

"IT WILL BE BUILT"

Francis H. Clarke Has Faith in Steam Line

SYNDICATE IS FORMED

Will Ask no State Aid or District Bonds in Financing the Projected Line—Capital Already At Hand.

"The Coos Bay, Oregon and Idaho Railroad will be built," said Francis H. Clarke, of Coos Bay, when interviewed by a News representative shortly after noon today. It has already obtained less than a 1 per cent grade over the Coast Range between Coos Bay and Roseburg, and it occupies and best route obtainable. At first we anticipated considerable difficulty in securing a right of way over a portion of the route, but fortunately such was not the case. 40 miles of that portion which was supposed to offer obstacles to engineers has been located and right of ways obtained. Chief Engineer Haines, for over twenty years in the service of the Chicago & Northwestern as a locating engineer, and who came directly from the western terminus of the Northwestern, at Lauder, Wyoming, where he built the road from Casper to Lauder, has charge of the Coos Bay road, and has two crews of engineers in the field. We intend to complete the survey within about six weeks, thus enabling us to proceed with actual construction work early in the spring.

"This line will not be of the electric variety," said Mr. Clarke. "In fact, we never intended that it should be. Mr. Haines' backers are railroad men of national reputation and have ample means with which to carry the project to a realization. They sent Mr. Haines to Coos Bay with the understanding that should he obtain a grade of one per cent or less the steam road would be built. In this particular he has succeeded, therefore I see no reason why the proposition should fail. I understand that Haines' backers do not regard an electric road as practicable, claiming that to equip it with a plant and system for electric power would prove very costly. As a matter of fact the population in this section of the state does not warrant the electric line inasmuch as the low grade established renders concentration of power unnecessary."

Another matter which Mr. Clarke brings in his brief interviews is the fact that neither Mr. Haines or his backers are depending upon state aid or district bonds to finance their road. On the contrary they have formed a syndicate which has agreed to take the bonds of the company and furnish the money for construction. The road will be of standard gauge and will be equipped with the best and most durable rolling stock obtainable.

In conclusion Mr. Clarke said that when the survey was completed to Roseburg it would be extended into

Central Oregon and Boise, and that the construction work will be pushed on to Boise and even further east as fast as possible.

From the tenure of Mr. Clarke's conversation it appears that he entertains great faith in the proposed steam line. It is asserted that he is not alone in his belief, many residents in this section having favored the road from the start.

Mr. Clarke stopped over here enroute to Marshfield from Portland. He leaves here tomorrow morning.

PATHTIC DEATH.

Mrs. F. Wyckoff Succumbs to Heart Trouble.

A very pathetic death occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Noah in this city shortly before 8 o'clock yesterday morning, when the latter's daughter, Mrs. F. L. Wyckoff, passed away, death resulting from a severe attack of heart failure. The deceased was born in Coos county December 30, 1884, remaining in that section until four years later when she came to this city in company with her mother. Since then she has resided here almost continuously. She was twenty-five years of age and had been a member of the Baptist church for thirteen years. She was also a member of the local order of Rebekahs. Added to the sadness of the occasion is the fact that the young lady was a bride of but one month, having married Mr. Wyckoff at Victoria, British Columbia, on October 18, 1909. The husband is at present at Irondale, Wash., the particulars of the death having been wired him yesterday. Aside from her husband and mother the deceased is survived by her stepfather, George Noah, of this city, a sister, Mrs. Lucy Beck, of Washington, and two brothers, B. Huntley, of Deer Island, and Edmond Huntley, of Pendleton. The sister arrived here this morning. The deceased is well and favorably known in this city and vicinity where she has resided during the greater part of her life. She was quiet and refined, possessing a disposition which won for her many dear friends. At one time she was employed as a compositor in the News office, and during such capacity she won the esteem of her associates. She was a Christian young lady and her loss is deplored by all who chanced to make her acquaintance. At the time of her death she was visiting her parents, having just returned from the mountains where she located on a timber claim. Had she lived she would have joined her husband at Irondale within a few days.

