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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY, 9, 1905

The matter of securing the right of way from this city to the Washington county line via Gales Creek, will be in our opinion, an easy matter. A railroad through that section, one of the richest in the county, would do untold wonders of good to the people up that way, and from the reports that have already come from that region, it seems it would only be a matter of the asking.

The Tillamook people are in earnest about the railroad proposition now before them. After the meeting of last Saturday night, a committee was appointed to solicit for the \$35,000 subsidy asked by the company, and in just one hour's work they had raised \$10,000. This is the sort of public spirit that wins, and the Tillamook people are to be congratulated upon their public spiritedness.

The Portland papers that are so free to remind us of our duty towards the development of the state, are laying back and permitting the Portland council, through red tape methods, which are not only detrimental to Portland but to Washington County also, to detain the franchise of the Oregon Traction Company, who stand ready to build a railroad out of that city and into one of the best counties that lays out of doors. The Oregon Traction company has had its ordinance before that august body since last December, and it should have been passed by this time, but the report comes now that it will be May before it can be a reality. To read between the lines it is easily discerned what the trouble is. The Portland Consolidated has appeared on the scene with its farcical crew of surveyors with no other purpose than to blanket the Traction people, and from Washington county's point of view, it looks as though they have not only bought up the council but have muzzled the press as well. If the people of Portland expect the co-operation of the people out this way in the development of the state, it is up to them to see that the ordinance is passed without further unnecessary delay.

The News has not been able to trace down to authentic sources the rumors that have been flying around relative to the proposed erection in this city of a commodious and properly equipped opera house. But that does not do away with the actual need of such an institution in this city. The facilities now provided for public meetings, outside of the churches, is a disgrace to civilization; and as for a place where a self-respecting theatrical company may put in an appearance—the city simply has none. The need and desire for a creditable opera house certainly exist. The only question is whether the investment could be made to pay. It is possible that with a clean, pleasant place to hold forth in, both first-class attractions and good-sized audiences would be forthcoming in sufficient degree to make the venture profitable. Handsome structures of that kind have been built and equipped by local stockholders in various Oregon towns, and have proved quite satisfactory investments, besides adding largely to the general prestige of the town in which located. That Forest Grove is the best show town in the state for its size, is conceded by everyone, and should the circulating rumors materialize, we believe the investment would be a profitable one.

NEWS FROM THE COURT HOUSE

PROBATE COURT.

Estate of Thos. D. Humphreys, deceased. Final account and report filed it is ordered that Monday, March 6, 1905, be set as time for final settlement.

Estate of George Morphew, deceased. Petition filed asking for order to sell real estate Monday, March 13, 1905, set as time to hear objections.

Estate of Maurice Gorman, deceased. Final account filed and approved. Ordered that property be turned over to widow and administratrix be discharged.

Estate of Elizabeth Freeman, deceased. Inventory and appraisal filed for Columbia county examined and approved. Total valuation \$400.

Estate of Murian Baldwin, deceased. Final account filed, March 20, set for time to hear objections to said account.

Estate of James Willis, deceased. Estate admitted to probate W. H. Willis appointed administrator, bond \$100.

Estate of J. D. Fleck, final report of executrix filed and report and account approved.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

J. P. Hansen and Lizzie Losle.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Cicero Hines to Edward N Thomas 80 acres sec 18 t 1 n r 4 w.....\$ 600

Mrs E A Wilkes et al to Clarence Young et ux lot 3 block 4 Thorn's addition Hillsboro..... 600

Israel Dautoff to R H Mason 6 acres in W W Graham claim..... 450

Wm J Davis et al to Frank Egner 40 acres sec 3 t 1 n r 4 w..... 1625

Thos Roe et ux to Belle Clarke Roe lot 2 block 40 F Grove Rachel C Jones et al to Emma Schmale 30 acres in David Allen d l c..... 1

Preston Richardson to Rachel T Jones lots 1 and 2 block 4 and other land..... 2000

