

# OREGON ELECTRIC NOW TO CORVALLIS

Road Formally Opened Today For Regular Service; Many Local People Make Trip.

## RAILROAD OFFICIALS ARE GUEST OF CORVALLIS CLUB

First Train to Enter City on the Regular Schedule Left Here at 7:45.

Continued from Tuesday, March 25.

Clambering for seats on the first Oregon Electric train to Corvallis which left for that city this morning at 7:45 o'clock, a large delegation of local people went to Corvallis this morning. Many of the people made the trip for the novelty of the ride, others availed themselves of the opportunity of traveling to that city on the first train, going to that city incidentally on business. Many begged that their tickets be returned to them that they may be kept as a souvenir.

The next regular train leaving at 9:40 for Corvallis was also crowded with local people and delegations from Salem, Portland and way points.

Today is the day of inauguration of the Oregon Electric to Corvallis. Special passenger and freight service will run into that city from other points on the line from this date on, which will have a service better and more frequent than Eugene. All trains running through this city will have connections to Corvallis.

The people of Corvallis, as was expected, did not plan a big celebration in honor of the event. Instead the Commercial Club will banquet leading officials of the road this noon at a splendid board in the spacious club rooms.

Among high railroad officials who passed through this city this morning on their way to Corvallis were: A. J. Davidson, general superintendent; Carl R. Gray, Jr., trainmaster; W. D. Skinner, traffic manager; W. C. Wilkes, assistant traffic manager, and W. P. Powers, traveling freight agent.

The Corvallis Gazette-Times has the following to say with reference to the coming of the road:

Oregon Electric officials, including President Young, Carl Gray Jr., Chief Engineer Wickersham and others of the dignitaries will be in Corvallis as the guests of the Commercial Club at luncheon. The plan is to have a delegation of the Commercial Club and city officials and business men go to Gray to meet the visitors, and in such way as may be possible give them assurance of the city's hearty appreciation of the Oregon Electric and the men who have brought the line to this city with so little noise and bluster.

The new Oregon Electric station is a little beauty, provided with every convenience and comfort, and is fair to look upon. A wide wooden walk leads from the bridge to the station platform, and naught that might be desired is lacking. There is a spacious waiting room with a big stove, a first class office and a large freight room.

## PYTHIAN SISTERS CONVENE CONVENTION AT SALEM

A Large Delegation from This City Went to Capital This Morning.

A large delegation of the members of the local order of the Pythian Sisters went to Salem this morning to attend the annual convention of the lodge which went into session in that city this morning at 9 o'clock.

Delegates from all the important cities of the Willamette Valley are expected to attend the convention which is thought will be the biggest one in years.

There will be just one all-day session of the convention which will adjourn tonight, at the conclusion of a banquet.

A delegation of 15 local Pythian Sisters went to the Capital City this morning as representatives of the local order and those whose names could be secured are: Mesdames J. K. Haight, C. H. Burggraf, Frank Skipton, Mary Parker, F. D. Conn, P. R. Kelly, M. J. Kelly, Grant Pirtle, John Bryant, Charles Whinery, W. A. Freeman, J. S. Van Winkle, H. Wilkins, L. M. Carl and daughter, Miss Inez.

## MAYOR GILBERT PURCHASES FIRST TICKET TO CORVALLIS

Mayor P. D. Gilbert purchased the first ticket on the Oregon Electric to Corvallis in this city this morning and boarded the first train which left at 7:45 for that city.

The mayor went over to Corvallis mostly for the novelty of the trip but incidentally to pay a friendly visit to Corvallis city officials and pass words of congratulation. He returned on an afternoon train.

## SPLENDID GRANGE MEETING HELD AT TANGENT YESTERDAY

Large Class Was Instructed in the First and Second Degrees of Order.

A very interesting meeting of Tangent Grange was held Saturday. The attendance was good, notwithstanding the fact that another interesting meeting was in progress at the school house. A class of four men and three women were instructed in the first and second degrees of the order.

The lecturer's program was good and promptly responded to by those who were requested to take part. Several of the class expressed themselves as well pleased. One visitor from Western Star was present.

Arrangements were made for the meeting of the Linn County Council which is to be held in Tangent Grange hall on Saturday, April 5th.

The next meeting of the grange will be the fourth Saturday in April at 10 a. m. Visitors always welcome.

J. H. S.

## DEPUTY SHERIFF WILL PROTECT SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Drastic Measures Adopted by School Authorities to Protect Buildings.

Because many people, supposedly young boys and evening strollers, have used the entrance of the different public schools of the city as gathering places and because school property has been more or less mutilated by these gatherings, local school authorities have instituted drastic measures to put a stop to the matter.

