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RAY DAM NEAR- ING COMPLETION.

The dam of the Condon Water & Power Co., on Rogue river, two miles from Tolo, is rapidly nearing completion, and those wisacres who have said all along that the turbulent waters of the Rogue could not be controlled, are asked concerning their former opinion.

Nearly the whole river is now carried around by the race—blasted out of the living rock which forms one bank, while the other is built up of masonry as solid as the natural rock itself and as enduring as the everlasting hills.

The last cribbing on the main dam was being put in Sunday when a MAIL reporter, together with at least 140 other people from all over the county, visited the works, and the work of filling in and cementing the face of the dam will be commenced as soon as this is finished. When completed the dam will be practically a solid rock wall extending across the river and barring its course. Back of the dam a lake three miles long and nearly that wide will be created, making a reserve force for power excelled nowhere on the Pacific coast.

At the end of the race immense wheels will be placed in a pit blasted twenty-two feet into the solid rock, which will furnish power for dynamos strong enough to furnish electric power enough to run the machinery of the whole valley—and then some.

The undertaking is a stupendous one, and the question arises—what is to be done with this immense power? There isn't manufacturing interests enough at present in this section to use one-third of the power that can be generated by the mighty current of Rogue river—all of which can be used here—and one is forced to believe that there are projects in contemplation by the people who have undertaken this work, of which we outsiders have no knowledge or realization, and which will increase the business and wealth of this valley many fold.

The men who are back of this enterprise are not spending the large sums of money necessary to bring it to completion without some idea of what they are going to do to receive substantial returns. A small fortune has already been expended in purchasing lands along the river—good alfalfa fields, many of them—which will be covered with water and raised for the purposes for which they are now used when the dam is finally completed.

There is certainly going to be "something doing" within the next few months in Jackson County.

One thing has turned up since the water was turned from the channel of the river which might have been in contemplation at the inception of the enterprise, but which in itself is not sufficient reason for its undertaking, and that is that a very rich deposit of gold has been found in the crevices of the bed rock below the dam. Quite a sum of money, nobody knows just how much, has already been taken out, and preparations are being made to thoroughly mine the bed of the river for some distance below the dam.

The famous Gold hill is just about opposite this place and the hills on the south side of the river are full of gold.

It is estimated by some parties that enough of the virgin gold will be taken from the bed of the river to reimburse the Condon Company for the money expended in building the dam. However this may be, it is evident that the mining of the river bed was not the first object of the company as about the same results could have been accomplished at less cost.

There is something more back of this enterprise, and we are pretty certain that it will prove of great and lasting benefit to Jackson County and Southern Oregon.

Lecture at M. E. Church.

The First M. E. Church was well filled Monday evening with interested people, who had assembled to hear Dr. E. B. Pickel talk on the subject of "Prevention of Disease."

After a song by the choir, the invocation by Rev. M. L. Darby and a solo by Clarence Meeker, the speaker of the evening was introduced.

After outlining the growth of medical science from the time when our cave-dwelling ancestors plastered their wounds with leaves to the present time, Dr. Pickel turned his attention to the

methods for the prevention of disease. The following is about the substance of his remarks.

The greatest of all preventives—the first and the last—is cleanliness, absolute cleanliness.

The germs which produce disease do not thrive in a clean atmosphere; but germinate—nearly all of them—in dirt. Typhoid fever is essentially a "filth disease," and stands third in the list of fatal ailments, consumption ranking first and pneumonia next. Too much care cannot be taken to secure cleanliness, not only in person, but in environment, and by this means the danger of contracting consumption, typhoid fever, diphtheria, smallpox and other scourges of the human race is reduced to a minimum.

Smallpox, once the most fatal of all, has now lost many of its terrors on account of vaccination, and if the foolish prejudice against vaccination among some classes of people was eliminated, smallpox would soon become only an historical memory.

The principal secrets of the prevention of disease are plenty of fresh air and cleanliness.

Council Meeting.

