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CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER.

The Cost of a Railroad

Half a dozen decades ago, when the nation awoke to the importance of transcontinental transportation, the federal government, like the governments of many western states, was glad to give the railway builders great tracts of land along their rights of way as an incentive in the task of empire building. The Canadian government did likewise, and as here, the policy has come in for its share of criticism in recent years.

Now the Peruvian government, inspired by a tardy appreciation of possibilities which the republic's natural resources hold, is negotiating a concession similar to those which hurried to completion our first roads across the continent. Canadian railroad builders and New York bankers are working out the schemes.

The syndicate binds itself to build 2,400 miles of railroad at a cost of approximately $120,000,000 and to pay the Peruvian government about $5,000,000 cash. This money will free the Peruvian government's tobacco monopoly from first charges and the monopoly, along with some 170 miles of completed railroad will be turned over to the syndicate so that the proceeds will be available to guarantee interest on the funds required for the construction work. In return the syndicate receives land grants of 50,000,000 acres with surface rights in perpetuity and oil and mineral rights for thirty-three years.

The very magnitude of the grant should stir any man's imagination and the nature of it can hardly fail to rouse the antagonism of the more radical in thought. But before we sit in judgment we should remember how civilization followed the lengthening rails across our own continent. The roads came high—but we know they were worth it.

Cheap But Useful

People who announce for any reason that they "feel cheap" are putting a closer estimate upon their actual value than they realize. Scientists now confront us with the statement that the chemicals composing the human body figure up to just about 98 cents.

What a blow at egotism is here. What is worse, an industrial company has published a list of these bodily ingredients and their comparative amount as applied to homely things, as follows:

"Fat enough for seven bars of soap, iron enough for a medium sized nail, sugar enough to fill a shaker, lime enough to whitewash a chicken coop, phosphorus enough to make the heads on 2,200 matches, magnesium enough for one dose of magnesia, potassium enough to explode a toy cannon, and sulphur enough to rid a dog of fleas."

Fortunately sizes and areas are not given very definitely, and the individual can picture size of dog, number of fleas, area of hen coop, etc., as best bolsters up his faltering vanity.

Being a hero to one's valet or a heroine to one's cook is simple compared to retaining one vestige of self conceit in the face of this bargain price revelation. Science seldom flatters, but human worth at 98 cents F. O. B. the head—it's too humiliating. Couldn't they find vitamines enough to make a cake of yeast and mark us up to a dollar, anyway?

THE OFFICE CAT

—BY JUNIUS—

MEDICAL SPRINGS NEWS NOTES

(Special to The Observer)

MEDICAL SPRINGS, Sept. 27.—A. J. Vanderpool is busily threshing his grain crop. He has more than for his machine than he had anticipated. He is now threshing in Baker valley. He reports very good crops most every place. George Lonely is assisting him at the threshing machine.

Jos. Lay has been fighting forest fire at the foot of Bennett's peak, out of Medical.

George McDow, the "mail man," is quite busy farming, having two large farms to run, Mr. J. W. Boyle's farm and Mrs. Will Vanorder's place.

J. W. Lay has the mail route from Union around by Telocaset. He reports good conditions of the roads.

Miss Leona Baxter, the school teacher, resigned her position, and was a passenger on the stage, returning home.

Clarence Vanorder went to Union Tuesday returning by Rayno Flat, where he will visit his daughter, Mrs. Lola Wigglesworth.

Kenneth Vanorder was hauling wheat to Union this week. He contemplates a deer hunt up on Catherine creek as soon as he gets caught up with his work on the ranch.

Rastus Jones and George Lee "Leeser," are frequently passing with their pack outfit, heading camp for two bands of sheep. It is reported that they are in some way connected with Oscar Jacobson's outfit. They occupy the old South's place and have leased the Watt's ranch at the head of the park.

Jack Hunter from "The Forks" was in Union on business with Ed. Miller and Mr. Bidlier of the Central Railroad of Oregon.

Claude Wood of the Hall ranch, is busy moving his stock to the old Martin place in Union. Mrs. Wood is already moved in, and Claude is left "batching" it for a couple of weeks.

Marvin Wood took Jack Hunter back to the Thompson place with his car Monday. Marvin is the cattle range rider for the stock association. He reports much scattering of the cattle this season.

Guy McNair, the fire ranger and warden was up Catherine creek Monday. He reports numerous fires this summer, but only three large fires of any consequence.

It is rumored that John Loiselle will move to Union for the winter. Mr. Loiselle is an old timer who prospered very well in the wood cutting business on Little Catherine creek.

Sydney Fisk of the "Little Park" is riding range for Ed Miller, rounding up the cattle.

