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BUSINESS MEN ARE ENERGETIC

All Have Enjoyed Good Business During Past Year, Expect Present Year to be Better.

In this, the first issue of the News in the year A. D. 1910, it is proper that we say something about our town, our business men and the general outlook.

Scio, as everybody knows, is the metropolis of the Forks of the Santiam. Situated 18 miles east of Albany, 12 miles north of Lebanon and 9 miles from Stayton and Jefferson each, it is the trade center of a large and populous agricultural, stockraising and dairying section of the country. As a rule, our farmers are out of debt and have a comfortable nestegg in the bank. While the Santiam country has been a little backward and is somewhat behind other portions of the state in the march of development, the outlook now is that, henceforth this section will keep pace with other portions of the valley in progress.

Scio has two churches, and an excellent managed public school, including a high school up to and including the twelfth grade. Scio is a remarkably healthy town. No disease of an epidemic nature has visited us for years. While we have a small municipal debt of about \$5000, we have a splendid municipally owned light and water plant to show for it. Public light and water cost the city nothing and the private users of light and water will soon extinguish the debt and yet give our citizens light and water at a cheaper rate than the rates given to any of our sister surrounding towns.

Some three years ago, our citizens organized an agricultural fair association, a fair being given each year since. By frugal management, the society has been kept out of debt, paid premiums promptly and is now on a self-supporting basis. A state appropriation of \$1000 annually provides for the payment of good premiums and gate receipts, concessions and entrance fees will take care of other expenses.

A few weeks ago a preliminary survey for a railroad reaching from Scio to Mukers, was made. It is expected that a company will soon be organized to construct the line. If our citizens take hold of this matter in their usual public spirit manner, the road will be assured. With the construction of this line, Scio and the surrounding country will grow with leaps and bounds. Surely a public improvement of such great moment to the people, will not be allowed to languish, when it is assured that it will enhance the value of property in Scio and vicinity more than twice what the line will cost.

Last April the Scio Milk Condensery commenced operations. A latest up-to-date condensing plant had been installed, capable of taking care of 10,000 pounds of milk in eight hours. By conservative management and the manufacture of a strictly first-class article of condensed milk, our condensery has secured a name second to that of no other plant in the state.

Last spring N. I. Morrison purchased the Scio planing mills. The plant had been idle for the two years previous and Mr. Morrison had to build the business up from the ground. Being a very competent workman and of experience in handling plants of this kind, he has built up a splendid patronage in the few short months of his ownership. He also carries a good stock of sash doors, builders hardware, nails, wire fencing, lime, etc.

Some five or six years ago, the Scio Milling plant passed into the hands of a company of our citizens. C. A. Warner was selected as manager who, by a judicious management, has built the business up to a profitable basis. During these five or six years, several thousand dollars have been expended in improving the property, so that, at the present time, it is about in as good condition as when the mill was constructed. The management has given Scio the name of being the best wheat market in the county, as they pay, as a rule, five cents higher per bushel than is paid in Albany. Scio has a bunch of as energetic up-to-date merchants as can be found in any other town of

twice her population, in the state. As a rule, they are public spirited and ready to help out any enterprise which is for the betterment of the town.

In the dry goods and clothing line, Wesely & Cain have a store which far surpasses anything of like character which can be found in towns no larger than Scio. Their large double store room is well arranged and well stocked with salable goods which the people want. They are good advertisers and believe in pushing business. Their sales during the past year, surpass that of any previous year since the firm started in business.

Hilber & Gill, who are situated just one door north of W. & C., are somewhat cramped for room for the stock of goods they carry, consisting of dry goods, shoes, groceries, hardware, tinware and tinners supplies. The firm contemplates, sometime in the near future, rebuilding where their store was burned on the corner of Main and Mill streets. At their present stand however, they receive a good patronage, but would do better with a more roomy building.

J. F. Wesely, on the corner, maintains a grocery establishment equal to any store in towns much larger than Scio. He carries a full line of groceries, canned goods, crockery, glassware, tobaccos, cigars, etc. He, also, states that last year was his banner year in business, so far.

Just opposite is the drug establishment of E. C. Peery. Drugs, proprietary medicines, wall paper, paints, oils and glass, books and stationery constitute his leading lines.

Chas. Wesely has a large and well-stocked hardware establishment. In addition he carries stoves, tinware, furniture, wall paper, agricultural implements, wagons, buggies, paints and oils, wire fencing, etc. He is our city undertaker and carries a good stock in this line.

