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24 HOUR SERVICE

Washington-Oregon Corporation Makes the City Proposition.

To the Citizens of Forest Grove:

At the recent regular meeting of your City Council, we had the honor of substituting a tentative proposal for the lighting of your city. Owing to several misconceptions of our offer, which are abroad, we take this means of making our terms and our motive plain to you.

It is necessary first, for us to outline to the residents and taxpayers of the Grove the important service we are attempting to render in your valley, where as a business organization we are devoted entirely to the improvement and advantage of the region. We are engaged in the manufacture and distribution of electricity, and our object being the purely business one of selling the greatest quantity of our product, we must accomplish this object by applying business principles. The first element of business is to encourage by common sense means the free use of a product. To do this requires a systematic plan of operations and low prices, steady service and fair treatment. Low price does not mean selling at a loss. Any product sold at a price which does not yield a fair profit will swamp the strongest business. Any business which does not know where to guard against losses must fail. A fair profit encourages good service and keeps the establishment abreast of the times.

These elementary principles apply perhaps more in the manufacture and sale of electricity than they do in other lines of work. To manufacture electricity in a proper manner a vast amount of money must be spent in machinery and buildings. The most talented designing and operating engineers are employed in all its operations and much time and money is devoted to keep the machinery moving without disaster or interruption to the service. Large sums must be set aside for emergencies and for improvements to keep abreast of the times.

No one not intimately familiar with the modern power station and its business organization, can imagine the number of details entering into the work. The making of the electric fluid is the simplest and cheapest operation in the process. It is before and after the generation of the fluid energy, that expense and losses begin. It takes the utmost care at every point to prevent losses, danger and damages, and interruption of the service. To paraphrase a well known saying "the price of uninterrupted electric service is eternal watchfulness," from the time the plans are executed to the time bills are paid.

It is not the least item of trouble, this matter of seeing that bills are paid, but a greater difficulty exists in apportioning the many items of expense where they belong. Unless every item of expense is properly noted and carefully charged to the part of the business in which it belongs, it will not be long before serious losses will be discovered somewhere and it

will surely be found that one department of an industry is eating up the profit from another part of the business.

These are matters which are as important in the running of the city incorporation as in the running of an incorporated electric company. If a city fails to carry on its business in a proper manner it also must suffer; the only difference is that a city cannot go out of business and must pocket its losses, levy more taxes and begin again.

We are unable to find any evidence that the City of Forest Grove is better off in the matter of bookkeeping than other small cities, and in some case very large cities also. There are many matters in connection with the running of the city electric plant which a successful private company would not permit. Then again no provision has been made for the breakdown of the single engine, and the one boiler and generator. These are items which must be taken up sooner or later by the city.

Knowing this, we offer to the city as a clean cut business proposition all the advantages which come from an avoidance of the many losses bound to occur in conducting a municipal lighting plant. We will sell electric energy to Forest Grove for less than it costs the city to make it, and relieve the city of all the upkeep items which it must provide for in its power house. We will give the city twenty four hour service. We will give it all the current it asks for now and provide for the growth of the future. We will enable you to use the many labor saving electric devices now on the market, not the least of which is the electric iron. All of the above we can give the city while it still retains its plant ready for use, if we fail to fulfill these promises. But even with all the saving this plan offers, the city must bear the losses and burden of management which make it very doubtful that the city can avoid losses in a term of ten years. It is on this account that nearly every small city has found it wise to give a franchise to a reliable company. We therefore offered informally to the city council a proposition for a franchise similar to the one we hold in Hillsboro. The acceptance of our terms will clear the city of all expense and possible loss and will leave a large sum of money in the treasury.

Our knowledge of the business of manufacturing electricity is offered to the Grove and the valley in which it is located. Our interests and capital is devoted to adding to the growth and prosperity of the district in which we operate. If those who have the interest of the neighborhood at heart will weigh the facts we present they must admit the advantage of our terms over the present situation.

