

LEGITIMATE PROJECTS NEED ATTENTION

**Whole Energy of the Community Should
Be Exerted to Advance
Them**

The Journal has not been in great haste to exploit some of the matters which are being heralded as great enterprises and prospective boom-makers. In short, it has not felt at liberty to unload upon its readers so-called information of which it has no definite knowledge and concerning which no located responsible people seem to know anything. First and most important among these projects is probably the much-talked-about-double-track-one-dollar-trip-electric-railroad between Portland and Salem, to be built within a few days. The project may all be well-founded, and may be put into effect as stated. But so far, the most definite information that comes to the public is what a gentleman named French, from Michigan, has told a Portland newspaper reporter. As previously stated, this may all be true, but such things do not often develop like mushrooms in a night, nor is the vital news brought to the public by absolute strangers. Still it may all be true. If it is, it will certainly be a good thing for Portland, and possibly by every town touched by it. Railroads are well known to be great developers of latent enterprises, and modern transportation facilities have transformed many a community like magic.

Every one in this community has a right to hope that this railroad may materialize, and no cold water should be thrown upon the project, when once authoritatively launched. However, it does seem unnatural that that a railroad of this character should be built from Portland to Salem, when three trains a day handle all the traffic very easily at present. A double-track mile-a-minute enterprise is no trifling matter, and must have great volumes of business to support it. Hence there is a natural doubt in the minds of a large majority as to the consummation of this project. A large majority of the people who read about this alleged enterprise believe it is only being sprung at intervals when interest seems to be manifested for other railroad enterprises, such as the line from Dallas. Of course, no one can tell just what interest is fomenting this proposition, and as a result people very naturally take little stock in it as yet. The Journal hopes this railroad may be built, and built soon, and it does not feel that a little frank discussion of the possibilities of its being a fake, will retard its coming if it is a genuine project.

Another proposition, which, if genuine, would be of great interest to Salem, is the discussion of the matter of an oil strike on Howell Prairie. Much is being said about the certainty of this being a great strike, and many air-castles have already been built from the proceeds of the alleged find. This also may prove to be a genuine find, and every Salemite sincerely

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hopes it will prove such. Everybody who knows the young men on whose property the oil has been discovered has the utmost confidence in their sincerity in the matter, and those gentlemen have very frankly admitted that they have no practical knowledge on the subject, simply submitting what they find, and awaiting developments concerning the same. Such a discovery near Salem would be a good thing for the entire Willamette valley, especially for this city. But like the old saying, "It takes money to buy whiskey," it takes something more than super-heated atmosphere, display of ignorance and immaculate gall, to convince the practical capitalist that there is oil in sight. If there should prove to be oil in the Pratum region, and we sincerely hope that such will be the case, all will rejoice, but to have proven it on paper a score of time, only to have it fall in reality, can do no one any good, but, on the other hand, subject the entire community to ridicule. The better policy for every Salem man will be to push his own business, push the community, help the railroads, that are offered and in sight, and when those other projects come to view, put their shoulders to the wheel.

COURT HOUSE DOINGS

Things about the court house were unusually quiet today, as also at the city hall. There was nothing doing in any of the departments, excepting the county clerk's office, and part of their staff is away on a vacation. One case was filed in each of the departments of the circuit court, as given below:

The Capital National Bank today filed an attachment suit against Arthur Farrow in department No. 1, of the circuit court to recover \$315.07 and interest. H. G. Bigger is the attorney.

Morcus Christensen today filed a complaint in department No. 2 of the circuit court asking that Grover Simmons, road supervisor, be enjoined from opening a road through his land, as ordered by the county court. Frank Holmes is attorney for the plaintiff.

They Shoot Pheasants.

Hunters, according to all accounts, are laboring under a false impression with reference to the China pheasant law. As a result of the many articles published on the subject a confused idea seems to have gained credence, because the new law that the legislature attempted to pass failed of enactment, that there is no law whatever on the subject, and that pheasants may be shot at any time. The notion is, however, incorrect. The statute stands now just as it did before the legislature attempted the enactment of the law prohibiting killing entirely for two years. That is to say, the old law is in full force and effect, and under it pheasants cannot be lawfully shot until October 1st, which is the date on which the 60 days' open season begins. It is said that in various parts, laboring under the false impression, hunters are shooting young pheasants freely. The game officers have heard of the matter, and are taking steps to begin prosecutions. This note of warning is sounded in order that all may be properly informed as to the law.

Gathering Labor Statistics.

Labor Commissioner Hoff has been in the city today, arriving this morning from the south. He has, during the past week, made a visit to all the labor centers in the southern and southwestern part of the state, recently having an interesting time in the Coos Bay country, where there are a good many well-equipped establishments. Mr. Hoff is gathering statistics in connection with the factories and workshops of Oregon along the line of labor, and no doubt will have an interesting report to present at the proper time. This is a new bureau among Oregon state institutions.—Albany Democrat.

PERSONALS.

Rev. W. R. Winans went to Albany today on a short visit.
Miss Edith McClellan, of Portland, came up this morning, and will visit for a few days, after which she will go to the Elkhorn country, where her parents are sampling.

