IV.—The capital stock of said corporation shall be Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) divided into five hundred shares.

Article V.—The par value of each share of capital stock shall be the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.)

For Better Roads.

During the summer, while the roads were dry the road question was allowed to rest; but now that the mud holes are appearing, we hear about "bad roads" again.

Two years ago the farmers did a great deal of volunteer work on the roads, in the way of hauling rock, crushed by the county. Last year they nearly doubled their donation work and are given a great deal of credit for it by all who travel the roads. I have talked with several this year and they are willing to donate again, but they do not think it fair, nor is it fair for some to work on and improve the roads while others sit back. Especially is this the case where wealthy men own farms and rent them but refuse to help improve the roads which add to the value of their property.

Why not vote a special tax and let every man help according to his property?

Please watch for notice calling a special road meeting in both North and South Forest Grove districts for the purpose of voting a special tax, and come to the meeting. Show your colors. OLIVER CURTIS.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY SEAT.

Busy Week at the Court House--Items of General Interest from the Various Courts.

PROBATE COURT.

Estate of E. H. Warren, deceased. Final account and report filed. Monday, Jan. 9, 1905 set for hearing.

Estate C. A. Raymond, deceased. Sale of realty confirmed. Administratrix authorized and directed to execute a conveyance to purchaser.

Estate Charlotte Grace Myers, deceased. Petition for order to sell the real estate filed. Dec. 26, 1904 set for hearing objections to granting order.

Guardianship of John T. Johnson, incompetent. Bond of guardian filed and approved. Letters of guardianship issued to Anna T. Johnson.

Estate of Moses Dillaboy, deceased. Final account approved, administratrix discharged and estate closed of record.

Last will and testament of Sarah J. Pollock filed, proved and admitted to probate. Flora B. Pollock appointed executrix, to serve without bonds. G. G. Hancock, J. E. Bailey and H. B. Johnson appointed appraisers.

Estate of Joseph Marock, deceased. Final account filed. Jan. 16, 1905 set for hearing same.

Estate Eliza D. Thomas, deceased. Final account and report filed. Monday, January 16, 1905 set for the hearing of same.

The will of Sarah M. Pollock was filed in the Probate Court on December 12. The petition states that the estate is worth \$5700 consisting of real property of the probable value of \$2000, notes and accounts, \$3500, and household goods, \$200.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Circuit Court disposed of the following cases during the past week: Citizens Trust & Loan Co vs John A. Eddy. Judgment as prayed for.

Watrous & Allen Co. plit vs F. T. Kane, deft. Default.

Nixon Forest Grove Land Co. vs Frederick Harttramph, Verdict for defendant. Plaintiff allowed ten day to file motion.

State of Oregon vs J. F. Ulm. Defendant ordered discharged.

T. H. Littlehale vs Base Line Lumber Co. Dismissed on motion of plaintiff for voluntary non-suit.

Christen vs Villiger. Verdict for plaintiff.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

W F Young et ux to J W Winters nw 1/4 of ne 1/4 and n 1/2 of nw 1/4 sec 7 t 3 s r 1 w. . . \$ 100

Joanna G Davis et al to John W Winters 100 acres in sec 6 and 31 t 3 s r 1 w Will Mer

Moses Votaw et ux to Charles A Cavell w 1/2 of s w 1/4 sec 1 t 3 s r 2 w Will Mer. 2100

Santa Fe Pacific R R Co to E L McKittrick sw 1/4 of sw 1/4 nw 1/4 of ne 1/4 and the ne 1/4 of nw 1/4 of sec 7; and the sw 1/4 of se 1/4 of sec 6 in t 12 n r 3 w

Will Mer 160 acres lieu land Same to same se 1/4 of se 1/4 sec 12 t 2 n r 6 w 40 acres, lieu land. 180

John N Swift et ux to J W Swift 10 acres in R S Tupper d l c Willamette Real Estate Co to C W Hendricks lots 1 and 2 blk 39 Cornelius. 60

J W Barnes and J M Smith to Francis J Jenkins 59-100 acre in Lawrence Hall d l c. 59

Hannah and David Purser to S A Trayle 3 3-10 acres lot no 11 Ladd & Reeds add to Beavertn Rebecca Kelley to Charles A Wynnan sec 4 & 5 t 2 s r 3 w 282 acres. 2000

