

NEW ASHLAND POWER PLANT

Granite City Concern Files Articles of Incorporation to Give Light and Power

The Granite City Light and Power company has been incorporated at Ashland, capitalized at \$100,000, in shares of \$20 each, by E. K. Anderson, C. H. Hensley, G. W. Barron, George W. Owen and I. N. Shook of Ashland. The objects of the corporation are to develop and furnish light and power to Jackson county consumers.

The incorporators own over three quarters of a mile of Ashland creek, immediately above the intake of the lower water system, and co-incident with such ownership have the riparian right to use all the water of the creek, provided it is returned to the channel above the city water works. They also own the Anderson ditch and water right, thus giving them absolute control of the water, subject only to what rights the city has for the lower intake of the water system.

The amount of water available with the fall obtainable on the property will generate sufficient power to furnish the city of Ashland with all the light used by the municipality for street lighting and for individual use at the lowest stage of water, and for nine or ten months in the year furnish hundreds of horse power besides.

The estimated cost of installing the plant and wiring the town is from \$50,000 to \$75,000, owing to whether the pole or conduit system is used, and the capital stock of the company is fixed at \$100,000.

The articles of incorporation are broad enough so that a local street car line may be established, should the stockholders think best, at any time in the future.

BUTTE FALLS ITEMS.

Frank Lewis and family of Eagle Point are visiting Mrs. Anna Heekathorn, and while here will endeavor to sell some of the property belonging to the estate.

J. H. Miller had a narrow escape lately from serious injury. They were standing on the banks of Big Butte fishing and without warning a large fir tree fell and struck within a few feet of them, scattering dirt, limbs and boughs over and near them and striking the ground with a thud that made the earth tremble. It was a very narrow call.

William Purich of Eagle Point is making a visit to the Falls.

The new schoolhouse is under construction and supplies of lime, cement and other necessary materials are arriving daily from Medford.

Attorney Pentz is in his office at the Falls looking after matters of business for our townsmen.

There was an enthusiastic meeting of the Commercial club held Tuesday night, at which the question of a permanent supply of water for the town was considered and a committee appointed on survey and right of way. Butte Falls has a splendid source from which to provide abundant pure spring water, and it was deemed of vital importance that immediate steps be taken to secure this water, and the committee will at once arrange matters. The incorporation of the town, the building and repair of roads and many other questions were considered and acted upon, after which a musical and literary entertainment was given by Misses Mahoney, Miller and Duprey and an excellent paper read by Mr. Baker.

A party from Ashland and Phoenix, chartered by Mr. Robley, drove into town Tuesday and remained over night and the next morning left for the hills.

Much satisfaction is expressed that the parties who have been writing letters to the land department against the homesteaders have been turned down and their reports found malicious. It has done much to soften the feelings of these worthy homesteaders, and Uncle Sam will find that a kindly consideration of the homesteaders will tend to a more friendly relation towards the government.

Messrs. George and Jeffries who have with their families been visiting in the valley, have returned to their homesteads.

Frank Netherland, who has been quite sick, is able to be up and take gentle exercise.

C. P. Briggs has purchased a residence lot and expects to immediately utilize the lot.

Simon Mathes of Medford bought the Marcy lots and has contracted for the erection of a beautiful cottage.

Oliver Adams and Ben F. Edmonson have invested in building lots and will soon build.

Scott Clappell is sick, but at this writing is somewhat improved. The delightful rains and the cool, bracing weather prevailing will make his feel better.

Messrs. Stegge and Hahnlin of Roundtop mill came in this morning. They report that the burning of the mill was due to the smoke stack; that 300,000 feet of lumber were lost, not totally destroyed, no insurance, no injuries. They will not rebuild at present.

THE OLD HOWARD RANCH
Three miles south of Medford and 2 1/2 miles west of Phoenix, is now set up in small tracts to suit the purchaser. One fourth cash, balance in three payments. This is a rare opportunity for men of small means. Listed with all the agents.

Harry Culbertson, general contractor and builder, cement work & specialties, Medford, Or.

WOULD IRRIGATE BUTTE VALLEY BY WELL SYSTEM

July 16.—Colonel William H. Holabird, who was a visitor here a few days ago, while en route to Pelican Bay, spoke enthusiastically of the possibilities of the soil and climate of the whole of Butte Creek valley, for which large territory Dorris is the natural business and shipping center.

Colonel Holabird has carefully studied the conditions here and in the Klamath project district and speaks from the standpoint of one who knows. One of his suggestions is that the land owners should get together and sink wells and establish a system of pumping plants to supply water for irrigation purposes in Butte Valley, power for which pumping plants can be secured shortly from the new electric plant at Jenny creek if wanted.

Water is to be found within a very few feet of the surface of the ground anywhere in the valley, and in unlimited quantity, so that every acre of land in the valley can easily be brought under irrigation. With water to use when needed, there is no end to the variety and quantity of crops that can be produced here.

