

FROM SOURCE THAT COUNTS

PROSPECTS FOR LINEN MILL LOOK MORE PROMISING.

SALEM TAXPAYERS' LEAGUE

Take Up Question and Institute Inquiry Into Merits of the Proposition.

Eugene Bosse and Mrs. W. P. Lord Attend Meeting and Explain Possibilities—Members of New Organizations Able to Furnish Needed Capital.

The Salem Taxpayers' League has taken an interest in the development of the flax industry of this section and the prospects for a linen mill for Salem were probably never brighter than they are at the present time.

It is learned from one who is prominently identified with the league that the business men and property owners who compose the organization have begun to manifest intense interest in the proposed industry, which has begun to assume a conservatively enthusiastic spirit which gives promise of bearing good fruit in the near future.

WORK ON CONNECTING LINE.

Great Northern Lets Contracts for Construction of New Road to Princeton.

SEATTLE, April 15.—Advices to the Post-Intelligencer states that the Great Northern railroad has let contracts for the construction work on its line to run from some point on the Republic line system to Princeton, B. C., a distance of eighty-six miles.

BETTER SERVICE

OBSERVATION CARS TO BE RUN THROUGH WILLAMETT VALLEY ON THE S. P.

Officials of Road Finally Consent to the Propagation of Greater Salem Commercial Club and Coaches Will Be Run From Portland on Trains 11-12.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

Through the efforts of its officers, the Greater Salem Commercial Club has secured observation cars to be run over the Southern Pacific road through the length of the Willamette valley.

TO PROMOTE CITY'S INTERESTS.

While the league was originally formed for the purpose of protecting the interests of the principal property owners against what they considered an unjustifiable waste of their money in expensive and uncertain improve-

ments by those who had no personal interest at stake, when permanent organization was brought about a constitution and set of by-laws and rules were drafted and adopted and the league is now upon a permanent basis.

WOODBURN ITEMS.

WOODBURN, April 14.—The frosty nights have not as yet affected the fruit.

The object of the Livestock Association, recently organized, is to have a stock market in Woodburn once a month.

The building boom is on and a number of new residences are going up, as well as a new brick business block.

H. C. Moon has returned, after an ill winter's visit at his old home in London, England.

Mr. C. H. L. Bancroft of Salem visited friends here over Sunday.

The revival meetings at the Christian church are growing in interest nightly under the leadership of Rev. Landsaker and wife.

Woodburn once more has a bakery of which she can justly be proud.

Miss Stinger of Portland is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. J. Stinger, in this city.

Miss Dunbar of Roseburg is visiting her sister, Mrs. Dr. Leonard, of this city.

Dr. and Mrs. W. O. Ogle, who have been visiting the former's parents in his city, have gone to Los Angeles to make their home.

STREET PAVING

ALDERMAN WALLACE RECEIVES A LETTER OF INTEREST TO CITIZENS OF SALEM.

Discussion Upon the Respective Merits of Macadam, Bitulithic and Other Pavements From Disinterested and Unprejudiced Parties in the East.

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The rain came just at the right time, say the farmers, and will benefit especially the recently sown grain, as the ground was a little too hard, and by the present rain will be softened enough to afford spring grain the very best advantages for rapid growth.

DATE SELECTED MAKES ANSWER

FIRST ANNUAL MEET OF I. A. A. A. OF O. SLATED FOR AFTER-NOON OF JUNE 10.

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CONGRESSMAN WILLIAMSON ENTERS PLEA TO TWO INDICTMENTS AGAINST HIM

Answer 'Asserts That Allegations Against Him Do Not Constitute a Crime—Van Gesner and Biggs Make Answer by Filing Pleas in Abatement

PORTLAND, April 15.—In the United States district court this morning Congressman J. N. Williamson filed demurrers in connection with the two indictments returned against him by the recent federal grand jury, while his partner, Dr. Van Gesner, and ex-United States Commissioner Marion R. Biggs, alleged co-conspirators, entered pleas in abatement. All the matters at issue will come up for hearing next Monday morning in conjunction with the rest of the land fraud cases.

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The conspiracy charge against Williamson under section 5440 was returned February 13, and accuses him in conjunction with Senator Mitchell, Congressman Hermann and others with having conspired to defraud the government of a portion of its public lands in connection with the attempt to secure the establishment of the Blue mountain forest reserve.

Williamson, together with his partner, Dr. Van Gesner, and Marion R. Biggs, formerly a United States commissioner, were indicted February 11 on a charge of subornation of perjury in having induced a number of persons to locate government lands in behalf of the defendant, who owns an immense sheep range in Eastern Oregon. Biggs took the affidavits of the alleged fraudulent entrymen.

