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GATES OPEN TO RAILROAD MEN

Party of Twenty Railroad Officials Arrived Here This Afternoon.

ON SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF NORTHWEST AND EAST

Entertained by Citizens with Automobile Ride and Big Reception.

Arriving this noon at 2 o'clock over the Oregon Electric from Salem, a party of 10 Northern Pacific Immigration department representatives from the various large cities in the Northwest and the Middle States, headed by L. J. Brickett, of St. Paul, general immigration agent, accompanied by a party of six prominent railroad officials of Oregon and President P. H. D'Arcy and Secretary Fred S. Bynon, of the Salem Commercial club, were the guests of Albanyites until 3 o'clock, at the end of a Northwest sight seeing tour. The idea of the trip is to give the immigration department representatives a chance to view the wide scope of country and the volume of business transacted over the lines of their railroad system.

The railroad men will not go on to Eugene as was first scheduled but left here at 3 o'clock for Portland on the return trip after visiting at various places along the route of the Oregon Electric between here and that place. They will leave Portland either tonight or tomorrow morning on the return trip to their home.

Met at the Oregon Electric depot by a large delegation of citizens, headed by Mayor Gilbert, President Van Winkle and Manager Stewart of the Commercial club, with automobiles piloted by A. C. Schmitt, Ed. Tyler, in the Barrett car, F. M. French, I. A. Howard, P. A. Young, Lee Hulbert, in the Hulbert car and D. O. Woodworth, the big party were taken on a sight seeing tour of the city and country immediately adjacent. Returning to the Commercial club parlors the party of distinguished guests were given a hearty welcome and a short impromptu meeting was held.

The personnel of the immigration representatives is as follows:

L. J. Baker, general immigration agent, St. Paul; C. E. Arney, western immigration and industrial agent, Spokane; Prof. D. E. Willard, development agent, St. Paul; J. L. Moore, traveling immigration agent, Billings, Montana; J. L. Daugherty, traveling immigration agent, Chicago; John F. Fox, immigration agent, Chicago; O. L. Stark, traveling immigration agent, Kansas City; S. M. Ewen, traveling immigration agent, Elizabethton, Tennessee; George A. Jones, traveling immigration agent, Cincinnati, Ohio; L. S. Wood, immigration department, St. Paul.

They were accompanied by the following who joined them at Portland and at Salem: P. E. Schwabe, of the immigration commission of Oregon; W. H. Ormsby, traveling freight agent of the Northern Pacific; H. G. Smith, traveling passenger agent, of the same road; R. H. Crozier, assistant general passenger agent of the S. P. & S.; F. H. Fogarty, assistant general freight agent of the Northern Pacific; Carl R. Gray, general superintendent of the Oregon Electric, and the president and secretary of the Salem Commercial club.

The party was scheduled to have arrived here this morning but got left in Portland, taking the next train from there direct to Albany. Enroute back they stop off at Salem, practically winding up their two weeks' trip.

F. G. Goddard, a prominent resident of Mill City returned last night to that place after a short business visit in Albany.

Ray Houston is spending a few days at Newport.

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Democrat Wants Correspondent

The Democrat desires to secure a local correspondent at Shedd, Plainville, Harrisburg, Lebanon, Brownsville, Sweet Home, Seio, and all other points in the county not already represented. Anyone desiring to act as the representative of the paper will please inform the management at an early date. 123-if

SPEEDING OF AUTOS IN COUNTY TO BE CHECKED

County Court Is Considering Stringent Measures Governing Traffic.

That the county court is considering adopting stringent measures governing the speeding of automobiles upon the county roads and across bridges, was a statement made this afternoon by County Judge Bruce McKnight.

"From practically all parts of the county," said the judge, "have come complaints relative to the excessive speeding of automobiles, especially across the county bridges, causing considerable damage to them. With a little thoughtlessness, combined with reckless and fast driving, an automobilist can do much damage to a bridge. Scores of bridges have been damaged in this manner and it has cost the county money to repair them when but a little regulation governing the traffic of an automobile could prevent all of this unnecessary expense. The county court is seriously considering adopting stringent regulations governing the speed of automobiles in the county and in all probability special officers will be deputized to make arrests for violations. Upon conviction the offenders will in all likelihood be prosecuted as in violations of a city ordinance."

GRADING FOR ROAD BED BEGINS AT INDEPENDENCE

Large Crew Starts Construction Work on Proposed Valley Siletz Line.

Independence, Or., Aug. 20.—A special train was run over the Independence & Monmouth railway to Airfie yesterday, carrying a trainload of laborers for work on the Valley & Siletz Railway. The railway company secured the right of way over the old Southern Pacific tracks at Airfie, to Hoskins, in condemnation proceedings in the circuit court last week.