C C Fouch to Miles C Purdin lots 2 block 23 Forest Grove Mary Stitt et al to J M Barber et al 14 acres in Steeles add to Beaverton..... 600

G W Tefft et al to T J Allen 8 acres in W Lockerman d l c W O Hocken et ux to Lambert Classen et al 12 acres Geo W Elliott d l c..... 90

Annie J Farnham to Chas Magher lot 7 and 8 block 19 Beaverton..... 1500

Josephine M Robb to O P Smith lots 8 9 and 10 block 1 Curtis ad to Forest Grove L H Hall to John Campbell 13 acres in sec 32 t 2 s r w..... 1000

Gustave Hanke to Geo E Strong tract in sec 32 t 2 s r 1 w. E Davis to Geo E Strong 10 acres in sec 32 t 2 s r 1 w Frank T Johnson to Samuel Stratton south ½ of sec 9 t nr 4 w..... 1

Santa Fe Pacific R R Co to B E Carrier part of sec 1 t 2 n r 6 w and other lands..... 1600

H M Rude et al to H E Noble part of sec 30 t 2 n r 6 w. Ellen Everson to Marie J Baker lots 15 and 16 Ladd and Reed add to Beaverton Andrew Brugger et ux to J J Conaway part of the ne ¼ of sec 23 t 1 s r 1 w..... 727

Esta Earl to Minnie E Barrett lot 34 block 22 West Portland heights..... 1

—Beautiful eyes and handsome face are eloquent commendations. Bright eyes are windows to a woman's heart. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea makes bright eyes. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Dr. Hines Drug Store.

For Sale

I will sell 63 feet, fronting the Sloan Hotel for \$700. One half cash, 1 year's time on balance at 8 per cent. E. P. Cadwell, Leaburg, Ore.

—Weekly Oregonian and The News one year; \$2.00 in advanc.

—Suits, hats and nobby neckwear at the Chicago Store.

—Cash paid for furs. Martin & Co, next door to Brooks Harness shop.

AFTER INVENTORY Clearance Sales!

We have just finished taking our Annual Inventory, which was the cause of disclosing a large amount of short pieces and odds and ends. These we propose to sell at a great reduction and earnestly request that you avail yourselves of the opportunity.

It's Simply a Matter of Value for Your Money

Isn't that the point that you argue when you decided to patronized one store or the other? We know it is. You have no favorite except the store that gives you the best value for your money. For this reason, it should be a very easy matter for you to decide to give us your patronage.

Here's Where You Buy Good Shoes Cheap

You can't buy "cheap" shoes here at any price. We don't sell that kind. But if you want a pair of good shoes at a small price, we can serve you better than anyone else. We still have some we are selling at one-half the original price.

Buy Your Underwear Now

Winter Underwear, we mean. The shirts you have been wearing are getting a little thin, aren't they? You will be getting a cold the first thing you know; and doctor's bills are expensive, so better take the hint and get some of these exceptionally low priced garments. They will keep you comfortable.

Blankets and Comforters That'll Keep You Warm

During the coldest nights; and at prices that under ordinary circumstances, we would never think of quoting. And we wouldn't quote them now if we didn't want the room for other lines. That's the whole story—except the prices.

Hoffman & Allen Co

Main Street, Forest Grove, Oregon

Music for The Fair

With four world-famous bands already engaged, and negotiations with several other noted organizations progressing favorably, the success of the musical feature of the Lewis and Clark Exposition is assured.

The famous Frederick Innes band has been engaged to play four weeks, beginning June 1, the opening day of the Exposition, and Liberati's and Ellery's bands have also been secured. Charles Dierke, of Portland, will organize a band to play a four weeks' engagement, from July 27 to August 23. Negotiations are pending for the appearance of the famous United States Marine Band of Washington, D.C.; the official Mexican Government band, of the City of Mexico, and a band from Honolulu, H. T.