The bereaved family have the sympathy of all in their day of sadness. The funeral will be held at the Baptist church tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. W. H. Eaton officiating. The remains will be interred at the I. O. O. F. cemetery. The services at the grave will be conducted by the members of the Rebekah lodge of which the deceased was a member.

BORN.

PHILLIPS.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Phillips, of Cleveland, on Sunday, November 14, a girl.

Former Mayor Hoover has sold his automobile, known as the "Red Raven" to John R. Lee, superintendent of the local light and water system.

FOR FEDERAL BUILDING

Congressman Hawley Ready to Aid Roseburg

ANTICIPATES SUCCESS

Says Roseburg's Present Population Warrants the Erection of a Federal Building—Meeting of the Citizens.

"I am at this time and always have been in favor of a Federal building for Roseburg." Thus spoke Congressman W. C. Hawley when interviewed by a News reporter this morning regarding his position in connection with the proposed Federal building in this city.

"I took up the question of a Federal building for Roseburg two years ago," said Mr. Hawley, "but at that time the population did not warrant its erection. In fact, the census of 1900 gave Roseburg the small population of about 1800 inhabitants and I was unable to convince my colleagues that the population had increased to 5000 inhabitants during the intervening six years.

"Now that the Federal building project is again revived in this vicinity I wish to assure you that I will do all in my power to bring about its maturity, believing as I do that Roseburg is entitled to such a concession at the hands of the government.

"With your increased population I have no doubt but what your present efforts will result in success."

Mr. Hawley arrived here this morning, spending the day interviewing the citizens regarding various matters of importance. He leaves tomorrow for the north expecting to return to Washington in about ten days.

HENEY AGAIN REAPPOINTED

(Special to The Evening News) WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 15.—The announcement is made by the Department of Justice today of the reappointing of Francis J. Heney, assistant attorney general to represent the government in the land fraud cases in Oregon.

EMPLOYERS' ACT CONSTITUTIONAL

(Special to The Evening News) WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 15.—The United States supreme court today decided that the employers liability act of 1906 constitutional in the territories and the District of Columbia. Its constitutionality in the states was not passed upon.

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AWFUL MINING HORROR

Miners Are Caught Like Rats in a Trap

AND OVER 400 DIE

An Explosion Was the Cause of the Fearful Disaster and is Charged Mine Was Sealed Too Prematurely.

CHERRY, Ill., Nov. 13.—At least 400 men were killed today by an explosion in the St. Paul Coal Company's mine here.

This estimate was made tonight by mine officials after a careful calculation of the disaster.

Only twelve bodies have been recovered up to a late hour. Mine Superintendent James Steele declared five hours after the explosion that it was almost impossible that any of the miners could escape. The mine has a day shift of 484 men. Of these a few left the mine at noon. Twenty-five are known to have escaped after the fire broke out. The others doubtless are dead. The entrance to the mine was sealed up in the hope of checking the flame.

Great heroism was shown by officials and residents of Cherry. These men, who were outside the mine when the fire started, contributed five to the list of the twelve known dead by rushing into the mine, trying to save the doomed men.

Alexander Norberg, a pit man, gave his life unhesitatingly in a futile effort to save those of his companions who risked their lives with him. Standing at the bottom of the shaft, he carried the bodies of four men into the cage, the only way of escape. As the last was carried in he fell unconscious across the body. He was dead, as were all his companions, when the cage had been lifted to the top.

Those who went into the pit with him were John Bundy, mine superintendent; John Flood, and Isaac Lewis, merchants of Cherry, and Donald Dick Fomena.

Dr. W. Howe, a physician of this city, who had tried to go with the men when they descended the cage, and had been thrust out of the cage by Bundy, who declared:

"They will need you at the top if we get anyone out. No need risking your life down here."

The physician vainly sought to revive the men when they were carried to him a few minutes later.