Thos Murphy Sr to Thos Murphy Jr se 1/4 of ne 1/4 sec 10 t 2 n e 3 w. 100

Thomas Murphy to Patrick Murphy ne 1/4 of ne 1/4 sec 10 t 2 n r 3 w Will Mer. 1

Arthur H Nichols to John A Striln w 192 1/2 feet of block 5 Naylor's Add to Forest Grove. 750

Geo Helmborg et al to Anna K Feldmann, lots 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34 in block 6 Port Hght's

Miss H Julia Ellerson to Chas F Ehrmann lots 31, 32, block 8 in W Portland Heights Add

B F Purdy et ux to J L Harris 11 acres in Donald McLeod d l c. 730

Jesse Knight et ux to H G King 43.58 acres in sec 2 t 1 n r 4 w Will Mer. 1250

A number of friends and acquaintances of both this city and Dillely, gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Shogren and helped them celebrate their birthdays, 64 and 66, respectively, both falling on the same day but two years apart.

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Regular Session Full of Important Business--Election Judges Appointed.

The city council met Tuesday evening for the regular monthly meeting. The roll call showed the mayor, all the councilmen and the city officers present. The minutes of the previous special meetings were read and approved. The reports of the different committee's reports were then heard. The finance committee's report was accepted, and eight warrants ordered drawn for the different bills allowed. Chairman Johnson, of the street committee reported some of the streets in bad shape, the need of a little more lumber for crossings and sidewalks; he suggested that a man might be put to work on the different routes to fill up the chuck holes in the wagon tracks with the surplus gravel in the center of the road bed.

The committee on water and lights reported that for the past two weeks the lights had been up to the standard as required by the contract. The city has now 17 arc lights burning, 1 arc light being equal to 7 incandescents lights of 32 candle power. An arrangement by which people outside of corporation limits would pay 1/3 more than city consumers, 2/3 of the collection to go to the city was placed on file for further action. As to the lights it was stated that a good deal of the dissatisfaction heard from consumers arose from their using lamps of too high a voltage or using these for too long a time.

Committee on the horse recently killed, reported that Mr. Patton submitted 12 names from which the city could select an arbitration board. He would consent to no other method of arbitration, and stated that should the council object to this, he would take the case to the courts. No action taken.

In the matter of the alley back of the business houses, and running East and West by the E. M. Ward property; the council ordered the mayor to take legal advice and if practical to open the alley.

An amendatory ordinance was presented to pending ordinance Bill A. This bill refers to the extension "fire limits" and materials to be used in building. This matter was referred to a committee to report at next meeting.

The board for the city election was chosen: Judges, John Abbott, J. C. Clark, and C. B. Stoker; Clerk, Robert Wirtz and W. N. Sears. The city election will be carried on according to the state election law, and the tickets shall also be nominated in accordance with state law as far as practical. The council adjourned to meet next Friday evening.

The following bills were allowed:

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| Wells Fargo Co. | \$ 3 40 |
| F. McGill, labor. | 1 25 |
| P W Cronin. | 16 00 |
| John Stribich. | 75 |
| Frank Bear, labor. | 6 15 |
| L C Walker, recorder. | 8 10 |
| W S Hudson. | 19 50 |
| Wash Co Pub Co. | 10 00 |
| W H Hollis, legal service. | 27 00 |
| Port Gen Elec Co. | 49 40 |
| David Keene. | 2 75 |
| W L Miller, labor. | 8 75 |
| C G Bailey, labor. | 2 80 |
| C E Johnson, labor. | 28 40 |
| | \$184 20 |

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

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| On hand Nov. 1. | \$685 11 |
| Re'd f'm Co. Treas \$76 00 | |
| " " " Marhal. 14 00 | |
| " " " E W Haines 75 00 | |
| " " " for lights 320 28 | |
| " " " water 163 63 | |
| " " " lamps sold 2 25 | |
| | 651 16 |
| Total | \$1386 26 |
| Interest paid \$815 03 | |
| w'rnts " 870 55 | |
| | 1182 58 |
| Balance | \$ 153 69 |

J. P. Jones, traveling ticket agent for the S.-P. Company, was in Forest Grove Wednesday and found time to make this office a call. When asked regarding the gasoline motor cars which are to be installed on the west side, he stated that the cars are all completed and a thorough test is being made. He thought that when they were installed there would be no difference in the schedule of the train now running, but the new cars would have a schedule of their own and would carry mostly passengers. He also stated that his company had decided to make a coupon office at Hillsboro, where tickets to distant points would be sold. Col. Haynes is in Salem this week.

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