PERSONALS

Chas. Whale, the piano man, went to Portland today.
E. A. Aufrance went to Portland this morning on business.
Miss Alicia McElroy went to Salem today.—Eugene Guard.
Ex-Governor and Mrs. T. T. Geet went to Portland today.
Mrs. Ben Looney, of Jefferson, was a Salem visitor yesterday.
Miss Grace Babcock left yesterday for an outing at Seaside.
Mrs. R. S. Catlin went to Portland this morning for a short visit.
Mrs. Joe Bernardi was among those going to Newport this morning.
Alex. Moly came home from a ten-days' outing at Newport yesterday.
Mr. H. Abbey returned yesterday from several weeks' outing at Newport.
Miss Emily Thatcher returned from a two weeks' vacation at Newport yesterday.
Dan Quinn returned last evening from several days' visit at his home at Mill City.
Mrs. C. W. Drake and Mrs. June Drake, of Silverton, were Salem visitors yesterday.
Mrs. Joe Edison, of Silverton, who has been visiting in this city, returned home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jones went to Newport this morning, where they will spend a few days.

Mrs. Sarah Jones went to Monroe this morning, where she will visit relatives for a few weeks.

Robert Savage arrived home from Newport last evening, where he has been the past two weeks.

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Morse, accompanied by Mrs. Cusick, went to Portland today for a short visit.

Mrs. S. A. Huddleson and little sons returned to Albany yesterday, after several days' visit in this city.

Miss Laura and Chester Yantis left this morning for Linn county, where they will visit for several weeks.

Miss Elva Smith, of Woodburn, who has been visiting in this city the past week, returned home last evening.

Guy Hirsch came up from Portland last evening to visit his parents and friends, and returned this morning.

Miss Marshall, of San Francisco and Miss Rasmussen, of Portland, are the guests of Mrs. P. J. Larsen for a few days.

Mrs. Wm. Allen, of Portland, spent last evening at the home of Hon. Edward Hirsch, and returned home this morning.

Mrs. J. E. Heenan, accompanied by her little son, went to Oregon City today for a short vacation on her people's farm near that place.

Mrs. Ott and daughters, Ida and Hilda Ott, of Sunnyside, Clackamas county, were in the city yesterday, and spent the day visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Howell and family and Miss Baker have returned from Newport, where they have been spending the past two weeks.

Miss Tina Blanchard left yesterday for her home at Jefferson, after a visit in this city. She was accompanied by her niece, Miss Alice Blanchard.

Mrs. Wm. Armstrong and daughter, Miss Lottie Rennie, who have been visiting Mrs. Wm. Ashenfelter at Turner, the past week, returned to Salem last evening.

Miss Pearl Welton, who has been visiting friends in this city, left yesterday for Albany, where she will spend a few days before returning to her home in Iowa.

Miss Lillian Burpee, of New Hampshire, and Miss Elizabeth Haynes, of Cambridge, Mass., who have been the guests of Mr. S. V. Jones, of this city, left yesterday en route to their homes. They will stop off in San Francisco, where they will visit.

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Commission in Portland Next Month to Consider New Laws

Hon. J. G. Graham, secretary of the Greater Salem Commercial Club, has received the following letter from the Portland Chamber of Commerce:

"You are no doubt aware that a meeting will be held in Portland on August 1st of the Merchant Marine Commission—a commission required by the law creating it—to investigate and report to the congress on the first day of its next session what legislation, if any, is desirable for the development of the American merchant marine and American commerce, and also what change, or changes, if any, should be made in existing laws relating to the treatment, comfort and safety of seamen in order to make more attractive the seafaring calling in the American merchant service."

This meeting will be held in the rooms of the Commercial Club, in the Chamber of Commerce building. It is especially desired that those who are interested in the subject with which the commission deals should either be present at the meeting of the commission, and give their views in the matter, or prepare a concise statement and mail to the club.

We trust that you will give the above as much publicity as possible, and that you will notify us if any one representing your community will appear before the commission. The commission is composed of the following gentlemen:

- United States Senate—Hon. Jacob H. Gallinger, N. H.; Hon. Henry Cabot Lodge, Mass.; Hon. Boies Penrose, Penn.; Hon. Thos. Martin, Va.; Hon. Stephen R. Mallory, Fla.
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The club will probably appoint a representative to attend the meeting.

Strike on Second Ledge.

Another rich strike has been made on Sucker creek, news of which reached Portland today in a message from Tim Donovan, a Minneapolis man, who was among the first to go to the new district, and who is one of the partners with Philip S. Bates and A. L. Morris in some of their holdings. The message is very brief, and does not give any details, except that it is on a parallel ledge with the one on which the Briggs discovery was made. It is added that, to all appearances, the find is as rich, if not a larger deposit than the original strike.—Telegram.

Pioneer Pitched Hay.

John Baker, nearly 80 years of age, pitched five tons of hay into the loft on Tuesday, and on Wednesday morning pitched another ton. Mr. Baker crossed the plains in 1847, arriving at Foster's, at the foot of the mountains, September 15th of that year. He came to old Champe county, now Marion, in 1849, and has resided here ever since. He is hale and hearty, and moves around with the alacrity and speed of a man 40 years old, and enjoys life.

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MERCURY WENT HIGH

The heat yesterday afternoon and evening was unusual for Oregon, especially the Willamette valley, and people complained bitterly of the tropical condition of the atmosphere. However, in Oregon prostrations scarcely ever occur, and, while the perspiration stood out on many a manly brow, the effect was only temporary. The mercury hovered close to the 100 mark, and during the afternoon some of the thermometers registered as high as 101, but the majority stopped when they reached the 96 notch.

Today opened up with good prospects of a repetition of yesterday, but with a cool, light breeze disseminating morsels of refreshing breaths, the indications are for a much better day and afternoon.

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