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## PROGRESS IS THE KEY NOTE

saving of \$15,000 to the citizen would be a large item compared with a slight increase of taxes required for repairs.

## VALLEY SHIPPERS TO MEET

relatives and friends on both sides. The Pie Eater acknowledges a call from George.

## STOLIDLY TELLS OF CRIME

have been sent up for a longer period. Stone's family was left in destitute circumstances, there being neither food in

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advantage of running their line through our City.

The "Forks of the Santiam" is known as the best portion of Linn County, and Linn as the best county in the State. Immense resources await development near Scio which can only be accomplished by proper railway facilities. I would recommend that a meeting of the citizens of Scio be called at once for the appointment of a committee of five to interview the proper officials of the Southern Pacific Railroad, or that your Honorable Body appoint the committee.

### ELECTRIC LIGHT AND WATER SYSTEM.

I am informed that the present system has now been running some fifteen years and that during this time really no repairs to any extent have been made on same except the erection of a new tower. It has been demonstrated that the ownership of this system has well repaid the City. Not only has the plant paid for itself and all running expenses, but it has been a source of revenue to the City until the last few years when, on account of not furnishing proper lights, the patronage and it by the citizens was withdrawn. I believe in the economical administration of City affairs, but it certainly is not economy to allow the light and water system to deteriorate in such a manner that the lights are useless and the water supply inadequate in case of fire. The following repairs to the system are urgently needed:

1. A larger penstock to supply more water to the wheel, and give an increase of power.
  2. Water wheel reset.
  3. A new water main laid from the station to the corner of Main and Mill streets, and I would recommend that this be at least a 5-inch main, which would allow of two hydrants at this corner and give the City two streams of water in case of fire. The water system, the main object of which is protection in case of fire, should be placed in such condition that when called upon, efficient service can be rendered.
- On the Twenty-ninth of last May Scio was visited by a most destructive fire which resulted in a loss to many citizens, and which, in my opinion, could have been reduced one-half had we had a more abundant supply of water. The

ordinance are altogether too common. Profane and indecent language is constantly being indulged in by many and often in the presence of women and children.

The curfew ordinance, which requires all persons under 18 years of age to be at home by 9 p. m., is violated to such an extent that we do not realize that we have such a law. I would suggest that if parents do not take sufficient interest in the matter to have their children home at the proper time, the law either be enforced or repealed.

More attention should also be given to the enforcement of the peddlers' and hawkers' ordinance. Scio is frequently visited by such people who use every dishonest means to evade the ordinance and who sell our residents a cheap article at a good price. Home business men should have proper protection.

All ordinances found upon our books should be enforced without fear or favor to anyone, and any of them found impracticable should be repealed.

Especially attention is directed to the inspection of all sidewalks and crosswalks and when found defective should be repaired and placed in first-class condition.

With these suggestions submitted for your consideration, and ever bearing in mind that energy and improvement in City affairs as well as in private matters lead to prosperity, I ask each committee appointed to the various departments of City affairs to carefully look into the business required of them and to work together in a spirit of harmony for the improvement and upbuilding of the City of Scio.

### Annual Meeting.

Wednesday the Scio Milling Company held its annual meeting for the purpose of electing directors, and receiving reports of the business for the past year. The company has done a very satisfactory business during the past year, and the prospect for an increased business during the coming year looks bright. The officers of the past year were re-elected and the present management continued.

Mr. James Poindexter, of Condon, is now visiting with his brother Joseph, of this vicinity, and is occasionally casting sheep's eyes at some of the fair sex. He has been an old bachelor for several years and as he is anticipating a cold snap and his imagination runs high, he thinks a partner might be a Chamook change in his experiences.

### SANTIAM FARM.

Hello Mr. Editor! Santiam wishes you a happy New Year and a prosperous year of business.

Mr. James Calavan, of Washington, formerly of Scio, is now in on a visit with relatives and old time friends, who have greeted him cheerfully on his return.

Mr. and Mrs. Page, also Miss May Calavan, of Salem, are up on a visit to spend the remainder of the holidays.

Mr. Lee Bilyeu has sold one of his fine mares to a stock dealer for \$200, which shows that good horses are worth raising.

Mr. Julius Mary, of Lebanon, was a caller on Lee Bilyeu during the past week.

David Horsburg was out buying stock sheep during the past week. As sheep in price are away up in G, he undoubtedly has to pay fair prices. Mr. Horsburg is also beautifying his farm with a straight rail fence.

Mrs. J. P. Crabtree (Tinker Jim) was a caller on the sick wife of S. W. Gaines over Sunday. As Mrs. Crabtree is a fine nurse and never forgets to lend a helping hand with the sick, her visit was more than welcome.

Mr. George Wilford and wife of California are up on a visit with Mr. Wilford's mother, Aunt Hannah Bilyeu,

daughter Miss Rose, visited with Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Titus on New Years day.

M. C. Gaines celebrated the New Year in killing ten head of fine hogs, some of them tipping the beam at 400 pounds. He took some of them to Lebanon and received 7 1/2 cents per pound for them.