Every thing in the park is in splendid condition as usual. The park is known to have never suffered with a failure of crops. In its cove-like way, surrounded with hills, it keeps an abundant supply of moisture.

The surrounding range is in excellent condition this fall and the stock show it by their healthy and fleshy appearance.

Out on the Forest reserve, the sheep men report a shortage of grass. It is concluded that the fault lies with the managing of the range. It is said that certain bands are kept too long at one place. In many places there is nothing left but the dust.

A number of cars are passing, decorated with rods and guns going up the creek. They are fishermen and hunters from Baker and La Grande, being active during the open season.

None of the residents here seem to be affected with the late railroad strike, only the anticipation of the settlement for the welfare of the nation in general.

The school is in excellent condition. It was retarded a few days by the resignation of Miss Leona Baxter, but a new teacher has been engaged and school will resume its normal activities.

First Successful Time Locks.

The time lock was first suggested in 1831 by an Englishman, William Rutherford; in 1857 Holbrook and Fish of the United States devised another, but the first successful time locks put on the market were the Sergeant and Yale locks, brought out in 1875.

New Quarters Floors at Newlin Drug Company. 9-27-2t

NEWS FROM THE SUMMIT

(Special to The Observer)

KAMELA, Sept. 27.—[illegible] Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wood moved to Kamela Saturday. Mr. Wood is engineer on one of the helpers.

Miss Maurine of La Grande was a Sunday visitor at the Nelson ranch.

George Cook is working out of Kamela as a fireman.

Mrs. Henry Allen and family drove to Pendleton Saturday to attend the Round-Up.

Richard Hilyard, fireman on one of the helpers, moved to Kamela the first of the week.

Mrs. George Cook and two children were in Pendleton Saturday to see the Round-Up.

Mrs. Joe Martin spent the past week in Kamela visiting with her sister, Mrs. Martin is an engineer on one of the helpers, and he owns a nice ranch near Dressing and Mrs. Martin and the children assume the ranch during Mr. Martin's absence.

E. Morris went to Pendleton and points on Sept. 17.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Collins and Mrs. Annie Smith drove to Pendleton Saturday to attend the Round-Up.

Mrs. George Parker of La Grande visited at the C. M. Curtis home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Nordyke spent last week in Pendleton visiting with Mr. Nordyke's parents and also taking in the Round-Up.

Mrs. Charlie Dambwell visited Friday with her sister, Mrs. Earl Jones.

Mrs. Hansen and daughter, Dorothy, attended the Round-Up Saturday.

Mrs. Trombley and son, Glen, were in Pendleton Saturday, taking in the Round-Up.

Cecil Morgan was in Pendleton attending the Round-Up Saturday.

Mrs. Nelson went to Pendleton Friday to attend the Round-Up.

Wm. Pelock came to Kamela Tuesday to work as extra engineer.

Chas. Hanlon, Chas. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hanlon and Mr. and Mrs. Collins drove to Meacham Saturday.

Chas. Gratin received an injury to his hands and mouth that made it necessary for him to go to La Grande to a doctor Friday.

Philip and Chas. Williams attended the Round-Up Saturday.

Bruce Hendricks had a small fire Friday. It burned their beds, but most of the sagebrush were saved.

Mr. Trombley has taken the job of third trick operator, the vacancy caused by C. C. Cooper holding down a job at Weatherly.

Merle Pugh returned to North Powder Monday, having spent the week end with his parents.

Lee Morgan was a Tuesday visitor in Kamela.

L. E. Lipton was visiting old friends the first of the week. Mr. Lipton was a fireman on one of the helpers but now is agent at Lirio, Washington for the Northern Pacific.

H. E. Frank and Fred Davis are working as extra engineers out of Kamela.

A. Malcolm is in Kamela as fireman on one of the helpers.

Henry Hendricks shipped his family to Kamela Tuesday. Henry is fireman on one of the helpers.

We read that Mr. Joe Martin and Mr. Earl Ryan are attending the Round-Up in Pendleton Saturday.

MUSICIAN TO SPEAK.

Neighborhood Club Announces Important Event for Friday.

Edison Jeffreys Dunn, a well known musician in Portland, and president of the State Federation of Music Clubs, will give a talk under the auspices of the Neighborhood Club in the Elks club room on Friday evening, September 29, at 7:30 o'clock, in advance to holding the 1923 convention of the National Federation of Music Clubs in Portland.

If the convention can be brought about, it will give the Northwest its largest musical function it has ever received.

Besides receiving the inspiration and enthusiasm from this gathering, the audience will have the pleasure of listening to a concert of unusual value.

Not only the members of the club are invited, but all who are interested in music. An informal reception will follow the program.

No admission will be charged, and it is hoped that a large audience will be in attendance.

Miss Jeffreys is touring Oregon in the interest of music and a cordial invitation is extended to everyone.