Work started today on the actual construction. The right of way agent will begin immediately buying up the right of way beyond Hoskins, as it is the plan of the company to build into the Spaulding camp this year, completing the road to the Siletz Basin next year.

The sawmill at Hoskins, which was purchased by the Cobb & Mitchell interests to saw out railway timbers, started to work last Thursday at sawing ties and bridge timbers for the road, and as fast as the grading is done these will be distributed along the right of way. Machinery for the work is now on the ground.

CITY NEWS.

Munkers Catches Runaway Boy.—While riding on top of a coach of the Shasta Limited, a twelve year old reform school lad who had escaped from that institution, was taken into custody of A. I. Munkers Wednesday night when the train stopped and an attendant took him back to the reform school yesterday.

Off for Camp After the Ball.—The militia company will enjoy a fine dance at the armory this evening and by daylight will be off on their special train for their 10 days' practice outing at Fort Stevens. All those holding tickets are invited to attend the dance.

Through Train to Tangent.—Asking if he could secure a through train to Tangent, and answered by Southern Pacific Ticket Agent Hubert Birtchett that he could, E. A. Johnson, of the Albany Mill & Elevator Co., then asked for an excursion ticket to that place, which was given him and he left on the noon train for Tangent on a brief business errand. The incident caused much merriment, being one of many humorous episodes enacted by Mr. Johnson, who is one of Albany's leading councilmen.

Failed to Get Check Cashed.—When a young man entered the Schultz grocery store on Lyon street yesterday to purchase some goods he tendered a check in payment, to be told he would have to be identified before it would be cashed. The young man left the store, supposedly to find someone to identify him, but did not return, leaving the check and goods he was to have purchased.

Former Albany Boy Visits Here.—Arriving here yesterday, Earl Abbott, formerly of this city, but now in the employ of the Northern Pacific at Portland, is the guest of friends. He is a son of Rev. J. T. Abbott, of Eugene, who is district superintendent of the Methodist church and formerly pastor of the local church.

Left for Portland.—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ballack and daughter, accompanied by Miss Helen Hulbert left in the Ballack car this morning for Portland. They will take a trip up the Columbia and spend several days in and around the Rose City before returning to Albany.

BIG CROPS IN LINN COUNTY

Claim That Land Values Are Too High Is Shattered by Reports.

CLOVER SEED SHOWS LARGE PROFITS THIS YEAR

Farmers Prosperous and Land Properly Farmed Shows Good Interest on Investment.

The claim that land values in Linn county are too high has been completely shattered by reports coming in this week from the country districts giving detailed accounts of enormous yields of clover and other crops.

Perry Parker, a well known farmer residing on Albany Prairie is not through threshing but it is estimated that his clover will run 10 bushel to the acre. He will produce more than 1000 bushels of clover and clover seed sells at \$9 per bushel. From this crop alone he will realize over \$9,000. When he has completed threshing operations a more detailed statement of his net and gross profits will be printed in these columns.

C. P. Widmer, who resides east of Albany has fifty-five acres of land in clover. It is conservatively estimated that he will produce five hundred bushels on this land and that his returns will amount to nearly \$5,000.

Jenks Brothers of Tangent have completed threshing operations but their clover seed is going nine bushels to the acre. They have two hundred acres in this crop and it is conservatively estimated that they will realize more than \$12,000 when the crop is marketed. Yesterday Jenks' brothers threshed spring oats which was sowed on land which last year was in clover. This crop will go better than timely bushels to the acre.

M. Forester is threshing his alsike clover which is running ten bushels to the acre. The value of his crop is estimated at between \$10,000 and \$12,000.

Farmers of Linn county are requested to send in to the Democrat reports of their yields for the present year.

C. & E. BRIDGE HAS BEEN PRACTICALLY COMPLETED

Reconstruction of Viaduct with Steel Spans and Girders Nearly Finished.

The Corvallis & Eastern railroad bridge viaduct, leading from the foot of the bridge to the draw on this side of the river, has been practically completed by reconstruction and gridding with steel spans and girders. An exceptionally heavy steel span has been placed over First street which makes the bridge at this point one of the most substantial railroad structures of its kind in this section. At various places on the viaduct and on the draw, steel girders have been installed to strengthen the bridge, which is constructed of enormous timbers.

Traffic can now pass over the bridge undeterred. A little inconvenience along this line was experienced during the work but it caused what is considered but little delay in view of the tremendous undertaking, of reconstructing the bridge to its present extent, without tying up the trains entirely. The work is considered a remarkable engineering feat.

WHEAT GOES UP TO 50 BUSHELS PER ACRE

Milling and Threshing Is Progressing Under Ideal Conditions Says Johnson.

