

## QUICK ACTION BEING TAKEN

### OREGON RAILROAD COMMISSION GETS TO WORK.

### WILL ADJUST THE COMPLAINT

Practice of Southern Pacific in the Matter of Handling Corvallis Passengers to Be Taken Up With the Company by the Commission.

That the article recently published in the Gazette calling attention to the manner in which through passengers to Corvallis were being treated by the Southern Pacific company in the exaction of an extra half-dollar to enable them to reach this point over the C. & E. road from Albany, has been productive of some good, is evident from the following letter to this paper from the Railroad Commission of this state:

"Salem, Oregon, June 25, 1909.  
Editor GAZETTE:  
"We are in receipt of a marked copy of your paper, in which appears an article complaining as to the practice of the railroad company in handling Corvallis passengers. We are taking this matter up with the railroad company and it will undoubtedly be adjusted to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Yours very truly,  
Railroad Commission of Oregon  
By OSWALD WEST,  
Commissioner."

It certainly is to be hoped that the Commission will see that the present condition of affairs is quickly changed and that Corvallis passengers be given the rights to which their railroad tickets justly entitle them.

This is a matter in which the Gazette has no further interest than to see Corvallis fairly treated instead of the impression prevailing that it is merely a side station on an unimportant branch line.

While the Railroad Commission is about it, the matter of confusing connections at Albany should be looked into. As it is now, passengers do not know where to find the C. & E. trains and inconvenience and delay is often the consequence. Only this week two young lady students from Eugene left the train at Albany to take the C. & E. road for Newport, where they were to work during the summer vacation. They could not get any information as to where the C. & E. train stood and in their confusion boarded a northbound train on the main line, which took them some distance before they discovered their mistake. By the time they returned to Albany and finally found the right train for Newport they had been delayed an entire day and night and put to considerable extra expense.

This is only one instance. Many others might be cited.

#### Peaches Bring Big Price

Among the early orchardists of the Grants Pass section to dispose of his crop of peaches for a fair figure is E. W. Shattuck, who has made a specialty of growing fine peaches for several years. Mr. Shattuck disposed of his entire crop last week to a firm in Seattle for \$600 per acre on the trees, as the fruit ripens. The firm took 12 acres at these figures. When the fruit has matured and is ready for shipment, all that Mr. Shattuck will have to do will be to draw his money, as the firm in Seattle will do its own picking, packing and shipping, thus leaving the profit of \$7200 to the fruit raiser, without any bother or trouble during the harvesting season.

#### Heath--House

Bert T. Heath and Miss Julia House were quietly married in Portland last week, the ceremony being performed by Dr. Brougher, of the White Temple. Mr. Heath is a popular OAC student while the bride has been the artistic trimmer at Mrs. Weather's millinery parlors for two seasons.

As the groom's father has an important government position at Manila it is thought by friends here that the young couple may go over to the Philippines to live.

## Industrial Pedagogy

Another valuable addition was made to the college faculty today, when President E. D. Ressler, of the State Normal School at Monmouth accepted the position as professor of industrial pedagogy, a branch of study which will be taught next year for the first time. President Ressler will also make institute work an important feature of his department, and will aid the teachers in the different schools throughout

the state to inaugurate work along the lines of industrial training.

President Ressler graduated from Otterfein University, Ohio, in 1891, taught in the public schools of that state for five years, and then took post-graduate work at the Ohio State University, receiving his M. A. degree in 1897. He then removed to Oregon, where he was City Superintendent of public schools at Eugene four years, organizing the first High School in that city and graduating the first class in 1901. During the following year he was assistant professor of education at the University of Oregon, and for the last seven years he has been president of the State Normal School at Monmouth, bringing that school through the last two years with no aid whatever from the state, and serving without pay for over a year and a half.

Upon the recommendation of the Roosevelt Country Commission this department of industrial pedagogy was installed in the college, not only for the benefit of the regular college students, but also to provide a department in the state where the public school teachers can obtain instruction in the practical and industrial training work to be a part of the regular grammar school instruction in many of the schools of the state.

## O. A. C. Girl Wins Honors

Miss Mary Sutherland, an Oregon girl, graduated from the Teachers' college of Columbia university in the June class, completing a course which entitles her to a degree and bachelor's diploma. She was the only girl from Oregon in the class and the only one who finished the prescribed course in one year's time. Miss Sutherland is a graduate of Oregon Agricultural College and has been a teacher of domestic art in that institution. She will remain in New York this summer and will teach domestic art in Miss Helen Gould's school for girls at Tarrytown, N. Y.

On the large estate left her by her father Miss Gould has established this summer school for girls who come from all the countryside to attend. The instructors go from New York every morning and are met by coachmen from the Gould estate with equipages and are driven to the school.

## Valuable Books Given To O. A. C.

John Ray, of Hillsdale, Ore., recently made the college library a valuable gift of several pamphlets on the geology of Corvallis and the surrounding country, also 32 volumes of "The Living Age." Several other gifts have been recently made to the college library, one of which was a copy of "Miller's Dictionary of Botany," a valuable old work published in London in 1796. This book was presented by Professor E. R. Lake of the college faculty.

