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THE GOOD-ROADS QUESTION.

The position taken by the grange at Sweet Home is a good one, and it is one that will be endorsed by the tax payers of the valley quite generally. That is, if fine roads are to be built they should be at right angles with the railroads and electric lines through the valley, reaching into business centers. The great scheme of the road association is to have one long road through the state into California, really a move in the interest of automobile travel through the state; but the average tax payer, as much as he appreciates the automobile, does not believe the government would be justified in taxing the people for such an institution. There should be good roads; but they should reach into the commercial centers in the interest of the farmer and his trade, and not parallel the railroads in the interest of the automobile.

SHOULD THE STATE DO IT?

A move is on foot to have the state spend an immense sum of money to secure good water for the state institutions at Salem that would be of much better service to Salem itself. It is very doubtful whether the state should do this. Instead it is the business of the city to furnish pure water for all of its institutions, both state and civil. A city that has not the enterprise to provide pure water for all within its borders is not entitled to be the capital of a state. Any other city would be glad to pledge itself to furnish a pure water system in order to secure the capitol, with other state buildings. The trouble with most capitals is that they get to depending upon the state for everything, instead of doing the things themselves customary with cities.

SEEING THE LIGHT.

President Schurman, speaking on "Progressive Politics," said: "President Taft's tariff board will turn on the light. We have never before in all the history of the country had such a provision for shedding the pure light of truth on the tariff question. This subject has been obscured by prejudice, by passion, by ignorance and by conflicting interests. "The tariff board will be a source, in Bacon's phrase, of 'Dry Light' and there is no field in which 'Dry Light' is more urgently needed. "The general public certainly believes, and this belief is one of the most vital factors in modern politics, that the tariff confers a monopoly on certain trusts and enables them to oppress the consuming public. The tariff board should be able to tell us how far this accusation is justifiable and to recommend tariff amendments for the correction of such an intolerable evil. "If it turns out that the existing Sherman anti-trust law is insufficient for the protection of the people against monopoly and if the federal government has not already exhausted all the power conferred upon it by the inter-state clause of the constitution, it will devolve upon congress to amend and strengthen the anti-trust law. "If, on the other hand, the federal government should be left powerless to regulate the big industrial corporations, then an amendment of the constitution undoubtedly would be effected or attempted in the way prescribed by the constitution itself. An amendment of the constitution itself would, of course, be a long and difficult undertaking. "But it is quite possible that no amendment of the constitution will be necessary."

WANTS MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

Editor Democrat:— Am I a bloated bond holder, a stock holder in an incorporation, or what am I?

Perhaps it's the way of doing business here in the West, but I have lived in a number of cities in different states and it's the first time that I had to be a stockholder to entitle me to use the city water.

Or perhaps it is the newcomer only who is held up, but did any of you stop to figure how much of your money the light and power people owning Albany has the use of without paying any interest?

I had to give them the use of two dollars before they would turn the water on in the place I am living, and then pay \$1.50 per month in addition to that for a toilet and sink. Say there are 1200 houses in Albany, each one giving them the use of \$2.00 each, there is \$2,400 that they have of your money, and it does not stop there, if you use electricity you have to give them the use of \$3 to be returned only when you move, perhaps in one year, perhaps in ten years, and say there is the same number of houses using their lights they are using \$3,600 of your money, and yet at that you pay one-third more for the same light than your neighboring towns.

LISTEN!—In Mankato, Minn., where I come from a very short time ago, the city owns their own plant, a modern house fitted with bath and toilet, and in addition to that we used all the water we wanted in our garden and on our lawn, and never paid more than 30¢ per month, and the city made money at that, and we did not have to be a stockholder to get the use of the water.

