

OBSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENT.

As Viewed by a Eugene Paper.

Eugene Guard:
There is said to be a movement on foot to enjoin the city from paving certain streets, for which contracts have been let. We do not know who is back of the suit but it is safe to say that they will be property owners who are well able to pay for the improvement of their property. That is nearly always the case in a growing city like Eugene. While it must be admitted that the cost of public work frequently works a hardship upon small property owners, it is the well-to-do, non-progressive citizen who generally goes into the court to delay or prevent the progress of improvement work, men who generally maintain shacks on their property, and grow wealthy in the increase of values which is the direct result of the labor and enterprise of their neighbors. Such property owners are a strong argument in favor of the principle of the single-tax on land and the exemption of improvements. If you find a community where such persons are in the majority you have a town where nothing grows except moss on the roofs and grass in the streets. Where they are in the minority, as in Eugene, they annoy and hamper those who are willing to spend their money and their energy in building up a city and making it a desirable place of residence.

Money is not wasted which is spent in hard surface pavement, cement sidewalks and other permanent improvements. It increases the value of every piece of property in the city. The idea of public improvement should not be carried to the extreme, working a hardship upon the people, but it should be a fixed, conservative policy, keeping pace with the growth of the town, just as Eugene is carrying it out. We have done no paving for over two years and there is a demand for it from a majority of the people along many streets. These progressive people should not be coerced by court action to accept the retrogressive views of those who have contributed to the growth of the community only as they have been compelled to.

RUNNING A CITY.

The following from the San Francisco Examiner contains much worth being digested by the people of every city, big and small. A city is often judged by the men elected in it to office. Bad officials always give a city a black eye, and good ones are always a booster for it. But here is the article:

The selection of a Mayor and of the other officers of the administration is, after all, chiefly a business matter. It is of no particular importance to the great bulk of San Francisco's citizenship whether one man or another holds a job as mayor or any other office. The question is of getting work done—having our buildings built, our schools put up and well run, the city protected from fire, the safety of life and property assured, the vicious and criminal elements overawed and order and decency preserved; our streets well paved and kept clean, our building laws enforced that light and air and sanitary conditions may preserve the health of the people who dwell beneath the roofs of San Francisco; good transportation enforced that our workers may get to and from their homes speedily and in comfort—in short, the city housekeeping done in a way that will make San Francisco a pleasant place in which to live and do business.

The voters have decided that Mr. Rolph is much the fitter to get these things done for the citizens than any other candidate.

The election of Mr. Rolph will give confidence to the men of San Francisco that the city is to go energetically to work to prepare for the great future that lies within its grasp. But, even more, it will give in other cities and states the confidence in our capacity and character that has been lacking in the eyes of the world. The fact that we have not deserted the low reputation that has been fixed upon us does not make it any less important that we should shake it off when possible. And the election of a true, clean and efficient citizen like Mr. Rolph to represent us will be taken by the world as notice that San Francisco is not the foul place that its critics have proclaimed. It is notice that San Francisco is a place into which men may bring their money and their families and be safe.

FRIDAY.

Man of Mystery Arrives.

Secrets are not safe. Albany people having secrets had better picklock them as Richard Hale is in the city. This man has created no end of excitement and comment throughout the leading cities, has baffled the police forces of two continents and started the entire scientific world by his wonderful powers of mental science and telepathy. Mr. Hale while here will answer free of charge any and all questions from the stage of the Dreamland theatre. The questions must be asked and left at the box office. The first three nights of his engagement here he will offer the great black spirit cabinet mystery, bound upon helpless with ropes, hand, cuffed, shackled and chained, he gives a most wonderful exhibition. A committee of reliable citizens will be on the stage during the entire performance. Don't miss the opening night. No advance in prices.

That Santiam Bridge.

People are wondering how it will be possible for trains on the Oregon Electric to reach Albany by January 1 when a bridge cannot be completed for some time after then. Easy enough. A safe temporary bridge will be built, of wood and also used for false work for the permanent structure. If the weather is reasonably good during Dec., Nov. and Dec., look out for cars by 1912.

