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## ACTIVITIES ON NEW POWER PLANT TO START

Right of Way Has Been Secured—  
Board for the Hands Arranged for.

It is expected that work on construction of our new power plant will be commenced some day next week. Engineer Cunningham and a foreman from Portland are expected to be here at that time.

Arrangements for boarding of the men at Jordan have been made and things are expected to assume a lively aspect up there.

A committee visited Fred Schneider a few days ago and effected a compromise with him for the right of way. \$300 is to be paid him for the right of way land which is not worth 15 cents per acre for practical purposes. It would cost that much or more besides to maintain condemnation proceedings.

J. S. Sticha has been employed to look after the business end of matters and will maintain an electric store to supply anything needed for the minor parts of the installation and maintenance of the plant.

Clearing of right of way will probably be the first work undertaken. We have not learned if the portable sawmill is a go or not.

The Tribune has been offered a chance to capitalize on the office fish pond by Frank T. Thayer, who is a member of the city council and one of the committee looking after the business pertaining to the new light and power plant. Mr. Thayer proposes to give The Tribune an exclusive contract to furnish carp, catfish and frogs' legs to the working force at the headworks. This would necessitate closing our pond to Bill Brenner, Bill Arnold and other life-long friends, so we must decline Mr. Thayer's tempting offer.

## SANTIAM FARM TOPICS

Our neighbor Rim was taken to Scio Hobson hospital with the flu in bad form.

Uncle Tom Small is quite interested in the power plant at Jordan; he wants a wire run out in our section, which we'd appreciate.

William Smith and family moved to Lebanon Saturday. He wants to be near a doctor, as he is treating for eye and heart troubles.

Newt Crabtree and wife called in Sunday for a chat.

James Mulligan and family are visiting the wife's mother, Mrs. Phoebe Turner, at Crabtree. Mr. Mulligan is keeping the Crabtree-Scio road in passable condition with a coat of brush covered with straw.

Santiam Farm has a ton of fine chest hay baled, at \$18; 5 tons of fine oat straw baled, at \$12; a fine hickory buggy tongue complete with double tree, single tree, neckyoke and straps, at \$6. Plenty of fine seed corn, Golden Beauty. 33 4t S. W. GAINES.

The county will have to loan a helping hand to the Paine family as they are in destitute circumstances with him in the hospital.

The medicine man was here last week with his wares.

Ed Kalina went to Albany Monday to pay his taxes which were \$12 above last year.

What are farmers to do? Milk is going down; cheese is down to 25 cents; all we have to buy is going up. Hard times and worse coming.

David Horsburgh is improving his herd of Durham cattle, having a \$500 bull and a \$1000 cow. Monday he paid \$750 for two cows and two calves. Linn county needs men of this stamp.

Mrs. Horsburgh came over after some settings of eggs as her hens were out on strike and refused to set.

PIE EATER.

## Hospital Notes

"Tally" Gibbons was dismissed from the hospital last Thursday.

John A. Bass was dismissed Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Watkins of Jefferson, who underwent an operation here a short time ago, was dismissed Saturday.

"Jim" Trollinger was able to leave the hospital Wednesday.

## SCIO HYDRO ELECTRIC PLANT

### Specifications for Poles—Sealed Bids Wanted

350 Poles—To be of live Douglas fir, cut at the earliest possible date, and peeled, and piled in courses, with good sized spacers between the layers, and on the ground, so that the poles will season as much as possible.

Size—To be 35 feet long, 7-inch top, and not less than 32 inches circumference, 6 feet from butt.

Poles shall be as straight as possible, and in any event shall not curve in more than one plane, and must be uniform, and the total curve when measured on the inner side of curve, from 6 feet above the butt, to the top, shall not exceed 7 inches for the 35-foot poles and 1 inch for each additional 5 feet of pole longer.

Butts to be sawed square and top roofed.

Also, 20 poles, same as above, 40 feet long.

Subject to inspection and acceptance of the City Engineer.

Bids will be received by the City of Scio for part or all of the above poles on or before April 10, 1920, and the City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids if not satisfactory.

O. B. CYRUS, City Recorder.

## O. A. C. Millage Propagandist Addresses High School.

Professor Comish pointed out that higher education enriches life, makes it possible for a man to render more service to society; and also enables a man to earn more money.

He quoted figures from a bulletin issued by the bureau of education at Washington which show that only 31 men out of 5,000,000 men with no schooling, rendered distinguished service; that 803 out of 33,000,000 men with elementary school training, rendered distinguished service; that 1245 out of 2,000,000 men with high school education rendered distinguished service, and that 5768 out of 1,000,000 men with college education rendered distinguished service.

He also showed that university and college trained men earn larger incomes in industry and farming than non college men. In 100 firms 90 out of every 100 college men attained the highest paid and most responsible positions as against only 25 out of every 100 non college men.

Professor Comish then contended that since higher education justifies itself the people of Oregon should pass the higher educational act May 21. "If this act fails to pass," he said, "1000 students will be refused

*The forks of the Santiam should supply one member of the county court. Who is willing to stand for the office? His politics is a matter of secondary consideration.*

admittance to the three state institutions next fall."