RUSH ROAD BUILDING FOR HARRIMAN'S BENEFIT

Dorris is soon to lose the distinction of being the terminus of the California Northern. Laying of steel across the hill from Dorris has already started and within a few days the line will be completed to Galor and it is thought that by the end of this month the terminus of the road will be at Worden, which is but a short distance from the edge of the marsh. The grade across the tunnel hill has been completed and the steel gage is already past the top of the hill where the deep cut was made, says the Klamath Falls Herald.

It is understood that the Harriman party will arrive here about the first of August, and the extension of the road is made at this time so that the party will avoid as much of the stage ride as possible. As soon as the road is built to Worden those who claim to know state that a temporary terminus will be established at that place until the road can be completed to the navigable water.

BRILLIANT DRAMATIC CRITIC PASSES AWAY

Race Whitney, aged 28 years, is dead at Salt Lake of neuritis. He was a son of Apostle Orson F. Whitney, poet of the Mormon church, and was a nephew of Senator Reed Smoot. Identified with Salt Lake papers for four years, he went to Portland about four years ago. Later he went to San Francisco, where he collaborated with Waldemar Young on an opera, "The King Maker," now being presented at the Princess theater in San Francisco. He was taken sick in Los Angeles, and his father brought him home six weeks ago, since which time he gradually sank. He was one of the most widely known and popular members of the journalistic set here. He was twice married, to Rosemary Glose, who is now taking the title role in "The Merry Widow" in New York. He was dramatic critic of the Portland Journal three years ago, and the best theatrical writer Oregon has had.

TO BUILD TEXTILE TOWN ON BANKS OF COLUMBIA

Between a railroad and a river with an unlimited water power latent in precipitous falls immediately at hand, and with ideal weather and geographical conditions, the first textile town on the Pacific coast west of the Mississippi river is to be established at a point 28 1/2 miles east of Portland, at short distance from Bridal Veil falls. The town will be established and the immense manufacturing plant will be operated by the Gordon Falls Electric & Manufacturing company, recently organized with a capital stock of \$225,000. The capital stock, however, does not indicate the total cost of this huge manufacturing enterprise.

PORTLAND'S BOND ISSUE IS DECLARED VALID

In an opinion by Chief Justice Bean, the supreme court has reversed the case of McKenna vs. the city of Portland, and upheld the amendment to the Portland charter authorizing the issuance of bonds for enlarging the water system. The amendment was adopted by the people of Portland in June, 1907, the amendment having been submitted to a vote by the city council. This suit to enjoin issuance of the bonds was brought upon the ground that the council had no authority to submit the question without an initiative petition. In the court below Judge J. B. Cleland held the amendment invalid.

CHAMPION MINES SUE BY PROMOTER DAVIDOR

S. V. Davidor of Multnomah has brought suit in the circuit court against the Champion Group Mining company to recover \$16,752.97. He says that this amount was loaned to the company for the purpose of leasing certain mining property in Siskiyou county, California, and of maintaining an office in Portland. The first loan was \$5252.97. Then followed six loans of \$1000 each, for which notes were accepted by Davidor. Two other loans for \$500 and \$5000, respectively, were negotiated.

HAULING HEAVY DREDGE TO KLAMATH RIVER

BOENBROOK, Cal., July 16.—J. A. Brent, representing a mining firm of San Francisco, is here and has signed up with a local teamster to haul a dredge from Hornbrook to a property near Hamburg, on the Klamath river. The outfit weighs over 300 tons, and will keep a lot of men and teams busy for the next 30 days. Incidentally it will drop several hundred dollars in this community.

The Hotel Nash is serving the best merchants' lunch in Oregon daily from 11:30 until 1:30 o'clock. Price 25 cents. Your favorite drink.

RUSSIAN SPIES IN AMERICA

Czar Plans a Systematic Campaign of Misrepresentation in America

NEW YORK, July 16.—Forty-two Russian secret service agents are on their way to America today, where they will spend several months in a campaign of misrepresentation of conditions in the czar's domains, according to information received by Dr. Paul Kaplan, chairman of the Russian revolutionists in New York.

Among the spies sent to the United States are 20 brilliant orators, who will deliver courses of lectures calculated to deceive the American people into believing conditions in Russia much better than they actually are. Forces have also been sent to the principal countries of Europe, where similar steps will be taken.

Knowledge of the movements of Russian secret agents reached the revolutionists' society here through the chief of the Russian bureau, who recently deserted the service of the czar and joined the rebels. When he abandoned his important post at St. Petersburg he took all his books and records with him and placed them in the hands of his new friends. These will prove invaluable to the rebels, as they contain descriptions of every member of the Russian secret police.

The official who deserted the czar for the rebels knows every member of the secret police, having hired each one personally. While his identity is concealed by Dr. Kaplan, it is understood that his name is known throughout the world.

