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## OREGON ELECTRIC TO ENTER CITY!

### Company Makes Proposition and Asks Right of Way From Hillsboro to Forest Grove and Terminal Grounds

#### COMMITTEE AT WORK

##### Secures Some Right of Way and Takes Options on Other Property—Free Terminal Grounds are Offered North of City—Cornelius Joins With The Grove—Mass Meeting To Be Called—Time Is Limited.

The prospects for having electric cars running into this city within the next few months were never brighter than at this time. The Oregon Electric company wishes to enter our limits and have agreed to do so by December 31, or possibly sooner.

Guy W. Talbot, general manager of the company, with W. S. Turner, manager for Barstow & Co., constructors, C. J. Miller, chief engineer and G. M. McDowell, Right of Way agent, were in the city last Friday and made the proposition to the Railroad committee of the Board of Trade at the Forest Grove National bank. It had been expected by the citizens of this city that a proposition to enter the city by this company would soon be made and when the meeting was called a full quota of members were present.

Mr. Talbot stated that his company wished to build to Forest Grove and wanted the right of way and terminal grounds to be furnished free of charge to the company which has been the custom by all towns to which the road ran to furnish. They do not expect a bonus of any kind.

Several lines have been surveyed by the engineers from Hillsboro and the one most accessible and the one decided upon by the company, runs almost straight from the city of Hillsboro to Forest Grove entering the city limits 1400 feet north of the Base Line. The first survey ran to the western limits of the city in the north side of town, but when Mr. Talbot and party visited this city last week they decided that the route following the slough that crosses the campus would be the most accessible and answer the purpose of the company and the citizens better, hence the decision to change this part of the route. The company will ask the city for a franchise over and across such streets as the line will pass in order to reach the terminal grounds which have been designated one block south of Pacific avenue and known as the vacant lots adjoining the old Hancock & Cornelius livery barn, also on First avenue westward to the city limits.

Monday a letter was received from Mr. Talbot by the Railroad Committee of the Board of Trade setting forth the requirements of the company.

Portland, Oregon, June 12, '08. Gentlemen: Today I met your Railroad Committee and went over the proposition of continuing our Hillsboro extension from that point to Forest Grove, and our proposition is as follows:

If the citizens of Forest Grove and other interested parties in your community will procure for us a free right of way, grant to us the necessary operating franchise in the city of Forest Grove, and also provide for us, free of cost, a reasonable amount of land for station purposes, approximately 500 feet long by 150 feet wide, situated in such a manner as will be operative, we will agree to keep on with the Hillsboro extension and build a line into your city so as to have it in operation not later than December 31, 1908, unless by strikes or by the act of God we are delayed. Our proposition is, as soon as rights of way are secured, to take the grading forces now operating between Garden Home and Hillsboro and start them to work on the Forest Grove extension.

While we ask until December 31, 1908, if the Forest Grove Committee act promptly in securing the rights of way we should have the line completed into your city not later than October 31, and possibly before.

It seems to me it is the opportunity for your city, and requires quick action in order to get the rights of way so that we may be able to immediately

put our grading gangs onto the work. We wish to build this extension now while we have our labor and plant and supplies in the vicinity, as we could not afford to move the plant later on to build from Hillsboro to Forest Grove as our plans for the next two years are all mapped out, and if this extension is completed it must be done this summer. Yours truly,  
GUY W. TALBOT.

Cornelius held a mass meeting of its citizens Tuesday evening, at the Cornelius hotel for the purpose of appointing a committee to work with the Forest Grove delegation in procuring the right of way.

There was some dissatisfaction shown by the Cornelius people over the proposed road through that place, as it runs several blocks north of the Base Line road, but when the situation was explained by Mr. Harrison Allen of the company, Cornelius promised her support to the project. Several good speeches were made by the citizens and also by some of the Forest Grove committee, which was present. The committee selected by Cornelius is: H. S. Sturdevant, Grant Mann, Jasper Reeves, L. G. Wiederwitsche, P. Phelps and Tom Talbert.

Both committees have started out to secure the right of way and already good progress has been made. Every property owner who has been seen has expressed a desire to have the road come and many have already promised free right of way through their premises.

The matter of securing the right of way will not be as hard a job as was at first thought as the townspeople are enthusiastic over the project and are lending every aid possible. Right of way through the Cox property on First avenue has been given, a similar amount has been secured from Mr. Fields and options on the McNamer and Burdett Shipman properties have been taken, leaving only two tracts adjacent the terminal grounds to be gotten. It is understood that concessions will be given by the college and Free Methodist people which will complete almost the entire route into the city.

The company has stated that it will construct a \$2500 depot and maintain other conveniences such as freight sheds etc.

