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## CONSTRUCTION WORK ACTUALLY STARTED

### Work On Electric Line From Portland to Forest Grove Started Yesterday

### Entire Line Will Be Completed In Eight Months And Cars Running

The long-looked-for commencement of construction work on the Oregon Traction Co's electric line from Portland to Forest Grove was actually begun yesterday.

The Telegram of last night says: "With a crew of 15 men, ground was formally broken at the intersection of Twelfth and Couch streets this morning for the line of the Oregon Traction Company from Portland to Forest Grove. Ties are being placed in position as fast as grading is carried on, and when the rails are on the ground early next week no time will be lost in hurrying the completion of the line."

Four carloads of rails will arrive in Portland, Saturday and the contracts will have a portion of the street ready when the steel is delivered. The Portland terminal of the line to be at the foot of Stark street, and it will wind its way westward over the hills, seeking a crossing by way of Pettygrove street. As fast as the grading is pushed ties will be laid. It is estimated the road will be in shape for

operation in seven or eight months. From the foot of Stark street to the city limits a double track system will be installed, and the suburban line will be single.

### Has Government Contract.

Surveyor Levi Walker of this city received word a few days ago from the government that he had been awarded the contract of sub-dividing three fractional townships in Douglas county. Mr. Walker's bonds have been prepared and when they are accepted, which will be in about a week, he will leave for the field of his labors. It will take about three months to finish the job. The government usually receives bids on work of this nature but does not always award the work to the lowest bidder, but to the most competent.

### Family Reunion

Last Sunday the family of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Fletcher held a family reunion at their home in this city. All were present, seven children and five grandchildren. It was the first time in ten years that they were all able to be together and it was an event for celebration. After a sumptuous dinner served by Mrs. Fletcher, a picture was taken of the group, which is as follows, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Fletcher, Mrs. John Hay, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williams, W. T. Fletcher and wife, Chester, Frank and Eva Fletcher.

J. P. Magruder, formerly of Hillsboro but now of Lebanon, has accepted a position as druggist in Hines' drug-store, and will move his family here soon. Mr. Magruder is an experienced pharmacist and quite well known in this vicinity. They will occupy the Mrs. Benson residence on Second street.

## A NEW TRAIN FOR THE GROVE

It is unofficially announced but it comes from a reliable source, that a new train will be put on between here and Portland beginning next Monday. The schedule will be such as to accommodate the citizens of this place and

intermediate points quite admirably.

The train will reach Forest Grove between 11 and 12 a. m. and leave between 12 and 1 p. m., returning from Portland near the hour of eleven p. m.

### A Trip Up the Columbia.

To one who has never taken a trip up the Columbia river it would be a lesson in Nature's ruggedness, a widening of one's knowledge besides a trip of extreme pleasure. On last Sunday morning, the writer and his wife crossed the gang plank to the Bailey Gatzert, the large, stately steamer of the Regulator Line which plies between Portland and The Dalles on week days and on Sundays goes to the Cascade locks and back for the accommodation of the hundreds of pleasure seekers that wish to make the trip. As we passed down the Portland harbor we passed a fleet of Uncle Sam's battle ships which in themselves was a remarkable sight for we were so close to them that we had a good view of their decks and could look down into the bowels of the big guns that were pointed our way. In the harbor at that time was a revenue cutter whose name we didn't learn, the battleships Chicago and Boston and the torpedo boat Perry.

Passing on down the Willamette the government lighthouse at the intersection of the two rivers, signaled to the steamer and we passed on to Vancouver, Washington.

After leaving Government Island the scenery begins to swell into magnificence and by the time the Cascade locks are reached Nature has unfolded to the excursionist all the beauties which in our opinion are simply indescribable. The government at this point has built locks which are large enough to pass two large steamers at the same time.

Every comfort for the traveler is provided and a five course dinner is served at the nominal charge of 50 cents. The cost of a round trip is \$1.50 besides the dinner. The boat leaves Portland every Sunday at 9 a. m. and returns at 6 p. m.

### Baptists in Session at Hillsboro.

The Willamette Baptist Association convened at the Baptist Church in Hillsboro Tuesday morning for a three days session, with C. A. Nutley moderator and M. M. Bledsoe clerk. Quite a large number of ministers and delegates are in attendance. The annual sermon was delivered Tuesday morning by Rev. A. L. Black; subject, "The Importance of Knowing the Teachings of Jesus." During the afternoon a business session was held and in the evening, after a short street service, there was an evangelistic sermon by J. W. Brougner, D. D. of Portland.

### Married

A pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Standbridge last Sunday when their daughter Nellie, was married to Mr. Geo. Callahan of this city. The ceremony was performed at 1 o'clock, Rev. Sanderson officiating, after which a wedding dinner was served. About 16 of their friends were present. They left on the afternoon train for Portland, where they spent a few days. They will reside in this city for the present.

### Exhibits For The Fair

Parties in or about Forest Grove who have fruit or vegetables which they will furnish for the county exhibit at the exposition are requested to bring them in on Tuesdays or Thursdays and leave at Grant Hughes' store in time to be packed and sent to Portland on the afternoon train. The exhibit committee will be at the store on those afternoons to attend to the shipment.

Mrs. Sadie Singleton of Sissons, Cal., visited Monday with Mrs. A. B. Todd. She went on to Monmouth where she will visit her mother.

### Items of Local Interest

Grant Hughes was a Portland visitor Tuesday.

Harry Goff made a business trip to Portland, Saturday.

Miss Lavina Wood of Corvallis, spent a few days last week at the home of J. B. Fields.

"Shorty" Morley is building a new house on his lot across the street from the laundry building.

Miss Phoebe Hiatt of Monmouth has been visiting at the home of A. W. Russell for the past two weeks.

