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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY, 3

"Hey, diddle, diddle,
 "The cat and the fiddle,
 "The cow jumped over the
 moon".

Wonder if the fellow who wrote
 that nursery rhyme foresaw the
 present price of beef?

That this end of Washington
 county is on the eve of an era
 of unparalleled prosperity is evi-
 dent even to the most pessimistic.
 Reports from the various
 real estate dealers show a volu-
 minous list of queries in regard
 to resources, climatic conditions,
 prices of land, etc. It is safe to
 say that the coming spring and
 summer will witness an influx of
 homeseekers into this vicinity
 that will surprise even the na-
 tives.

There are many things in the
 conduct of city affairs which are
 more noticeable in their omission
 than in their commission. For
 instance we were obliged for
 several months of the year, in
 the past history of Forest Grove,
 to realize that we were provided
 with cross-walks, from the very
 prevalence of the filth that as
 pedestrians we were compelled
 to wade through. For the last
 week citizens have felt a new
 pride in their city welling up
 within them, because they have
 been able to pass through the
 town over well cleaned cross-
 walks. All such things, though
 they appear small in themselves,
 show in their commission the
 ear-marks of a well ordered city
 government. Another evil which
 looks bad both for the manage-
 ment and the citizens is the pre-
 sence of rubbish accumulated
 in the narrow alleys in the south
 part of the city; also some are so
 careless of other people's rights
 as to pile wood in the alley so as
 to obstruct the passage altogether,
 leaving it in that condition
 for months at a time. Such
 things should not be allowed,
 since it not only is a great nuisance
 and inconvenience but has
 a bad effect upon the mind of
 possible settlers and business
 men.

High prices and cost of living
 seems to be the subject that is
 demanding the attention of peo-
 ple of all classes at the present
 moment. Nearly every one has
 his own private opinion and ex-
 planation, and many are offering
 solutions for the difficulty. It
 has been suggested by some that
 the high prices are due to a de-
 crease in production; but if we
 examine statistics we find that
 the amount of food crops pro-
 duced last year were by far the
 largest in the history of the
 country. Still the demand for
 all classes of food stuffs is ab-
 normally large. So this does not
 afford a sufficient explanation.
 That people are living on a high-
 er plane than formerly in money
 sections is certain. Time was
 when the farmer killed his meat
 for the year and salted it down,
 now he consumes fresh meats
 thru the whole year. A few

years ago localities were confined
 to the crops produced for their
 diet, e. g., the south consumed
 very little wheat, some parts of
 the north lived largely on vege-
 tables. Now, we have become
 cosmopolitan in our eating. A
 bumper crop in a certain locality
 no longer floods the market in
 that particular place with very
 low prices as a certain result
 while the same article of produce
 was tabooed because of its secur-
 ity in another place. Transporta-
 tion facilities have made it
 possible to distribute any product
 quickly and safely to all parts of
 the country. So that it is no
 longer possible to have a surplus
 that can not be quickly distrib-
 uted to areas where there is a
 shortage. For this reason and
 the reason that foreign importa-
 tions are prohibited by a heavy
 import duty, prices must neces-
 sarily remain high, and instead
 of a decrease in prices for the
 future, unless very large areas
 are quickly brought under inten-
 sive cultivation, we may rather
 look for a steady increase or at
 least a consistent equilibrium.
 This however does not settle the
 wage-earners difficulty. He is
 not getting his proper share of
 present profits. Wages must be
 advanced to meet the demands
 of the higher costs of living, all
 along the line of the intellectual
 progress of our citizenship must
 come to a standstill and finally
 decline. Already many children
 of school age have been com-
 pelled to leave school and go to
 work in the shops or on the
 farms, in order to help replenish
 the depleted family larder. Just
 now a crisis faces the American
 nation. Are we able to meet it
 or will the struggle for existence
 become so great as to create and
 sustain a large class of illiterate
 inhabitants in our boasted land
 of the free.

AROUND THE CIRCUIT

Woodburn is highly elated over
 the fact that it is now on a real
 electric railway line.

Numerous test cases of the lo-
 cal option law are being brought
 throughout the state.

Taxpayers in Tillamook City
 are up against the real thing
 hard, a total tax of 47 mills hav-
 ing been levied, 20 mills of which
 is a road tax.

John P. Drew was found dead
 with a bullet hole through his
 brain, near St. Helens. No clew
 has yet been found which would
 lead to the discovery of the
 young man's murderer.

Mrs. W. B. Taylor, of St. Hel-
 ens, tried the old method of
 lighting a coal fire with kerosene.
 The usual explosion followed,
 igniting her clothes and before
 the flames were extinguished,
 the unfortunate woman was so
 severely burned that she died in
 a Portland hospital a few hours
 later.

Under an opinion handed down
 in the United States Circuit
 Court of Appeals today in the
 case of Nanyo Hesso vs. the
 United States, a Japanese in law
 is neither a White person nor a
 person of African descent, and
 therefore is not entitled to nat-
 uralization in this country.

The year 1907 was the banner
 year in exports, the United
 States exporting that year, of
 agricultural products alone, \$967-
 000,000 worth, of which \$468,000,
 000 was cotton. For the year
 1909 the total exports were \$837,
 000,000. In 1898 the exports of
 agricultural products were \$789-
 000,000, of which \$232,000,000
 was cotton and \$308,000,000
 breadstuffs.

Cliffs, the S. P. & S. R. R. di-
 vision point town, established
 more than two years ago, rec-
 orded its first death Friday, when
 the infant son of Mr. and Mrs.
 Charles McFerren died. No
 death occurring the town au-
 thorities made no provision for
 a cemetery. This necessitated
 taking the body of the babe to
 Maryhill, five miles west of Cliffs,
 for interment.

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 very best, and our
 workmanship is un-
 excelled.

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 convinced

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Comes to us all some time

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In the new K. of P. Building, where we are
 now located, there is lots of room to display
 our excellent line of Men's Clothing.

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We have a fine line of
 Men's Suits that are be-
 ing closed out at re-
 markably low prices.

ANDERSON

LEADING CLOTHIER

FOREST GROVE

OREGON

Announcement!

BY THE

Oregon Electric Railway Co.

Opening Wednesday
 February 2, 1910

Of its new Line and Train Service to

WOODBURN, OREGON

The branch line connecting Woodburn with West
 Woodburn has been completed and passenger service
 inaugurated on the above date.

The following is a schedule of trains arriving and
 leaving Forest Grove, with which connection is made
 at Garden Home and West Woodburn for passengers
 to and from Woodburn:

Lv. Forest Grove	Ar. Woodburn	Lv. Woodburn	Ar Forest Grove
8:40 a m	10:30 a m	9:00 a m	11:30 a m
10:30 a m	12:40 p m	2:25 p m	4:40 p m
1:40 p m	4:00 p m	4:25 p m	6:40 p m

For information relative to tickets, fares, etc., see the ticket agent

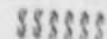
C. E. ALBIN
 Ticket Agent, Forest Grove

GEO. F. NEVINS,
 Traffic Manager, Portland, Oregon

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