Newton Crabtree, when visiting the Pie Eater lately, stated that the Albany Grangers were endeavoring to locate the first and oldest house built in Linn county. Mr. Crabtree now owns the first house built in the county. It was erected by John Packwood in the Spring of 1844 on the donation land claim of Uncle Johnny Crabtree. The house is still standing and is in good sound condition. It is now used for a log stable by Mr. Crabtree. The Crabtrees moved into the house in 1846.

G. A. Griffin and the writer amused the neighborhood at the death of the old year and the advent of the new by firing off the first cannon ever fired in Linn county. The cannon was made in 1854 to be used at a celebration on Franklin Butte the same year. This was the first 4th of July celebration known to be held in Oregon. Newton Crabtree retains the old cannon as a relic of by gone days. **PIE EATER.**

### Caught Marion County's Coyotes.

Late last Thursday evening Wm. Brenner and J. S. Warwick returned from a four-days' coyote hunt in Marion County, in the vicinity of Turner. They only had with them six hounds, but the half-dozen proved to be sufficient to capture two coyotes and a sackful of jackrabbits. It is believed that these two coyotes were the only ones infesting that locality and that the sheep flocks will now not be molested. Until the Scio hounds and Joe Warwick entered the chase these Marion coyotes were sensibly feasting on fat mutton at will. But with the fastest hounds in the State, assisted by Joe and encouraged by Bill Brenner's whoop, the day of reckoning came. Brenner says that had it not been for his rubber boots he thinks Joe might have been at the killing, but he is well satisfied that Joe tried his best to get there, even if he was handicapped with the heavy boots. At all events, the bounty that the boys will get, will remunerate them.

brothers and sisters in Oregon.

Mrs. Ayres was the wife of C. L. Ayres, a respected citizen of this county. He was absent from home, but was notified today of the crime. Mrs. Ayres survived by a grown daughter, Mrs. Mary Balch of Sappoose.

Today at an inquest the verdict was that death was due to a gunshot wound inflicted by the boy.

### G. W. STONE A COUNTY BOARDER TOO.

He Made Confession That Led to Conviction, But When Brought Before Judge Dickey, Was Given Sixty Days in Jail.

On Thursday of last week, just as we went to press, George W. Stone was arrested upon the complaint of Mrs. Harry Beard, and was at once taken before Judge Dickey for trial.

Prior to the arrest of Beard, Stone had made a voluntary confession in writing in the presence of J. A. Bilyeu and L. E. Miller, of which the following is a copy:

Scio, Or., Dec. 24, 1906.

I, George Stone, at the Fireman's Hall, in the City of Scio, in Linn County, and in the presence of J. A. Bilyeu and L. E. Miller, do state that we, George Stone and Harry Beard, did go upon the pasture land of J. A. Bilyeu in the fore part of said night, December, 1906, and with a 22-caliber rifle shot one of the goats in said pasture. Shooting was done by Harry Beard. Then we carried the goat to the creek, by a break-water, beside the County road, near the City, and butchered said goat and put the pelt and entrails in a sack with some stones and threw them into the water in said Thomas Creek, and took the meat to my barn and divided the meat with us. Then we—Harry Beard and myself—placed the meat in two grain sacks and then took the meat overhead in the barn and hid it in the hay and straw.

Stone pleaded guilty before the Court and was sentenced to serve 60 days in the County jail at Albany, to which he was taken the following day. The sentiment in the minds of most people in the community is that while the sentence for Stone is light enough, Beard should

Wednesday evening the leading citizens of Scio convened at the Fireman's Hall for the purpose of selecting a committee to interview the Southern Pacific Railroad Company to ascertain if it was possible to have the proposed change of the railway line pass through Scio; also to confer with the Curtis Lumber Company with reference to building a mill in or near this city.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Prill, who by motion, was selected as chairman, and T. L. Dugger secretary of the meeting. After some discussion, the following were named as a committee to confer with Superintendent Fields relative to the matter: A. G. Prill, T. J. Mankers, Claud Vehrs, E. W. Langdon and T. L. Dugger.

This committee was also empowered to confer with the Curtis Lumber Company with reference to building a large sawmill in or near Scio. As it is unknown at the present time what is the Southern Pacific's intentions, the committee was given discretionary powers regarding both projects.

### New Year's Edition.

As has been the custom for a number of years, the Oregonian publishes a New Year's edition that is fully up to the standard of New Year publications of that most excellent newspaper. The present issue recites the accomplishments of the past year for Portland and for Oregon and the Northwest. The people are coming to look for this annual edition of the Oregonian as a record of the past year's achievements to be filed away as a sort of historical data. When we say the present edition is fully up to and, in several respects surpasses any of its former New Year's editions, we have said all that can be said in its favor; for we have nothing with which we can compare it to show its excellence. The Oregonian is one of the substantial business enterprises of Oregon, that never disappoints us.

Many of us do not agree with its editorial utterances, yet we must agree, as a news gatherer, it has no equal in the Northwest. The News wishes the Oregonian a most prosperous business for 1907 and that it will continue to be as it has in the past, the leading exponent of the views and business enterprises of the Northwest.