These circumstances have culminated to a more or less extent at the High school and Central school, but the congregators have concentrated their rendezvous at the Maple school and the new East Albany school, with the result that much damage was done in the way of defacing the buildings. Some of the offenders have gone so far as to force an entrance to the East Albany school.

In order to put a stop to these offenses, local school authorities have been instrumental in securing an appointment as deputy sheriff for Christ Dewart, janitor of the East Albany school, who has strict orders to keep the prowlers away from the school buildings during the evening.

## BURGLAR PROVES TO BE BIG BLACK CAT UNDER TUB

When Lady of the House Heard Noise in Basement She Sent in Police Alarm.

Hearing a noise in her basement last night a lady in the East end came to the conclusion that there were burglars in the house. Accordingly she sent in a police alarm, and upon arrival of the police an investigation was instituted.

The basement was scoured for the supposed burglars without result. The lady declared that she had left her wash tub on a bench in one end of the cellar and upon investigation it was found upside down in the other end. One of the officers picked up the tub to replace it on the bench when a big black cat leaped forth and dashed out an open window. It developed that the tub had fallen on the cat while it was supposed to have been prowling around in the basement for something to eat and in an attempt to extricate itself, had pushed the tub over the floor causing considerable noise.

## MAN CONFINED TO CITY JAIL WITH DELIRIUM TREMENS

Becoming violent with an attack of delirium tremens, a man whose name could not be learned, was taken off a southbound Southern Pacific train late yesterday afternoon at the request of friends by local police and lodged in the city jail to recover from his tantrum.

It is understood that the man is a resident of Eugene where he is employed as a lineman, and was returning home in company with friends after an over-Sunday visit in Portland. He was sufficiently recovered this noon to be sent home.

Mr. George Matson, of San Francisco, was in the city over night, on a short visit after an absence of eight years. He is now residing in San Francisco, running on an interurban train between San Francisco and San Jose. Mrs. Matson and daughter have been in Portland on a visit at the home of Mr. Matson's mother. The little girl was taken ill and he at once went there to see her, finding her greatly improved. Albany looked like a new city to him, a transformation, with its pavement and fine new blocks. Mr. Matson declared that he didn't know of a place in California, with the same population, that is its equal. On his way home, having heard of the good reports about the city where he spent so many years, he had to stop off and see for himself.

## BURGLARS ENTER THE KEITH HOME

Carry off Three Dollars in Silver But Overlook Purse Containing \$20.

## USED PASS KEY TO GAIN ENTRANCE TO RESIDENCE

Unsuccessful Attempt Was Also Made to Enter Cronise Home Last Night.

Gaining an entrance by means of a pass key, burglars last night entered the home of A. E. Keith, who resides at 613 West Sixth street, and carried off three dollars in silver.

When asked this morning in regard to the matter Mr. Keith stated that the theft was in all probability committed about 12:30. Neither Mr. Keith nor his wife were awake at the time the burglars gained an entrance to the residence but from all indications, are satisfied that a pass key was used to open the front door. When they left they neglected to close and lock the back door.

Mr. Keith is congratulating himself on the fact that his wife brought one purse containing twenty dollars into the bedroom before retiring and left the same on the dresser. This money was overlooked by the burglars who were evidently frightened away before completing their work.

About 11 o'clock last night burglars also made an unsuccessful attempt to gain an entrance to the home of Mrs. H. K. Cronise who resides at the corner of Sixth and Calapooia streets. They first entered the basement and attempted to break open the door leading from the cellar to the kitchen but found it securely locked. Mrs. Cronise was alone in the house at the time. The local police have no clue as to the identity of either of the burglars.

## "OLD UNCLE JOE" YATES BUYS 1ST TICKET AT CORVALLIS

A Prominent Old Pioneer of Corvallis Is Happy As a King When in Albany.

Joseph Yates, familiarly known as "Old Uncle Joe," a resident for many years of Corvallis, has the distinction of being the first purchaser of an Oregon Electric train ticket at Corvallis this morning and Mr. Yates came to this city on the first train over this road, leaving at 6:30 this morning.

Mr. Yates, hale and hearty at 79 years, is an interesting talker and is full of thrilling pioneer stories. He is proud of the fact that he is one of the early pioneers of this section. From his earliest infancy he has breathed the air of the wide expanses and has been reared close to nature where life goes to the upbuilding of vigorous manhood. When at the age of 2 years, his parents traded across the plains from Tennessee, where "Old Uncle Joe" was born, to Arkansas. When but a lad of 18 he picked up his belongings and wended his way westward by ox team, settling at The Dalles in the latter part of the year of 1852. Later he removed to this section where he has since resided.