Aside from the proposed terminal grounds on First avenue, property owners near the survey that runs north of town, have offered free terminal grounds of the required size. This ground is offered free of cost by Elk Walker or Aunt Ann Smith, and is located in the field just north of Col. Haynes' property and that of O. Brown.

The line would swerve to the north from the point of entrance into the city and miss considerable valuable property and it is said that the right of way that distance could be had very cheap.

Just as soon as the railroad committee can determine approximately what it will cost to secure the entire route from Hillsboro a mass meeting will be called and the plans laid before our citizens.

#### Election Contest.

John W. Bailey, who has already received his election certificate, as County Clerk, was served with a copy of a complaint signed by E. L. McCormick, his opponent in the late election, which charges that complainant believes there were irregularities and errors committed in all the precincts, whereby Bailey's vote was increased, and McCormick's diminished. That 20 or more ballots cast for Bailey had the names of voters thereon, or other distinguishing marks, and were therefore void. Complainant asks for a recount of the ballots. Hon. T. A. McBride, Judge of the Circuit Court, has set June 29th at Hillsboro, as the time for hearing the case. H. T. Bagley is attorney for Plaintiff, and Tongue & Tongue and Bagley & Hare, will represent Mr. Bailey.—Argus.

Mr. A. H. Cross of Ohio, who spoke in the State Sunday School Convention on the "Home Department," and also on the "Boys in the Sunday School," will speak at the County Sunday School convention at Reedville, June 25, both before and after noon.

## Public School Commencement

The Congregational church was crowded to the doors Thursday evening—one of the largest bodies of people that has ever been assembled in that house of worship—and the patrons of the occasion were well repaid by the capital program of the public school and high school graduates, which was carried out as printed in last week's News.

Hon. E. W. Haines introduced State Supt. Ackerman, who said that the assemblage was the largest he had addressed in the state on a similar occasion and he took from that that the people of Forest Grove are very much interested in education.

Speaking on the "Courage of the Commonplace," Mr. Ackerman said that there are thousands and tens of thousands of unknown heroes and heroines toiling at their different vocations with just as much courage as the hero of pomp. All men who have ever done anything worth while have had the courage of the commonplace—have been willing and determined to do their work well, which has been responsible for their rise in the world. The future great men of our country, he said, will come from the rural districts and towns and not from the large cities. His address was replete with examples of men and women who have come under his personal observation, who have the courage of the commonplace.

After Mr. Ackerman spoke here he was to deliver 14 more public school addresses.

The songs by Misses Aldrich, Peterson and the boy's chorus were especially good and the essay by Miss Carlyle much appreciated.

Prof. Wilkerson said that one of the brightest students he had ever had was not able to be present and called upon Col. Harry Haynes to represent his daughter, Miss Claire.

A. G. Hoffman presented the diplomas to the graduates of both High school and Public, and the program ended with an inspection of the work of the manual training department. Much has been done in this course and the people are enthusiastic to have it continued next year. It was thought by some that the manual training would tend to depreciate the regular work of the school, but it has proved just the opposite. According to Supt. Case, the graduates of Forest Grove received the highest average of any class in the county.

#### PRIZES ARE AWARDED

##### Sixth Annual Rose Show Grand Success.—Good Crowd Attends.

"Best Ever," has been persecuted and much abused by press agent and enthusiastic reporter since words were first written. But that expression was rightly interpreted Saturday when the throng of people that filled Masonic Hall all afternoon said with one voice, "that's the best rose show we've ever had."

Forest Grove has had six rose shows and each one of them has caused us to feel a sense of much pride, for not many towns of this size think enough of aesthetic beauty to hold annual festivals. But we felt a double pride Saturday for the splendid success of the flower display and its patronage.

Four long tables, reaching from one end of Masonic Hall to the other were heavily laden with beautiful flowers, roses being in abundance, and at the stage end of the auditorium was another table carrying the choicest, prize-winning entries.

Felix Verhooven is to be congratulated upon his splendid exhibit which occupied an entire table, and contained choicest specimens of roses, palms, and potted plants. He was very enthusiastic over the show and has done very much to make the affair the success that it was.

Miss Alice Crooks contributed a pansy collection which would have taken a prize but was entered after one o'clock, the time of the closing of the entries. This year the people were more prompt about bringing in their flowers than heretofore. Miss Blanche McKay and Miss Woodward had beautiful entries.

Ice cream was served by the ladies. As the rose exhibit has grown so extensively Masonic Hall is not large

enough to accommodate the show and it is hoped that Forest Grove may some day have a hall large enough to meet the demands of the rose festival and other big occasions.

