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The Independent.

Notice to Contractors.

Sealed bids will be received at the County Court room, in the city of Hillsboro, on Thursday, May 5, 1904, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the construction of a bridge on the river road between Hillsboro and Farmington. Also for a bridge across Davis Creek, one mile north from Hillsboro. Bids will be required. Specifications may be seen at the county clerk's office. By order of County Court.
L. A. Koop, County Judge.
Dated Hillsboro, April 21, 1904.

THE DEADLY CYCLONE

Indian Territory, Texas and Kansas

Swept by Cyclone and Flood—Many Lives Lost—Much Property Destroyed.

Prior Creek, I. T., April 25.—Six people were killed by a tornado which swept through the country about four miles south of here last night. Reports have been received that a number of others were injured. The dead:

John Abbott, wife and two children.

Albert Dealy, aged 6 years.

Lucy Betting, aged 8 years.

The injured:

Albert Dealy (father of Albert Dealy), probably fatally.

Leopold Betting, legs broken.

The storm started near Choteau,

on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas,

eight miles from here and swept to

the northeast, cutting a path from

one-half to a mile wide and was 20

miles long. The Abbott home was

demolished and the four members of

the family instantly killed.

The storm then struck the Dealy

home, tearing it to pieces, killing

the young son and probably fatally

injuring the father.

SEVEN KILLED AT FAIRLAND.

Fairland, I. T., April 25.—Several

business houses were destroyed by

a tornado that swept through here

yesterday, killing several persons

outright and injuring a number of

others. Three of the injured will

die.

The dead:

Mrs. Mary Lamar.

Mrs. John Lemaster.

Arthur Braught.

A child of N. J. Houck.

Elijah Russel, wife and child. Four miles south of here the tornado was even more severe. Farm-houses and barns were demolished and farm stock killed.

TWO CHILDREN KILLED IN ARKANSAS.

Pine Bluff, Ark., April 25.—A

tornado today passed over Jefferson

county, killing two children and do-

ing heavy property damage. At

Sherill many buildings were blown

down.

YOUNG WOMAN FATALY HURT IN

TEXAS.

Houston, Tex., April 25.—A tor-

nado passed three miles east of Mex-

ia, Tex., today, demolishing four

residences and did much minor

damage. Miss Jennie Shanks was

probably fatally and several seriously

hurt.

The Place For Young Men.

"If I were 20, here is where I

should come," said Henry Watter-

son, the veteran editor of the Louis-

ville Courier-Journal as he comfort-

ably chatted after his lecture on Lin-

coln last night. "In 50 years there

will be a population of 50,000,000 in

the section of the country west of the

crest of the Rocky mountains. By

that time the dominating influences

will be on the Pacific and not on the

Atlantic coast.

"Westward is still the course of

empire. By that time there will be

one and perhaps two isthmian can-

als and Portland will not be over 36

hours distant by rail from New

York. The Pacific ocean will then

be the great highway of commerce

and this magnificent section so bless-

ed by nature, so bland in its climate

and so riotously prolific will logi-

cally come to the very forefront.

"Many cities will dot the whole

Pacific coast, achieving an import-

ance now scarcely dreamed of, but

there will be three overshadowing

centers of population and commercial

consequence which will be in con-

stant business touch with the whole

round earth—one north and the other south of you.

"Here we find the great opportunities for the rising generation and these things will come to pass during the lifetime of many of our boys who are now attending the public schools of Portland. If the boys who are here do not make a success of life with the opportunities which are opening up before them and with the advantages of their magnificent environment, the fault will be with them and not with the country in which they have been so fortunately born or bred."—Portland Journal.

A Little Bronze Button.

Sometimes in passing along the

street I meet a man who in the left

lapel of his coat wears a little bronze

button. The coat is often old and

rusty; the face seamed and furrowed

by the toil and suffering of adverse

years; perhaps above it hangs an

empty sleeve and below it stumps a

wooden peg. But when I meet a

man who wears that button I doff

my hat and stand uncovered in his

presence—yes! to me the very dust

his weary feet have passed is holy

ground, for I know that man, in the

dark hour of the nation's peril, bared

his breast to the hell of battle to keep

the flag of our country in the Union

sky.