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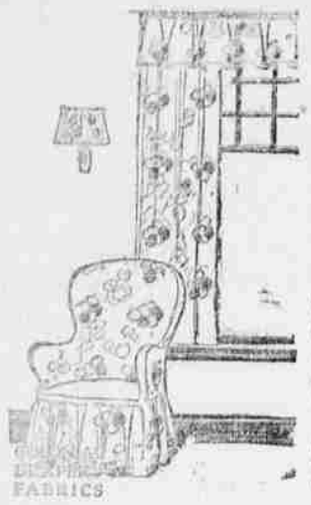

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Don't worry about the vagaries of the weather man, when you can make your home sunshiny all the time. These beautiful new draperies far surpass anything we have ever shown before in colorful combinations and softness of materials.

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AND ALL ARE NEW

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Prices start at 25c and range up to $4.00 yard.

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These beautiful new Indian blankets, steamer robes and bed blankets are shown here in a wide variety of assortment. Probably greater in number and variety than anywhere in eastern Oregon. This store has long been headquarters for the fine wool products and our stock this year is larger than ever.

The purest of virgin wool is used in all these products and they are fully guaranteed. Come in and see them before the cool nights make you rush for more bedding.

Legislation of Great Industry.

The first bale of cotton exported from this country to Europe was shipped from Charleston, S. C., in 1784.

To You Who Like Candy

We have added the La Grande agency for Hoagland Chocolates, bon bons, fruits and nuts, fresh from the factory to you in all size packages from the 5c individual to as large as you like. Heffers chocolates are considered the best in America and if you have never tried them you have missed a treat. Just get an individual 5c box for a sample and you will never forget the flavor. Watch our Friday and Saturday specials.

Newlin Drug Co

Cantilever Shoe

Try These Restful Shoes for Men and Women

Isn't it a fact that when you are in an uncomfortable seat you seize the first opportunity to be more comfortable. Give the same consideration to your foot comfort and you will not only feel better but you will increase your capacity for accomplishment.

Cantilever shoes are good looking shoes. They're comfortable. Easy fitting lines, conforming to the natural contour of your foot; good, stable placed; a flexible arch securing healthful posture, energy and strength, and good circulation; all these desirable accomplishments are for your benefit. In quality, Cantilever shoes are high grade. Prices are lower—better value for a dollar spent.

EASY ON FOR COMFORT

Store quality, then ordinary shoes, which are designed and sold with little regard for your health and happiness. Cantilever shoes will give you the very thing that you probably have cried for in vain—comfort, support and strength without sacrifice to be stylish.

Try a pair of Cantilever shoes tomorrow. We are confident satisfied people in this district, and want to show you the neat and trim appearance these comfortable shoes are.

Then and Now

Forty years ago this month the first Electric Central Station in the United States began operation. The entire system was designed by Thomas A. Edison and was installed under his personal supervision.

It served a territory of about one-sixth square mile of territory. Today there are nearly 5700 operating companies supplying more than 15,000 communities in the United States alone.

The first plant had a capacity of about 750 horse power. Today the combined capacity of all central station power plants is nearly 20,000,000 horse power.

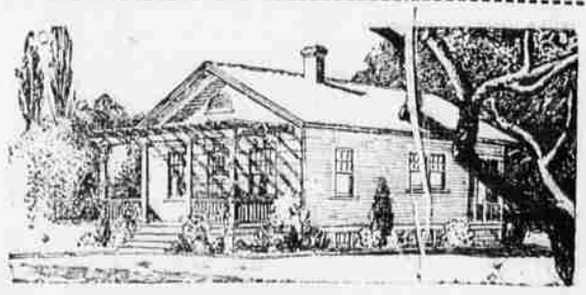
This plant began operation with fifty-nine customers. Today there are nearly ten and one half million users of electric service.

In 1882 the cost of operating a 16 candle power lamp for one hour was 1.2 cents. Today on account of improvements in the art of generating and distribution of electricity and in the development of more efficient lamps a 100 candle power lamp may be operated for an hour and a quarter.

Today, the Central Station Industry represents an investment of more than four and one half billion dollars.

What other can equal it for rapid substantial growth?

Eastern Oregon Light and Power Company



Let's Remodel and Repair the Home

It may be a new roof, or some convenient built-in feature, like a breakfast alcove, that will make the home more attractive and the work easier.

Possibly a glittering, "dance alluring," hard wood floor is just the thing right now!

An addition to the bed room or a sleeping porch might eliminate any embarrassment for you and the unexpected guest.

These are merely a few suggestions toward the improvements of your home—improvements that add so much to the value of your property and to your individual enjoyment.

Call at this office. You will obtain many avluable ideas either for repair work, remodeling or new buildings.

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