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OREGON ELECTRIC TO BE BUILT TO ALBANY

LITTLE CALIFORNIA GIRLS PUT BEST TRAINED ATHLETES TO SHAME

CHICAGO BONDING SYNDICATE

Will Finance Extension of the Electric—Expert Will Send in Favorable Report on Project.

ALBANY LINE SURE

CHICAGO CAPITALIST DELIGHTED WITH VALLEY—SAYS IT WILL HAVE ELECTRIC SYSTEM SIMILAR TO THAT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

Mayor Rodgers returned last night from his tour of the valley with Mr. Smith, who represents the Chicago bond buying syndicate who are

expecting to furnish the capital to extend the Oregon Electric from Salem to Albany. As stated in the Journal yesterday, the party composed of General Manager Talbot of the Oregon Electric and Mr. Smith of Chicago, went to Albany over the hills and returned by the river route, and also made several runs across the valley. Mr. Smith was very favorably impressed with the country and the crops, all of which are abundant, and all bringing high prices. This will be a bumper year in some lines in the Willamette valley, and there will be a higher state of prosperity.

Mr. Smith was seen by a Journal reporter, but would give no intimation of what might be done, but was unreserved in his expressions of delight with the beauty and fertility of the country, and left no doubt on the mind of the writer that his report on the Albany extension would be favorable and that he considers the railroad would be highly remunerative.

The Oregon Electric extensions from Portland to Salem, and the westside have business piling up as fast as they can get the rolling stock and establish schedules, and greater

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VETERAN BECOMES MURDERER

Edward Leonard, an Inmate of the Ohio Soldiers' Home, Kills Manager of the Institution.

SHOOT TWO OTHERS

Flourishing Gun, He Drove the Aged Inmates Before Him, Threatening Them with Death—Had a Grudge Against His Victim.

[United Press Lensed Wire.] Dayton, O., Aug. 7.—Edward Leonard, a Civil war veteran who served brilliantly under General O. O. Howard, shot and instantly killed Captain Oscar Eastmond at his desk in the barracks of the soldiers' home here today.

Leaving his victim, he ran up the stairs to a bedroom on the second floor, where Sergeant Arnold was playing solitaire, and shot Arnold full in the face. Rushing to the story above Leonard met Corporal Wright in the hallway and he shot him down. Still flourishing the gun, the murderer then turned and started to retrace his steps when he was caught, and is now under heavy guard.

When Leonard left the dead body of his first victim, the aged inmates of the home, attracted by the report of the revolver, crowded toward the office of Eastmond. Staggering with fury, Leonard rushed at them and threatened to kill the first one who stood in his path.

Then he drove the old soldiers before him and created a panic among the veterans.

When caught Leonard seemed to be insane with rage. He offered no explanations and the cause of the man's murderous actions remains a mystery.

It is reported however, that Leonard was reprimanded by an officer and this made him furiously angry. Another report is to the effect that Eastmond and Leonard held an old grudge between them dating back to the time they were living in New York, and that Leonard killed Eastmond to settle the score.

That Eastmond has the man who Leonard wanted to kill is indicated by the way in which Leonard approached his victim. He drew his gun and then while Eastmond was reading a paper, crept up behind the captain and sent the bullet crashing through the back of his head.

Eastmond was highly educated and was one of the most prominent men of the government home.

Leonard is 65 years old and has been in the soldiers' home for some time.

Both Arnold and Wright are seriously injured and are thought to be dying.

NEW INCORPORATIONS
Lost Creek Mining Company—Incorporators, V. L. Stone, V. E. Stone. Principal office, Portland, Oregon. Capital stock, \$10,000.

BORN.
SMART.—At the home on the Bonham Road, August 6, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Smart, a 10-pound baby girl. Both mother and child are doing well.

TWO GIRLS WHO BEAT ATHLETES

Edith and Katherine Gray, Seven and Eleven Years Old, Take First Prizes.