Maybe at Donelson, he reached the

inner trench; at Shiloh, he held the

broken line; at Chattanooga, he

climbed the flame swept hill, or stormed

the clouds on Lookout Height. He was

not born or bred to soldier life. His

country's summons called him from

the bench, the forge, the loom, the

mine, the store, the office, the school,

the college, the sanctuary. He did

not fight for greed of gold, to find

adventure or win renown. He loved

the peace of quiet ways; and yet he

broke the clasp of clinging arms,

turned from the witching glance of

tender eyes, left goodbye kisses on

tiny lips to look death in the face on

desperate fields. And when the war

was over, he quietly took up the

broken threads of love and life as

best he could, a better citizen for

having been so good a soldier.—John

M. Thurston.

Not Tied to Harriman.

William Reid, attorney for Port-

land, Nehalem & Tillamook Rail-

road, states that the refusal of the

Harriman lines, should they do so,

to give the proposed Western Ore-

gon road traffic rates, would not

block the building and operation of

the road to Tillamook and Nehalem.

While a refusal on the part of the

Southern Pacific to grant traffic ar-

rangements at Hillsboro would alter

the plans of the company to a material

degree, it would not prevent the

road from making arrangements

with the Northern Pacific which

would accomplish the same results

as an agreement with the Southern

Pacific. This matter has been taken

up with the Northern Pacific, and a

letter to Mr. Reid from ex-President

Mellen states that the Northern Pa-

cific could give the Portland, Neha-

lem & Tillamook road the same ar-

rangements for trackage into Port-

land as it accords the Astoria & Col-

umbia River road. This arrange-

ment would in reality better suit the

company than the connection with

the Southern Pacific, it is said, be-

cause it would enable the new road

to come directly into Portland over

the Northern Pacific tracks.

Attention, Ladies.

Have you looked over the millin-

ery stock of Mrs. Vrooman, the

north Main street milliner. She has

a large line of ready-to-wear hats for

ladies and misses. If you compare

her prices with those of others you

will readily see that it will save you

from one-third to one-half on every

hat purchased.

MRS. VROOMAN,
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Field and garden seeds, the largest

and best stock in Hillsboro, at

Greer's.

ALL OVER THE STATE

Items of Interest Culled From Our Exchanges.

Short News Notes for Busy People—Newsy, Short Crisp.

Mrs. Roy Groger, of Springfield, has just received the sad intelligence that her brother, Dar Marzolef, a conductor on the Pere Marquette Railroad in Michigan, was killed by being run over by a train. The deceased was a telegraph operator at the Southern Pacific depot in Eugene for a time, about three years ago.

S. B. Finnegan, a blacksmith, of Eugene, was seriously injured Saturday afternoon by being kicked on the head by a horse which he was shoeing. The blow rendered the man unconscious for several hours, and it was feared that he would not recover, but he is now getting along quite well. An ugly gash was cut in his forehead by the horse's hoof.

One of the most successful entertainments in the history of Newberg was given by the ladies of the Lewis and Clark club on the evening of the 19th for the benefit of the Sacajawea statue fund. The stage in the large hall was beautifully decorated to represent a forest scene in the midst of which stood a veritable tepee. Ten finely arranged and well executed scenes from Hiawatha were given in tableau and pantomime.

F. S. Bramwell, the field superintendent of the La Grande sugar factory, has said in an interview that unless the farmers of the Grand Ronde Valley put in more beets in the next year the factory will be moved from La Grande to either Pendleton or Echo, where it will be

nearer a larger field. The company now has about 2800 acres of land in beets, against 1800 last year, and is opening large fields in the vicinity of Echo. The acreage will be largely increased in the coming year.

The world cannot help admiring a positive, decisive man. He may be a badly mistaken individual, but if he is strictly his own man and a good fighter, the public admires, though it may oppose him. On the other hand, the object of contempt, or possible pity, is the fellow who has to be propped up and carefully guarded that he may do the will of some one else, who was never known to assert his own convictions, never having had any to assert. He has not even the respect of the man he serves.—Newberg Graphic.

Thomas Blower, of Rock creek, near Summit, in the western part of the country, had a fierce battle with a mother bear and two cubs last week, in which Thomas came away victor. He was on his way to his clearing with his ax on his shoulder when he found his young cow and calf that the bear had just slaughtered. As he approached the carcasses, the bear, instead of running, aided by half-grown cubs, attacked him. A man of less strength and nerve than Mr. Blower has, would have fared poorly, but he soon knocked his assailants out, and now has a bearskin and two cubs as trophies of the fight.—Corvallis Times.