THE WILLAMETTE
OREGON,
PRODUCED LAST YEAR
GRAND TOTAL
\$100,950,000
I AM NOT BLIND, JUST FAT
EASTERN BUYER

The Democrat.

The Daily—Delivered, 10 cents a week; in advance for one year, \$4.00. 2y mail, in advance for one year \$3. at end of year \$1.50.
The Weekly—Advance per year \$1.25. At end of year \$1.50. After 3 years at \$2.

SATURDAY NIGHT THOUGHTS.

Turkey and Italy in beginning war proceedings are the leading world's event of the week. They have been having some trouble over Tripoli, and are now bristling up to each other like a couple of roosters with lead galls. It may amount to something; but it should not. There is absolutely no sense in a couple of nations deliberately going to war these modern days of arbitration.

In the U. S. the trip of the president has attracted wide attention because of his candidacy for reelection. Just as soon as a man is elected he begins running for reelection, and under the present system that's about all the office amounts to—politics, more than service. There should be one term or independent service.

The beginning of a big strike of the Federated R. R. Shopmen is an event of immense concern to the country, one that is liable to be far reaching in its effect, perhaps involving in the end many more than at the start, and, if may be a fight to the finish, one that is bound to come and be settled in some way, and should be.

An election at San Francisco this week has attracted national attention because of the great moral issue involved. San Francisco has had the reputation of having about the rottenest government in the U. S., and people everywhere were intensely interested in seeing a change. It has come, and it looks like an awakening; but will it be permanent and will it amount to much in a city of only 12,000 church members out of a population of half a million. It is doubtful.

This week the Albany city council granted its fourth gas plant franchise. All the others have been more hot air than gas, and the Democrat has not fully settled which this will be.

A little mixing of Portlanders and Albanyites this week was one of local interest, an enjoyable social event that may amount to something in a business way.

In national sport base ball is now on its autumn legs, while foot ball is getting on the gridiron, indoor base ball, fast and furious, is starting, and the basket ball is about ready for the tossing. Some kind of sport seems necessary for modern existence, and there is certainly plenty of offering. A reasonable amount of it is good for the player and the observer.

A scientist this week obtained a little of notoriety by declaring that the immortality of the soul is a myth. He has figured it all out; but he has not, and cannot. It is beyond the ken of the scientist. Holy writ throws the statement back in his teeth, and a sincere Faith tells of life everlasting. Like one Tom Faine he may get a day's notice, and that is all.

And Brought to Valley for Care

Robert Tronson, a quarter blood Siletz Indian, was brought to the valley from Newport, for care, with a serious bullet wound in his hip. He was at the mouth of the Siletz fishing, when a couple cannery fishermen engaged in a drunken row, and were shooting at each other with rifles, when one of them in his drunkenness turned on Tronson who was watching the fight and began shooting at him, and a big bullet went clear through his thigh, smashing the bone. The shooter fled and Tronson was brought out for hospital treatment. A dispatch said he was brought to Albany, but this was a mistake.

The Weather.

Range of temperature 69-40.
The river is 1.8 feet, having risen some.
Prediction: occasional rain tonight or Saturday.

GOV. WEST

Says Hell Can't Stop the Right from Prevailing.

Gov. West is at least having plenty of experience these days over his honor system policy, and he will be backed generally by most people, though whacked by the politician. He believes in giving the man down a chance, realizing that after all he is no worse than half the men out of the penitentiary. Here is what he said in Portland to a Journal man:

"I have no political ambitions," he said with unusual warmth. "My treatment of the convicts has lost me most of my political friends, but is gaining me friends among the business men and taxpayers."

"I expect something to happen; I expect to be crucified because of this. But in spite of opposition I will succeed, because it is right, and all hell can't stop me."

"I don't intend to be a candidate for senator. I will not be. I wouldn't make a good senator. There are dozens of men better than I. who can go to Washington wear pluck hats and frock coats and play poker with the other senators. I want to stay in Oregon with the people I like, and where I can do the most good. I hope to get my 'crazy ideas' worked out before my term of office expires, and nothing could induce me to wish or try to remain in office except unfinished business, or if some of the opposition against me should rouse me too much."

By the Man About Town.