At the entrance of the shaft, hundreds of screaming women, weeping children and frantic breathless men crowded about. The few survivors were surrounded by groups of women and their frantic inquiries only added to the horror.

(Special to The Evening News)

CHERRY, Ill., Nov. 15.—Rescuers, wearing gas-proof armor, descended into the St. Paul mine today and found several lamps, caps and oil cans on the three hundred foot level near the shaft, indicating that some four hundred entombed men had made their way to the shaft and gone away again.

The descent was of an experimental nature and was entirely successful. The men making the descent are confident, from what they saw, that the fire was burned entirely out.

Soon after they came to the surface and made their report they were again lowered and began a search for survivors.

Many miners are adamant at the action taken by the mining board in sealing the air shaft, and express the belief that if any of the victims were still alive last night when the lamp and caps were probably left at the foot of the shaft, all hope of their surviving is now gone.

Many families of miners are destitute and food supplies are needed. Several trainloads of food and machines have been shipped. It is expected that Gov. Deussen will issue a proclamation asking the state to give assistance. The saloons here have been closed. The officials apparently have the situation well in hand.

At one o'clock six traps have been made into the mine, finding no trace of the entombed men.

ROSEBURG BOY.

Is Placed on Willamette University's First Team.

Lyle Masters, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Masters, of this city, has been promoted to a line position in the Willamette University's football team. Speaking of him the Salem Statesman says:

"Sweetland is making some changes in the lineup, trying out men for other positions. Masters, who made a fine record on the second eleven in the game last Saturday, has been promoted to a line position on the first team. Masters played a fine game against Vancouver, breaking through the line frequently and downing the man with the ball behind the line for losses of five to eight yards. That Masters earned his promotion is certain, or Dr. Sweetland would not have placed him in the first eleven. As promotions bring more responsibility, he will be obliged to work harder than ever

to keep the position gained.

Wesley, one of the big men on the first team, Dr. Sweetland has shifted to fullback, trying him out at that position. Wesley has weight, and if he gets started with the ball is hard to stop. He showed up well in the new position, and the coach is well pleased.

TAFT ISSUES HIS PROCLAMATION

(Special to The Evening News) WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 15.—President Taft today issued his annual proclamation, proclaiming Thursday, November 25th as a day of national thanksgiving.

UNEASY THE HEAD WEARS THE CROWN

(Special to The Evening News) LONDON, Nov. 15.—The abdication of King Leopold, of Belgium, is momentarily expected, according to a correspondent of Reynolds Newspaper. A Brussels dispatch declares the King has been warned that serious consequences will follow if he refuses to renounce the throne. It is understood that an anti-Leopold party is negotiating with Prince Albert, heir to the Belgium throne, and are trying to persuade him to succeed his father.

GREAT STORM RAGING

Eastern Oregon and Washington and Northern Idaho

ARE CHIEF SUFFERERS

Storm Has Come Early and Much Fall Grain Will Not be Put in—That Which is Sown Will Not Suffer.

(Special to The Evening News)

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 15.—Winter has commenced before its time this year, and is very probably here to stay. It will not be as bad, however, if the fall that appears to be general will cover the ground for any length of time. The ground was literally soaked with water before the snow commenced falling, and those who know not of what they are talking of the ground freezing and preventing the growth of grain already sown, of future plowing this winter should the ground become bare again, the snow will draw the frost from the ground and leave it in its normal condition. Wherever there has been any grain sown it will grow better than if it was bare and subjected to frosts severe enough to freeze the ground.

The three counties of Lincoln, Douglas and Franklin, are the hardest hit in Eastern Washington. They have not only suffered from an unusual snow fall at this time of the year, which has made travel nearly impossible, but have experienced colder weather than they did at any time last year and went through a blizzard that was most severe in Douglas county.

Latah and Nez Perce counties in Northern Idaho are also storm-stricken. Not only have they freezing weather, but their rolling plateaus are blizzard swept from one end to the other.