Nearly all of the cities owned their own water and light plants, costing less than one half of what it does in Albany, buying a bonded indebtedness of the city out of the profits thereby making a revenue out of owning the plant in the place of a grafting scheme

as Albany's proposition looks to a newcomer. Furthermore, don't think for a minute that you have to dig a canal or place a pipe line to the mountains to get pure water. If that would be true very few of the Eastern cities would have pure water. On the contrary, Mankato, as well as many other Eastern cities, gets its water from wells, and Albany could do the same thing at less than one-quarter of the expense of piping it from the mountains. What in the world is Albany thinking about? Is it our city fathers? Are all of the citizens of Albany hoodwinked? Talk about sending literature to get Eastern people to come to Albany and then hold them up on this kind of a proposition. Does your Water & Light company own Albany body and soul? If it does, don't for God's sake, send any more literature East. If not, then let's get busy. I am not a gambler, but I will bet that Albany could today, by a three-quarter vote of the people, vote to own their own water and lights, not at a price that the present owners would be willing to sell it at, but at what a better plant would actually cost.

Yours for better lights and water, and a cheaper price under Municipal Ownership.

JOHN T. MAY.

SATURDAY NIGHT THOUGHTS.

This week the Oregon legislature met at Salem, organized by electing anti-assembly men president of the senate and speaker of the house, elected clerks, made provision for free postage stamps and pen wipers, passed a few resolutions, introduced a few bills and adjourned for the state printer, paid by fees, to get his breath and catch up with the procession. Next week business will start, with the people watching, ready with their referendums if things are not running according to the idea of the masses. It looks now as if the principal business will be making additional appropriations for state institutions, already making some pretty big demands for increases. The matter of taxation is about as important as any, the institution of a system that will be justice to the most people. Oregon's tax system has been in a somewhat chaotic condition, the outlook is as uncertain as the flight of an aviator.

This week a private census of Albany was completed, showing the population of the city inside the contracted limits to be about 5500, and with the immediate suburbs, a part of the city, so far as business is concerned, 6129. This is considerably ahead of the national census, as given out privately, and is unquestionably correct. It is also in keeping with the school census. On a basis of 4 1/2 it would be 6528 in the district, which reaches out further than the city census was taken. This leaves no doubt of the correctness of the directory count which is an actual census and not an estimate on proportion. It is not a very material matter, though. Ten years hence we will make either look small, according to the outlook. Better than figures is the fact of a good citizenship, big hearts and fine homes.

Something rare in Oregon this week has been a snow storm, there being as much as four or five inches of the stuff on the ground at one time, and the mercury actually kept going down until one morning it reached 18 ABOVE zero. These snow storms are not at all welcome, and yet, as a matter of fact they are a good thing, with the cool snap. They whack some of the microbes on the trees and keep the fruit back, else it would bud too early with prospects of disaster. It actually fell on roses and violets, and some red raspberries just escaped because picked.

Portland has been juggling with a model saloon license, and has gotten the same old drunkard maker of old, which may always be depended upon. Every sip shows the so-called model saloon license a fake to perpetuate the saloon.

Good butter is a great thing in one's every day life. Albany has it, made at home, presenting an industry for the city to be proud of.

(FRIDAY.)

Prof. Parks' Work.

Professor H. M. Parks of the Mining Engineering Department of the Oregon Agricultural College expresses as his opinion, after an exhaustive survey of the Willamette Valley during the past summer, that this valley is probably better supplied with excellent road building material than any other important agricultural district of equal area in the country. All of the results of Prof Parks' investigations are to be given out in a bulletin entitled Road Material in the Willamette Valley, published under the auspices of the Mining Engineering Department of this institution. He made a trip over Linn county with Judge Duncan and his report will be read with interest.

The New Directory.

The new directory being gotten out by the Albany Directory Co. will be much the best ever produced in Albany. It will contain 188 pages and have a heavy board cover, a modern directory affair. It is complete and a credit to the publishers, Printer Churchhill, and the 6129 residents of the Hub. It would be in every house in the city.

Former State School Superintendent Ackerman was in the city today on a visit, after being at Woodburn several days with Mrs. Flood's sister, Mrs. Geo. W. Phillips.

Harrisburg Bulletin:—F. W. Blumberg is having a long siege of illness, however he is gradually improving and was able to be down town Monday. He underwent a slight operation this morning.