Since the beginning of the annual rose shows much has been done to add to the beauty of Forest Grove; people now take a keener interest in raising choice flowers and with that pride has come a general beautifying of the homes; fences have been removed; lawns improved; houses repaired and painted. All of which goes to show that Forest Grove has taken a marked stride in advance. Following is the list of prizes awarded by H. L. Bates, Felix Verhooven, Mrs. Georgia Hughes, as judges:

Best general exhibit of roses: Mrs. H. B. Johnson, first prize; Mrs. A. F. Rogers, second; Mrs. L. C. Walker, third.

Best exhibit of cut flowers: Mrs. A. B. Todd, first; Mrs. A. E. Stevens, second; Mrs. J. L. Harris, third.

Best exhibit of pansies: W. R. Harris, first; Merton Hollinger, second, Freda Moore, third.

Best Caroline Testout—3 blooms: Mrs. Hanna, first; Mrs. J. E. Bailey, second, Mrs. J. B. Smith, third.

Best Viscountess of Follstone—3 blooms: E. K. Reynolds, first; Mrs. G. A. Boldrick, second.

Best pink La France: E. R. Reynolds, first; Mrs. J. E. Bailey, second; Mrs. G. A. Boldrick, third.

Best white La France: Mrs. Hanna, first; Mrs. Chester Johnson, second; Mrs. Charles Mertz, third.

Best Marechal Neil: E. R. Reynolds, Miss M. Langley, second; Mr. Cady, third.

Best Marie Henriette: Mrs. Hanna, first; Mrs. J. W. Stillwell, second; W. R. Harris, third.

Best white Maman Cochet: Mrs. G. Hughes, first; Mrs. C. Mertz, second; Mrs. Hanna, third.

Best pink Maman Cochet: Mrs. J. B. Smith, first.

Best Paul Neyron: Mrs. R. W. McNutt, first.

Best La Marque: Mrs. Robert Taylor, first.

Best new rose, never exhibited here before: W. R. Harris, first, a Margaret Dickson; W. R. Harris, second, a L. Tosca; W. R. Harris, third, a Killarney.

Best individual roses in entire show: Mrs. J. B. Smith, a pink Maman Cochet.

A number deserved honorable mention.

#### County Sunday School Program.

10:00—Devotional.

10:10—Welcome, by J. Millar, Supt. Reedville school.

10:20—Response, S. F. Hartley of Dilley.

10:30—Singing.

10:35—Recitation.

10:40—The Primary Teacher, Miss Minnie Meyers, Forest Grove.

10:55—The Boy Problem, A. H. Cross of Ohio.

11:20—Song, Mrs. W. W. McEl-downey, Forest Grove.

11:25—Sec'y Mrs. H. L. Russell, Gaston.

11:30—Sunday School Temperance and Good Citizenship.

11:50—Appointing Committees.

12:00—Intermission.

1:00—Devotional.

1:10—S. S. Lesson for June 28.

Mrs. W. F. Fowler, State Elementary Supt.

1:40—S. S. Associations, State Pres. R. R. Steele, Portland.

2:00—Song.

2:05—Cradle Roll, Mrs. H. W. Boyd, Forest Grove.

2:20—Recitation.

2:25—The Maximum Class, Mrs. H. Gould, Forest Grove.

2:35—Bible Study and Teacher Training, Rev. C. A. Sias, Forest Grove.

2:55—Reports of Dist. Presidents and their schools.

3:30—Reports of Officers.

3:45—Reports of Committees and Election of Officers.

4:15—Miscellaneous.

4:50—Adjourn.

L. L. HOLLINGER, President.

#### The Chalmers Shorthorn Sale.

The cattle were only in ordinary pasture condition, but in favorable circumstances the sale would have been a grand success.

The demand earlier in the season from Eastern Oregon and Washington had almost vanished on account of holding back of rain and cold weather thrown in, only one buyer was from that section, (our bulls went at sacrifice prices). Geo. McKay of Watterman, who had been in the valley a week previous at Ladd's etc., and expected to take back a car load was content with one animal, getting a tele-

## TAFT ON FIRST!

### Big Secretary Nominated for the Presidency at 4:30 this Afternoon.

Special to The News

Convention Hall, Chicago, June 18th, 1908—Taft nominated president on the first ballot at 4:30 o'clock.

R. A. Caples.

phone message the night before the sale that prospects for rain were no better, but worse. The Columbia had risen enough to keep every man in the water section at home. Some have sent their regrets that they could not attend the sale.

The sales were made in nearly every case to old customers. The Union Stock Yards would have bought the entire lot at a fair price, but the sale was published and had to go through to fill an advertised contract. They were the heaviest buyers and took about one third of the entire lot and intend to sell out about double the purchase price. They consider that the rise in value in the eastern market is a good basis to work on.

