

ASTORIA MAKES READY TO BUILD PERMANENTLY

Astoria, Or., Dec. 16.—A survey with a view to laying the foundations for the city on a permanent basis, to replace the business district built on piling which was destroyed by the fire a week ago, has been started with the cooperation of army engineers.

Dredging from the river bed to fill in the collapsed streets, as planned, it was said, will serve the double purpose of deepening the channel of the Columbia river here and filling in the mud flat over which the city had been constructed in the early days.

Building operations are already under way. The Astoria Budget, afternoon newspaper, is rebuilding its fire swept structure. The walls remain standing and workmen are busy putting on a roof, a new front and doing other necessary work.

Notwithstanding the work going on here, officials warn unemployed outsiders from flocking here, as the large number of jobless men made by the fire are available for the work here at present, and the housing situation would make it difficult to care for an influx of transients.

Stayton Briefs

Stayton, Dec. 16.—Jeanne Ruth Roy the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Roy and Wm. H. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith, were united in marriage at Salem, Dec. 9th, at the Baptist church. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Milliken in the presence of relatives and a few intimate friends. Miss Sylvia Siatok and North Smith a brother of the groom attended the couple. Following the ceremony an elaborate dinner was enjoyed at the Gray Belle. Bride is an attractive young woman and an accomplished musician while the groom who has an excellent position with the Standard Oil company is an ex-serviceman and both are popular here where they have grown up. As it was not convenient at the time for Mr. Smith to leave his work they went at once to the home which they had all in readiness and will take their honeymoon trip sometime later.

W. W. Elder was called to Hillsboro last week by the death of his sister. He was accompanied by his daughters, Mrs. J. H. Miesler and Mrs. C. J. Niebert. Mrs. Sarah Cox is on the sick list. Jack Quinn is home from Vancouver, Wash. Mrs. Hettie Merrill passed away Sunday at the home of her son G. H. Merrill and funeral services were held at the Methodist church Monday, conducted by Rev. Penick. She was born Dec. 22, 1835 at Syracuse, N. Y., and leaves beside her son here a daughter in Coulee City, Wash., a son in Kansas and two aged sisters in Spokane.

Mrs. Albert S. Pancost delightfully entertained a party of friends on Wednesday afternoon. The rooms were attractive with decorations in keeping with the holiday season. Unique games furnished entertainment for the afternoon and Mrs. Chas. Stayton who secured the correct answer to one and Mrs. J. W. Mayo to another were each presented with a lovely box of candy. An elaborate lunch was served.

The committees in charge of the community Xmas tree are busy making arrangements. It will be held at the Opera house on Saturday the 23rd and an excellent program will be given.

Mrs. W. W. Elder has been numbered among the sick. H. E. Riggs has gone to Banning California for the winter. The A. P. Speer Co. who have stores at Turner and Aumsville are contemplating the opening of a store here in the near future.

The annual meeting and election of officers of Stayton Grange will be held at their hall on Saturday, December 16th. Dinner will be served at noon and a program will be held in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gilmore of La Honda, Calif., are guests of Mrs. F. M. Munkers and other relatives. Mrs. Ed. Hamman and daughters of Mill City were in town this week. Mrs. Geanna Thomas of Salem is visiting her son Alva and family.

The Girl Reserves met at the W. A. Weddle home Monday evening and an interesting meeting was reported. The lesson of the evening was on "Selfishness" and following the business session a dainty lunch was served.

H. Nelmyre is on the sick list. Mrs. Gladys Frask of Lyons visited this week with her mother, Mrs. Mary Hill. Albert Ray and wife of Portland visited with his parents here over the weekend.

Mrs. Mize of Salem is a guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. S. Pancost. An interesting program has been arranged for the Parent-Teachers meeting Dec. 18 and all are urged to attend. Supt. Kuser of the boys' industrial school will be the principal speaker of the evening.

Stayton schools will close on Dec. 22 for the holidays and will open on Jan. 2, 1923.

SANTIAM RIVER WATER RIGHTS ARE WITHDRAWN

The unappropriated waters of the North Santiam river in Marion county were withdrawn from appropriation yesterday by Percy A. Cupper, state engineer, in order that there may be no complications arising from misunderstandings in the securing of water rights by farmers of the Santiam valley as planned in a meeting held about a week ago.

To secure the rights it will be necessary for the farmers to call for investigations by the engineers office and in this way all doubt as to ownership will be avoided. Several years ago a number of farmers of the district filed rights but the project was not carried out. If they can secure the same rights they should be on a more substantial basis if they were to make new filings.

The stream is at present furnishing power by being diverted into the Mill creek at Aumsville, Turner and Salem. Water from the stream is also the source of power at Stayton, Sidney and Jefferson. Irrigation rights have also been initiated with a view of irrigating about 20,000 acres in the vicinity of West Stayton. A similar amount has been filed for land in the vicinity of Marion.

It was explained by Mr. Cupper that while it may seem a little more difficult to secure the rights now than before the appropriation was withdrawn, in the long run it will be a benefit to the farmers to be benefited. Just such trouble as disputes over ownership was responsible for the halting of the progress of the Santiam valley project several years ago. With the past dry season agitation for irrigation was renewed and a committee appointed to investigate.

The future action that will be taken has not been announced by the committee. It is expected, however, that they will make every effort to secure the rights. It was shown during the past summer that with irrigation their farms could be made to produce some of the best crops in the state. One farmer raised four tons of loganberries to the acre while neighbors were getting from a half a ton to two tons to the acre. He also had one of the best potato crops that was raised in the country.

SCIENTIFIC BOOKS ON LIBRARY SHELVES

Readers interested in psychology will find two books of special interest at the Salem public library.