THREE MORE OR. CITIES.

Astoria Gets Third Place. Eugene is 4th

Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.—Astoria city's population, thirteenth census, is 9,599 in the twelfth census 8,381, eleventh census 6,185. Ashland city, 13th census 5,020, 12th census 2,634, 11th census 1,784; Baker City 13th census 6,742, 12th census 6,663, 11th census 2,604.

z. DANA DURAND, Director.

Boiled Water at Eugene.

Eugene, Jan. 12.—Ed. Democrat.—Under the direction of Prof. A. R. Sweetzer an elaborate system of preparing boiled water has been installed in the power house of the U. O. Each sorority, fraternity and club house is furnished with boiled water distributed daily by the university authorities. There has been but two new cases of typhoid fever in the last three weeks, and it is believed that the epidemic may be stopped if the students will follow the directions of the faculty, which has made a ruling making any student liable to suspension if it was found that he did not take proper precautions regarding his health.

Alberta Glaire's Horseback Trip.

Alberta Glaire, who is riding horse back from Buffalo, Wyoming, by way of Portland and San Francisco, to New York, will be in the city this evening and tomorrow night will appear in vaudeville at Dreamland. She left Salem horseback this forenoon and will arrive about 4 o'clock. Her husband, Mr. Moore, who travels by rail, is in the city arranging for her appearance. Her trip has attracted wide attention, and the press speaks in high terms of her performance.

Vincent Spielman, of Mitchell, South Dakota, arrived this week on a visit at John Jacobs, one of Albany's prosperous suburban residents.

The R. R. Com. is preparing to bring proceedings against the Oregon Electric compelling the Co to furnish heated cars between that city and Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Ridders, of North Benton, left yesterday on their bridal trip, to Chicago. They will return by way of Mexico. Mrs. Ridders was formerly Miss Hortense Tracey.

Two passenger trains are buried in the snow up in Montana, and neither has a dining car. About 75 passengers are on board. After all our little snow pile down here isn't much to brag about.

Elizabeth Stephens, of Portland, wife of a prominent business man, has sued Walter K. Frank for \$20,000 damage for being charged with being a shop lifter. A smart neck store detective made the charge against her.

John C. Ross, who recently died near Ashland, left to his six daughters a genuine Stradivarius violin, said to be worth \$15,000 to \$20,000. It was brought from Dundee, Scotland, and the signature is said to be genuine.

SATURDAY.

Gus Staiger's Funeral.

The funeral of Gus Staiger took place at Portland yesterday. Among the pall bearers were Judge Wolverton and Dr. Chas. R. Templeton. Albany friends of Mr. Staiger thirty years ago, now of Portland, his wife was formerly Miss Selina Avery, not Miss Rose Avery, who remains single and resides in Portland. He leaves a splendid name for business integrity, a splendid husband and father, as well as citizen.

Death of Etta Carter McKenzie.

Mrs. Etta Carter McKenzie died in Portland last night at the age of 28 years. She was a former teacher in the Albany schools, a woman of splendid attainments. The funeral will be held tomorrow a 2 o'clock in the Presbyterian church at Corvallis.

Died at Reno.

Hon. Rufus Thompson today received a dispatch from Reno, Nev., telling of the death by typhoid fever, of his grandson, Lair, son of Prof. Reuben Thompson, of the University of Nevada, aged 3 1/2 years, of typhoid fever. The bright little fellow was here in 1909.

A Big Deal.

The Western Land Co. Wm. Ritchie, Pres., just incorporated, have bought over twenty thousand acres in Lincoln, Benton and Polk counties, including all the holdings of the Oregon Iowa Co., Fish and Hodge agents. They expect to colonize for dairying and fruit raising.

Bert Veal returned from Salem this noon.

Geo. Nichols left this noon for his Riddle's farm.

J. M. Scott, assistant freight agent, was in town today.

J. W. Sherman, commander of the Oregon Maccabees, is in the city.

Mrs. Prof. Tartar and child, of Corvallis, returned home this noon after a visit at G. M. Payne's.

