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OTHER VALLEY CITIES JOIN SALEM IN ITS FIGHT FOR FREIGHT RATES

ALBANY AND CORVALLIS PUT UP THEIR COIN--EUGENE PUTS UP HEARTY "SYMPATHY"

Rollin K. Page Goes to Portland to Employ Mr. Cummins to Appear Before the Interstate Commerce Committee and Assist in Turning Over a New Leaf in Through Freight Rates--Albany Puts up \$400 and Corvallis \$350--Eugene Is Getting Many Favors From the Southern Pacific Just Now, and So Stands Pat.

The committee of the Salem Board of Trade Business Men's League returned from their trip to the valley cities, having met with cordial co-operation at Albany and Corvallis, but received only formal encouragement at Eugene. The committee was composed of M. O. Buren, E. T. Barnes, J. L. Stockton and H. A. White, H. S. Gile and Rollin K. Page did not go south to Medford, Ashland, Roseburg and Grants Pass, as they were advised by wire that those committees had plans of their own, and different problems to solve. At Albany they met with the commercial organization, and had a full discussion of freight rate matters. The business men pledged \$400, and appointed W. A. Eastburn and L. E. Hamilton as members of the executive committee to act with the Salem members. They sent President Eastburn, of the Albany Commercial club along to Corvallis, where the subject was gone over from 9 a. m. to 11 p. m. The business men pledged \$350 and appointed Jas. Nolan and A. J. Johnson as members of the executive committee. Bert Johnson was sent along with the Salem and Albany men to Eugene, where about 40 business men turned out Friday evening at the Commercial club to hear the matter presented. The Eugene business men admitted the necessity for the valley cities being represented at the Interstate Commerce Commission hearing, but did not think it good policy for that city to participate, as they were getting a great deal of railroad extension work and many favors were shown them in advertising and building up their city. They named a committee, but did not put up any money.

Mr. Page has gone to Portland to close a contract with Mr. Cummins to represent the three cities at the conference, and he is to receive \$1000 for his work.

TAIL END OF STORM AT SALEM

NO DAMAGE DONE HERE, BUT THE STREETS ARE SLIPPERY AND STREET TRAFFIC PRACTICALLY STOPPED AND COMMUNICATION WITH BALANCE OF WORLD IS SHUT OFF.

The storm that struck the northwest Friday night, while not, in some respects, an unusual one, is still extraordinarily bad in others. Outside of the sleet, the so-called "silver thaw," which is a freeze, it was and is not unusually cold, or otherwise out of the ordinary. But the sleet is enough. It has put Portland off the map--and Oregon, so far as news is concerned, out of the world. The Western Union has moved its headquarters from Portland to Oregon City, and is forwarding its "news" from there. The wires are down, most of them, and the few that still hang onto their jobs are said to be as big as a ship's cable.

Up to noon the Journal office had not received a line of telegraph, even the central girls at the telephone office, seeming to be like Teddy, suddenly obsessed with a quiet streak. Here there was but little if any damage done, this being about the southern edge of the sleet zone, and it was very light here. This morning the tail end of the storm whipped down this way again--and a slight fall of hail and sleet, just enough to make the streets as slippery as the toboggan slide to sled covered everything. There were few teams on the streets, it being almost impossible for the horses to stand.

Telegraphic communication with Eugene was open, but south of that there was nothing doing.

Getting out a newspaper today takes one back to "before the war" days, when news came by stage coach or bull team, or any old way, and was news here in Oregon after it had been forgotten back in the east.

Today the U. S. supreme court is to decide the Oregon referendum case, as to its constitutionality, but it looks, at this writing, noon, as though that very important piece of news is not to be for Journal readers today.

It would be a banner time for the wireless folks, only, as far as Salem is concerned, at least, while they can get along without wires, they are "machines," and no better off than other folks.

Anyway, those who some times kick at Oregon's rain, have an object lesson in the weather question, and understand today what the real, genuine, splendid, sociable, friendly, unadulterated blessing that same good old quiet rain is.