"I am proud to live in this beautiful country and I intend to spend the balance of my days here. I have been trading in Albany for the last 59 years and it is for this purpose that I came over today. I cannot help but think of the marvelous strides towards development which have been made in this country since I came here. That grand electric road with all its conveniences, and look at the magnificent new buildings recently erected in Albany. I tell you it is simply marvelous and it is hard for an old head like mine to grasp it all. I feel as happy as a king when I am in this city for I have a fond feeling towards it and I think it is the best place in the state."

After talking for some time Mr. Yates concluded by showing the fond spirit of a true big-hearted hospitable western citizen.

"If you ever come to Corvallis don't forget to look me up. I can give you a good dinner, and if you should take a notion to stay over night I have the best bed in the country. I'll guarantee that you won't starve. I have my cow and chickens and we have fresh milk, cream and eggs every day." He returned to Corvallis this afternoon.

## REMAINS OF LATE MRS. EGAN LAID TO REST

The funeral of the late Mrs. Cecelia Egan, who died Monday morning, was held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Catholic church. Rev. Arthur Lane conducted the services and the remains were interred in the City cemetery.

The deceased was a beloved lady and a devoted member of the Catholic church. She had many friends in this city who deeply felt her sudden death. The funeral services were attended by a large number of devoted friends. Many beautiful floral pieces adorned the casket.

Dad Stevens left this noon for Newport, on a health trip.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB HOLDS SESSION

But Very Little Business Transacted Because of Lack of Quorum.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE NAMED TO PLAN ROADS MEETING

It Is the Intention to Make This the Largest Meeting Ever Held Here.

Owing to the fact that several members of the executive board of the Commercial Club were detained at other functions last night a quorum could not be mustered and consequently but very little business was transacted.

Several communications were read and other minor business matters were reported but no definite action was taken.

A committee consisting of the following: C. H. Stewart Dr. M. H. Ellis, E. D. Cusick, Owen Beam, and R. K. Ohling, was appointed to make arrangements for the big good roads meeting scheduled for March 31.

It is the intention of members of the board that this meeting be made one of the largest ever held in this city and road experts from different points in the valley will be invited to attend. Practical road builders from other counties and it is expected that county judges from the nearby counties will be present.

This meeting will be the key note function of a campaign recently inaugurated by the club to promote the building of good roads in this county and this effort will be marked with determination according to the plan set forth at a recent meeting of the club. According to a statement from an authority, members of the club fully realize the imperative nature of good roads as a valuable asset in the upbuilding of a community and it is to this end that the campaign will be carried from now on at full blast.

It is the plan that the club co-operate with the county court in this matter, in an effort to repair and place the roads leading out in the different directions from the city in an orderly and passable condition, that they may be traveled in safety the entire year.

## NEWS BEGINNING WITH THIS HEAD FROM DAILY ISSUE OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26.

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# Corset Fashion for Spring

The Spring models of R. & G. Corsets now ready

New models in the long, straight corsets in medium and slightly higher busts with the long, snug fitting skirts.

A fit for every figure

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## L. C. FISH PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY AT AGE OF 76

Well Known Resident of This City Is Survived by Many Relatives.

(Communicated.)  
L. C. Fish died at his home, 617 West Fifth street, Wednesday morning at the age of 76 years. He was born at Otego, New York, in 1836, where he lived until the spring of 1885, when he moved to LaPorte City, Iowa, where he resided until 1900 when he again moved westward, locating at Watertown, South Dakota, where he lived until June 1906, when he again moved westward coming to Oregon, and locating at Norton, in Lincoln county, where, located on a ranch, he prospered and developed a pleasant home, living there until he was forced by failing health to retire from active life, which he did, selling his ranch and moving to Albany last fall.

Mr. Fish was actively engaged in breeding fancy stock during his early life, having the distinction of importing the first fullblood Shropshire sheep into the United States, which he did in 1870, coming from the flocks of Lord Berwick, Shrewsbury, Manor, England, from which Mr. Fish bred and raised a class which he exhibited at the Centennial at Philadelphia in 1876 on which he was awarded a bronze medal, the first prize over all, competing with all nations.

Mr. Fish was married in 1862 to Miss Marion M. Briggs, whose death preceded his about nine years. To this union was born six children, Henry E. Fish of Erie, Pa., Mrs. Ira E. Brown, of LaPorte City, Ia., Leon H. Fish of this city, Ira M. Fish of Bedford, New York, and Everett L. Fish of Norton, Oregon, all of whom survive him, also one son, Charles E. Fish, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio, who also preceded him. Besides the children he leaves one sister, Mrs. R. G. Cornell, of Otego, New York.

Later Mr. Fish was united in marriage with Miss Edith Hunter, of Watertown, South Dakota, who survives him.

Owing to the distance of the relatives from Albany, it is not yet known if they will be present at the funeral, which date cannot be given at this time.