The State Bank of Scio, as the name implies, takes care of our cash. Under the management of Cashier W. A. Ewing who in a conservative way, has built up a banking establishment which stands high among the financial institutions of the state. Year after year have deposits mounted upward until this year the \$100,000 mark was passed. This speaks well for the prosperity of the community and for safe business like methods of the bank officers.

C. G. Gough conducts a confectionery establishment to which has been added a small stock of groceries, stationery, etc. No better place in town can be found to get a soft drink or buy a sack of peanuts.

Just on the bank of the creek is the Farmers Meat Market, Carson & Co. proprietors. Here you can get all kinds of fresh meats of good quality and at moderate prices, considering the price butcher stock commands.

Across the street Mrs. Ollie MacDonald conducts an ice cream parlor and soft drink emporium. Confectionery, fruits, cigars and tobacco are her principal stock in trade.

The Scio livery stable, J. L. Calavan proprietor, is located just at the north end of the business section and conducts a general livery and stage business.

W. W. Williams conducts a first-class harness shop and keeps supplies for the horse. Good workmanship is a feature as well as good stock in all the work that Mr. W. puts out, are points which are drawing him a good trade.

P. H. MacDonald, on the north side and J. R. Gill on the south side are our blacksmiths. Both are good workmen and each enjoy a good patronage.

Dr. A. G. Prill and Dr. S. C. Browne look after our sick. Each of them has a good practice and stand well in the profession.

A. W. Hagey, our jeweler and watch repairer, can fix almost anything which is fixable. He carries a stock of jewelry and watches and clocks. When you want him you will find his place just at the south end of the bridge.

Having visited about all the business men of the town, it is now in order for you to get a shave. Rol Morris can do the trick for you in his neat up-to-date shop, just at the north end of the bridge. Having had your shave, if you have any money left, just step around on Mill street and leave an order for a year's subscription to the SANTIAM News. You will find it is a good starter for the year's business.

Good Roads Meeting.

Banner Grange has arranged for a Good Roads meeting at its first meeting in January, the 8th when Civil Engineer G. V. Skelton, of O. A. C. will be the lecturer. All newly appointed road supervisors, as well as the old and the public in general, are urged to attend the open meeting in the afternoon.

E. C. PEERY, Lecturer.

SATURDAY JAN. 1 BUSY DAY.

Firemen's Hall the Meeting Place for Four Separate Bodies.

ALL MEETINGS—ELECT OFFICERS

Old Council Adjourns Sine Die, New Council Sworn in and Telephone Companies Elect Officers.

Saturday January 1, 1910 was quite a busy place at Firemen's hall, in this city. Four separate bodies met, transacted the business for which they were called and adjourned.

THE OLD CITY COUNCIL

As per both custom and law, the old city council met in its final meeting, at 10 a. m. After auditing December bills and transacting other business odds and ends, which was required before its official life expired, a motion to adjourn sine die was entertained and the Scio city council for the year A. D. 1909 passed into history.

THE NEW CITY COUNCIL

Immediately after the adjournment of the old the process of swearing in the new city officers into office and the investing of them with official power transpired. As only a part of the new council were present, there was no attempt made to hold a regular council meeting and the signing of the individual oaths of office, which required the support of the constitution of the United States, the constitution of the state of Oregon and the faithful execution of their several duties and non-having arrived, all present adjourned to their homes for dinner. The new officers which will manage municipal affairs during the present year are:

Mayor, Henry M. Myer
Recorder, D. D. Myer
Marshal, I. N. Weddle
Treasurer, J. F. Wesely.

Councilmen to be sworn in at the first regular meeting January 6.

SCIO MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO.

Promptly at 1 p. m. representatives of Scio's 28 or 30 telephone lines assembled and were called to order by the president, J. N. Bilyeu. President Bilyeu stated that this was the annual meeting and called for the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting. The minutes being approved, the secretary's annual report was read.

It was shown that a small deficiency existed.

By motion it was voted that three assessments be levied at this time and that they become due and payable on January 1, May 1 and September 1. To provide for the deficiency, the January assessment was made \$1.25 and each of the others \$1.00 each.

Election of officers was then declared in order, when each of the old officers was complimented with an unanimous election. The board of officers are, President J. N. Bilyeu; Vice President, V. E. Shelton; Secretary, W. W. Wilson; Treasurer, W. A. Ewing.