"Even this will pass away."

ARCHITECT ASKS NUMBER OF QUESTIONS

SCHOOL BOARD HEARS FROM IDAHO MAN--BIDS FOR WOOD REJECTED--MISS EVA SAVAGE RESIGNS; MISS BERTHA EDWARDS APPOINTED.

A Couer d'Alene architect sent a letter to the Salem school board and it was read by Clerk Burghardt Saturday night, asking questions about the proposed two new school houses to be erected. He wanted to know the lay of the land, sewer connections, surrounding property, land drainage, and a hundred and one questions, and wanted to submit plans, etc. One of the board suggested that it be put in the waste basket. Another wanted to know if there were not plenty of good home architects. A. N. Moores as chairman thought the letter a good one, as it contained valuable ideas and suggestions, and hoped it would not be thrown aside. B. J. Miles thought the letter was worthy of a careful and intelligent answer. He was also willing to favor the home architect, everything being equal, but if the outside architect had better ideas about sanitation, ventilation, lighting and general economy he was in favor of giving him a chance to submit plans.

Bids for 800 cords of slabwood were rejected as not being acceptable, and a new advertisement was ordered placed.

The resignation of Miss Eva Savage, an eighth grade teacher, was accepted, and Mrs. Ellen Woods was elected to fill vacancy. Miss Bertina Edwards was elected as assistant in the domestic science department.

The final bill for taking the school census was allowed, making the total cost of the census \$252.25.

Miss Mildred Davis has been placed in charge of the city library work in the public schools. She was recommended by the city library board.

Bills were allowed for the past month and the board adjourned to January 20th.

Chairman Moores was appointed to investigate a controversy pending in the student body.

FAREWELL SERVICES FOR CAPTAIN AND MRS. RYAN

Farewell services were held yesterday at the Salvation Army barracks to Captain and Mrs. Ryan, who will leave tomorrow for North Yakima, where they will engage in Salvation Army work.

In appreciation of the work done at the prison the prisoners sent the captain a letter of thanks, signed by all of them.

Captain and Mrs. Ryan will be succeeded in their work here by Captain and Mrs. James Axtell, of Centralia, Washington.

SITUATION DESCRIBED BY OLCOTT

OF THE DESCHUTES LAND COMPANY--HE SAYS: "THE GOVERNMENT FURNISHES THE LAND, THE STATE THE CREDIT AND THE PROMOTERS THE WIND."

"There is no evidence before the State Desert Land Board showing that there are any settlers on the land owned by the Deschutes Land company, and that was one of my reasons for voting against a resolution to begin proceedings to cancel its contract," said Attorney-General Crawford today, in speaking on the subject.

"Further there is no evidence to show that the state has opened these lands for sale or that an acre has been sold, or that an application has been made for its purchase. As a matter of fact, there has not been any of it sold."

Hits the Promoters.

"The government furnishes the land, the state the credit and the promoter the wind," said Secretary of State Olcott, when seen with relation to the matter.

"There is truth in the statement that no land has been opened for sale by the board, and that not an acre has been sold. But the company is evading its contract by selling options, to go into effect when the land is opened. As the situation now stands the company has the money for options sold, the state has opened no land for sale, and would not be in a position to execute deeds to those holding options and if it was, would not know to whom to execute them, as it has no information on the subject."

"The board has for some time been trying to get information on the subject, and, failing in it, has instituted proceedings to cancel the contract."

WOULD TEACH GIRLS TO BE WET NURSES

A dispatch from Spokane yesterday to the Oregonian says:

Babies and blacksmith shops in the public schools of Spokane for the better education of the young were suggested Friday night by C. T. Tupper, at a meeting of the Parent-Teacher association here. The proposal to increase the advantages of the domestic science department by the advent of real live babies aroused much discussion among Spokane mothers following the report of the meeting.

The plan is to establish day nurseries and place babies in them better to instruct the girls of the public schools.

Mrs. W. J. Hindley, wife of the mayor, is of the opinion that the girls of the public schools are too young to take the additional burdens of baby care on their minds, and, for that reason, opposes the plan.

