

RAILROAD RUMORS FLY FAST AFTER SURVEYORS

The activity of Southern Pacific surveyors here and at other points along the line from Portland to Salem has caused all sorts of speculations as to the reasons for their surveys. The most commonly accepted version is that the company is to double track the road from Portland to Salem or Albany.

The work being done by the surveyors is nearly all within the limits of the present right of way. Near the Burkholder place south of town, however, the new surveys are said to diverge two to three hundred feet from the old roadbed.

Some are inclined to believe that the survey work merely indicates a widening and heavier ballasting of the road bed. Others are certain that double tracking will follow shortly, while still others revive the old tale that shops will be located at Hito, or just south of Aurora. A new bridge across Padding river is also included in some of the stories. About the only rumor that has been left out is one that the Aurora depot will be moved to Oregon City to comply with that city's demand for a better depot.

OTTAWAYS ENTERTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Ottaway entertained a number of friends Thursday night at cards and dancing, after which delightful refreshments were served. The following are those who were present:

Mr. and Mrs. Kennety B. Grimm, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon R. Watt, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Kraus, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sadler, Mr. and Mrs. Zeno Schwab, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Wescott, Mrs. Diana Snyder, Mrs. Aurelia Powers, Mrs. Jack Vandeleur, Mrs. Lottie Foster and Misses Walker, Johns and Cutsforth.

UMA TEMPLE NOW HAS NEW ALTRUISTIC CLUB

Uma Temple No. 26, Pythian Sisters, last week held a very successful and enjoyable session, at which five candidates were initiated—Belle Snyder, Leona Will, Percy Will, Walter Lettenmaier and Arthur Van Vleet. Two of these, Leona and Percy Will have "grown up" with the order here the latter being only a year old when the Temple was instituted, and his parents were the only members of the lodge, who at that time had any children. The recent session was one of those occasions when the father and mother assisted in the initiation of both son and daughter.

Uma Temple has just organized an Altruistic Club, with Mrs. Ola Watt as president and Mrs. Winifred Grimm as secretary and treasurer. Its work will be to assist in the support of needy children, through the welfare bureaus of the order.

WILL THEY EVER BE PAVED

A number of roads in North Marion have been graveled and are ready for paving when the time arrives to give the market roads such attention.

County Commissioner Goulet reports that \$1000 has been expended in graveing the Woodburn-Newberg road, which is all graveled from Booster's to Davidson's and practically all the way from Woodburn to St. Paul. About 100 yards more will put it all in good shape.

The road from Butteville to Aurora is now all graveled, also the road from Donald to Schwader's hill, the city of Donald having extended the gravel 800 feet into the city limits, this having just been completed.—Independent.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wurster made a trip to Portland Friday.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

There will be a Christmas program and a Christmas tree at the Presbyterian church here Friday evening (Christmas eve,) December 24. There will be singing and recitations and something for the children, distributed from the very hands of Santa Claus. The public is invited to attend, and all "good" little boys and girls are promised a good look at Kriss Kingle, who, owing to the wet weather and lack of snow, will doubtless leave Dancer and Prancer in their stable, and arrive big auto over the paved Pacific Highway. It is not known just what he will bring in that "pack at his back," but it behooves all boys and girls to "be just as good as they can be" if they wish to see the inside of that sack. Christmas Eve is a marvelous time to old and young alike, and those who miss the Aurora Christmas tree and program will have one less joyful hour in their life.

IMPORTANT IF TRUE

The Wilsonville free ferry is now in perfect working order running from 5 a. m., to 9 p. m. The free hours are from 8:30 a. m., to 4:30 p. m. The road is graveled from the ferry to Sherwood and Oswego. The road from Aurora to the ferry is in good condition, says a Wilsonville correspondent.

CANBY I. O. O. F. ELECTION

The Canby Lodge No. 156 of the I. O. O. F. elected officers for the coming semi-annual term at a recent meeting as follows: noble grand, Claude Torgerson; vice grand, Edgar Smith; secretary, Adam H. Knight and treasurer W. H. Blair.