Owing to the fact that the payment of assessments to the central office created some confusion, it was ordered that, hereafter, they be paid only to Secretary Wilson.

This concluding the business, the meeting adjourned.

SCIO COM. TELEPHONE CO.

The Scio Commercial Telephone Co. met for its annual meeting, immediately after the adjournment of the above and was called to order by its president H. Montgomery. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Secretary Wilson reported that, with the proceeds of the sale of the line from Jefferson to Albany and bills receivable the company had a surplus of about \$450.

The matter of merging the interests of the Mutual and Commercial companies into one body, was discussed pretty thoroughly. A plan was proposed which, in effect, would return to the share holders of the Commercial company the money they had invested in the construction of the line and then assess each member of the Mutual company one dollar each, the same to go into the treasury of the Mutual company, for the purpose of taking over the Commercial company property. To carry out this purpose, a committee, consisting of E. C. Peery, John Leffer and J. G. Holt were appointed to confer with the Mutual lines to bring

about the deal. By thus merging the interests all confusion of business detail would be avoided.

Election of officers was then declared in order, when the old officers, consisting of H. Montgomery, president; John Shimaneck, vice president; W. W. Wilson, secretary and W. A. Ewing, treasurer, were unanimously re-elected. adjourned.

Loggers of the Columbia River expect the new year will see more raw material handled in their camps than ever before in the history of the industry within a similar period. The lumber trade is said to be booming and the coming year promises great activity. Many mills are short of logs and camps will resume operation in February instead of waiting for spring. New mills in the Columbia River district have drawn heavily upon the usual log supply until it is less than usual at this season of the year. Mills are said to be filled up with orders that will keep them busy for the coming three months.

WANT L. R. ALDERMAN FOR SUPERINTENDENT

Straw Vote Over the State Shows Him as Choice

Salem, Ore., Dec. 30.—The teachers of Oregon have chosen L. R. Alderman for State Superintendent. March 19 of this year, Charles H. Jones, editor of the Oregon Teachers Monthly, sent out circular letters to each of the county superintendents asking them to nominate candidates for state school superintendent. The superintendents responded generally and the following candidates were named: L. R. Alderman, of Eugene; E. D. Ressler, of Corvallis; A. J. Churchill, of Baker City; R. F. Robinson, of Portland and P. L. Campbell, of Eugene. Mr. Jones took these candidates as a basis for a "straw vote," and in the January number of the Oregon Teachers Monthly will make the following announcement:

"The Oregon Teachers Monthly's straw vote contest for state school superintendent closed December 25. Altogether 1609 votes were cast and each county in the state was represented except Curry and Lake. The votes were fairly well distributed and the following are the results obtained. L. R. Alderman, 916; E. D. Ressler, 318; R. F. Robinson, 182; P. L. Campbell, 139; A. J. Churchill, 101; Scattering 53. The candidates in no way have taken any special interest in the matter. So far as we know, no solicitation or pressure by them has been brought to bear upon any of the teachers. The candidates were all well known to the teachers."

L. R. Alderman, associate professor of education in the University of Oregon, who wins in the straw vote contest by the teachers of the state, received over four times as many votes as his nearest competitor. The present superintendent, J. H. Ackerman, who will have had 12 years of successful work in the office is not a candidate for re-election.

Mr. Alderman was born in Yamhill county 37 years ago of a pioneer family. He attended the Dayton public school and later was a student at McMinnville college. While there he represented his college in the first inter-collegiate oratorical contest. He entered the University of Oregon in the fall of 1895 and graduated in June, 1898, with an A. B. degree. He was a hard student, an able debator and was honored by being elected president of the student-body.

After graduating he taught school in Halsey and Brownsville, in Linn county and was then elected vice-principal of the schools of McMinnville. Next year he was elected principal, which position he held for three years.

In 1904 he was elected superintendent of schools for Yamhill county. While in this position he started the school fair, to bring the schools and homes closer together. Under his leadership 1500 children had home gardens and over 500 girls made bread every Saturday under the instruction of their mothers.

In the spring of 1907 Mr. Alderman was elected superintendent of the city schools of Eugene. While in this position he started many kinds of industrial work and also got the co-operation of his teachers, pupils and parents, so that the school board raised his salary and offered him a three-year contract, but two state schools offered him a position. He accepted the position he now holds in the State University.

He is a man of vigorous health and has a strong personality and broad sympathies.—Oregonian.

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