Mr. and Mrs. Flood are in the city on a visit, after being at Woodburn several days with Mrs. Flood's sister, Mrs. Geo. W. Phillips.

W. S. Duncan, of the Albany Floral Store, has been in Seattle this week making arrangements to sell his property there and put all his interests into his Albany business, which is getting a splendid start.

ALBANY

HOT NOON LUNCHES
At the Mission Parlors.
Holt again at the Holt corner.
A neat place, Holt's Meat Market
Choice lunches at the Vienna Bakery
The best POSTS in Albany at the SAW MILL.

Cedar fence posts 10c at Curtis Lumber Co's.

Have your feet attended to by Mrs. Driver 230 Lyon, both phones.
The Guarantee Optical Company have a large and new stock of all styles of spectacles and eye glasses, also a variety of Hair pins and Ear loop chains and chain holders. We guarantee accurate fitting of lenses and frames. Stock at Dawson's Drug Store.

Dr. Lowe will be in Albany 19 and 20. Christian Science. Service at 11 o'clock, Subject, Life.

B-4 Building call at the Albany Shingle Mill and "Ce-dar" Shingles. They are the Best.

The Hill Military Academy basket ball team went to Corvallis this noon to play O. A. C.

Chambers & McCune this week had long reading articles in all the county papers and some outside of the county, including the Junction paper, telling of their big clearance sale. Hundreds of people thus came to Albany every week from the country and the adjoining towns, called here by Albany's splendid trading facilities.

Albany Beaten at Salem.

Albany high school basket ball team played its first outside game at Salem, last night, being defeated by the Baracas of that city 42 to 33. The Albany lineup was C. Bigbee and Kenard forwards, M. Bigbee center, Douglas and Crowell guards. Salem: Henderson and St. Pierre forwards, Mills center, Kirk, Brooks and Joseph guards. Officials Bilyeu referee, Clay Watson umpire. The Scatesman says:

The score probably indicates the relative strength of the two teams, although the game was in doubt up to the last minute. The Baraca club showed more accuracy in throwing baskets and displayed better teamwork. A large crowd witnessed the game and enthusiasm ran high. Out of four games played the local club has lost but one.

The Barrier Took.

A large audience last night appreciated the presentation of Rex Beach's story The Barrier, with Miss Helen Barham as Neeta. It is a thrilling Alaskan story, given with some good scenery, with the appointments peculiar to the Northern country. Miss Barham is a charming actress, putting strength into the effort, and her support is all good. The love story and plot of the play keep one interested, and No Creek Lee furnishes some northern humor. The play made good as dramatized.

A Peculiar Accident.

Last night while Seth French was attending a party, given by Miss Maggie Stevens at her home, he suffocated with delight. At a late hour, after many enjoyable games had been played and delicious refreshments served, the guests departed. Among those present were Misses Bain, Pearl Baker, Luel Bradley, Grace Clelan, Mary Hall, Nelson McDonald, Elma Ohling, Madeline Rawlings, Carrie Sanders, Lena Sanders, Gille Stevens, Maggie Stevens; Messrs. Herman Abraham, Clayton Bain, Seth French, Thomas Ferguson, Victor Leweweux, Murray Marshall, Holmes Martin, Robert Stewart and Marshall Woodworth.

Harry Beard Arrested.

Harry Beard, of Scio, was arrested yesterday at Oregon City, charged with forgery. There are two cases against him, one for forging his brother's name on a check at Stayton, and the other for attempting to pass a forged check for \$50 at Oregon City. Beard a few years ago was sent to the penitentiary on the charge of stealing a horse, and completed his sentence. It looks as if the experience was not enough for him.

In the City.

J. W. Reeder, of Yaqaina.
O. L. Foster, of Springfield.
E. C. Peery, of Scio.
J. E. Pelton, Roseburg.
C. L. Benson and wife, Mill City.
W. W. Meyers, Scio.
W. B. Duncan, Salem.
L. L. Simpson, Lebanon.
C. B. Thompson, Lebanon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Shier returned this noon from a trip to Willamina, where there was a foot of snow. At Sherwood the thermometer was 4 degrees above zero.