#### A Diversified Farmer

J. W. Mitchell, of Crabtree, who won fame in Albany a couple years ago, was in town today. He is a diversified farmer for certain and is demonstrating how a man can make it by hustling. Last year he cleaned up \$2500 to \$3,000 on potatoes, having eighteen acres in spuds. This year he has planted thirty-five acres. Besides he has five acres of cabbages, three of onions, forty or fifty in hay, some in rutabagas and in fact there is hardly anything Mitchell doesn't raise and raise well, with a big family to back him. And that is what is going to count in this valley.—Albany Democrat

#### Women and Boys Exempt.

County Clerk Allen, of Salem, has received a letter from State Game Warden Stevenson, of Forest Grove, to the effect that all deputies had been notified not to require women and boys under 15 to take out fishing licenses. The Warden says the law plainly intended to exempt the women and children, and he believes it no more than justice to the state and those directly concerned to abide by the evident intent of the law.

#### Blind Piggers Soaked.

Three men were sentenced by Judge Harris, of the Circuit Court, Saturday, for the illicit sale of liquor in Lane county. Mart Endicott, who was found guilty by a jury, was fined \$250 and sentenced to serve 30 days in the county jail. Jesse Eddy, who pleaded guilty, was fined \$100 and will serve 30 days in jail. Oscar Parsons was fined \$200 and sentenced to 20 days in jail. There are several yet to try, and a number will, perhaps, plead guilty.

#### Letter Carriers Convened

Delegates to the convention of Oregon State Letter Carriers' Association were in session in Eugene Saturday evening. Delegates to the National association, which will meet in August, will be elected and also certain resolutions passed which will be presented to the National body. President F. E. Taylor, of Eugene, presided. Vice-President F. E. Holm and Secretary E. J. Burrows, of Portland, are in attendance. Portland sent 10 delegates.

## WELLS WITHDRAWS GIFT OF FOUNTAIN

### GIVES REASON FOR HIS ACTION

Thinks Continued Hesitation to Accept Proffered Bequest Due to Lack of Appreciation on Part of the City to Make Suitable Arrangement.

W. A. Wells has decided to withdraw the offer he made to the Council some time ago to give the city a handsome public fountain and has so informed the municipal authorities in the following letter:

CORVALLIS, OR., June 26, '09.

To the Honorable, the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Corvallis:

GENTLEMEN: Nearly two months have elapsed since Mr. Virgil E. Waters, acting as my representative, acquainted your honorable body with my offer to erect a public fountain at the intersection of Second and Madison streets, at a cost of not less than one thousand dollars, the fountain to be dedicated to the City of Corvallis, in memory of my son Otto. At the time of making the offer, neither I nor any one to whom I mentioned the matter, had any doubt but what it would be accepted at once in behalf of the City, by your honorable body. Your continued hesitation in accepting the offer leaves no doubt in my mind that the gift is not appreciated.

I therefore withdraw my offer.  
Respectfully yours,  
W. A. WELLS.

This conclusion on the part of Mr. Wells, will doubtless be deeply regretted by many Corvallis people who know the disinterested motives that prompted the gift.

## Oregon People Pray For Rain

Those people who have been casting slurs at Oregon and saying that it rains here 13 months in a year will have to do some crawling, for down at Salem they are praying for rain. Colonel E. Hofer has issued an appeal to the people of Salem to pray and pray hard for rain all this week. It is announced that there is most urgent need for rain to make the grain, hay and cherry crops and while it is a new thing to pray for rain in Oregon, this is a case of necessity and people ought not to be ashamed to resort to prayer.

Colonel Hofer publicly announces that he believes in the power of prayer to bring rain. He considered this better than the Weather Bureau, which has twice made forecasts for rain, but failed to bring up a solitary cloud. According to the Colonel, if only one minister with a large congregation will pray for rain earnestly and believing in results, there will be showers. If all the churches would pray for rain there would be a week of precipitation and the trouble would be to stop it, after the rain started.

All prayer meetings held in Salem this week are urged to devote their energies to bringing a good, substantial precipitation.

#### Uniform Hop Standard.

The Department of Agriculture issued recently a pamphlet addressed to the hopgrowers of the United States urging upon them the advisability of adopting a definite standard for judging the quality of hops. At present hops are graded variously, some according to points of origin, others according to general appearance, others by odor and in instances other standards are relied upon. All these, it is said, are unsatisfactory, as they fail to attain the desired end—a fair and just valuation. In Europe, it is pointed out, there is a fixed standard, which is not only reliable, but satisfactory to hopgrowers as well as to hopbuyers. The whole question is discussed at some length in this pamphlet, which has been prepared by W. W. Stoekberger, one of the hop experts of the department.

#### New Woodcraft Officers

Delegates of the Women of Woodcraft of District No 12, which includes the counties of Western Oregon, met in a one-day session at Albany, Thursday, and elected the following officers for the district: Mrs. Nettie Parsons, Creswell, re-elected district guardian; Mrs. Sheldon, Corvallis, district clerk; Mrs. Birdie Kerremans, Ashland, attendant; Mrs. Rosenberg, Cottage Grove, inner sentinel; Mrs. L. E. Moe, Albany, outer sentinel. Delegates elected to grand convention, which will be held in Portland next month, are Mrs. Murphy, of Eugene; Mrs. Verick, of Albany, and Mrs. McMillen, of Klamath Falls.

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