WON 50 YARD DASH

KATHERINE BEAT ALL COMPETITORS IN MILE CLIMB UP ROCKY HILL WITH 600 FEET RISE, MAKING THE DISTANCE IN 12 MINUTES.

[United Press Lensed Wire.] Pasadena, Cal., Aug. 7.—The remarkable athletic prowess of two small girls, Edith and Katherine Gray, is a subject of interested discussion here today.

The little girls, who are seven and 11 years of age respectively, are the daughters of E. B. Gray, physical director of the Azusa Young Men's Alliance. In yesterday's Y. M. C. A. field day on Mount Wilson, a mile above the level of the sea, the children won several events in competition with trained male athletes.

The older girl took first place in a handicap 50-yard dash, and the standing broad jump. Little Edith performed the remarkable feat of chinning a turning pole 20 times, winning first prize.

Both girls were entered in the mountain climb, the course for which was laid over the most rocky section of the peak, rising 600 feet in the mile traversed. Katherine won the event in 12 minutes, while Edith finished second in 19 minutes one second.

Both girls have approximately equaled the time made in the recent seven-mile hill climbing contest, on Mount Wilson, conducted by the Police Gazette.

PLEASED WITH THE COUNTRY

(In Emmetsburg (Ia.) Democrat, July 7 1909.)

To the Editor: As I have promised you several times to tell you something of my experiences in the west, I am finally getting around to it. The truth is, I am not in the habit of writing newspaper articles and I don't like to write anyway, so I have just found an opportunity to have a young lady who runs a typewriter get this letter off for me.

We came from Palo Alto county direct to Salem with our carload of goods, although we had never been here before, we have had no occasion to regret it. The trip was made by Denver & Rio Grande from Omaha and was a very interesting one, and gave us an opportunity to see the grand scenery in Colorado. When it comes to high piles of rocks, dead trees, stumps and landslides, Colorado has them piled up higher than any place I ever visited. That was interesting.

Then we crossed the great desert

via Salt Lake. We looked over Brigham Young's town and again started westward.

After passing through Idaho and eastern Oregon we went down the wonderful Columbia river to the Willamette valley, the place of destination. We found Salem a wide-awake little city of about 17,000 inhabitants, with scores of new families coming in every week and several hundred new buildings under construction. They have the paving fever out here and Salem is going through a hard siege of it. Their streets are 100 feet wide, and that is the excuse they make for not paving sooner, because, owing to their great width, it cost too much money, but they are beautiful when they are fixed up as they are doing it now. Salem's streets are lined with hundreds of mammoth shade trees, and aside from the state capitol, public buildings, and university, there are a great many fine residences and homes.

We found the people in Salem very sociable and there are a great many Germans located here. It seems like almost half the town is made up of Iowa people. We went to a big Iowa picnic the other day, where there were over 1,000 people having a good time. Speeches were made and all the old timers enjoyed themselves, compared notes, talked about grasshopper days, and the wonders of Iowa. They all swear by the grand old Hawkeye State, but somehow they prefer to live in Oregon.

We have now purchased a nice home on the bank of the Willamette river and aside from raising all the fruits that we used to consider great luxuries back east, we expect to produce a good crop of cackle berries. The Plymouth Rocks used to be my favorites, but we have now gone in to the Rhode Island Reds, and as eggs are seldom below two bits a dozen, we expect to make a living anyway. We have a few spare Rocks for our Iowa friends and they will always find the latch string out, especially as they will find many people here from Palo Alto county.

I am sending you a Daily Capital Journal, which is run by E. Hofer, an old Iowa newspaper man, and I could name probably twenty people who would be well known to the people of Palo Alto county. They are all doing well here; in fact, there is no poverty in this country. This county is as big as the state of New Hampshire and the poor farm only has six people on it. They are old men too feeble to work. The county court proceedings do not show \$10 a month pauper expenses, and while they are not all millionaires here most of them are doing well and are happy.

