

**FARMERS SAY ENFORCE
NEW COMMISSION LAW****Local Producers Urge Stringent
Action of Railroad Com-
mission**

An apparent threat by the commission men of Portland to quit business if the Railroad Commission enforces the law regulating and licensing commission houses, caused a large number of farmers and fruit raisers of this city to send a letter to the Commission at Salem, last Thursday, urging that body to enforce the provisions of the law both in letter and in spirit. The letter stated that the signers had no idea that the commission men of Portland would go out of business should the law be enforced, but should they do so, there are other men who would comply with the law, and they would be ably backed up by the farmers and other producers, who would unitedly support and patronize these firms. The farmers here believe the law is a good one and will protect the farmer and produce raiser from loss through fraudulent commission men. The farmers say that the provisions of the law will work no injury to the honest commission men, and should the law fail to be enforced producers may start a commission house of their own in Portland.

It is said that the commission men of Portland have raised a fund, and will test the constitutionality of the new law in the courts. It is also said that the Railroad Commission will place no obstacles in the way of testing the law.

The commission men claim that the new law is class legislation, and that it will impose restrictions upon the trade that will make it impossible to follow unless they charge the country shipper at least twenty-five per cent for selling the goods. Heretofore ten per cent has generally been the charge.

**WOMAN'S CLUB GIVES
AUTOMOBILE PARADE**

Tuesday at about noon the people of Forest Grove were treated to an automobile parade. Headed by an automobile bearing the High School Band, about a dozen machines spun around through the city, loaded with members of the Woman's Club. The purpose of the parade was to advertise the dramatic reading entertainment given by President Southwick for the benefit of the Roger's Free Library, and was very effective as a drawing card.

President Southwick Pleases

The reading of the "The Rivals" in Marsh Hall Tuesday night by President Southwick, of the Emerson College of Oratory, was highly enjoyed by a large number of people. President Southwick is a gentleman of much polish and culture, and his interpretation of the different characters was given in a manner that brought forth frequent applause.

The reading was given under the auspices of the Woman's Club, and the Club netted approximately fifty dollars, or enough to keep the Rogers Free Library open on Sundays for a year. President Southwick donated five dollars of the Club, which kindly act was greatly appreciated.

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**SALE OF SCHOOL BONDS
STOPPED BY INJUNCTION**

E. B. Sappington filed an injunction suit Saturday against the Forest Grove school district, asking that the board of directors and clerk, M. Peterson, Dorothy Seymour, Charles Littler and R. P. Wirtz—be stopped from delivering to Morris Brothers, brokers and bankers, bonds in the sum of \$35,000.

The plaintiff, who is county treasurer, files the suit as private citizen and charges that the sale of the bonds was not advertised, and it is the duty, says the plaintiff, of the county treasurer, with the sanction of the school board, to submit the sale of district school bonds to financiers by advertising in accredited newspapers. He charges that as county treasurer this has not been accomplished. In an injunction suit, Mr. Seppington asks the court to stop the delivery of the bonds until the same have been properly advertised.

In a letter to the Press published in another column, the board of school directors set forth their side of the matter, and explain wherein they were justified in taking the action they did for the sale of the bonds, claiming that they acted within the school law covering the sale.

**DECORATION DAY IS
FITTINGLY OBSERVED**

Decoration Day was most fittingly observed in this city Friday. At 10:30 members of the Grand Army of the Republic, Women's Relief Corps, and hundreds of school children and citizens of Forest Grove and surrounding country met at the K. of P. Hall, where a procession was formed, and headed by the High School Band playing martial and patriotic airs, a march was made to Forest View Cemetery. Graves of departed veterans were decorated with flowers by old veterans, and at the monument erected in memory of the unknown heroes who shed their blood for their country, the beautiful ritual of the G. A. R. was impressively carried out by the old comrades. The cemetery was a veritable mass of bloom, and one of the largest crowds in years was in attendance. In the afternoon exercises in commemoration of the day were held at Marsh Hall. Vocal and instrumental numbers and recitations and addresses were given, Hon. E. W. Haines giving the principal address. Senator Haines reviewed the great achievement of the soldiers of the Union who saved our country from disruption during the Civil war, and spoke feelingly of the debt of gratitude which we owe them. We may best show our gratitude by earnestly and patriotically working to preserve the great heritage these old soldiers have given us, striving always, with forward looking, for the weal of the nation, said the speaker.

Horse Mutilator Goes to Jail

William Penny, charged with mutilating a horse by pulling its tongue with a rope until the member was nearly severed, was remanded to jail in a hearing before Justice Smith, of Hillsboro, Tuesday, in default of \$1500 bond. The evidence showed that the horse had been turned out to pasture two days before its owner, E. McCoy, of Gales Creek, father-in-law of Penny, knew of its mutilation.