Mrs. D. C. Coates, wife of Commissioner Coates, thinks the suggestion is a splendid idea, but rather doubts the immediate installation of the nurseries and the babies in the Spokane schools.

"It is a good plan," she said. "In the olden days, it is true, girls got all kinds of training at home and soon learned to care for babies, but I believe it is different now."

SUIT AGAINST DUNIWAY TO BE APPEALED

After listening to argument on a demurrer interposed by the defense in the case brought by Secretary of State Olcott against State Printer Duniway, the object of which is to oust the printer from the state capitol building, Judge Kelly sustained the demurrer.

Olcott brought the suit in the name of the state of Oregon and himself. A motion was submitted several days ago asking that one of the two parties be named as plaintiff, either the state or Olcott. Judge Kelly sustained it. Today the case came up on a demurrer interposed to the complaint and again the judge sustained the contention of the defense.

Attorney Richardson, who appeared for Olcott, served notice on the judge that an appeal would be taken to the supreme court. Olcott contends that under the law Duniway has no right to occupy quarters in the capitol building.

SALEM TO STATON RAILROAD

Proposition to Construct an Electric Line From Salem to Staton Is Sprung at Board of Trade Luncheon.

ALSO LINE TO SILVERTON

Line Would Go By Way of Macleay, Shaw and Aumsville--Five Miles East of City Branch Will Start for Silvertown--Salem to Put Up \$60,000 and Bonds to Be Offered for Balance--Maps and Profiles Shown by Portland Engineer.

At the Board of Trade luncheon today maps and profiles were planned up on the walls for an electric line from Salem to Staton via Macleay, Shaw and Aumsville. The route was explained by M. E. Reed, a prominent Portland railway engineer who has made the surveys and plans showing ownership and estimates of cost. Salem capital is to be enlisted to the amount of about \$60,000 and bonds will be floated for the rest. Five miles east of Salem a branch line is to go to Silvertown, and from Aumsville another branch to West Staton.

Who Was Present.

M. E. Reed, consulting engineer, Portland; G. E. Tower, horticulturist of the Bohmstedt company, W. L. Freres, of Staton, H. L. Downing, of Sublimity; Mayor Lachmund and President Jos. Albert, of the Salem Board of Trade.

The others present were: C. E. Dick, J. P. Rogers, J. L. Stockton, T. B. Kay, F. B. Meredith, E. T. Barnes, H. B. Thielsen, H. W. Meyers, H. S. Gile, Carl Abrams, M. O'Brien, Art Benson, Russell Catlin, R. K. Page, A. F. Hofer, E. Hofer.

Interest and Enthusiasm.

County Judge Bushy introduced Mr. Reed, saying he was a good authority on the matter and the country traversed was one of the best and most productive in the state. Mr. Reed in explaining the route said it was nearly a straight shoot from Salem, leaving the corner of High and Mill streets east to the penitentiary, and then on past Macleay on the south and through Shaw, Aumsville and Staton. There would not be over a two and one-half per cent grade nor a six degree curve. The distance would be 17 1/2 miles and the grading light. Following is estimated cost per mile:

Grading and bridging.....\$ 2,500
Rails and laying..... 7,300
Electrifying..... 4,000
Telephone line..... 100
Engineering..... 500
Rolling stock..... 2,400

Total, per mile.....\$17,000
Total cost of construction and equipment, \$309,000.
Estimated net earnings, per year, \$50,000.

Earnings of Electric.

Mr. Reed showed as the basis of his estimate of net earnings of an electric line to Staton figures of 40 electric lines earning 25 cents per car-mile on an average. The Oregon Electric was showing 55 cents net earnings per car mile. Mr. Reed made a very favorable impression on those present and answered all questions relating to the same in an intelligent manner. He stated that he had made the survey entirely at his own expense and had friends who would help take up the bond issue if substantial people at Salem could be identified with the enterprise.

Was Hot Discussion.