The Man about Town last evening had his first ride on the Oregon Electric. It was on a bicycle along the grade of the extension of Water street, east of Geary street, through the fertile Burtfield field. A couple teams and fourteen men were at work among some stumps, jerking them out with pulleys and blasting them to pieces where stubborn. One field beyond Geary street has been completely graded, only need a few more touches. Evening up uneven land until it can be equited along is no small job, but that is what a railroad requires, and it has to be well done to stand a travel of fifty miles an hour.

The M. A. T. took a look at the high school team in practice on the college grounds. The boys are doing splendid work under the coach, Fred Newton, of the Home Telephone Co. Newton was tackle on the famous Michigan team for two years, and made a reputation as a player competent to handle the Albany high, one of the best high school teams in the U. S., fans here believe better than anything in Portland.

The brick work on the new St. Francis Hotel has been completed and the roof is being hurried on before more rain troubles. It is practically a five story structure. People are wondering who will get it. There are various rumors.

Indoor base ball has struck the young men of the town hard. There are practice games every night at the army and Aleo gym. It is a fast affair, bang, smash and there you are. A mad turtle could stand a base, but it takes a quick eye to hit and snappy work to catch a ball off the bat.

Annual Mum Show.

Preparations are being made for the annual Chrysanthemum Fair at the Hub in November.

The committee request those expecting to exhibit to report to Mrs. J. W. Dieker, 617 W 6th St., both phones, giving her some idea of when you think your plants promise to flower, as the exact date wants to be fixed at a time when the most mums are at their best.

PEEK INTO HIS POCKET would show the box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve that E. S. Loper, a carpenter of Marilla, N. Y., always carries. "I have never been cut, wound, bruised, or sore it would heal," he writes. "It cures eczema, burns, boils, scalds, chapped hands and lips, hemorrhoids, skin eruptions, eczema, corns and piles. 25c at all druggists."

STRIKE BEGUN

At 10 o'clock today members of the Federated Unions of Shopmen, on the Harriman system, struck all along the line. This included 24 men at this city, who promptly at 10 o'clock, under instructions, went out. Both S. P. and C. & E. men in the shops and yards are included, all the men at the shops but foreman Taylor, his son Harry, two hostlers, two watchmen and a blacksmith, said not to be eligibles.

Men will be secured everywhere as fast as possible to take the places, and there is a possibility of sympathetic strikes, making the outcome of immense concern to the country.

THE OMAHA SHOW

A meeting of the Omaha Land Show commissioners, was held at the commercial club rooms at 10 a. m. today, with Messrs Johnson, Groves, Stevens and Moore, of Corvallis, Manager Freeman of Eugene, and Messrs. Stewart and Marvin, of this city present. The details of preparing and caring for the exhibit were arranged and preparations made for taking care of it at Omaha.

A dispatch from Mr. Holbrook stated that he accepted the appointment as representative.

A splendid spirit of union among the valley counties, is one of the best things about the business.

The display will be assembled at this city Thursday and shipped Friday in a refrigerator car.

KILLED IN EUGENE

By Traveller's Auto. Man Flew and Was Captured.

An old man named Hebert, 80 years old, was struck by a four door auto, driven by F. Jensen, a traveller for a Portland house, this forenoon, and died soon afterwards. Jensen, instead of stopping to tender aid, fled out of the city, which direction was not known then. Word was sent in every direction and he was caught between Cottage Grove and Eugene, and taken back to answer for it. Great indignation prevailed in Eugene.

News From Albany's Six Early Trains.

No. 16, due at 4:18, arrived a 7:10. Among the passengers were Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hughes, of Santa Cruz, Calif., who went out to Lebanon, where they will spend the winter with their daughter, Mrs. Byron Milsap. Mr. Hughes was the founder and owner of the Lebanon electric light plant for a good many years.

Miss Miriam Bradley, daughter of Prof. E. P. Bradley, principal of the high school last year, after a visit with Miss Blanche Hammel, went to Brownsville. Prof. Bradley has a position in the Seattle schools and is now there. They will make that city their home the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ingram of Lebanon, and Mr. and Mrs. Everson, of Detroit, Mich., out here on a visit arrived on their way to Newport, to see the big pond, the latter's first trip to the Pacific ocean. They are out here seeing things, which look pretty good.