**TIMBER IS REAL ESTATE
HOLDS CIRCUIT JUDGE**

G. J. Cowanah, landowner on the United Railways near Connell station, ten miles north of Hillsboro was given a decree Saturday stopping E. T. Preble and Miss Nellie Todd of Portland from cutting timber on land on which Cowanah holds a mortgage.

Cowanah in 1910 sold the land to men by the name of Boeckli and Langhard, who defaulted in payment of interest and to get the money sold the timber to Preble and Reese of Portland. Miss Todd a stenographer in the office of Allan R. Joy, Portland, invested some money in a sawmill on the place. Two million feet have been cut leaving perhaps, a million and a half more on the premises. Cowanah brought suit a few months ago asking an injunction against further cutting of timber, charging that his security was being impaired. Judge Campbell held that timber growing was a part of real estate.

Cowanah recently passed a night in jail on an insanity charge brought by Preble.

Base Ball at Cornelius

Next Sunday the Cornelius Cubs will cross bats on their own diamond with the Columbus Club of Portland. Cornelius has been defeated but once this season, and the way they have waxed it to a number of teams that have gone up against them shows they will give the discoverer of America's team a run for their mazzama. Decoration Day Cubs took the number of the High School team of this city, by a score of three to six, but at that the game was full of snap and ginger, and the best played here this season.

Gale Grange Meets Saturday

Gale Grange will meet at the Knights of Pythias Hall in this city Saturday. The morning session will be devoted to business and initiatory work. At noon a social hour will be enjoyed while those present partake of the fine luncheon which is always provided by the ladies of the Grange. In the afternoon the meeting will reconvene at 1:30, and Professor William Proctor will give a short address. A program of special music and recitations will be given by the school children.

Mayor Is Sent To Jail

W. T. Vinton the mayor of McMinnville was fined three hundred and sentenced to six months in jail by Circuit Judge Galloway, Monday. The mayor was in jail but a few hours, being released on habeas corpus proceedings. The trouble arose over the refusal of the mayor to sign a paving contract passed by the council, when Judge Galloway ordered him to do so. When he sees fit to obey the order of the court Mayor Vinton will be released from serving his jail sentence.

University Recital

On Thursday evening, June 12th the recital by the advanced music students of Pacific University Conservatory will be given. The program will consist largely of vocal and instrumental solos. Another feature will be the ensemble works to be given by the students. The general public is cordially invited to attend this recital. Marsh Hall. The recital will begin at 8 P. M. sharp.

**L. W. HILL OF S. P.
VISITS THIS CITY**

Louis W. Hill and his crew of big railroad officials were here Friday morning as guests of the Commercial Club and addressed a meeting of citizens at Verts Hall at noon. There was not a large crowd present as the meeting had not been advertised and most of the citizens were either at their homes or at the Decoration Day exercises at the time of the railroad convocation. Judge W. H. Hollis presided and introduced Mr. Hill as the first speaker who paid a fine tribute to the pioneer and the State of Oregon. He said that in most states the citizens had not been there long and in Montana men that had been in the state ten years were members of the pioneer association. "But here in Oregon," said Mr. Hill, "the men you meet most of them, were either born here or came here in an early day and in the East you see fewer Oregonians than people from any other state. That is a great recommendation for the State. The people are satisfied with Oregon and don't want to go any where else. There is only one way to meet Oregonians and that is to come to Oregon. I like to meet the Oregon pioneers—the men that came across by ox team a hard trip of three to six months. Only the good folk got here. The unfit didn't come. Folks don't want to leave here and I want to get more people here. This country is good enough for us to take a chance at no matter if there are other railroad lines here". President Young of the North Bank railroad said that Mr. Hill had gone over the Oregon Electric, personally, before buying the line and that he now considers it his best investment in Oregon. "There is nothing that will develop a State like quick transportation and there is nothing like an Electric line for quick transportation. And it is our intention to aid in the development of Oregon. What helps you will help us."

A Trip East

A card received from A. E. Hart by the editor of the Press, mailed in Wisconsin, says that the crops in that state are farther advanced than Oregon, the weather conditions being about the same. Mr. Hart says he and Mrs. Hart saw several Indian encampments in S. Da. In some places on the cattle ranges of South Dakota they saw a large number of dead steers, the animals dying from the effects of eating a kind of grass. Prairie dogs, coyotes and rabbits were plentiful. Mr. and Mrs. Hart are visiting many of the larger centers of population in the east.

New Mayor for Portland

H. R. Albee was elected mayor of Portland by a large plurality, Monday, and will begin to serve a four year term as chief official July 1. Rushlight, present mayor, has sent congratulations to Albee, and promises his support. Portland will hereafter be under the commission form of government, four commissioners having been elected Monday to assist the mayor, these men being Messrs. Daly, Bigelow, Dieck and Brewster.

Stated communication this Saturday evening 8 o'clock Holbrook Lodge No. 30, A. F. & A. M. Visiting brethren welcome. By order of the W. M. H. C. Parker, Secy.