The only farmers and orchardists exempt from the storm in Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho are those along the Snake, Clearwater, Columbia rivers and the Grand Coulee. Their farms and orchards are from 2000 to 3000 feet below the level of the surrounding country, the wind swept over them and the snow generally becomes rain before it reaches the ground.

The thermometer is ranging from two to four degrees below zero in Montana.

PATRICK CALHOUN CASE POSTPONED

(Special to The Evening News) SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 15.—Postponement of the resumption of the trial of Patrick Calhoun on charge of bribery until December, removes any doubt of case going over until January, when Fleckert will assume charge of the district attorney's office. Postponement was ordered on account of Judge Lawler, who is presiding in the case.

PRESIDENT EWING HAS RESIGNED

(Special to The Evening News) SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 15.—The annual meeting of the Pacific Coast baseball league opened today. After the reading of the annual report President Ewing resigned. Among his possible successors are Fielder Jones, formerly of the Chicago White Sox and William Lange.

COMBINE IS A FAKE

Merchants Have No Knowledge of Alleged Trust

GRANDE INTERVIEWED

Says He is Purchasing Poultry in Roseburg at Market Price and Not a Party to Any Trust or Combine.

When interviewed by a News representative this afternoon relative to an article which recently appeared in a local publication, the substance of which conveyed the impression that the local merchants had formed a combine in an effort to control the turkey market, J. H. Grande, representing a California produce house, and the party whom the publication referred to as a party to the trust, said, "To my knowledge there has been no trust or combine formed in this city for the purpose of regulating the price of turkeys. I am simply here on a business mission, that of purchasing turkeys and other poultry at what I deem a fair price.

"I called upon a number of your merchants and apprised them of my proposition. I not only offered them the market price of 20 cents per pound, but far more. I offered them compensation for the trouble and inconvenience of packing the birds preparatory to shipping.

"That I have met with success could be no better illustrated than by the fact that I have been successful in purchasing a carload of poultry to date. These birds were furnished me by the merchants of your town at market price."

Mr. Grande asserts that Roseburg is the first town he has visited where he has been accused of forming a combine.

In conclusion Mr. Grande said: "I expect to purchase several carloads of turkeys before leaving here this fall, a majority of the merchants having promised me their product at market price."

Merchants interviewed. Several merchants when interviewed regarding the combine, were quite surprised. In fact, a few of them said that they never entertained such a proposition. From present appearances the alleged "combine" was undoubtedly hatched in a local newspaper office and not by the merchants as some would have you believe.

SIX MEN FINED CONTEMPT COURT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 15.—The supreme court today sentenced six men who had been adjudged guilty of contempt of court in connection with the lynching of Ed. Johnson at Chattanooga, Tenn., on March 19, 1908 as follows Sheriff Shipp, 90 days and Deputy Sheriff Gibson 60. Luther Williams 90, Patrick Nolan 90, Henry Padgett 60. Wm. Mayer 60, all being deputy sheriffs and made no effort to prevent a mob ransacking and hanging a negro prisoner.

LOCAL NEWS.

D. Snider, of Dixonville, was in the city today.

"Junk," a book to stagger sorrow; 50c at Roseburg Book Store. If Every member of the Roseburg Commercial Club is requested to be present at the meeting to be held at the commercial club rooms this evening. Congressman W. C. Hawley will be present as will other distinguished gentlemen. Hon. Blinger Hermann, chairman of the committee recently appointed to draft suitable resolutions advocating the erection of a Federal building in this city, reports that the document is compiled, signed and in readiness to submit to the club.

Too much praise cannot be given the Christian Endeavor for engaging the Schuler Symphony and Lady Quartette Company of Chicago, to appear on December 13, 1909, at the new Presbyterian church. This company is in its 20th year of success and is acknowledged everywhere to be the most "up-to-date" Musical Company traveling. Everybody likes music and everybody enjoys a hearty laugh. A delightful blending of pure fun and fine music is one reason why the above company has won its way to the top notch of public esteem.

Program at the Star

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