At a special meeting of the city council, held on Saturday evening last, the resignation of Mayor Crowell was presented and accepted.

The reason for the Mayor's action, as given by him to a MAIL reporter, was that he desired to be relieved from the duties and responsibilities of the office, as he wished to spend much of his time away from the city, and, in fact, had been doing so for several months past. His health did not permit of such close application as the duties of the office required and therefore he resigned.

Councilman J. R. Wilson was elected by the council to fill out the unexpired term as mayor. Mr. Crowell will hold over, however, until the return of Mayor Wilson from California, whither he was called Saturday evening by the serious illness of his mother.

A petition containing 170 names and praying the council to pass an ordinance closing saloons on Sunday was presented and referred to a committee consisting of Councilmen York and Pickel and Mayor Wilson. The committee will probably report at the regular meeting in the first week in October.

Streets Paved With Gold.

SEATTLE, Sept. 14.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Dawson says:

Dawson stands on a gold mine, and its streets are paved with gold. Excitement prevailed in Dawson Saturday night over the circulation of the report that pay dirt running from 2 to 15 cents to the pan had been struck at the head of Albert street, in the heart of the city. The report proved true, but has caused no extraordinary rush for claims.

The gravel in all directions near Dawson contains gold. This is a little richer than most of the dirt within the city limits, and may be rich enough to pay the owner to sluice it in the spring, when the freshets furnish plenty of cheap water from the big hill back of town.

The strike was made by some men hauling gravel from the old gravel pit. Thousands of yards of the same dirt had been scattered along the streets of Dawson in the process of grading, and since it all contains more or less gold, it may literally be said that the streets of the imperial city of the North are paved with gold.

A Priest in Trouble.

Rev. L. P. Desmarais, a priest formerly in charge of the Catholic congregations at Jacksonville and Medford, was arrested at Baker City on the 19th for resisting an officer. Father Desmarais had been ordered from Baker City to the Dalles, by his bishop, but refused to go, and retained possession of the church property. When an officer came to serve the writ of ejectment he resisted and was taken to jail, together with his demented sister. Afterward he promised to take his sister east for treatment, and through the influence of friends was released.

Death of a Philippine Soldier.

Morris H. Howell, of Ashland, died of consumption at his home in that city on September 17th, in the thirty-fourth year of his age. He was a veteran of the Spanish war, having been a member of the Second Oregon, and sailed with the first expedition to the Philippines. The funeral cortege was escorted by Co. B, O. N. G., and Granite Tent. Knights of the Macabees. Nine of his comrades of the Spanish war acted as pall bearers and guard of honor. They were Lieut. J. E. Thornton, Geo. Churchman, Bilanue Miller, Geo. Rose, Dewey Sackett, Otto Klum, F. W. Herrin, Robert Dow and D. W. Emery.

SPORTSMEN'S CLUB ORGANIZED.

At the invitation of Dr. C. R. Ray people interested in hunting and fishing from Jackson and Josephine Counties, to the number of some fifty-odd, gathered at the dam Sunday for the purpose of organizing a rod and gun club, the object of which would be the advancement of sport on the streams and in the fields of the two counties.

After a beautiful lunch had been served the assembled company and after some time had been passed in a season of good fellowship, an adjournment was taken from the banquet hall, and the serious business of the meeting was entered into.

Temporary organization was effected by the election of E. A. Reames, of Jacksonville, as chairman, and J. L. Hammersly, of Gold Hill, as secretary. It was resolved to form an incorporation with a capital stock of \$5000, divided into shares of \$25 each.

The idea of the organization is to build and equip a club and boat house on the lake formed by the dam of the Condon Water & Power Co., and to place boats upon the lake. The club to have the exclusive right to hunting and fishing on its waters.

About forty members were secured taking some fifty shares.

John S. Orly, of Jacksonville, A. S. Hammond, of Grants Pass, and J. Court Hall, of Medford, were appointed a committee to secure members. Under the laws of Oregon, one-half of the capital stock must be subscribed before articles of incorporation can be taken out, but it is not necessary that the full amount should be paid in.