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**GALES CREEK YOUTH
PASSES AWAY**

Clay Harper, the sixteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Aden Harper, of Gales Creek, died at the Forest Grove hospital Friday morning, after a short illness. About two weeks ago the young man complained of a pain in one of his lower limbs, this being the first symptom that had been manifested of the disease which caused his death. After his removal to the hospital an operation was performed, and the lad was found to be suffering from tuberculosis of the bone. Although every effort that medical skill could do was put forth to save him, the disease was too far advanced, and the youth soon passed away.

Funeral services were held Sunday at the Christian church, Rev. C. H. Hilton officiating. Interment was held in Forest View cemetery. Clay Harper was born in Tillamook county, and moved with his parents to Gales Creek when he was five years of age. Clay was a bright young man and leaves to mourn his passing, his parents, three brothers and one sister and a large number of friends.

**SEASONS FIRST RACES
ARE HELD SATURDAY**

Large delegations from Portland and other outside towns, and hundreds from this city witnessed the first races of the season to be held here at the Forest Grove driving park, Friday. The races were staged by the Riverside Driving Park. The track was in fine condition, and weather conditions were ideal. During an interval in the races the famous horse, Bondsman, owned by Captain McCann, was lead onto the track and exhibited before the grandstand. In the 2:25 pace, half-mile heats, two best in three, Paxton Hal was the winner, taking the last two heats, time 1:14 each heat; Lilly Hal taking second, winning the first heat in 1:12; Nutwood Pointer was third and Hal Chief was fourth.

The free-for-all trot, mile heats, two best in three, Zozo and Borena D. were the only entries, Zozo winning; time, 2:27½ and 2:31.

The free-for-all pace, half-mile heats, two best in three, Lightfoot won both heats; time, 1:14½ and 1:11; Anna May Zolock winning second, with Jean Reed third.

Peggy Holds the Boards

Tomorrow night in Marsh Hall the Sophomore class of Pacific University, after three months of hard training, will present "All of a Sudden Peggy", one of the most laughable plays that was ever presented in this city. Peggy acts entirely by impulse, although this impulsiveness gets herself and friends into many tangles, every thing is straightened out in the end. You will laugh if you attend this play.

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

C. H. Hilton will preach his farewell sermon at the Christian Church next Sunday morning. His theme will be, "What This Ministry Has Stood For." Miss Winona Ogden will sing for this service. The friends of the church are urgently requested to hear this last sermon. In the evening the annual children's day exercises will be held. A splendid program has been arranged by the children to which all are invited.

**LONG UNCONSCIOUS
GIRL RESTORED****Mind of Ruth Stamp Again Clear
After Accident—Case At-
tracts Attention**

Little Ruth Stamp, who was severely injured about the head five weeks ago today, and who lay in an unconscious state for over four weeks, returned to consciousness at the Portland Sanitarium, Tuesday afternoon, and is now at her home in this city, her mind clear and her general health good, with all prospects favorable for her complete restoration.

The case of this little girl who is ten years of age, is somewhat unusual. At the time of her accident she was living with her parents on the Frank Miller farm at Fern Hill. Going out to the barn to play, she climbed up on to a little platform high in the roof. While standing on this platform Ruth's attention was attracted by her dog, and while gazing down at him she became dizzy and fell a distance of thirty feet to the floor below. She struck some projection in her descent, which broke her fall, somewhat, and probably saved her life. Sometime after the accident she was found by the hired man, who carried her to the house. Later she was removed to the city, and Sunday she was taken to Portland by Dr. Vollmer, the physician in attendance. A clot of blood on the brain was the cause of the little girl remaining unconscious for so long a time, and as soon as this blood was absorbed her mind was immediately restored. When she first returned to consciousness little Ruth gave a loud cry, thinking she was just falling. Medical men say this is usual in cases of this kind. This case has attracted a great deal of attention, and everyone will be glad to know that Ruth has been restored to health. Her father died while she was unconscious.

**HANDSOME S. P. DEPOT
NEARS COMPLETION**

The Southern Pacific electric depot in this city, located on Main street and First Avenue South, is practically completed, and is one of the handsomest and best appointed stations on the west side. The building is of cement and brick construction. Workmen are engaged in making a beautiful lawn around the building, and when the grass has had time to grow it will give a very attractive appearance.

Great Crowds at Star Theatre

Tuesday night when the Star Theatre reopened after being closed a few days for the purpose of being refurbished and decorated, the largest crowds that have ever gathered at this popular playhouse was present to enjoy the fine bill of motion picture features offered by the management. Three performances were given, the house being packed each time. Tonight three fine reels will be given, and tomorrow night Pathe's weekly, a series of scenes of current events, will be given, as well as other attractive films.

City Council Meets

The City Council met in adjourned session Monday and Tuesday evenings, and passed ordinances calling for bids for street paving. Two of these ordinances will be found in other columns of this paper.