George Craver and Roscoe Foster, two farm-hands employed near Biggs, were arrested for criminal assault on Monday, and at the preliminary hearing were bound over in the circuit court in the sum of \$3000 each. Their victim was Maud Gibson, aged 17 years, who arrived at Biggs from La Grande Sunday afternoon. She started to walk to her brother-in-law's home, about four miles distant, when she was overtaken about half way by the men. They said they would kill her if she told on them. Judge Lynch was much in evidence on the streets of

Wasco in the morning, but the prisoners, who have both confessed, will be removed to the county jail, and the law allowed to take its course.

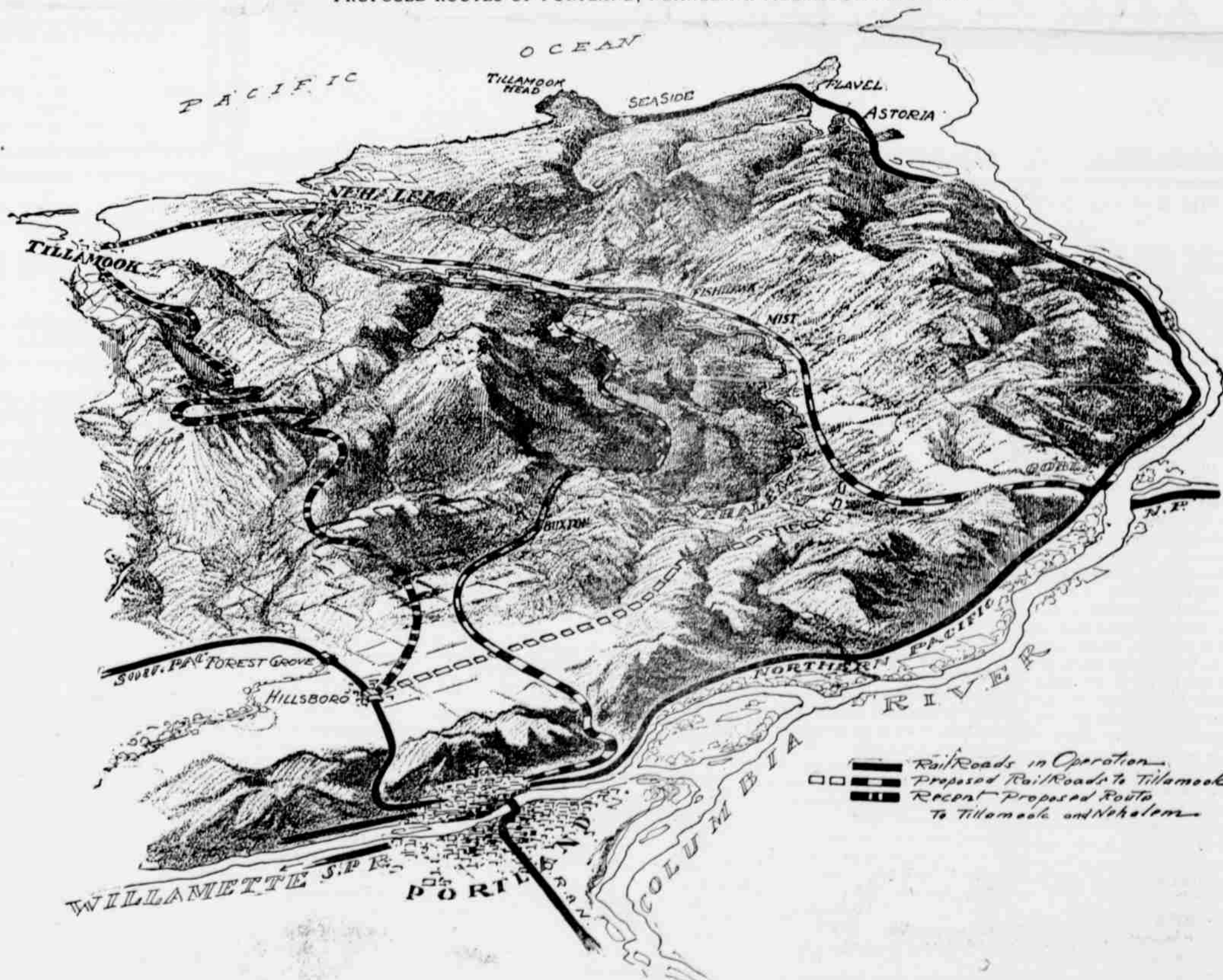
Whisky, Bullets and Death.