New ready for circulation is the book, "General Psychology in terms of Behavior" by professors Smith and Guthrie, of the University of Washington, and also "Senseless, the last half of Life," a study by G. Stanley Hall.

Other books just received and ready for circulation are as follows: "Assets of the Ideal City," a suggestive book based on the progress some cities have made in material improvements, and in social, hygienic, educational and artistic lines. It is written by Charles M. Fessett, formerly mayor of Spokane, now at the University of Kansas.

"Parenthood and Child Nurture" a study of mental development and the principles of education for the different periods of childhood, by Edna Dean Baker.

"Readings in Evolution, Genetics and Eugenics," by Horatio Hackett Newman.

"The Drama and the Stage," chapters on various dramatic subjects, but especially on the theaters of today, by Ludwig Lewisohn, author of "Up Stream."

"Intrusion," a novel by Beatrice Kean Seymour.

"Country Beyond," by James Oliver Curwood.

"I walked in Arden," a novel with specially fine character drawing, by Jack Crawford.

"Flowing Gold," by Rex Beach.

"Adrienne Toner," a novel by Anne Douglas Sedgwick.

TREASURY NOTE ISSUE FAR OVER SUBSCRIBED

Washington, Dec. 16.—Over-subscriptions of the recently announced combined offer of treasury notes and certificates was assured today as the treasury began disbursement of a billion dollars in redemption of victory notes, cancellation of maturing certificates of indebtedness and certain interest payments.

ST. PAUL YOUTH DROWNED

St. Paul, Or., Dec. 16.—When a canoe in which he was retrieving ducks in the Willamette river near here turned over Wednesday, Donald Kirk, 21, son of Emmett Kirk, St. Paul merchant, was drowned. Efforts to recover his body have been unsuccessful. The heavy clothing worn by the boy and the cold water made his efforts to swim to safety futile. His three boy companions were unable to save him. Young Kirk was a nephew of Richard Kirk No. 1025 East 17th street north, Portland. A brother was killed in the Collio wreck a year ago.

MUTT AND JEFF - After That, Mutt Felt Much Better.



Principal Business Block In Salem Once Purchased For \$1000

Speaking of real estate values and investments in city property, Fred Bechtel says he has an abstract on block 33, original city of Salem, that will give some idea of how values of Salem property increased in the early days.

This block is in the center of the Salem business district, bounded by Commercial, State, Liberty and Court streets, the block that has an assessment higher than any business block in the city.

In 1855 William H. Wilson and his wife Cleo Wilson, who had taken up a government claim of what is now the center of Salem, decided for a consideration of \$1000, the entire block to Thomas Powell.

The same year Powell sold to Solomon Durbin, the west half of the block, extending along Commercial street the entire length of the block, and east to the alley, for \$500.

Six years later, in 1861, Solomon Durbin sold to his brother Isaac Durbin, an undivided half interest in the lot now known as the southwest corner of the block, corner of Commercial and State streets. Salem real estate was going up. The Durbin brothers then established a livery stable on the corner, and during their ownership, buildings on the corner were burned two times.

Solomon Durbin's investment in the block, all facing on Commercial street between State and Court was a profitable one, as he not only sold a half interest in the 82 feet on the southwest corner to his brother for \$1000, but in 1867 he sold 25 feet facing on Commercial street for \$800.

Thus within 12 years, Solomon Durbin, who took a chance and invested \$500 in Salem business property, had sold part of the block for \$1300, and still was the owner of more than two thirds of his original purchase.

REFEREE CLAIMS BRIBE OFFERED

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 16.—A thorough investigation was begun here last night by H. H. Antles, president of the state department of public welfare, assisted by John Kimartin, city boxing commissioner, into the reported bribe last night of Dave Miller, referee in the Schoell-Shade fight here last night, to throw the fight to Schoell, for \$500.

"We found nothing last night to warrant the charge," Mr. Antles declared, "but we will press the investigation."

"I was offered \$500 to throw the fight to Schoell," Referee Miller charged last night as he stepped from the ring after awarding a merited decision to Dave Shade in his ten round fight with Frankie Schoell, Buffalo welterweight.

Valetta, Malta—Mason Mitchell of New York, American consul, who was shot near Baracca Tuesday, has recovered from the effects of the slight flesh wound in his left side. His assailant was committed to an insane asylum. (adv)

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sting leader 7:30 p. m. Order of service. Organ voluntary. Song, motion picture, several songs, address on "Sunshine Religion." The whole service will last about an hour. The motion picture is one of particular beauty including scenes on the beach at Santa Cruz, the Redwood forest, the home of former U. S. Senator Phelan and the Alum Rock Canyon. Come see the pictures and hear the address. The choir of the church is preparing a Christmas cantata which will probably be given, Sunday, Dec. 24, at 5 p. m.

COURT STREET CHRISTIAN

Corner N. 17th and Court streets. Bible school, 9:45 a. m. E. B. Flake, superintendent. It is the kind of a school you want—a graded school. Classes for all ages. The new teacher training class for young people, both married and single, is going to be a fine class. Those that expect to be Christian workers or Christian parents worthy of the name, should enroll in this class. It is "The New Standard Teacher Training Course," that is being studied. At the morning worship hour the pastor will bring a spiritual message from the Northwest Preachers' Parliament held in Portland, Dec. 4-7. Junior Endeavor following Lord's Table observance. Intermediate Endeavor 5:30 p. m. Senior Endeavor 6:30 p. m. Both interesting meetings. Evangelistic service 7:30 p. m. Sermon: "Paul Fails to Convert Felix. Why?" Thursday 7:15 p. m. mid-week church school. Three classes of half hour each. Studies: "Bible School Work, Teacher Training, Bible History, Christian Stewardship." Just the thing for Christian workers. Be sure and come. We always have a hearty welcome for our friends who wish to worship with us. R. L. Putnam, pastor.

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