Members of the W. O. W. who were at lodge last Saturday night treated themselves to a bounteous supper.

J. H. Akers of Drain, Ore., was visiting his grandchildren, Lorena and Haven Belknap, the latter part of last week.

Grover Giltner, who is employed at the Condenser, stepped on a nail and has been one of the unemployed for a few days.

Miss Arda Edwards of Ellensburg, Wash., visited at the home of Rev. and Mrs. L. F. Belknap, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

E. A. Jerome, who has been at Hood River the past winter on account of his health, returned to this city Wednesday, very much improved.

Andy Allen, formerly proprietor of the post office barber shop, is down from Pendleton on a visit. He reports Mrs. Allen not so well as when she was here.

I. V. Lathrop, wife and daughter, of Arnold, Nebraska, arrived here this morning and will be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hoffman, their old-time acquaintances.

Mrs. Favor who, has been employed in Hoffman & Allen's store for some time, and family, will leave shortly for Seattle to join her husband who is in the real estate business there.

Messrs. Todd and Richard Weeks of Idaho and Wm. See of North Dakota, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harper on Fourth street, and incidentally attending the fair at Portland.

Mrs. Glisby, who lives about a mile east of here on the Cornelius road, on Thursday morning, fell from a cherry tree and was painfully injured, though no bones were broken. Dr. Rentsz was called.

W. S. Rice, brother-in-law of L. L. Hollinger, from Mt. Vernon, Ind., and his family reached here Saturday. Mr. Rice went on Saturday evening to take a position on the Ilwaco R. R. His family will go to him in a few days where they will live on the beach for a few months.

### English Lutheran Services Here.

On Sunday, July 2nd, at the residence of Chas. Reimemer, on Fifth street between Second and Third avenue, this city, will be held English Lutheran services by Rev. H. C. Ebeling. All are cordially invited, especially such Lutherans who are not able to understand the German language.

### Fourth of July at Portland

"A Grand Celebration will be held at the Exposition Grounds on July 4th. Many noted speakers will be in attendance. Music, fireworks and numerous special features in the different departments of the Exposition will be displayed. The Southern Pacific Company will sell round trip tickets at reduced rates from all points on Oregon lines to Portland and return. Every effort will be put forth to make this celebration the greatest in the history of the Northwest."

W. E. COMAN,  
General Passenger Agent.

### The Westerner Magazine.

During the next few months The Westerner Magazine of Seattle, will furnish some entirely new ideas of what may be done in the great West in the way of out-of-door and industrial numbers. The West has an atmosphere purely and peculiarly its own. Out-of-door life in the West, in the summer time, has charms undreamed of by those in other parts of the world. To catch the spirit, and atmosphere, and life of the country, and to reproduce them in sketch and story, poem and photograph, is the laudable undertaking of The Westerner's publishers. The July number of the magazine, as announced in the advance sheets, will be devoted to out-of-doors in the Puget Sound country. It will deal with House-Boats, Racing, Yachting, Fishing, Camping, Country Homes, Summer Hotels, and the like, and it will be profusely illustrated. All this besides the very best of poetry, fiction and articles of research.

### \$24 Cherry Tree

The crop bulletin issued from the weather station in Portland, stating that the cherry crop is light this year, does not include the Royal Ann cherry tree in the yard of James Darling, in this city, for on Tuesday and Wednesday he picked just \$24 worth of fruit from it. Cherries were selling in the market at 4 cents per pound, and Mr. Darling's tree yielded just 500 pounds.

### Fish Coming Saturday.

The government has sent word to the Forest and Stream Rod and Gun club of this city, that the 40,000 fry for Gales and Dairy creeks will arrive Saturday. The fish will be taken by the members of the club who have conveyances and who can go, and planted in the streams mentioned.

M. I. Connell of Dilley, was a caller at The News office, Tuesday.

## RESOLUTIONS CAUSE TROUBLE

### Framers of Pert Document From Cornelius School District Might Be Sued

### County Court Criticized Too Severely And Without Cause So They Think

The resolutions authorized by the Cornelius school district at its annual meeting a few days ago, has become a topic of much conversation and might lead to a suit for criminal libel. The resolutions severely criticize the county court in the matter of the tax levy for school purposes, which causes much indignation on their part and which looks like it might culminate in a suit for libel against the framers of the document.

The request for publication in two of the county papers was embodied in the resolutions and it appeared in both the Hillsboro Argus and The News simultaneously and came through our regular correspondent and were published as a matter of news and without any intent to reflect upon the integrity of the court.

As far as The News is concerned it has known the court for some time and doesn't believe it to have any inclinations towards its constituents to the extent implied by the resolutions.

Up to this time no action has been taken by the Court and it is generally believed the matter will be dropped.

M. Peterson was in Portland, Saturday, on business.

## Goff Bros. HARDWARE and MACHINERY

The above cut shows the Champion of all Mowers. We have both the draw cut and Wabble gear in 4 1-2 and 5 foot cut, also the Champion hay rake 8, 9 and 10 foot in hand or self dump, Myers hay carriers and pure Manila rope, not standard Manila as some dealers sell for PURE. We sell nothing but the best goods money can buy.

Now is the time to Paint Your House or barn a good coat of Paint. We'll save you money; we have the best paint money can buy. The Sherwin-Williams, a little dearer than some others but has greater covering capacity and guaranteed pure, so costs less in the end. Also White Lead and Linseed oil at lowest prices. Come and let us figure with you on your paint job.

A full line of Plumbing Goods always on hand. Stoves fitted with coil and hot water tank and work absolutely guaranteed, if we do your work and it is not satisfactory, we expect no pay. Get your work done by someone that knows how to do it. We can refer you to a number in town we have done this class of work for, if you want references.

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Quality the  
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