## LEAVES HUSBY WHO SPENDS NIGHTS IN POOL ROOMS

Mrs. S. L. Basset Has Filed Suit for Divorce Against G. M. Bassett.

Because her husband is alleged to have frequented pool and card rooms, spending all if not the biggest portion of the nights in such places, thereby compelling her to do the chores and dispose of the products of the farm for a livelihood, while they resided near Drain, Ore., Mrs. Sarah L. Bassett has instituted suit for divorce against G. M. Bassett. The document was filed with the county clerk yesterday afternoon. The plaintiff is represented by the law firm of Weatherford & Weatherford.

The couple were married in Marion county, August 25, 1891, and there are no children as a result of the union. In the complaint Mrs. Bassett alleges that her husband is guilty of cruel and inhuman treatment towards her. She also alleges that he sold a horse belonging to her and appropriated the money for his personal benefit and that at all times he has refused to attend church with her. She claims she was compelled to leave the burdensome life caused by her husband, and came to this city recently where she has since resided with her parents.

## HUNDREDS PERISH IN EASTERN STATES

It Is Claimed That Over Two Thousand Are Dead in Dayton Ohio.

## INDIANA IS STORM SWEPT; LOSS OF LIFE IS HEAVY

Many Dead in Peru and Other Cities in the Middle Western States.

Dayton, O., March 26.—(By Telephone via Xenia.)—Dayton last night was nothing less than a seething river, three miles wide, a mile and a half on each side of the main street, its principal thoroughfare, while it is estimated that from 2000 to 5000 people have perished.

The Algonquin hotel is submerged in water up to its third story, and above this level the downtown district office buildings, hotels and business houses are places of refuge.

A school building that was known to have housed not less than 400 school children shortly before the waters rushed in that direction is entirely submerged, and as far as can be ascertained all of those little ones met a watery grave.

Delaware, O., March 26.—Between 75 and 100 persons were drowned in the flooded Oletangy river yesterday, according to estimates made by the police tonight. More conservative reports place the number of dead between 30 and 50.

The names of only 28 of those believed to be dead have been obtained. Scores of persons are still clinging to tops of trees, roofs of houses and other available footings.

Tonight fires were built along the banks of the river to cheer the marooned ones, while desperate efforts to rescue continued.

Indianapolis, March 26.—The first report of the loss of life in Peru was confirmed early this morning when Governor Ralston talked over the long distance telephone to Frank Butler, an attorney at Peru.

Mr. Butler said 100 coffins at least were needed, other bodies having been washed away.

Senator Fleming said early this morning that he had contracted with local undertakers to furnish caskets and with a coffin factory at Richmond to supply as many as possible for Peru. He also contracted to rush a carload of canned goods and bread to the people.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 26.—With a continued heavy rainfall in Northern and Western Pennsylvania, the flood situation is growing serious and heavy property damage has already resulted. Oil City, Bradford, Warren, Titusville, Greenville, Newcastle, Shamokin and the lowlands of this city and vicinity are battling with flood water.

Many points are without electric light, water, transportation lines and gas. A score of bridges throughout the state were swept away.

Indianapolis, March 26.—A state-wide flood, appalling in its immensity and terrifying in its swiftness, claimed certainly more than 300 lives, according to fragmentary reports, made nearly 200,000 homeless and has done property damage of more than \$20,000,000 in Indiana yesterday and last night.

The rush of waters caught the state unprepared, and the following desperate fight to save life and property seemed futile.

From Peru came a sudden message that the town was overwhelmed and hundreds drowned before they knew their full peril.

Terre Haute, Ind., March 26.—Hardly recovering from the daze of the tornado of Sunday that claimed 20 lives, injured 250 and did property damage amounting to \$1,000,000, Terre Haute faced its second disaster in 47 hours, when the waters of the Wabash left their banks, flooding part of the residence district.

Many families whose homes had escaped destruction in the tornado were surrounded and residents were forced to flee for their lives.

MANY OUT-OF-TOWN-GUESTS ATTENDED BALL LAST NIGHT

By M. C. T.

Among the out-of-town guests in attendance at the Malabon ball given at the armory last night by the Spanish War Veterans are the following: Miss Nan Stewart (Lebanon), Mr. Ralph Reeves (Lebanon), Mr. Carl Hoerr (O. A. C., Corvallis), Mr. Henry Guillick (Lebanon), Dr. Dale (Harrisburg), Miss Medora Steele (Portland), Miss Jessie Bibee (Portland), Mr. and Mrs. Reed (Harrisburg), Mr. Walter Gaunt (Portland), Mr. Harold Wieder (Salem), Mr. and Mrs. Fisher and Mr. David Hawdins (Portland).