Sunday night the little city of Corvallis was the scene of a midnight shooting affair, which resulted in the death of Chester Keady, ex-Chief of Police James Dunn was shot and has since died, and perhaps fatally wounding of David Osburn, ex-Sheriff of Benton county. Keady is aged about 18 years, and is the son of George B. Keady, head of the printing department at the college. He was shot in the head and instantly killed by Sheriff Burnett while resisting arrest. Osburn's wound is in the neck, the ball having entered the left side of the neck and is probably lodged under the right shoulder blade. Dunn's wound is in the abdomen, two inches to the left and below the navel. The trouble began shortly before midnight when Keady, after leaving a restaurant, fired off his pistol and ex-Sheriff Osburn, who is night officer of Corvallis, undertook to arrest him. Keady was under the influence of liquor and when Osburn approached, he drew a gun and ordered Osburn to halt. There was no parleying and in the process of the attempt to arrest Keady the pursued and pursuer passed from Chipman's restaurant to the postoffice, a distance of a block. There, as Osburn advanced, Keady fired and the officer, shot through the neck, fell in the arms of bystanders. Sheriff Burnett was sent for, and in due time arrived. James Dunn accompanied him and the Sheriff, approaching took Keady by the arm and ordered him under arrest. Keady whipped out a pistol and began to fire. The first shot went wide of the mark, and a second also aimed at the Sheriff, took effect in Dunn's abdomen. Then Burnett fired, and Keady fell with a shot in his head. Dunn fell into the arms of a companion, firing two shots from his pistol at Keady as he did so. Burt Turney, aged 22, is in custody as an accessor with Keady.

A Great Sensation.

There was a big sensation in Leesville, Ind., when W. H. Brown of that place, who was expected to die, had his life saved by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. He writes: "I endured insufferable agonies from Asthma, but your New Discovery gave me immediate relief and soon thereafter effected a cure." Similar cures of Consumption, Pneumonia, Bronchitis and Grip are numerous. It's the peerless remedy for all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed by all druggists. Trial bottles free.

PROPOSED ROUTES OF PORTLAND, NEHALEM & TILLAMOOK RAILROAD.



ITS FATE TO BE DECIDED AT APPROACHING CONFERENCE WITH HARRIMAN OFFICIALS.

An important meeting between the officials of the proposed Portland, Tillamook & Nehalem Railroad and officials of the Harriman system will be held in this city within the next few days. It is expected that after that meeting active steps will be taken toward the construction of the new road over one of the two routes now under consideration. The fate of the road for the time being, however, depends upon that meeting, it is said, and should the Harriman officials prove obstinate, its construction may be delayed indefinitely. Some vital questions remain to be settled at this meeting, but it is believed and hoped that they will be settled in a manner satisfactory to the project that has for the object the construction of a railroad into a country where one is a crying need.

As has been stated before in The Oregonian, numerous schemes have been ad-

vanced in times past for the construction of railroads to the Coast country, but up to the present time none of them have proved successful. Not until the people backing the proposed Portland, Tillamook & Nehalem road took affairs in hand did any encouragement meet the efforts of the promoters. The latter company has had the project under consideration for some time, and a short time ago William Reid, the attorney for the road, made a trip to the East in its behalf. When he returned he announced that the money had been raised to build the road, and that its construction was an assured fact as soon as a few local points could be settled. Principal among these points was right-of-way and traffic arrangements with the Southern Pacific, with which line the new road must connect for a time before it can build into Portland. When the promoters began to

look for a route from this city to Tillamook, they passed over the old routes and selected two new ones, of which they propose to choose one. The accompanying map shows the old surveys, and the new surveys which have been made by the company. Owing to the fact that the Northern Pacific and Southern Pacific control the only entrance gates to Portland that the proposed road could use, and that there is said to be an agreement between the two controlling roads, the Portland & Tillamook people cannot build a line directly into Portland at this time. The result is that they have decided to build from Hillsboro on the line of the Northern Pacific. This was doubled upon with the idea in view of making satisfactory traffic arrangements with the Southern Pacific, and this matter is to be considered at the meeting to be held here. If the Southern Pacific grants

satisfactory arrangements, then the road is assured, according to the promoters. If satisfactory arrangements are not made, then the proposed road may suffer considerably. As shown on the accompanying map, the proposed route that is most satisfactory to the promoters starts from Hillsboro, runs northwest to the mountain range, where it makes a double loop around the summit and then follows the Wilson River to Tillamook and runs up the coast to Nehalem. While this route is shorter and is most favored, there is a question as to whether or not it will be adopted. The road, it is learned, has not secured a right of way through Tillamook City. A proposition has been made to the people that the road would build into Tillamook if the right of way were given free, but would not if the right of way had to be purchased. As a resource to fall back