

ODELL THE MOUNT HOOD RAILROAD AT ODELL

By Roswell Shelley. Odell, East Hood River Valley, Feb. 7.—The iron horse is at Odell. It arrived the last day of January and is off again for the tall timber. The advent of the railroad means something to our quiet prospective village at the foot hills of the mother of mountains, where 'neath its shadows the favored inhabitants of the vale of East Hood River will forever be permitted to sit 'neath their own vine and apple tree and pick the golden fruit and live on easy street, railroad or no railroad. Yet this railroad should mean much toward the development of our charming valley. The Oregon Lumber Company having built the railroad without out subsidy and for their own benefit the question of its policy is an unknown quantity to the public. Yet when we remember Mr. Eccles' statement to wit: "That although we built the road for our own accommodation, yet once here we understand that whatever builds the country builds up our interests and whatever traffic there is here for us we will take care of." There are countless thousands of cords of wood standing today in the virgin forests surrounding Odell that can be utilized as a profitable factor in the clearing of hundreds of acres of famous apple land provided cars can be obtained from the company to move this wood to a market. It is easy to figure that if the railroad company fix a conservative car price so that we can load wood here, that we can safely figure \$1.50 per cord in our favor instead of hauling to town by wagon. This would give the man behind the saw about one-half the stump price of the wood f. o. b. for stumps and hauling. If this should prove true there would be sufficient inducement for the speedy work of clearing and putting into cultivation hundreds of acres of land today lying dormant to the extent that it does not even pay the taxes. On the strength of Mr. Eccles' statement the Little White Store people are putting up five to six hundred racks of pine wood and if our present experiment is successful it would demand many carloads next year. We understand the railroad company have in mind that the cutting of the timber from their large tracts, then following this up by clearing this land and planting it into apples in twenty acre tracts. Remembering the facts that this land lying between the river forks of Hood River and spreading up to the Mount Hood settlement is one of the finest apple belts in all the valley we can better understand the motive underlying their movements. Along this line with a force of say three hundred men at Deo to start with and with the probability of all that section of splendid timber land being cleared of its timber and followed up with stump powder and the planting of apple trees in the stump holes. We get an inspiration of the permanent business that this vast country holds. Knowing that it is easy to understand the

business move of these people in expanding one half to a million dollars in this enterprise. The pay roll that this company will establish this year will have a quickening force along commercial lines in Hood River valley, which will lengthen and broaden as the years go by. We welcome the advent of the railroad. Fire at Odell School House. Last Sunday about 2 p. m. the shrill wild cry of fire rang out from scores of throats and in less than five minutes Odell's bucket brigade was out in full force with any old kind of a pail from a tea pound lard pail to a 30 gallon candy bucket. Old men, middle-aged and young men were there as were the school children and ladies and all worked with a will, so that in less than ten minutes, through the heroic efforts of the few who first arrived on the scene, a serious loss was averted for had it not been discovered at the time it was the entire school house would have gone up in smoke. The cause of the fire is a mystery and will no doubt remain so. There had been no fire in the furnace since Friday. When the fire was discovered the joists and ceiling of the basement were afire in the northeast corner of the basement and near the furnace and which was piled full of four foot fir wood close up to the ceiling. But no matter how it caught the prompt and furious efforts of the Odell fire department averted a serious loss to the community, for if there is any one thing here our people are proud of it is our beautiful and comfortable village school house. Frank E. Honecrum is entitled to honor as the hero of the hour. Arriving on the scene first he quickly battered in the cellar door with a 2x6 scantling and vigorously applied pail after pail of water handed him through the doorway. The fire was checked, yet judging from the huge dense columns of smoke that came through the windows of both stories of the building the moment they were opened it looked as if the building would surely go. But when the cry rang out that the danger was over many an anxious solemn face was wreathed with smiles and rejoicing was at once in order over the fact that the pride of the village was saved. Perhaps this is a good time to remind those interested that without the slightest fire protection this incident is liable to be repeated almost any time. Last summer there was an effort to get pure water piped in which would answer a double purpose, to-wit: For the use of the children and in case of fire to be brought in play upon the flames. I said then and repeat it now that there never was a question confronting the people of Odell of more importance than this water question. If pure water could be furnished with sufficient pressure to be of service on such occasions as last Sunday developed it would be far reaching in its effects upon the community. The underwriters will now have an opportunity to repair the fire damages and they may thank their lucky stars that they escaped so luckily, for aside from the chopping of holes in the basement wainscoting and the battering down of a couple of doors and a hole in the upper floor the loss is nominal. Assent Lincoln Republicanism. I now desire to pay my respects to