For the Washington-Oregon Corporation. C. W. HILL.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Newberg trimmed the Forest Grove High School team last Saturday to the tune of 19 to 0. Our boys are game, though and will go after McMinville in good earnest this Saturday.

Dr. Todd, Vice President of the Willamette University spoke in his usual happy manner at assembly on Oct. 11th.

\$5.00 down and \$5.00 per month for 6 months, buys a good typewriter at Steahr's Bazaar, guaranteed for two years.



THEODORE ROOSEVELT

On the evening of Monday, Oct. 14th, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt progressive candidate for the presidency was shot by an insane crank, by name John Schrank, in front of the Gillpatrick hotel, Milwaukee, Wis. The ball fired from a .38 calibre revolver, entered the right breast below the nipple, embedding itself in the muscles of the chest at a depth of 4 inches. The wound, considered at first slight, may prove fatal.

The would be assassin was overpowered and arrested. He plead guilty and boasted of his crime. The whole country is aroused in sympathy and is hopeful for the candidate's recovery.

Masonic Order Bans the Liquor Business.

LOS ANGELES:—Hereafter no Mason in California can engage in the liquor business and remain in good standing. This is the ruling of the California grand lodge of Free and Accepted Masons today. Not only was the amendment passed to prevent saloon men from entering the order, but a rider preventing Masons in good standing from entering the liquor business in any way was almost unanimously adopted.

Man Hurt While Fishing.

HILLSBORO:—On last Friday Jack Beedon, a Portland business man, was rendered unconscious by a 12-foot fall while trying to land a salmon trout on the Salmon Berry River, 40 miles from here.

Beedon was standing on a rock in the stream when the fish bit. He started to reel in his catch, lost his balance and fell, striking on his head. He was brought here and was unconscious when taken from the train. He was better that evening and was able to return to Portland.

BETHANY—School with Prof. E. G. Weeble, as teacher, has an enrollment at this date of 36 and the school is working up much enthusiasm.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank our many kind friends and neighbors who with their help and kind words assisted us in our late bereavement.

C. L. PERRY AND FAMILY.

At the Christian Church.

At the Christian church next Sunday the pastor will preach both morning and evening. In the morning the subject will be, "That Rock Was Christ." In the evening a most important theme is to be discussed, one that the minister has been asked about many times. The subject is, "Why Christ Died, or the Necessity of His Death." Be sure and hear this sermon. Bible school at 10:15, which is a very interesting session. The public is cordially invited.

Obituary.

Warren E. West aged 6 years late son of Prof. and Mrs. Earl West died Sunday morning at the Forest Grove Sanitarium. The child underwent an operation for appendicitis last week but was too weak to recover. Funeral services were held at the home of the parents Reverend Thomas and Barber officiating with interment in Forest View Cemetery.

The good people of Father Buck's congregation in Cornelius gave him a double surprise last week when they came in a body to spend the evening and incidentally presented him with a beautiful rocker. The evening was pleasantly spent with music and refreshments. Father Buck says if he grows lazy it will be on account of his kind people.

Congregational Church Services
Morning subject "Supposing"
Evening subject "Choosing."
Rev. Toomas, pastor.

The Press from now till Jan. 1914, \$1.



Forest Grove Locals

Mrs. Emmerson has been quite ill.

Mrs. Harper, of Gales Creek, was in town last Saturday.

Mrs. C. A. Littler visited relatives in Portland this week.

Miss Wanda Sain, of Scoggins Valley, visited in this city last Sunday.

Saturday is proclaimed by Gov. West as clean up day. Does it mean us?

Miss Bessie Wilson, of Portland was a visitor in the Grove last Sunday.

Mrs. T. Wiggman has been putting a new sidewalk around her property.

Mr. Grathwell, of this city, will lecture at Beaverton next Thursday evening.

Wm. Scott, deputy school superintendent of Hillsboro, was in the Grove Tuesday.

Mrs. H. W. Hoskins, of the Grove, left for California last week to visit her son Blaine.