Miss Ethel Miller, of Sodaville, a former Albany real estate dealer, arrived on her way to Gaston, near which place she will teach the coming fall and winter.

A. C. Brown, Lebanon real estate dealer, went to Portland.

Councilman R. D. Snell left on a two or three days Portland trip after some pointers.

H. T. James left on a Canby visit.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Burnett went to Portland to remain until Monday.

Rev. J. H. Douglas went up the C. & E. to preach tomorrow.

Miss Winnie Austin went to Portland for a few days visit with relatives.

Mrs. Dr. Litter left for Portland for a visit with her parents.

Misses Ruth and Martha Montague returned home after an outing at Newport.

Dr. H. A. Ketchum, of Salem, left for the country to preach tomorrow, having service somewhere every week.

Surveyor Hugh Fisher left on a Portland trip.

Miss Saylor, of the Hamilton Store, returned from Junction, where she attended the punkin fair and visited relatives.

Chub Harris, a prominent Western Union man, of Portland, went over to Corvallis on line business.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Shaw went north with Mrs. J. A. McCullough left on a Lebanon visit, her first one to that city.

A Remarkable Auto Accident

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Robertson, of Portland, yesterday had a fall of about 200 feet down an embankment near Martinez, Calif. Neither was seriously injured, after the accident walking to a farm house for aid. Turning a corner their auto jumped off the bank, throwing them out, and they struck a hundred feet down in some thick bushes, which saved their lives, rolling about a hundred feet further. The auto turned five somersets and was mashed to splinters. The escape was a marvelous one.

The Weather.

Range of temperature 70-45.
The river is up a little, 1.6 feet.
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MISFITS

The mum Has kum.
Albany needs gas mighty bad for its cook stoves.

Three times and out. We ought to have gas now for sure.

Water is free, but it costs a fortune to get it, all the same.

Some people spend their lives being discontented and die with a sour stomach.

Bryan is not seriously dead yet. He was given a ten minute ovation in Kansas City yesterday.

Think of Taft being nominated on a progressive platform, with his anti-progressive veto record.

An Oklahoma congressman recently licked three mashers. He might try Lafferty to keep in practice.

A man with \$10,000 isn't a millionaire, and a city of 6,000 can't do the things of a city of even 50,000.

It will cost President Taft \$18,000 it is said to make his present trip around the circle, defending his vetoes.

The woman who gets excited at a bargain counter, wonders what there is in base ball to call for so much stir.

In an address at Kansas City yesterday W. J. Bryan said the conservation of man is the greatest of all things.

Everybody is rejoicing at San Francisco's deliverance, and yet some people talk as if there was no good in the world.

Some one has figured out that it takes a string to fly a kite, but a bachelor has no strings to him, tied to nothing, and won't fly.

The center of population struck an Indiana furniture factory, and it is gradually coming west towards Albany's fine factory.

According to Eugene papers Manager O'Brien is fairly prancing around, with nervousness, to start work on the Eugene-Marshfield road.

Oregon City drinks Willamette water, full of organisms, and, yet through an up-to-date filtration system, has never had any typhoid fever from it.

A second street sign this morning read: "Just married. Won't Be Up Till Noon. Call upon the clerk for treats."

A death blow has been aimed at the lumber trust. It will probably strike it where the oil, steel and beef trust have been hit, bigger and stronger than ever.

Albany's tax levy should not increase any faster than its assessment. This city will do well not to become tax ridden. It should keep improving with its growth.

Mrs. Jeffries, who recently died, with her last breath offered a prayer for big Jim. He needs it. He has made a great name, but threw away his character to get it. The son of a minister he has lived riotously.

Judge McGinn declares Ralph K. Duniway and Frank Kiernan, two Portland attorneys, public nuisances, because of their obstruction policies. Duniway has brought five suits to stop the Broadway bridge, and now has been used to stop bringing suits.

Reports from the country are that even though wheat has been injured some it will be good for feed, and, as a matter of fact, is worth just about as much for that as the market offers for other purposes. The loss by the recent rain is practically of no consequence.