At present the three state educational institutions are running beyond their capacity. In 1913 the state university had 691 students; today it has 1745. In 1913 O. A. C. had 1364 students; today it has 3378. The number of students has increased 150 per cent since 1913, but the income from the millage tax has increased only 3.8 per cent. The dollar has fallen in purchasing power to 45 cents, yet operating costs have increased over 100 per cent. The cost of living since 1915 has increased about 90 per cent, but faculty salaries have increased on an average about 22 per cent.

Moreover, the Oregon state educational institutions cannot cut down expenses. Already the university and college have a smaller cost per student than similar institutions in the country. The average cost per student per year in typical institutions was \$325 before the war. The average cost per student per year in the state university is \$203, and in O. A. C. \$180.

The normal, state university and O. A. C. must have greater income, and they can get it only through the millage tax. This tax means only \$1.26 per \$1000 of assessed valuation of property to the citizen. For example, if a taxpayer now pays \$30 on \$1000 of assessed property, this proposed lev(e)y would increase his tax to \$31.26.

The higher educational act means little to the taxpayer, but it means, if it passes, adequate support for the deserving agricultural college,

## SCHOOL NOTES.

H. C. Seymour of O. A. C. is coming to the school Monday next to organize the industrial clubs. He will speak at the parent-teacher meeting in the evening.

The basket ball girls will give a pie social on Friday evening. The domestic science girls will sell popcorn balls. Everybody welcome.

The domestic science class serves cocoa every other day to the school children for 5 cents a cup.

Mrs. Ida M. Cummings, county school superintendent, will be here Saturday, April 10, to explain the millage tax.

state university and state normal.

The above is a synopsis of the address delivered by Professor Comish before the high school last week. It was handed to The Tribune by the professor on the day delivered, but was crowded out in our last week edition for lack of space.

It can be seen that the address was delivered for propaganda purposes, boosting the millage tax bill for the state colleges.

While we are not posing as an enemy to the state colleges we do pose as the friend of the Oregon taxpayer.

While the millage tax bill calls for but a small amount, \$1.26 on the \$1000 the professor says, when added to the many other individual taxes it is adding we might say, the last straw to the camel's back. If all the millage tax bills asked for are voted our state taxes will be practically doubled. And with the prospect that our county levy is to be increased, together with the city special school, and special road levies we are likely to be distressingly overburdened with taxes. This year taxes were boosted more than 30 per cent, and to repeat the dose next year and for all time thereafter is bound to place a block before the progress of our state.

There are many things of more importance to the state than the state colleges. We could get along without the state colleges much better than we can without the public schools. The former must be regarded as an educational luxury, while the latter is a necessity. Yet the state is now paying nearly \$300 a year for the college student while it pays but the niggardly sum of \$10 per public school pupil. This is manifestly unjust and unwise.

There is a limit to the amount the people can pay in the way of taxation. When the tax consumes from 15 to 20 per cent of the income the burden becomes too heavy. Taxpayers will rebel.

If the colleges would rule out students outside the state and from foreign lands, and be allowed to collect a moderate tuition fee, as the private college, is compelled to do, they could then get along. Also, men are paid too large a salary in the colleges for the ability they possess. Some of them are lame in the commonest branches of education.

There is bound to be war between taxpayers and taxeaters and now is a pretty good time to commence it with the colleges. They ought to economize and curtail expenses, as taxpayers will have to do in the near future.

## HOOVER READY IF REPUBLICANS CALL

Nomination Acceptable if Issues Require. Question Put Up to Party.

San Francisco, March 30.—Herbert Hoover today telegraphed the Hoover Republican Club of California that he would accept the republican nomination for president "if it is felt that the issues necessitate it and it is demanded of me."

Mr. Hoover said:

"If the republican party—with the independent element of which I am naturally affiliated—adopts a forward looking, liberal, constructive platform on the treaty and on our economic issues, and if the party proposes measures for sound business administration of the country, and is neither reactionary nor radical in its approach to our great domestic questions, and is backed by men who undoubtedly assure the consummation of these policies and measures, I will give it my entire support.

"While I do not and will not myself seek the nomination, if it is felt that the issues necessitate it and it is demanded, I cannot refuse service."

## Easter Services.

There will be something doing at the federated church Easter Sunday morning. You owe it to yourself to be there by all means. We are going to have some of the very best vocal and instrumental music that Scio affords. Rev. Baird of Eugene will deliver the gospel message.

## Parent-Teachers.

The Parent-Teacher meeting for February will take place the evening of Tuesday, April 6, in the high school auditorium. Everyone welcome.

## Damon and Pythias.

The film play "Damon and Pythias" drew a crowded house at the Peoples Theatre Monday night. The play was preceded by a forest fire, started by a careless hunter; how the news of the location of the fire was transmitted and the methods of fighting the fire and the great damage resulting, all because a careless hunter threw down a burning match without noticing the result.

The play "Damon and Pythias" is a portrayal of the world's greatest exemplification of friendship. The story furnishes the basis upon which the order of Knights of Pythias was founded. The entertainment concluded with a few views of "Mutt and Jeff" activities.

E. J. Smith, who recently was proprietor of the Scio hotel and who is now conducting a restaurant and soft drink emporium in Portland, came up Tuesday and was hobnobbing with Scioans yesterday.

## At The Peoples Theatre

For this week, Saturday and Sunday evenings, Mrs. Weeely presents Frank Mayo in "The Brute Breaker" and Lyons and Moran in "The Tick Tick Man."

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