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AWAKENING IN WILLAMETTE VALLEY PORTLAND POLITICS

(T. T. Goer in Pendleton Tribune.)
 I have just returned from a trip to Salem, going this morning on the new electric road and returning this afternoon, remaining at the capital for five hours. The trip is worth describing, as it illustrates the beginning of a revolution in transportation methods in the Willamette valley which should soon be inaugurated in many parts of eastern Oregon.

This road is just completed and has been doing passenger business for two months. On the 15th inst. seven trains each way every day were installed so now it is possible to go from Salem to Portland, leaving there at 6 o'clock in the morning and, returning, leaving Portland at 5:30 in the afternoon. The time now made is two hours and a half, but this will be cut in one half when the roadbed is leveled and properly ballasted. From Salem to Willamette when the road crosses the Willamette river, a distance of 28 miles, the track is as straight as a string and over this stretch a rate of 50 miles an hour can be made with perfect safety. A car leaves each end of the line every hour and a half.

The result of this is that new life has been given to the entire country through which the line passes and not only are the farms being rapidly subdivided but new ones are being made where the timber has heretofore held full sway. After leaving the city limits of Portland to the south the track runs over the divide between Multnomah county and the Tualatin valley and taps a country in the Chehalis mountains that for 50 years has been utterly cut off from the world, though so near the metropolis. Every little while we dashed by and old log farmhouse with its primitive surroundings the like of which one would never suppose could ever be found anywhere in this region. When these reminders of the first days of the Oregon pioneers were constructed nothing was further from their thoughts than that some day during their life times a car would rush between their houses and barns at a breakneck speed driven by electricity. I saw more log houses between Portland and Wilsonville a distance of 21 miles, than I supposed were in use in the entire state. The construction of this road in a sense uncovered that country as the overturning of a

stone will sometimes reveal a population of beings entirely unused to the light. But already there are evidences of sprucing up to be seen on every hand, new fences are being constructed in place of the old rails which have apparently seen service since the days when Joe Meek first rode over this section of the country.

Several times we passed orchards so badly covered with moss that they looked like promological sepulchers whose demise occurred in the days before the flood, affording a scene which would bring tears of rapture to those good old souls who are just now making piteous appeals for the salvation of "the old apple tree." But the man who would permit even one such tree to abide in the Hood River valley over night would be in grave danger of leaving that horticultural paradise astride of a rail.

The advent of the electric car will change all this and new houses, thrifty orchards, fine and profitable gardens and dairy farming will take its place. It is a sample of what should be done in Umatilla county and is one of the industrial improvements which should soon be inaugurated. An electric line from the termination of that now reaching to Milton and Freewater, going to the Columbia river by the way of Pendleton would mark a new era of progress for the county so beneficial that its actual value would be difficult of calculation.

A few days ago I spent several hours at Gresham, a thriving town in the eastern part of Multnomah county and in the midst of the somewhat famous Powell's valley. It is a section of small farms where everybody is prosperous, much attention being given to the raising of potatoes not only for the home but the California market. It is directly on the electric line from Portland to Estacada in the eastern part of Clackamas county and is another locality which is feeling the advantages of small farms well tilled. I described as best I could the way in which George Peeringer raises and threshes his wheat, not overlooking that \$70,000 check, to a little group of listeners, suggested, however, by the remark of one of the farmers near Gresham that they only had one large landholder in that section and his holdings were so enormous that it supplied the only blight now hang-

ing over it. Upon inquiry I was told that the man was W. W. Cotton, the well known attorney for the O. R. & N. and that he has 200 acres of land in a single body! He is regarded by his neighbors as a veritable land grabber and special inducements are offered for him to part with as much of it as possible.

It is said that the new electric line from here to Salem has practically depopulated the S. P. depot at that place, as all the passenger traffic patronizes the new road. It is more convenient to the city, it affords seven opportunities each day to make the trip and the cars are entirely free from dust, smoke or disagreeable smell.

Salem is taking on an appearance of new life and its three blocks of pavement are the seed which is already sprouting more of its kind in many directions. It is catching some of the Pendleton enterprise and in time will be as good a town as Pendleton now is, with the advantage, now, however of having its electric roads, actual and projected, which will insure it a great future.

Politically, Portland is in the midst of a very pretty scrap among the Republicans over legislative candidates as to their attitude on Statement No. 1 and the candidates for United States senator. Both Senator Fulton and Mr. Calkins have their warm and enthusiastic adherents insisting that their "man" will win, leaving the onlooker absolutely in the dark as to possible results. The sentiment here is as it has always been in relating to the representative in the lower house of congress—that he should come from east of the mountains. This city already has one of the United States senators and is making an effort to get the other. No matter how the election for senator may go this part of the district will have both senators and there is no desire here to leave the eastern part of the state with no representation in congress. Portland has sometimes been called a hog in some respects but it has never tried to rob eastern Oregon of its

right to the representative in congress.

Governor Chamberlain's announcement that he would be a candidate for United States senator on the Democratic ticket but would be free to say that he is a better Republican than many who profess to be such, is regarded as a very amusing contribution to contemporaneous political literature. It is quite a joke. There is no politics, says the governor, in the office of United States senator and, therefore, he will expect a very large Republican support as the Democratic candidate! But in this connection it occurs to most people that the man who calls himself a Republican and under any circumstances votes for a Democrat for United States senator forfeits his right to be called a Republican at all. If that doesn't test the matter it would be difficult to determine what would. The general impression here among Republicans is that in his bid for Republican support for the senate the governor conspicuously overreached himself.

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CANDIDATE CAKE

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It was a very simple explanation of the doctrine as being a pledge of the legislator to vote for the candidate having the highest number of votes of the people. He said it was not a qualified law, and it was made by good Republicans, and they should not go back on it now. With a Republican majority of 30,000 in the state there should be no question about the election of a Republican.

The speaker said there is something worse than the election of a Democrat to the senate, and that is the return to the old style of corruption and delay that has so long been a disgrace to American politics.

Oregon Supreme Court.

The supreme court today rendered decisions as follows:

Preston Richardson vs. Annie S. Griggs, Polk county; reversed.
 D. H. Simpson vs. A. C. Miller, Polk county; reversed and remanded.

Francis McLeod vs. Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Co., Coos county; reversed.

M. E. Hall vs. Eugene Connell, Coos county; affirmed.

John Gaffney vs. Michael Gaffney, et al., Clackamas county; affirmed.

F. J. Eldridge vs. John Hofer, Marion county; petition granted.

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