Mr. Sam May, of Portland, an old-time resident of Harrisburg, has been in the city today, the guest of M. Sanders, while on his way home. He was up at Harrisburg a day or two, and slept in the bed room of a physician there, but spent the night principally in answering the telephone calls.

Attention Orchardists!

We carry a stock of spraying materials. The right stuff at right prices. The season for spraying is here. Call and see us and get prices.
STAWART & SOX, HDW. CO.

F. G. WILL, for Watches

MISFITS.

Don't forget the birds during the snow.

One has to be good natured even in a snow storm.

At last Peary has reached the pole. Congress says so.

All censuses are fakes if they don't come up to expectations.

The freak bill legislation is getting ready to blossom next week.

There will be as many clerks not needed in the legislature as ever.

Perhaps the cold weather will kill off the microbes, if there are any here.

Eaton of Eugene has been pretty well eaten up by the house already.

There are some pretty things about snow, but it is horrible nevertheless.

By the way what has become of that Welch road between Albany and Eugene.

Albany is also a butter center, nearly half a million pounds being made here annually.

Enlarge the house of representatives, already too large and unwieldy.

Of course the usual postage stamp and waste basket and pen holder resolutions passed.

According to a lecturer at Portland a good many people commit suicide by overeating, and he is right.

It is now figured that Peary got within one and a sixteenth miles of the pole. That's close enough. Let him take the honor.

The Linn county roads are in good hands. Good work is being done all through the county, but particularly in some sections.

Judge McGinn of Portland is putting the limit on the white slave operators, which is commendable. It is to be regretted there is not also an opportunity for hanging.

In this postal bank system the government does what some people are afraid to do, trust the banks, for Uncle Sam immediately puts the money in a safe institution.

G.-T. at Corvallis stands for Gazette-Times and Get There, which the G.-T. is doing, making one of the most readable papers in the valley. Not the size, but what's in it is what counts in a paper.

There are enigmas in this world. The school population of Eugene is 2779, about twice that of Medford, and yet the census shows Eugene only about two hundred ahead of Medford. It always has been a query where Eugene got all her kids.

In an address in Portland yesterday Chas. H. Carey warned Oregon against too radical changes in its laws, less it drive capital away. Mr. Carey was speaking in the interest of the Hill people. The new county tax law and the law giving three-fourths of a jury to decide damage suits does not suit the railroads.

Fred A. Koser, of Kieckreaf, it is said, has the best ram in the world, at the recent show in Portland winning against the ram that won first prize in the city sheep show of Great Britain last fall. The climate here is much like that of England, ideal for long woolled sheep. Dr. Wilbycombe, of the O. A. C., says we have the best sheep in the world in Oregon, due to our proper climate.

AT THE COURT HOUSE

Deeds recorded:—
Fred Woddi and wife to Chas. E. Galbraith 160 acres \$ 32

Transcript on appeal filed in Or. agt. the C. & E., the damage suit in which a verdict was found for the plaintiff.

Declaration of intention John Alexander Alfred Taven, a native of France, now of Scio, to become a citizen of the U. S. filed.

OREGON-WASHINGTON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION COMPANY TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT.

The above named Company was incorporated December 23, 1910, for the purpose of taking over the following lines:

The Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, Oregon and Washington Railroad Company, The North Coast Railroad Company, Idaho Northern Railroad Company, Ilwaco Railroad Company.

In future these lines will be operated by and in the name of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company.

F. W. ROBINSON, General Freight Agent, Portland, Oregon.
WM. McMURRAY, General Passenger Agent, Portland, Oregon.
W. D. SKINNER, General Freight and Passenger Agent, Seattle, Washington.
R. B. MILLER, Traffic Manager.

C H NEWS

Application F. F. Post to register title.

Notarial Commission H. N. Bouley.