my Lincoln Republican friend. I say friend for I have a profound regard for Lincoln Republicanism. If he quoted me right and I think he did, I have no apology to offer for the following statement to wit: "There is no good excuse for having a Democratic governor in a state with 10,000 Republican majority or a Democratic mayor in a city like Portland with five or six thousand Republican majority." There might be some reason for turning down candidates particularly so with reference to the last election for governor, but there was no good reason for naming a candidate from the standpoint of ability and fitness for Mayor than does the present Democratic reform mayor of Portland. Yes I can name other states and other cities where there was good reason for electing Democratic officials where graft and political corruption ran riot as they did in the state of Missouri and the city of Philadelphia the people do a righteous act when they vote republican bosses out of business. But no such condition has ever yet prevailed in the state of Oregon or the city of Portland as has prevailed in other states save as regarding land frauds and thanks to the good work of our nation's chief executive Roosevelt, who by the way is a Lincoln Republican, these outlaws are being rounded up and killed off as speedily as possible. The older I grow the less partisan I am and in voting look, and I think every voter should look rather to the man than the party platform and vote for candidates to serve the public from a standpoint of honesty and ability just as he would do in employing persons to conduct his own business affairs. I wish this Lincoln Republican would come out in the open with his name for I would like to cultivate his acquaintance. Rock Crusher Agitation. The residents of the West side are to be commended for their perseverance in agitating the matter of the purchase of a rock crusher. I stand ready at all times to write and talk and vote for any proposition that will bring us good roads at any reasonable cost and what little taxable property I have is at my right and ready to be taxed for anything that will improve an improved condition of the roads. That dark blot on Hood River valley that disgraces her fair name has seven days in the week. On the west side the Davidson bill has already turned out beyond words. When it is a fact that the United States mail must travel the East S de road and the stores here must travel a longer and even a more hilly road in order to save a horses leg or an axle tree and use another districts road that are not taxed to keep up, in order to save the expense of planking from ten to twenty rods of road and which would give us practically a good road all the way to town. It is about time the public should know it. There may be good reason for this stretch of road getting bad but there can be no good reason for allowing it to remain for weeks in an almost impassible condition. We think it about time

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The Nelf Bros. have recently presented the school with a table for the library, also a nice book case with locker and a box with glass top to be used for a collection of curios. The Nelfs are high grade mechanics, doing the work themselves and when they do a job it is well done. Frank Nelf is also a photographer and took a picture of the school building which will appear in the Glacier next week. The pride in local affairs shown by these people is commendable and appreciated by this community. In looking over things in the Nelf home you see everything in apple pie order, illustrating the fact that when thorough work is done at home there is also time for public work.

W. G. Ehrick and wife, nee Miss Hull, returned to Odell last Sunday after about six weeks absence on their wedding tour. Most of their time was spent with Mrs. Ehrick's mother in Kansas. Mrs. Ehrick will be re-membered in the primary teacher in the Odell school and had a leave of absence for the trip. Miss Kate Daverport kindly took her place a d has proven herself a very capable teacher. Mrs. Ehrick will soon resume her work in the school, her work here is of a high and satisfactory character. Both red field clover and white clover on sale at the Little White Store and don't forget that orders are filled promptly for anything you want in any line. Clarence Copple, who has been absent for two months at Pendleton, returned home last week. Clarence is one of the Odell boys and his friends greeted him cordially on his return. Hood River valley is made up of a strong combination and one that draws attention to itself. B. G. Boardman will give a dance at the Odd Fellows Hall, at Odell, on Wednesday the 14th inst. Music by Wheeler's Orchestra. Tickets \$1.00. Everybody invited. Good time guaranteed. Don't fail to see the entertainment that will be put on the location at Odell by the same company on Friday the 10th inst. There will be two dramas presented, "The Perplexing Situation" being the leader. Secure your tickets and come and have the time of your life. Refreshments will be served after the play is over. A reception was given to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ehrick, last Thursday evening by the Rebecca of Kemp Lodge L. O. O. F. at Odell. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant hour was spent during which very cordial greetings were given to the young married couple who start out in life under most favorable auspices. A meeting was held last Thursday evening at Odell in connection with the plan for the proposed valley high school. This was the first of a series of meetings to be held for the purpose of agitating the high school matter and Prof. Wiley and Crouse of Hood River were present and explained the benefits that would accrue from the building of the school. A delegation from Pine Grove district was present among whom were Messrs. Sprout, Sprout, Jarvis and Mark. After Prof. Wiley had spoken on the subject a general discussion of it followed, and reports received since the meeting indicate that the idea is being received very favorably.

MOSIER. Fruit Inspector G. R. Castner, of Hood River, made an inspection tour through the orchards in Mosier last week in search of the San Jose scale. S. D. Fisher, who has been at work in Hood River for the past few months is at home for the present. Mr. M. Craft spent last week in Portland visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. Macey visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ireland last week. A. P. Bateham spent a couple of days in Hood River the first of the week. C. D. Morgan who is manager of the Allenwright fruit farm, instead of Dr. McCrum's farm as was stated in the last issue of the Glacier, has a force of twelve men at work grubbing. With this force of men Mr. Morgan is enabled to clear up an acre of land in a day. Thus allowing himself 40 days in which to put into condition 40 acres of land which he intends to plant into fruit trees just as soon as the land can be put into proper condition. The residents of Mosier have long felt the need of a tool house in the cemetery; such being the case, a number of those most concerned united forces last week, and in a short time had a commodious little structure completed in which to store the necessary tools for cemetery work. James Smith and family moved to The Dalles on Monday of this week. The hearty good wishes of their many friends go with them to their new home. Mrs. Howe of Portland, accompanied by a lady friend from Los Angeles, were visitors to the Howe farm during the past week. The ladies took occasion to have a drive through the country, visiting places of special interest. They heartily enjoyed the drive and were perfectly delighted with Mosier, its beautiful scenery and an ideal spot from which to select a home. Last week a family from the east, with tickets to Mosier, were compelled to leave the train at The Dalles, and placed a convention to be held in seat until 3 a. m. next day in order to get a train that was willing to stop

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