Monday promises to be a busy day in land fraud circles. The issues to be considered then will embrace the various pleas in abatement filed by Senator Mitchell and others, wherein it is expected that Francis J. Heney, of the government, and Judge Alfred R. Bennett and H. S. Wilson of the Dalles, representing the defendants, will cross legal swords in what will undoubtedly prove the most important skirmish preliminary to the great land fraud battle.

The Williamson demurrers are also scheduled to come up on that day, and Congressman Binger Hermann is billed to appear and plead to the three indictments charging him with specific acts of conspiracy under section 5440 of the revised statutes. Congressman Hermann is expected to reach Portland this evening.

Together it will be a very busy day for Judge Bellinger, and that the cases are attracting general attention is evidenced by the character of the attorneys at all the hearings. Nearly every lawyer in Portland has arranged to be present when the arguments on the pleas in abatement are heard next Monday, and in addition a large number of local business men will be on hand to listen to the proceedings, showing the intense interest that is being taken in the matter.

WILD HORSE CAUSES ACCIDENTS.

TURNER, April 15.—A distressing accident occurred near Turner Friday afternoon. A sick horse belonging to Sid Russel of Marion, had been left at Dr. Rogers' stables, and it became very crazy and broke away, running into John Carter's buggy, throwing Mr. Carter and wife violently to the ground. Mrs. Carter was picked up and taken to Dr. Ransom's office, where it was found the right collar bone was broken and internal injury sustained in the region of the lungs. She was removed in the evening to her home near Ale.

John Carter, into the buggy of John Porter and wife, who were shaken, Mrs. Porter was just returning from the Salem hospital, and the scare was very unfortunate. The horse which was the cause of so much trouble was caught a little later five miles from Turner.

IS SUPERFLUOUS

HOUSE BILL NO. 259 AMENDS SECTION OF CODE WHICH NO LONGER EXISTS.

Calculated to Prevent Statute of Limitations From Running Against City Ownership of Abandoned or Unused Streets—Point Is Well Covered.

Another supposed law which was passed by the last legislature has been knocked off the records and put entirely out of commission by the attorney general. This is an act, which was introduced and adopted under the title of house bill No. 259, by Herrmann, to prevent the statute of limitations from running against any city's rights to reclaim property which has once been declared vacated for street purposes and subsequently claimed by private parties by reason of occupancy for a specified number of years, six years as provided by the statute. This act purports to amend section 4820 of the code but the attorney general holds that it is of no effect for the reason that section 4820 was repealed by the general road act of 1903 and it therefore has no standing upon the statutes.

Under the old law, section 4820 of the code, if land once used by any incorporated city as a street and abandoned as such and is taken possession of by any private individual who retains possession of it for a period of six years without his occupancy being disputed, he is entitled to ownership of the land thus appropriated by right of prescription. The act of the last legislature was intended to prevent the statute of limitations from running against cases of this kind and to give daily incorporated cities the right to regain possession of the land at any time without regard to time.

The elimination of this act from the general laws does not necessarily reinstate the old conditions as section 4820 was repealed by the general road laws of 1903, sections 53 and 54 of which practically covers the same ground. It is quite probable, however, although the act may be without effect, that Secretary of State Dunbar will incorporate it in the revised code of road laws in order to eliminate all possibility of error.

OUR ANNUAL

Easter Sale

IT'S a sale that offers new and desirable merchandise at prices that will outrival all previous sales we have ever held—it will establish a precedent in selling in this city—it will prove the aggressiveness and "out do" efforts of this wonderful popular store. We wish to impress you strongly with the fact that every article you buy at this sale is firstclass and dependable in every respect.

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Newest goods, latest weaves and patterns, at about half their worth, in some instances they're reduced more than half. Come in the morning for best choice

Lattice, Stamias, Fancy Voiles, Broken Folks Dot, Lisle Voile, Embroidered Folks Dot. A grand showing of these fabrics in all shades. Regular 35c to 50c values Easter Special

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Silk Pongee, Fancy Jacquard, Pebble Damask, Embroidered Poplin. The finest assortment of the newest colorings and weaves. Regular 50c to 65c values Easter Special

33c

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A full line of all shades kid gloves. Regular \$1 and \$1.25 values Easter Special

90c

Ladies' Biaritz Saquo Gloves. A good \$1.25 value Special

85c

Meyer's Celebrated Mocha Gloves. Black and colors, \$1.50 value Special

\$1

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Best and newest patterns and weavings and colorings in Cravenetted Brilliantines

Greatly reduced in price. Invaluable plaids, checks and stripes in colors

BLACK, NAVY, TAN, LIGHT GREY, DARK GREY.