Assessments in amounts sufficient to carry out the ideas of the incorporation will be levied from time to time until the stock is fully paid up.

Anyone wishing to take stock in the enterprise can give his name to either of the committee above named with the amount of stock he wishes to take. The club will be known as the Gold Ray Rod & Gun Club.

Medford Library Association.

For some time past some of our citizens have been at work upon preliminary steps leading to the organization of a library association for Medford. These efforts have proven successful and on Tuesday of this week the Medford Library Association was effected. A meeting was called for that night and after perfecting the organization the following executive committee was elected, W. S. Crowell, Dr. E. B. Pickel and P. E. Payne.

The association has a membership of fifty, and the first purchase of books will amount to an even \$100. It is expected that many more books will be added from time to time as the membership increases and the monthly assessments will warrant. The membership fee is placed at \$2 and monthly assessments are twenty-five cents. The library for the present will be in G. H. Haskins' drug store and Leon Haskins will be the librarian. Books will be for use of no persons other than members of the association.

Circuit Court Proceedings.

State of Oregon vs Ida L. Griner: charged with setting fire to a school house; complaint withdrawn and accused remanded to custody of St. Mary's Home at Beaverton, Oregon until she becomes of age.

Alfred Lewis et al vs Joseph Beeman agreed by parties the cause be referred to F. M. Calkins, court recorder, to take evidence thereof at earliest possible convenience and cause be decided in vacation.

D. A. Shaffer vs P. A. Hall action for damage, verdict for plaintiff for \$5,000.

Emma Baker vs James H. Baker; divorce. Decree granted.

Grace Hasty vs James Hasty; divorce. Decree granted.

Rosa F. Wilson vs John E. F. Wilson; divorce. Decree granted.

Case of G. W. Trafern charged with forgery way continued till December term.

CLOSE OF THE REUNION

The 12th annual reunion of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Association of Southern Oregon, which closed last Friday evening, was one of the most enjoyable gatherings ever held by the association.

The old boys all went home with a high appreciation of the treatment they had received at the hands of Medford

people, and a pleasant remembrance of the reunion.

The closing entertainment was under the direction of Gen. Logan W. R. C., of Grants Pass, and was a fitting finale to the excellent series of programs which had been presented during the week.

Among the enjoyable features of the week were the mock court martials, which were of daily occurrence. Thursday the staid citizens of the town were startled at seeing Mayor Crowell, under the escort of the provost guard, solemnly marched up the street to the camp ground, where he was placed on trial for incendiary utterances, to-wit, advising the old boys to forage, as they did in their younger days. The jury was evidently sympathetic and at an opportune moment the prisoner escaped. The judge advocate then narrowly escaped conviction for attempting to make a crime of one of the cherished prerogatives of the "boys of '61."

On Thursday evening two youngsters, who had climbed into a tree to get a better view of the proceedings, fell to the ground, and one of them, a son of James Martin, sustained a fracture of his right arm near the wrist. The other one, Charlie Hoover, escaped with a few bruises.

BURKE IS A BAD MAN.

Some few weeks ago these columns told of the arrest of one J. H. Burke, at Forest Grove, charged with having committed forgery in several instances, among them being the forging of the name of E. K. Anderson, a Talent farmer, to a note for \$180, which was cashed at the Medford bank.

Soon after Burke's arrest and confinement in the Hillsboro jail, on September 9th, he and another prisoner named McNamara escaped from the jail by digging through the wall. McNamara was soon recaptured, but Burke is still at large.

Sheriff Totton located the escaped man at a hotel in Carson, Washington, early Sunday morning, after having scoured the country in the vicinity of The Dalles, where Burke was reported to have been seen. The sheriff captured him, getting the drop on him, and at once started with him for Stevenson, the sheriff riding with his gun trained on the captive, who walked ahead.