Messrs. Muren, Stockton, Barnes and Jos. Albert endorsed the proposition in a hearty manner. H. S. Gile went so far as to say he would invest \$5,000 in any such road to get into a prune district and the city would make it back in one season. Mayor Lachmund was not stuck on wildcat promoters and was opposed to giving away any more franchises as had been done to the Welch lines. T. B. Kay praised the Welch line and said but for it the Oregon Electric would never have been built. If any good substantial and reliable company wanted to come in here with another railroad, the mayor could not stop them getting a franchise. The mayor said with that qualification he would agree with him. Mr. Kay said Salem owed it to the rest of the country to help build this line and he for one would subscribe towards it. R. K. Page said the people all the way to Staton would give free right of way and many would help with subscriptions. He thought we ought to build this road ourselves if we can't get some one else to build it for us as this was a very critical time for Salem. There was a movement to take all this business direct to Portland via Woodburn, or through Silvertown and Oregon City. Messrs. Freres and Downing both had hearty words of approval for the plans submitted. They had traveled

STORM PUTS PORTLAND OFF THE MAP THE DAMAGE AMOUNTS TO \$250,000

BUSINESS MEN'S LUNCH AT MARION

A BIG GET TOGETHER MEETING WHERE SALEM'S INTERESTS WILL BE TALKED OVER, AND SUGGESTIONS AS TO CITY'S WELFARE CONSIDERED

Preparations are well under way for a live banquet or Business Men's lunch at the Hotel Marion Wednesday evening, January 10th, from 6 to 8 o'clock. C. L. Dick and A. Bush, Jr., the special committee working in conjunction with Secretary Hofer of the Salem Board of Trade, have the matter in hand and promise everybody not only a royal good time, but a meeting which will mean much for the continuous up-building of Salem.

This meeting, under the auspices of the Salem Board of Trade is in no sense a money raising effort, but simply an opportunity for the live people of the city to get together and discuss matters of greatest interest for all.

Some hot songs will be injected into the program in an informal way. C. C. Chapman, of Portland, will probably make the first big noise of the evening by telling of 1912 and what it must mean for Salem and Oregon. Governor Oswald West will give some of his experiences on his recent trip on the governor's special train throughout the East, and this will be followed up by an injection of local oratorical fireworks. The lunch will consist of several courses of hot and cold meats, vegetables, salads, relishes, hot coffee, ices, etc.

Every business man in Salem including every man or boy in his employ, should attend this great opening feast for the good of the order. The cost will be only 50 cents, and something doing all of the time.

WILL MAKE A FURTHER EXAMINATION

Attorney General Crawford admitted this morning that in the event that recall petitions launched against District Attorney Cameron were filed that he would make a further investigation of the recall amendment and that in the event that he found that a former opinion was ill advised that he would change it.

The attorney general several weeks ago rendered an opinion that the recall amendment was not self-operative and that before it could be invoked, further legislation would be necessary. Since then a judge in Portland has decided that the amendment is self-operative and a number of attorneys have taken issue with the attorney general. He intends to examine authorities submitted by them and should he find them to be against his position, will rule otherwise.

PLEASED WITH PLAN OF GIVING HOME CREDITS

Sixteen of the county superintendents now grading teachers papers in the city Saturday, made a visit to the Spring Valley school which has adopted the system of giving credit to students for home work.

Professor J. A. O'Reilly, is at the head of this school, and he inaugurated the system of home credit in the school some time ago. It has worked admirably and it was for the purpose of studying it that the county superintendents made the visit. All of them expressed themselves pleased with the result and a number expressed themselves in favor of recommending its adoption in counties over which they exercise jurisdiction.

52 miles to get over this distance to be covered in 17 1/2. President Albert of the Board of Trade, in adjourning the meeting, said he hoped no one would be afraid of this railroad because it was going to cost \$300,000. A few men at Salem had put a little money into the Masonic Temple and were erecting an \$100,000 building. They would make money and they would put up a small part of the cost. This railroad would mean more to Salem than a number of Masonic temples, and he favored going ahead with it.