Mrs. Doores returned from Woodburn last Friday night where she has been visiting.

Mr. Needham, father of Mrs. E. G. Mills, arrived in Forest Grove Sunday from Nebraska.

Mrs. O. L. Kennedy with her family and a party of friends visited at the Olmstead home last week.

Mr. Alva Patton went to Portland Monday night to attend a Christian Endeavor meeting, returning Tuesday morning.

We pay cash to those who get subscriptions for the Press. We need more good representatives. Write us at once for particulars.

Joseph Howell died Monday in Portland. He had large land holdings on Souvie's Island. Many years ago he lived near Hillsboro.

Mrs. Laura Doane entertained a few friends at her home last Saturday evening in honor of the second anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Doane.

A basket social was held at the High School last Friday evening. The sale of the baskets amounted to \$31.75. Between 40 and 50 were present, and all had an enjoyable time.

Prof. Proctor and wife and daughter, Mrs. A. L. Moore, Mrs. R. E. Emmerson, Miss B. Dorris, Miss Kate Scott and Joe Samet, the tailor, were among the Portland visitors this week.

The Prohibition rally held in the Congregational church last Saturday evening was well attended. The topic, "Why I am a Prohibitionist," was discussed and much enthusiasm manifested.

Dr. H. R. Kauffman, of Glendale, Oregon, has located in the Grove. He has taken offices with Dr. Pollock in the Bank building. His wife who is visiting in the east, will join him soon.

Concord grapes have been selling on the Portland markets this week, two baskets for 25 cents. No better grapes can be had for jelly purposes, and while so cheap all should avail themselves of a supply.

Andrew Kelly and Miss Lydia A. Taylor were married by Rev. C. H. Hilton at the home of T. H. McGreer, Thursday of last week. The couple will make their home on 1st avenue N and Fifth streets.

Mrs. Austin is preparing to build a new house on B street.

Mr. Bert Ramsey, of Portland, visited in Forest Grove last Sunday.

Miss Hoodenpyle, of Wapato, was in town shopping last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Harte are employed in the N. B. La Course store.

Warren Tupper and little sister of Idaho, are attending school in this city.

Mrs. Rev. C. C. Stewart, of Salem, visited relatives in this city last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carmel Good visited friends at Salem last Saturday and Sunday.

Wm. Sattler has arrived in the city, after spending two years in Oakland, California.

Mrs. C. Shaw has returned to her home in this city, after visiting of Rigfield, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Crowthers and little son Gaylord, of Gales Creek, were in town on Monday.

The missionary society of the Congregational church gave a supper last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. C. Knapp, of this place, went to the Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland last Monday.

Mr. Marion Hawkins from Coquille, Oregon, visited over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Morris.

M. R. Wagner (Met) who has been in California for some time is here fixing up around the home place.

S. C. Inkley, farmer and hop grower of the banks section was in town on business the latter part of last week.

Huffaker Bros. left this week for Garden Home and Metzger, where they have a large contract of wood sawing which will require about three weeks to complete.

The State convention of the W. C. T. U. will be held in Portland on Friday, Oct. 18th and the national convention will be held at the same place from the 19th to the 26th of Oct.

A single potato, somewhat irregular in shape, weighing five pounds was brought to our office by Cal Cambell this week, just in time to save us from straining our credit for more spuds.

The ladies of the Christian church will give a cooked food sale next Saturday, Oct. 19th, at Moore's meat market and grocery. All kinds of good things for your Sunday dinner. Come and see us.

Mrs. Millie Trumbell will speak at the Christian church parlors Friday the 18th, at 3 p. m. at the Mothers' meeting, of the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Trumbell is the secretary of the Child Labor Commission of Portland. Every one is urged to be present.

Walker and Lidyard, shoemakers, have installed up to date machines in their present quarters on 1st Avenue north. They now sew on the soles as well as do all fancy stitching. The polisher and finisher is something of a marvel in the quality of work it turns out. The boys say all this new machinery was necessary to keep abreast with the growth of business.