That the average yield of wheat thus far threshed in this section is 50 bushels per acre and that threshing and milling is progressing under ideal conditions with prospects for one of the largest crops in several years, was the statement made this morning by E. A. Johnson, of the Albany Mill & Elevator Co.

"The outlook for a large grain crop is good," said Mr. Johnson. "Threshing and milling is progressing on the most favorably conditions and I believe that 50 bushels per acre for wheat is a conservative estimate of the yield."

ONE KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

The Car Turns Turtle Between Salem and Albany; Charles Black of Dalles Killed.

FORMER ALBANY MAN AMONG THOSE INJURED

Newspaperman from Dalles Only Occupant of Car to Escape Without Injury.

Salem, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special to Democrat.)—Driven at a high rate of speed, a motor car occupied by five business men from Dalles, this morning turned turtle at a point about three miles this side of Salem, killing Charles Black, a city employee of Dalles and seriously injuring Carl Williams and H. Wallace.

The members of the party left Dalles yesterday on a motor trip to Salem and were on their homeward journey when the accident occurred. The machine was making quick time when at a sharp turn in the road the wheels skidded and the car made three complete turns. Black was pinned under the wreckage and died shortly afterwards. Charles Bilgen, formerly of this city and a son of a well known Linn county citizen, was quite seriously injured but was able to walk a mile and a half to a farmers home where he phoned for a physician. H. Hammond, of the Polk County Observer, was riding in the car and was the only member of the party who escaped without injury.

WILL ADVERTISE ALBANY THROUGHOUT THE EAST

More people for Oregon—is the slogan of the commercial clubs and progressive citizens of our great state. Long before this modern war cry was raised The Mt. Angel Magazine, published by the Benedictine Fathers of Mt. Angel, Oregon, has worked for the development of Oregon. By its special editions and being circulated all over the Union and Europe it was instrumental of bringing to the state thousands of citizens. Another special edition is now in preparation. The courtesy of free publicity is extended to Albany. Mr. F. L. Randall, field editor, will call and make all arrangements.

DALLES GETS SAME LIGHT RATE AS ALBANY

Oregon Power Company Reduces Rates in Polk County. Morton Makes Trip.

Reduction of electric light rates of the Oregon Power company from 15 cents with no discount to 11 cents per kilowatt with a discount on payment of bills on or before the 10th of each month, is the radical change in prices of the company, soon to be effective. The September bills will be the first to experience this change.

While arrangements for this change were made last week during the visit here of R. N. Jennings, manager of the company's plant at Eugene, R. G. Hunt, representing the Biblesby company of Chicago, owners of the Oregon Power Company and H. E. Morton, manager of the plant at Albany, no word of the change was given until the first of this week, and owing to the absence from the city of J. L. White, manager of the local plant, no further information in this direction can be secured.—Polk County Observer.

ASHLAND FIREMEN ARE NOW ON CITY PAYROLL

New Regime Begins with Instruction with Automobile Truck.

Ashland, Or., Aug. 20.—The city fire department, heretofore a volunteer one and divorced from actual municipal control, has been made by ordinance a paid organization, in view of the introduction of the fire auto truck. Hereafter there will be a fire chief and assistant, each to receive \$75 a month. Four additional men will also be at the department's service and these will be paid for actual time put in in fighting fires. A day off occasionally will be allowed the two chief officials; otherwise they are compelled to be on duty night and day.

HALF MILLION FOR C. & E. RECONSTRUCTION

Officials Are to Do More Than Was Asked by Railroad Commission

An expenditure of nearly half a million dollars is involved in the proposal of the Southern Pacific to improve its Corvallis line, according to the statement of D. W. Campbell, general superintendent of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon to the state railroad commission.

The management of the Corvallis & Eastern has received an appropriation for the ballasting of the road for a distance of more than thirty five miles from Corvallis to Nortons. In addition seventy-five pound rails will be laid from Nortons to Yaquina Bay.

It is proposed to start this work and have it completed by the end of the present year, and then push improvement work on other parts of the road. The railroad commission recently made an investigation of the road and recommended that the management make certain improvements. The officials of the road showed themselves willing to do even more than was asked of them.—Corvallis Times.

NEW INSTRUCTORS ARE NAMED FOR STATE COLLEGE

Illinois Men Called to Faculty of Oregon Agricultural College.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Aug. 20.—Two new instructorships in the school of agriculture have been created at Oregon Agricultural College by which Dr. Winifred M. Atwood, of the University of Chicago, is added to the faculty of the department of botany, and R. Adams Dutcher, University of Illinois, will fill a position in the department of chemistry.

Dr. Atwood is a graduate of Cornell College, Iowa, and after teaching botany in the Hampton, Ia., High school, entered Chicago, where he worked out his master's and doctor's degrees as a teaching fellow. His work at O. A. C. will be in plant physiology.