I shall not advise any of my old friends to come to Oregon. They must look into it for themselves and then if they decide to come, they will be satisfied. Mrs. Graettinger says that she would not like to go back to Iowa because of her fear of thunder storms and cyclones. We have experienced neither thunder nor lightning since we have lived here, and while we live on the water's edge we don't know what mosquitoes are, even house flies are not half so numerous as in Iowa. The terrible pest, stock flies, are wholly unknown here. They say it does get pretty wet sometimes in the winter and after looking over the weather reports for a number of years anyone will be easily convinced that nobody will ever freeze to death in this country or suffer much from cold. The nights are always cool here and everybody, especially newcomers, sleep well, which is a great blessing.

The crop outlook for this year is not quite up to the average, but there will be a plenty of everything. I am told by people who have lived

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JAPAN HAS DESIGNS ON MANCHURIA

Following Her Ultimatum to China, Today She Began Work on the Mukden Railroad.

WIDENS THE GAUGE

BOTH CHINESE AND JAPANESE AND A CLASH IS IMMINENT—TROOPS ARE GUARDING ROAD JAPAN, EVIDENTLY TRYING TO FORCE CHINA TO WAR.

[United Press Lensed Wire.] Tokio, Aug. 7.—As the result of the action of Japan in beginning the re-construction work on the Antung-Mukden railway, following her ultimatum delivered to the imperial governments between China and Japan stand earnest officials yesterday, the relation in which the same dangerous state they did in 1894, when the two governments became involved in war.

Work has been started at both ends of the line and though both Chinese and Japanese troops are guarding the territory through which the road runs there has been no clash.

The feeling is bitter, however, and the manner in which the Japanese is attempting to thrust their program down China's throat can do nothing but strain relations between the governments, which might yet end in the severance of diplomatic relations.

The work of changing the gauge of the line from narrow to standard is being done in defiance of the protestations of China. To many it appears that Japan is trying to force another war on China.

It has long been known that Japan has been attempting to gain a foothold in Manchuria, as she has in Korea, and several high officials declare that her manner in insisting on "treaty" rights regarding the railway is but a movement to shield the real motive behind her seeming anxiety to rehabilitate the road.

WOODMEN HAVE BIG PARADE

A Fine Program in Marion Square and Grand Time in Privacy of Their Lodge Hall.

A whole street full of Woodmen of the World were in the parade last night, starting from the hall on the corner of State and Liberty streets and amid red fire and to the music of the Chemawa band marched down State street to Commercial and then north to Marion square, where the program was carried out under the big Oregon fire and before a large crowd of Salem citizens and visitors.

The principal speakers of the eve-

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AUGUST CLEAN UP SALE AT THE BIG CHICAGO STORE

Remember that during this month we figure on no profits. It is just a matter of disposing of the stock. So here goes for the balance of this month for a mighty Clearing Sale.



August Clean Up Sale in Ladies' Suits Cloaks Shirt Waists and Underwear

A GREAT DROP in Prices for Our Clean-up Sale

Ladies' 25c Tan Hosiery, now pair 12 1/2c
65c full size Bleached Sheets 39c
15c full size Pillow Cases 8 1-3c
Calicoes, Lawns and Dimities, yard 4c
5c Valenciennes Laces, yard 2c
9c Bleached Muslin, 36 inches wide, yard 5c
85c Shantung and Foulard Silks, yard 49c
Remnants of Dress Goods and Silks now half price.
39c Dressing Sacques now 19c
\$2.00 Shirtwaists, slightly soiled, this season's goods now, each 35c
1000 yards Standard 7 1/2c Outing Flannels, now 4c
Soiled Blankets, Comforts, Lace Curtains, etc., at about half price.
Children's 35c Shirtwaists now 15c
Men's 45c Summer Underwear now 25c

\$12.00 White Lingerie Suits \$4.50
\$8.50 Duck Suits now \$3.90
\$15.00 Wool Suits now \$7.50
\$20.00 Wool Suits now \$12.50
\$22.00 Wool Suits now \$14.00

These suits are advance Fall styles: long coats and plaited skirts. We made a lucky buy on the lot and will give the benefit to our customers. The prices are far below the regular cost.

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