Addison Bennett told the story on himself that he awoke one morning with forty-two tooth picks in his pocket, with cherry stains on them. Tooth picks, says Bennett, are a very uncertain fruit after being at the North end.

The new commercial club rooms of Eugene are to be furnished by Meier & Frank of Portland, which leads the Guard to caustically remark: It is a bad example for a commercial club to set to advertise the fact that their home is furnished by a mail order department store located in another city. Whack!!!

The proposal to have Chinese pheasants for President Taft regardless of the law, is a silly one. The President should be given a good meal, without any snobishness. The people of the U. S. don't appreciate the ancient custom of furnishing meals of nightingales' tongues for rulers. Let's have good sense even among politicians.

Coquille Herald:—A lady who is unfamiliar with railroad vernacular was at the Myrtle Point depot the other day when a mixed train was being made up. As one section was backing up one brakeman called to another, "Jump on her when she comes by, run her beyond the bridge and cut her in two; send the head end up to the depot." The lady ran as fast as she could and yelled "murder."

The Elks have just had published a pretty booklet, giving the history and membership of the Albany Elks, with pictures of the officials. "Burchill did the work, a neat job."

If your children need glasses see Dr. Eaton, the optician. All work guaranteed.

C H NEWS

Dee recorded:
Frederick Olson to Nils Christian Olson 100 acres. \$ 10
Chas. Weesly to C. C. Ritey 2 lots Scio 800

New Suits:—
R. B. Leabo agt. Henry Loretz to recover \$178.34. L. L. Swan attorney.
Jas. Walters agt. Cordelia Walters for divorce. Married in Cheboygan, Mich. in 19—. Charge desertion since Feb. 20, 1909, when she drew plaintiff's wages and left for Mich. Weatherford & Weatherford attorneys.

Circuit Court:—
The case of Davison agt. Wilhelm, tried before Judge Galloway, was continued for argument, and court adjourned to Oct. 16.

Marriage licenses:—Leslie L. Potts, 35, and Miss Mary Louise Hanke, 19; F. J. Hammel, 21, and Vivian Arnold, 16.

One dead:—
John R. Morris to Nathan Clem & wife 2 lots Lebanon. \$ 500

Demurrers filed by Chas. F. Cooper and D. M. Cooper to the condemnation suit of the Oregon Electric.

Marriage license:—Jas. L. Fradenburg, 20, and Gertrude Meutze, 20, both of Lebanon, born in Neb. and Wis.

Petition of C. E. Larktree for guardianship of Ray Leonard. Value of property \$100.

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PERSONAL

Maurice Winter has been here. Constance Nicholls went to Corvallis this afternoon.

W. O. Nisley, the piano tuner, of Portland, is in town.

Ex-Sheriff Reas, of Toledo, went to Portland this afternoon.

Miss Thielson, of Salem, returned this noon from the Bay.

Mrs. Niles, of N.D., arrived this noon from Dayton on a visit with her sister, Mrs. Bodley.

Earl Fortmiller has again made the U. O. Glee Club, of which he was a member when he was there before.

E. C. Anderson has sold his fine residence property on Elm street to Ed. Dorgan, and next week Mr. and Mrs. Anderson will go to Mondovia, Calif., for the benefit of Mr. Anderson's health.

On Municipal Water Plant Will Investigate and Report

The committee of ten on investigation of the municipal ownership of an Albany water plant, met last night at the commercial club rooms. At that time was talk of resigning and quitting. Then it was decided unanimously to continue the work of investigation at the committee's own expense, learn as much as possible by inquiry of other cities owning their own plants, estimate the cost of different systems as close as possible, and report to the council with recommendation, the best possible under the circumstances.

2nd and Lyon St. for Groceries and Meats.

Equalization Notice.

The County Board of Equalization of taxes will meet at the office of the county clerk, Monday, October 18, 1911, and remain in session for six days, for the purpose of publicly examining the assessment roll and to correct errors in valuation, description or qualities of land, lots or other property. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the appointed time and place and, if it shall appear to said Board, that lands, lots or other property be assessed twice, or assessed in the name of any person or persons not the owner thereof, or assessed under or beyond its value, or any land, lots or other property not assessed, they will make the proper correction. D. B. McKNIGHT, County Assessor.

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