Articles incorporating the Princess Oil Co. G. W. Hector, G. H. Morey, S. M. Millison incorporators Capital stock \$500,000. Headquarters at Lebanon.

Marriage license:—H. M. Bowser, 25, Sweet Home, and Maud Cramer, 22, Gates.

Patents Chas. McPherson, W. S. Copeland, Chas. Y. Swink.

Deeds Recorded:—
Est. Francis Hood of Saginaw Mich., to C. K. Spaulding 795.42 acres \$955.25
Alice C. Miller to Harriet and Henrietta Froman lot Soda-ville 30.00
Horace T. Froman to Frank & David Froman 320 acres 10.00
Thos. Thomas to Allie Goddard 2 lots H's 2nd add 10.00

Probate:—
Final hearing in estate of I. C. Moyer set for Feb. 20.

Only 5 marriage licenses this month so far.

Circuit Court. New Suit:—
Iva Mickenham agt. Wm. Mickenham for divorce. Marriage Aug. 6, 1904, in Salem. There is one child, aged 6 years. Desertion since Nov. 1906 is charged. Plaintiff asks to have her name changed back to Iva Gantz.

Deeds recorded:
Malcom Miller to John Benj. Gooch 10 acres 9-1 West \$ 500
B. W. Loucks to C. Otis Taylor and wife small tract 14-3 W. 93

News from Albany Six Early Trains.

George McKnight, of Vale, left for one after a visit with his brother, Assessor McKnight, of this city, W. W. Crawford in the country, and other. He is president of the State Wool Growers Association, and has been attending the convention in Portland. An old-time Linn county man, his success in stock raising is pleasing to his many friends here.

Prof. J. B. Horner, of the O.A.C., left for Portland. Last night he delivered an address on Jerusalem, with stereoscopic views, at the Grace Presbyterian church, a fine affair, appreciated by a good sized audience, and tonight he is going on an address on Rome, at Park Place, Portland. A very busy man.

Mr. George Martin, of Portland, a member of the new Western Oregon Land Co. just incorporated here, returned to Portland. He is an enthusiastic Oregonian and sees a big future for this state.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Shaw, of Mill City, left on a Portland trip.

Alden Sears went to Portland for a few days.

Bert Stevens left for Portland.

Prof. Wilson went to Salem for his regular violin instructions, at Willamette.

Miss Nellie Hart went to Portland on her regular bi-weekly trip.

W. E. Yates went out to Brownsville to see his farm.

Mrs. Waldo, of the O.A.C. board, returned home after being at Eugene several days.

Miss Myrtle Roberts went to Portland.

W. W. Crawford came down from Goltra.

Jonathan Burkhart arrived from Lebanon.

Prof. Hargrove returned to Portland.

Rev. Geil and brother left for Sweet Home, called there by the dangerous illness of their father.

The members of the Alco basket ball team returned from Corvallis, where they got some pointers of the crack O. A. C. team, which defeated them 41 to 10. The new intercollegiate rules, which allow all manner of dribbling, game will be played here in February. Dooley and Stalaker forwards, Eugene Dooley center, Torbet and Birtcort guards was the Albany team.

Grace Cameron Monday.

Nothing succeeds like success and the success of the great play "Nancy" has been in away most marvelous. Packed houses have greeted this offering all along the line and the owners have sent out three companies playing this piece to supply the demand for it. The original number one company is headed by Grace Cameron, the dainty star who was formerly prima donna or star with "Little Dollie Dimples," "Piff Puff Puff," "The Boobies," "The Tenderfoot," "When Johnnie Comes Marching Home," "Foxy Quiller," and many other high class attractions. The other members of the company supporting Miss Cameron are well known actors of unquestioned ability.

The original number one company will be seen at Albany next Monday, Jan. 16.

Dr. Lowe, the well-known eye specialist will be in Albany Thursday and Friday, January 19 and 20. The wise will wait for him.

FOR RENT—Housekeeping rooms, front, California Rooming House, East Second St.