Those together with the appointive officers will be installed the first Friday in January.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR FARM INVENTORY

With another season of farm work fast drawing to a close, the United States Department of Agriculture is urging that an annual property list or inventory be made by every farmer. It is the only means, department specialists say, whereby farmers may know accurately their net financial worth, what progress they are making from year to year, and how their investment in farm property is being distributed. Property lists, or inventories, made in accordance with a plan outlined in the Office of Farm Management, United States Department of Agriculture, are not difficult to make and are of great value to any farmer who is striving to better his condition, overcome obstacles to success, and place his business affairs on a secure foundation. To drift along year after year, not knowing whether toward success or failure, is not the practice of business men. Specialists of the department are prepared to give complete directions for making a farm inventory that will put the farm on a business basis.

Write the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., for complete directions how to make this inventory. It costs but a postal card and a minute's time to write the request.

ROAD BONDS ON SALE

A start has already been made in the sale of the new road bonds which will be offered for sale in the immediate future, according to Judge Bushey, who declares that James Smith of St. Paul had telephoned him and expressed desire for \$7000 worth of the bonds when they are issued. Judge Bushey says he has received several other similar communications regarding the bonds, and that they will be ready for sale the latter part of this week.

THE SUPER-MAN

About this time of the year the auctioneer corners the town supply of cough drops; concludes his reading of the joke columns, in quest of quip and anecdote, and starts forth to enliven and enrich the countryside.

As a boy we thought the auctioneer was the greatest man alive. Probably Moses and Washington and Adam had been greater men, but they were dead.

When dad occasionally went forth to a sale, coming home with an assortment of junk that ma always sniffed at, we went along and marvelled at the auctioneer.

Here was a man who was deservedly popular. Never at a loss for a retort. Swaying the multitude to his will. Putting the bloom of youth on aged steeds, and painting with kindly tints the scattered battered offerings of the farmstead.

A man who was always the center of things; who knew everything about everything rural; and who, yet, had a metropolitan air; a manner, a presence.

Few men, in these later sophisticated days, continue in the high esteem the auctioneer does. When he comes he brings money, cash. He will take your ruined possessions and laugh the neighbors into paying more for them than you would have the nerve to charge your worst enemy; and every fellow will go home thinking well of the auctioneer, because he let him bid in such a wonderful bargain.—Exchange.

Don't you recognize Colonel Will Heinz and Colonel Hostetter in the above description?

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lachmund of Salem, left Friday morning for Los Angeles where they will sojourn until after the holidays.

KROLL-WHITE

Miss Alice White of Salem and Mr. Carl Kroll of Oregon City were married at Salem Wednesday, December 8. They left at once for Los Angeles for a month. Upon their return to Oregon they will reside at Salem.

The bride is a former Aurora girl. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. H. S. White and has many friends here. Mr. Kroll is a trusted employe of the Southern Pacific and an overseas veteran of the World war.

A large circle of friends at Aurora and vicinity join the Observer in the best of wishes for the happiness of the newly wedded couple.

Mrs. Rudy Giesy of Olympia, Wash. arrived at Aurora Sunday to spend a few days with friends and relatives.

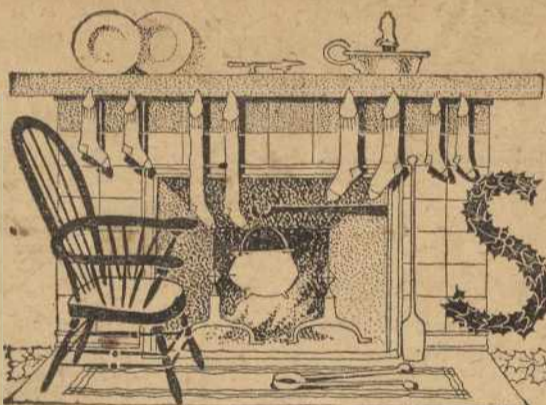
WOMAN'S CLUB RECEIVES THANKS FOR DONATIONS

Mrs. Aurelia Powers, president of the Aurora Woman's club, has received the following letter from the superintendent of the Pacific Coast Rescue and Protective society, thanking the club and those who so liberally contributed canned fruits and fresh vegetables for the Louise Home, the Albertina Kerr Nursery Home and other institutes:

We wish to acknowledge with much appreciation, your donation of provisions for the institutes under our care. With the high cost of living it is almost impossible for you to realize what a help these donations are and how they lift the load we are carrying.