Mr. Reed was well satisfied with the results of the meeting and the whole matter was referred to the transportation committee of the Board of Trade, who will hold a meeting at once and formulate a plan of procedure.

SLEET LADEN WIRES CARRY DOWN HUNDREDS OF POLES IS CUT OFF FROM THE WORLD

Some of the Streets Become Impassable From the Tangle of Fallen Poles and Wires--Western Union Moves Headquarters to Oregon City, and Forwards Such Messages as It Gets by Street Car--Nearly All Lines East and North Are Down, and South of Eugene There Is "Nothing Doing."

The storm that swept over the northwest Saturday seemed to have its center about Portland where the cold wave, sweeping down the gorge of the Columbia, changed the famous Oregon mist into an infamous conglomeration of sleet and ice that would have been gladly "missed." The Oregonian this morning has the following graphic description of conditions there yesterday, and today, and with the sleet still falling, those conditions promise to be much worse. All wires leading into the metropolis are down and Portland is temporarily off the map. The Western Union this morning moved its head office to Oregon City, and is forwarding such telegraph messages as it can get, over its crippled lines, by street car.

While it was impossible for the public utility companies to determine the extent of their losses yesterday and it was out of the question to make a monetary estimate of the damage to trees, shrubbery and plants, it is believed Portland's "silver thaw" which set in Saturday morning, will cost the city more than \$250,000.

With the city still in the throes of the wintry blast, with nearly everything encased in ice, the question of further destruction is held in the balance. A high wind or more icy sleet will add many fold to the ruin, while a thaw will relieve the situation very quickly. Which it will be, only time will tell.

Forecaster Is Handicapped.

Owing to the limited telegraph service, reports at the United States weather bureau last night were missing from many important points and Forecaster Beals declared that he could not make a forecast which would be dependable. He predicts snow for today with slowly rising temperatures. It is feared this combination may lead to more sleet storms and make the present deplorable conditions even more serious.

The telephone companies are paralyzed, there being but few lines in the business district still intact. The damage so far to the two companies is estimated at more than \$75,000. More than 1500 miles of wires are out of service, hundreds of poles have toppled into the streets, being either torn from the ground or broken in two at the ground by the weight

of the ice-covered wires. In the city northwest Saturday and about 1000 Home telephones have been reported out of service; the entire East side passed last night in darkness because of the danger of turning current into the electric light wires, which are tangled in a network of telephone wires and trees.

Car Service Irregular.

The cars maintained an irregular service yesterday and on three of the lines were unable, for a part of the day at least, to go to the terminals. Telegraph companies are operating on shattered service and the streets are veritable sheets of ice, slippery and dangerous.

The total damage to the public-service companies was estimated last night by officials at over \$160,000, including over \$110,000 property loss and \$40,800 in loss of revenue because of paralyzed service. These estimates are considered low in almost every case. No attempt was made to estimate the damage to trees in dollars and cents.

Streets Striven With Trees.

The entire residence district, and particularly the East Side, is in a deplorable state, the streets being strewn with trees and branches, interwoven with telephone and electric light wires covered with heavy coats of ice.

Many streets are impassable and comparatively few sidewalks are in use because of the fallen trees and the drooping limbs which all day yesterday continued to snap as gusts of wind swayed them back and forth.

The center of the street was used for sidewalks all over the East Side and in the tree-covered portions of the West Side residence district.

Broadway Scene of Ruin.

One of the principal scenes of devastation yesterday was Broadway as far east as Twenty-fourth street. Where on Saturday morning were hundreds of shapely shade trees yesterday splintered masses of limbs hopelessly tangled in wires. The whole mass was frozen together. There were but few telephone poles standing, the majority being stretched out across the street, with the hundreds of wires broken and dangled. Many poles fell upon houses, causing more or less damage.

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NOTICE!

Woolen Mill Store

Closed All Day

MONDAY and TUESDAY

to Re-arrange for their
Gigantic January Unloading Sale, Which Opens 9 a. m.
Wednesday, January 10

Extra Salespeople Wanted