Mr. Dutcher, instructor in agricultural chemistry, is a graduate of South Dakota Agricultural College, with the degree of master of science in agricultural chemistry. He has studied at the universities of A.ouri and Illinois. At the latter institution he has been laboratory assistant and instructor in analytical chemistry.

Mrs. J. C. Wilson, of Cherokee, Iowa, and Mrs. C. B. Wilson, of Des Moines, arrived in Albany last night and are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Hornbrook. The former is the mother of Mrs. Hornbrook and the latter the wife of Mrs. Hornbrook's brother.

CHINA CONSUL GENERAL VISITS RELATIVES HERE

Fred D. Fisher Has Faith in China's Chief Executive and Future of Republic.

That he has absolute faith in President Yen Sat Sai of China and that under his leadership the new republic will continue to undergo a remarkable transformation for the good, was the statement made this morning by Fred D. Fisher, a consul general from China, who arrived here yesterday from Southern Oregon and is a guest of his brother, County Assessor Earl L. Fisher.

Mr. Fisher stated that he had been away from China so long that he was not fully prepared to comment authoritatively on the diplomatic situation in China at the present time but that from what he has read concerning the working of the republic it is his opinion that the country is assuming a modern, progressive and substantial transformation and that he had absolute faith in the intent and purpose of the present chief executive.

Mr. Fisher is stationed at Mukden, Manchuria, where he has been for the past four years. He has been in Manchuria at a consul general for the past eight years, going into the service 15 years ago, after being discharged from the Second Oregon Volunteers in the Philippine Islands. He has been in this country since December last on a sick leave, spending the time in Southern Oregon where he has interests, for the benefit of his temporarily broken health. He said that his health had greatly improved since coming to Oregon, which he considers his home, and that he will leave in about a week for China to resume his duties.

FORMER ALBANYITE WINS CONTEST

William Bell, Wins Prize by Suggesting "Willamette Valley Line."

IS NOW PROPRIETOR OF HOTEL AT NEWBERG

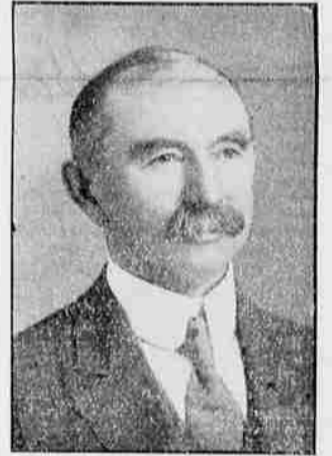
Resided Here on Small Farm About One Year Ago; Gets Check for \$50.

William Bell, a former Albany man, but now a hotel man of Newberg, won the contest for the nickname of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railway company and its 350 miles of interurban electric line by the name of "Willamette Valley Line."

Mr. Bell, who is the proprietor of the Imperial Hotel at Newberg, Oregon, was found to be the only one of the 2765 persons entering the nickname contest, who offered the exact wording finally determined upon, and has been sent a check for \$50.

The contest conducted by the publicity department of the new electric railway company was one of the most unique methods of securing a nickname ever adopted in the West. In fact it attracted attention in all parts of the United States. More than 100 columns of reading matter were printed concerning the contest, while dozens of drawings for trademarks and five poems were sent in.

The contest just decided was in fact the second one. The first was limited to newspaper men, "Webfoot



Route" being considered the best nickname offered. The announcement of the selection of that name caused editorial protests from newspapers, and the press of the Willamette valley was swamped by letters of protest from private citizens. Because of Situation President Strahorn decided to open the contest to the Pacific Coast.

The adoption of "Willamette Valley Line" was considered to have particular application to the territory served by the big electric company. Many combinations of words which included the use of Willamette were made, but Mr. Bell's was found to be the only one which conformed exactly. The winner has been a resident of Newberg for the past year. At one time he was county clerk of Racine county, Wisconsin, from which place he came here about three years ago and purchased a small farm on the Corvallis road in Benton county less than a half mile west of here. He moved away from here about a year ago and purchased the hotel at Newberg.

Mrs. Earl Brandeberry and children returned last night from a two weeks' outing at Newport.

ad Meyer left this morning for Portland to attend business matters.

GEORGE SPURLING WAS BURIED AT LEBANON

Lebanon, Or., Aug. 20.—One of the most largely attended funerals held in this city in years, was that of George B. Spurling, who met his death by accident on Monday. Mr. Spurling, who was 73 years old, was employed in the Lebanon Paper Mills, and in some unknown manner fell on a belt that carried him into the machinery, mauling his body almost beyond recognition and causing instant death. Besides his wife, he leaves three children residing in Lebanon. They are Mrs. Clyde Olmstead, Mrs. Florence White and Sidney Spurling.