Three official, or administration bands, will also be engaged. These bands will take turns in escorting the governors of states, state delegations, and distinguished personages from the Union Depot to their hotels and subsequently to the Exposition grounds; to play at receptions and banquets, and furnish part of the orchestral accompaniment for oratorios in Festival Hall. The bands will be under the leadership of Charles L. Brown, of Portland, leader of Brown's Park Band; Alberico de Caprio, of Portland, a native of Italy, who conducts De Caprio's Band; and Wallis McElroy, of Salem, Oregon, who is said to be the best bandmaster in the upper Willamette valley.

It Would Be Read.

The newspaper reaches everybody. It is the one agency which touches all the people all the time. The scholar cannot get along without it, the day laborer has it for his sole intellectual food. Rich, poor, wise, ignorant, young, old—everybody reads the newspaper, and it is the only form of literature of which this may be said. Thus the opportunity for the press is unlimited. It has the public ear. Is it any wonder, therefore, that national ideas are unconsciously molded by the press? Speaking of the influence of a good newspaper, an exchange suggests that "If you imagine that reading locals can be so placed in a newspaper that no one will read them, just send in one to the effect that on a given day next week you will apply to the proper authorities for an absolute divorce from your hubby on the complaint that he is entirely too much taken up with a cousin who is visiting you, and if the news isn't generally known through the city within thirty minutes after the paper is out no charge will be made for the notice. And mind you, the item will be put in the most obscure place in the paper. The object is to prove to you that the people read the papers."

Struck Paint.

Fred Wolfe of Buxton, reports to The News that while digging a well at his home, he struck a paint mine at a depth of nine feet. The substance is red and quite plentiful. He says he will have it examined and if it proves valuable, he will develop it.

FREE TO YOU

The News has made arrangements with both the Pacific and Columbia Photograph galleries, whereby every subscriber to this paper, new or old, who pays his or her subscription for the year 1905 in advance, will be entitled to a fine cabinet size photograph free of all cost. Both these galleries do first class work which insures the holder of a coupon, which we give, to a true representation of herself or himself. This offer holds good only until February 20. To those remitting by mail, a coupon will be promptly returned. Coupons will be good three months after issuance. In remitting please state who will have the picture made and which gallery you prefer to do the work. Remember the price of The News is only \$1.00 sent to any address.

Sound, Solid and Successful.

Oregon Fire Relief Association gives protection against loss by fire at purely mutual rates. No better or cheaper insurance can be purchased. Strong and conservative business management has placed them at the head of insurance companies in Oregon. Geo. F. Zimmerman, Agent, Forest Grove, Ore.

—Fresh bread and pies, daily at the Home Bakery.

Parcels Post in England.

Americans are alert to improve their postal facilities in every feasible way, and for that reason watch the developments of the systems in other countries with the keenest interest. According to the London Daily Mail, an important and useful concession to the rural population of England is announced by the British postoffice. It will now be possible for those who live in places quite remote from postoffices to hand parcels to the postman for transmission through the mails. A rural postman, whether on foot or mounted on a bicycle or tricycle, is to accept parcels tendered to him provided that he is not already fully loaded and that the weight of the parcels handed by any one person does not exceed eleven pounds. If the sender's consignment is likely to exceed this limit arrangements will be made for its collection if a day's notice is given. If the postman uses a horse and cart he will be allowed to accept any number of parcels provided he can conveniently carry them in his vehicle. When these conditions do not apply the sender has yet another opportunity, for he has only to proceed to the nearest country letter box at the time appointed for emptying it, and the parcels may then be handed over to the driver of the mail cart, who, however, is not required to weigh the parcels or to check the postage. In most of the European countries the parcels post seems to have come to stay. That it is proving a great convenience and saving to the people is the universal testimony.

News.

Jane—When I reach my twenty-seventh birthday I'm going to settle down. Mary—I'm afraid you'll find it out or reach, my dear. It passed so long ago—Cleveland Plain Dealer.