It was at a sharp turn in the road that Burke made his escape. Being shut out for a second from view, he bolted into the brush without the least warning. Two officers emptied his revolver into the brush, clipping the twigs right and left, and ordering Burke to halt, but there was no sound from the fugitive. Sheriff Totton at once rode to the different settlements of the vicinity and left instructions that a sharp lookout be kept for the man.

Every available officer was put on his trail, with the result that a Deputy Sheriff from lower Cascades came upon him Monday and arrested him in the brush near that settlement. Burke was unarmed and did not resist, especially when the officer thrust a gun in his face and informed him that the least show of resistance would make him a fit subject for the undertaker.

Burke's eyes were bloodshot, and he showed the hardships of running through the forests all night and day without food. Apparently he was quite docile, and the officer started with him for Cascade Locks to place him in confinement for safekeeping.

But Burke was merely biding his chance. When officer and captive had walked some distance and gotten on fairly friendly terms, Burke suddenly seized the deputy and a terrific struggle ensued.

Both men fought for every inch there was in them, but Burke's strength was supplemented by desperation, and he fought like a demon till he had the deputy overpowered. He then helped himself to the minion's rifle, revolvers and ammunition, bade him a sarcastic adieu and disappeared in the brush down the river.

This episode, as soon as it became known, convinced the officers that they have a desperate man to deal with. Sheriff Totton promptly organized and equipped a posse and went on the trail determined to take the man, dead or alive. They will scour the country along the river to Vancouver. A reward of \$150 is offered by the Washington county sheriff for Burke's capture.

Apple Trees for Sale.

We have for sale about 10,000 fine apple trees, principally Newtons. Have all sizes—many five feet. These trees have not been irrigated and are home grown. Address Bennett & Chapman, either at Talent or Medford.

NEWS OF THE STATE

The Booth-Kelly Lumber Company's big mills at Seginaw and Springfield, Lane county, have been compelled to shut down because cars cannot be obtained to transport the lumber. This throws about 150 men out of employment.

A. T. Riggs, a business man of Dalles, Or., has just cleared \$16,000 on a deal in Cascaro Segrada, or chitten bark as it is more commonly called. Some time ago he purchased 65 to 70 tons at 34 cents per pound, and a few days since he sold it for 19 cents per pound, leaving him a net profit of about \$16,000.

Emery, the 5-year-old son of Walter Cornutt, living five miles east of Canyonville, Douglas County, was scalded to death by falling into a kettle of water heated for scalding pigs. During a momentary absence of his father the little fellow fell backwards into the boiling water.

T. A. Wood, well known for his connection with the effort to secure pensions for Indian war veterans, has been arrested in Portland, charged with procuring the making of false affidavits and certificates in three pension claims. Mr. Wood was released on \$1000 bail, pending investigation before U. S. Commissioner Sladen, which will take place on Tuesday of next week.

A few days ago Mrs. Arthur Paxton, of Davenport, Wash., went to see her husband, who was experimenting with a combined harvester. In a playful whimper Paxton cracked the longlash whip at his wife, and the buckskin lash at the end struck her on the cheek. The wound was only a slight one, but blood-poisoning was followed by lockjaw, and death resulted the next day.

James Mackey, who was born when Thomas Jefferson was but two years president, passed into his 96th year on Friday of last week. He was born 98 years ago in Ireland, and resides now at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McGee, the latter of whom is his daughter. Mr. Mackey, already by far the oldest man in the county, is in good condition physically, and bids fair to round out a century and more of life.

Wednesday evening we mentioned a recent big threshing feat of William Gallatly, of Benton county, 3408 bushels of wheat and oats in one day, the biggest then reported. Linn county not to be outdone by her next door neighbor, yesterday Barrett & Dawson threshed 3529 bushels of wheat and oats, on the farms of Enos Sherly and Link Lillard, moving twice. This beats Benton Co. 52 bushels. The Benton man moved farther, but that is part of the business.