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Stock Collars, Fancy embroidered turnovers and Buster Brown collar, all colors, regular 25c to 50c values during our Easter Special

19c



SETTLED AT LAST

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH McPHERSON HEATING SYSTEM.

To Be Provided With Distributing Fans, and Complete With Motor, Regulating System, and With Five-Year Guarantee, for \$4,900.

By a vote of three to two the board of directors of the Salem school district, at an adjourned meeting last night, decided to and did award the contract for the installation of a heating plant in the new central school building to W. G. McPherson of Portland, for a consideration of \$4,900. This means that the new building will be equipped with the latest improved hot air fan system of heating and regulating, coupled with a five-year guarantee, and Mr. McPherson is required to give a good faith bond in the sum of \$5,000, together with an additional maintenance bond of \$1,000 as a guarantee that he will keep the plant in good repair for a period of five years and that it will give entire satisfaction.

The board did not arrive at this decision upon impulse; on the contrary, the matter has been under serious consideration and discussion for the past month, during which period the board has held several adjourned meetings and has investigated every point connected with every system proposed, until it became satisfied that the McPherson system was the superior and, comparatively, cheaper and the final decision was arrived at only last night.

There were only two other systems under consideration besides that of Mr. McPherson, and these were both steam heating systems, proposed by Theo. M. Barr of this city.

The best system offered by Mr. Barr, that of the direct by indirect (steam) cost \$5,700. Added to this \$600, the cost of putting in a ventilating system and registers for the basement, the total cost amount to \$4,330. This did not include the air-regulating requirement. The original bid of Mr. McPherson was \$5,100, but after the contract was awarded him, he agreed to cut the price down to \$4,900, providing the board would amend the requirements so that he would only be obliged to furnish 100,000 cubic feet of air to the halls of the building, 60,000 feet to the basement rooms, and 90,000 feet to the school rooms. The original plans called for 90,000 cubic feet of air to all of the rooms of the building, including halls, or a supply of 1,800 cubic feet to each of fifty pupils in each room. This proposal was agreeable to the members of the board and the contract was amended accordingly.

Some of the members of the board openly expressed their approval of the Barr proposition, but the majority was of the opinion that it was cheaper to provide the best, and, inasmuch as there was very little difference in the price of the two, compared to the great advantages conceded to the hot air systems of the old style steam heaters, and decided in favor of the McPherson system. The vote stood Croisan and Fletcher for the Barr system and Byrd, Lee and Condit for the McPherson system. Messrs. Croisan and Fletcher were the only ones to check themselves before the ballot was counted. Mr. Croisan remarked: "I am going to vote for steam and Barr," and when Mr. Fletcher cast his vote he said, "I vote like Mr. Croisan." Mr. McPherson announced that he would leave the

matter of furnishing the bonds in the hands of Secretary Goodale of the board, which was satisfactory with the members, and they will probably be executed today.

Some little discussion arose before and after the meeting as to the character of roofing that should be put on the building. Dr. Byrd introduced the subject by stating that he had been informed that it would make a great difference in the insurance rates if metal shingles were adopted instead of wooden ones and he believed that, if the difference was such as would warrant it, it would be the better policy for the board to change the plans and specifications to provide for the change.

There was a difference of opinion regarding the suggested change, but none of the members being informed upon the subject, a committee of Directors Byrd, Condit and Fletcher was appointed to investigate and report their findings and recommendations at the next meeting. Before the members of the board had left the meeting, after adjournment, however, with the exception of Dr. Byrd, they were enlightened upon the subject by Mr. McPherson, who has had extensive dealings and experience with both kinds of roofing. He stated that he would advise the board to stick to the wooden shingle requirement as, if properly treated and cared for, they would outlive any other kind of roofing, give better satisfaction and cost much less. The only reason that Dr. Byrd suggested the change was that because he had been informed that they would save more than the difference in the cost in insurance, beside the metal roofing would be more in keeping with the balance of the building and would, perhaps, last longer.

It is estimated that the building complete and ready for occupancy will cost, in the aggregate, in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

SLAYS BROTHER AND HIMSELF.

Henry Mohr Kills Brother With Rifle and Then Turns Weapon on Himself.

STOCKTON, Cal., April 17.—William Mohr, son of Henry Mohr, a farmer in the southern part of San Joaquin county, killed his brother George with a rifle today, then he killed himself in his room and with the same rifle killed himself. It is supposed that they had quarreled over some horses. William was about 28 years old and George 26. The family is highly respected.

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