Please extend for us our hearty thanks to those who helped or contributed to this donation.

Very sincerely yours,
W. G. MacLaren, Supt.
Pacific Coast Rescue Society.



HOLIDAY SUGGESTIONS



Handkerchiefs
Gift Handkerchiefs with initials, handkerchiefs that are plain, handkerchiefs with corded and colored borders, fine quality pure line. Handkerchiefs in gift boxes—an endless and pleasing variety of handkerchiefs for everyone. These are ideal gifts for even the most discriminating friends.

If you are still making up your shopping list and are wondering what will be the nicest thing for each member of the family and each other person you have in mind, perhaps these suggestions will help you. We offer them to you in the true Christmas Spirit, and invite you to our store for real assistance in Gift Shopping

For Men	For Ladies	For Boys	For Girls
Men never have too many fancy shirts, suspenders, pairs of hosiery or any of the following: Handkerchiefs Hose Supporters Wool Underwear Mackinaw Coats Traveling Bags Suit Cases Bath Robes Sweater Coats. Gloves	For milady there are scores of appropriate gifts at this store. A few of them are Bed Room Slippers Fancy Waists Silk Gloves Kid Gloves Lisle Hosiery Toilet Water Silk Umbrellas Boudoir Caps Manicure Sets Leather Hand Bags Embroidered Articles There is something about such articles as these that make ideal gifts for mother, sister or sweetheart.	Boys like "sensible" gifts, just as much as dad and mother, and they appreciate them too Try these: Silk Scarf Sweater Wool Gloves Coaster Wagon Rubber Balls Pocket Knives Mouth Harp Train on Tracks Mechanical Autos Rubber Boots Wrist Watch Neckties Hockey Caps Sammy Cars Fancy Blouses Warm Underwear Blocks, Books Pop Guns Marbles Corduroy Knickerbockers	School Hats, Tam-O-Shanter, Ivory Gifts, Warm Coats, Slippers, Shoes, Silk Hosiery, Books Stationery, Lovely Blouses, Correct Footwear, holiday Ribbons, Fancy Veilings, Perfumes, Art Combs, Gift Handkerchiefs School girls like something practical as well as fancy. We have many more gifts of taste, beauty and utility for girls.

Now Is The Opportune Time For Choosing---For This Store is Full of Gift Merchandise of the Highest Quality

<p>JEWELRY—typifies sentiment and feeling. No gift is more acceptable, none more appreciated than jewelry. Our display exceeds anything ever shown in Aurora. There is something suitable for every member of the family.</p>	<p>TOYLAND "The time has come", the Toyman said, "to talk of Christmas joys; of soldiers, dolls and building blocks, and drums and other toys. Toyland's full of jolly gifts for little girls and boys." The Sadler & Kraus Store is a Toyland, with an endless variety of toys that include drums, banks, tops, animals, toy tools—hoes, hatchets, etc.; brooms, wheelbarrows, flat irons, dishes, black boards; musical toys, zithers, pianos, cornets, etc. doll-buggies, paint sets, soap bubbleers, checkers and other games.</p>	<p>FOR BABY BROTHER OR SISTER Crib Blankets Woolen Mittens Wool Gloves Teddy Bear Knitted Saques Gold Ring Warm Booties Spoons Rattler, Pacifier Knives and Forks Baby Sets Pin Sets</p>	<p>MISCELLANEOUS Books, table linen, silverware, tableware, cut glass, aluminum and Pyrex ware, Electric library lamps, decorated dinner sets, teapots, candlesticks, towels, pictures, auto robes, Indian blankets, Japanese lunch cloths, serving trays, mirrors, pictures, shaving sets, nut bowls and picks, dress hats, fancy and plain dress silk patterns.</p>	<p>Carving Sets, Cutlery Fine Carving sets, sets of silver knives and forks, butter knives, sugar shells, cream ladders; soup and tea-spoons, salad forks, oyster forks, pie servers, olive spoons, silver bread trays and a large assortment of other cutlery.</p>
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