A. CHALMERS.

#### Died.

Mrs. R. E. White, aged 27 years, died at her late home near this city Sunday morning after an illness of but a few days. Mrs. White leaves a husband and two little girls to mourn her death. She was born in Minnesota, and came here only last Spring. She was a member of the Eastern Star and the funeral was conducted by the local lodge Wednesday morning. The remains were accompanied to their old home in Nebraska by Mr. White and his two children. Deceased leaves an aged mother in this city.

#### For Sale.

Good threshing outfit all in good running order, 28x40 separator, 10 horse Russel engine good wood saw on engine. Can be bought right. Call and see or write,  
50-ft  
CALVIN THOMAS,  
Gaston, Ore.

#### Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our thanks to our kind friends and neighbors who so efficiently rendered assistance during the illness and death of the late William J. Van Doren.

MRS. W. J. VAN DOREN,  
G. BAILEY AND FAMILY.

#### Basket Social.

To be given for the benefit of the Banks Star Baseball nine at Banks, Ore., Saturday evening, June 27, 1908. All are cordially invited. Ladies bring your baskets.

#### Notice to Telephone Patrons.

The Independent telephone service will be discontinued from 6:30 p. m. Saturday until Monday morning on account of moving into new office. S. G. Hughes.

Charles Ward of Keiso, Wash. and Miss Elizabeth Chalmers of Centerville, won the medals in the Academy declamation contest Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Ward was also awarded the scholarship prize for the best work in his class. The other contestants in the speaking were Misses Jennie Rasmussen, Faye Corwin and Mr. Gardner. The contest was very close and it was with some difficulty that the decisions were made. Professor Wilkerson, Mrs. J. A. Folsom and Rev. Baser of Salem, who gave the address acted as judges of the contest.

W. H. Hollis, secretary of the Bankers and Merchants Mutual Fire Relief Association, of this city, appeared on the program of the First Annual meeting of the Mutual Insurance Associations of the state in Portland Wednesday, his subject being "Legislation." E. W. Haines also appeared on the program as opening the discussion. The meeting proved to be both beneficial and successful and it is the intention to hold a meeting each year by the Mutual associations.

Miss Pearl Chandler, who is membership secretary of the Portland Y. W. C. A., has been spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Emma Chandler.

## PACIFIC UNIVERSITY IS CLOSED

### Annual Commencement Closed Last Night with Concert

## STUDENTS ARE LEAVING

### Plans Inaugurated for a Greater Pacific Next Year. About all the Professors Retained.

With a blaze of glory the forty-sixth annual commencement of Pacific University ended last night and the students have about all left for their homes over the state and northwest to spread the gospel of the school and bring new students back with them when they return next September.

Large crowds, good programs, interest and capital weather have characterized the whole week. Many graduates left their professions to mingle again with old chums, and friends who have been in attendance have been very complimentary of the work done by the institution.

Yesterday's graduating class from the college was eight in number, besides Miss Alice Sewell who received her diploma from the conservatory of music. They are: D. I. Ailer of Oakland, Cal., S. B. Lawrence of Forest Grove, H. H. Arnston of Tacoma, Robert Imlay of Reedville, Claude D. Mason of Boise, Idaho, and Misses Esther Silverman of Skamawaka, Wash., Minnie Heidel of Hillsboro and Frances Benton Clapp of Forest Grove. The presentation was made by President Ferrin and the audience cheered lustily when each graduate was given their diploma. Rev. Luther R. Dyott delivered the address upon "The Complete Life." Musical selections were rendered by graduates of the Conservatory, Miss Frances Clapp and Miss Alice Sewell and a vocal solo by Miss Spalding.

At noon occurred the regular business meeting of the associate alumni and at one o'clock the corporation dinner in the parlors of the Congregational Church.

One of the crowning features of the Commencement, which concluded with the recital of last night, was the program given by the graduates of the '60's at the alumni exercises Tuesday evening. Alumni evening is always one of the most interesting, for it is then that the old graduates meet and give to the friends of the varsity their fund of knowledge and experience, and Pacific University possesses the fine distinction of having listed among its graduates some of the most prominent men of the state, so ears are always open to hear what they may say.

After the invocation by Prof. Marsh, the grand old educator of Oregon who had spent over forty years in the harness at Pacific at the time of his resignation last June, J. Q. A. Bowiby '67 and president of the alumni, stated that it had been the purpose to get all of the graduates of the '60's present and they had succeeded in getting all but three, George Durham, who is East, Charles Hall and Mrs. Harriot Hoover Killen of Seattle. He said that it was an informal pioneer meeting to talk over old times.

Rev. J. E. Walker of the class of '67 gave the main address of the evening upon "Missionary work in China." Mr. Walker went to China in 1872 and was one of the pioneer missionaries of the interior part of the Kingdom. The churches and colleges have been responsible for the enforcement of the anti-opium edict, he

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