As an instance of the good wages that prevail for labor of all kinds in the Willamette valley this fall may be cited the charge that is being made and collected for the storing away of cord wood. Fifty cents a cord is being paid for this work. An average workman can store away a cord an hour, which for a day of ten hours means \$5 per day. Complaint is made that laborers of all kinds were never as scarce as they are this year. An Oregon City business man has been advertising for several weeks for men to haul 400 cords of wood and has been unable to find the necessary help.

The steamship Oregon came into port on September 13 from Nome with 201 passengers and \$225,000 in gold. Of the treasure, \$120,000 came in ordinary mail matter in bullet-shaped inlaid mail pouches. It was consigned to the Pio never Mining Company. The Alaska Pacific Express Company brought on \$100,000, variously consigned. The storm which set in at Nome September 2, 42 reported by the steamship St. Paul, lasted three days. The great seas drove a score or more of scows and barges on the beach at Nome. No damage was done to steam or sail craft.

Mrs. S. H. Harvey, who lived two miles from Jefferson, was drowned near the Bond Ferry, on the Santiam, last week. She was visiting with the family of Everett Knox on the opposite side of the river, her husband having driven her over in the morning. It was learned that she left the Knox home about 4:15, P. M., and her remains were found in the river a short distance below the ford the next morning by a searching party. When last seen alive she was carrying a bucket of blackberries and her apron full of prunes. When the remains were found her shoes had been removed and it is thought she tried to wade the river and in doing so met her death.

The big bone found on the beach of Alsea bay has proven a puzzler to Dr. Thos. Condon, the University geologist of Oregon. He has read the rocks; footprints in clay, seen sermons in the

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STREET ECHOES.

Opinions of Some of Our Citizens—
—Serious and Otherwise

E. W. Carver:—"There is some fellow around this town, who is laying up a whole lot of trouble for himself, that is, if I happen to get hold of him. I am working nights now, you know, and consequently my wife is alone in the evening. The other night somebody came onto my back porch and raised such a disturbance that Mrs. Carver was very badly frightened. I haven't any idea what the scoundrel's object was and I wouldn't have thought if I had been there and I don't think he would have been able to come back for some time. After staying around a while he left, and took a bucket of lard, which was on the porch, with him. Just now I am willing to give \$10 for correct information as to who has that bucket of lard."

Jas. Ritter:—"I don't know very much about stock raising and never expect to engage in the business but if I was to make a move of that kind I would raise graded stock. When I was over at Montague, recently, I met Mr. F. O. Bunting, an extensive grower of Hereford cattle in Lake county. He had just returned from Salem where he bought a registered Hereford bull, paying \$500 for him. He was telling me of a sale he made from his herd this summer, which was that of fifty-two head, and for which he received \$5300. I don't seem to understand why it is that more of our stockmen do not raise more thoroughbred stock. It does not cost any more to raise them and even though they are sold for beef they will bring a better price than a scrub. One of these days I'll write you an article on what I know about the stock business."

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
September 27th, sixth Sunday after Trinity.

Sunday school at 10 A. M. Morning prayer and sermon at 11 A. M. Evening prayer sermon at 7:30 P. M. All are welcome.

L. M. IDEMAN,
Presbyter-in-charge.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Preaching next Sabbath at 11 A. M., subject, "They Cannot See the Kingdom," and in the evening at 7:30, subject, "Why Did Not the Ark Sink?"

The communion of the Lord's Supper will be administered in the morning. All are invited to these services.

Rev. W. F. SHIELDS, Pastor.

PHOENIX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered in the Presbyterian church at Phoenix on Sunday, Sept. 27th, during the morning service. All members of other evangelical churches are invited to communicate. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

WM. CLYDE, Pastor.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 A. M., preaching at 11 A. M., Junior League at 3 P. M., Epworth League at 6:30 P. M., preaching again at 7:30 P. M.

There will be preaching at the Independence school house at 3 P. M.
W. B. MOORE, Pastor.

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