KLAMATH FALLS BREWER SUING FOR A DIVORCE

Asserting that his modesty was shocked by the pictures that his wife exhibited to him, showing her in scant attire, Antonio Castel, a brewer man of Klamath Falls, is fighting his wife's suit for divorce in the Multnomah circuit court. The pure art in the pictures apparently failed to impress him so much as the fact that masculine forms were also visible in the pictures. Castel also alleges that his wife has for several years been troubled with a great unrest that has caused her to travel from city to city at his expense, leaving him isolated and alone at Klamath Falls. He says that among other places she has visited are San Francisco, Portland, Red Bluff, Chico and Sacramento, enjoying herself on his money. Since February, 1907, he says, he has paid her \$868 for expenses and she has turned part of this money into a fund to secure a divorce, thus deceiving him.

Castel declares that he is the one who has been deserted and has most suffered. In numerous pages of typewriting he denies that his wife's sensitive nature has been injured by his treatment, that he would not let her go out evenings for social enjoyment, or that he commanded her to go to a place that is traditionally warm when she came home after being in the hospital with appendicitis. He also denies that he ever told her that he wanted to marry another.

Before her marriage, Mrs. Castel was Alice Engle. She married Castel at Klamath Falls in 1894, and they have one child. The wife asserts that Castel is the owner of a brewery and worth \$10,000, but he denies this, saying that the brewery has suspended and he has no income. He admits that he owns real estate at Klamath Falls, but pleads that the court here has no jurisdiction over it. His wife asks for \$250 to pay her attorneys and \$75 per month alimony.

Castel asks the court to grant him a divorce on the ground of desertion and cruel treatment. Besides pictures, and pleasure trips, Castel complains of letters written to "other lovers."

Probate.

United States to John B. Welch, N. 1/2 of S. E. 1/4 of N. E. 1/4 section 2, township 34, range 2 W.

United States to Clarence E. Wolferton, E. 1/2 of S. W. 1/4 section 2, township 33, range 1 E.

United States to Erastus Wells, 50 acres in section 15, township 39, range 2 E.

United States to Erastus Wells, N. 1/2 of S. W. 1/4 section 9, township 39, range 2 E.

United States to Erastus Wells, 50 acres in section 28, township 39, range 2 E.

United States to Erastus Wells, S. W. 1/4 of S. W. 1/4 section 15, township 39, range 2 E.

United States to Erastus Wells, 50 acres in section 11, township 39, range 2 E.

United States to Erastus Wells, N. W. 1/4 of N. E. 1/4 section 11, township 39, range 2 E.

United States to Erastus Wells, N. W. 1/4 of S. E. 1/4 section 21, township 39, range 2 E.

United States to Jonathan M. Prime, 160 acres in section 22, township 29, range 2 E.

United States to Erastus Wells, S. E. 1/4 of S. W. 1/4 section 15, township 39, range 2 E.

United States to Erastus Wells, 50 acres in section 11, township 39, range 2 E.

United States to Erastus Wells, N. W. 1/4 of S. E. 1/4 section 11, township 39, range 2 E.

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PASS COMMERCIAL CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The regular quarterly meeting of the Commercial club was held last evening and besides the regular monthly business the election of officers took place. A communication was read from Judge Scott of Salem wanting to come here and hold a good roads convention. A committee was appointed to take the matter up and make the necessary arrangements. This convention is to educate the people and road commissioners in the building of good roads. The club also went on record favoring the practical building of good roads.

The election of officers then took place, the following being elected: President, George S. Calhoun; treasurer, E. S. Shank; first vice-president, Joseph Moss; second vice-president, O. S. Hancock; third vice-president, J. Best; fourth vice-president, George H. Durham; fifth vice-president, M. J. Anderson; sixth vice-president, B. M. South; seventh vice-president, Stephen Jewell.

The above officers also constitute the executive committee. There were five new members added to the membership since last meeting.—Observer.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

H. H. Taft to Mary E. Yockey, lot 10, block 58, Medford.
S. L. Harmon to John W. Guiley, 1.35 acres in D. 1, C. 41, township 39, range 1 E.
W. E. Towne to Henry A. Fisher, lot 4, block 1, lot 1, block 2, Phoenix.
A. H. Fisher to Andrew Hearn, lot 4, block 1, lot 1, block 2, Phoenix.
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Mary M. Clifton to J. A. Bishop, land in township 36, range 1 E.
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D. Perrozi to Carson Fowler Lumber company, 251 acres in township 39, range 1 E.
Robert Kyle to J. A. Gregory, 10 acres in section 25, township 36, range 2 W.
State of Oregon to James Cameron, 80 acres in section 16, township 39, range 2 E.
State of Oregon to Erastus Wells, 160 acres in section 16, township 39, range 2 E.

NASH INAUGURATES MERCHANTS' LUNCHEON

The Hotel Nash today inaugurated an innovation in Medford—a choice lunch—soup, two meats, vegetables, your favorite beverage and coffee all for 25 cents. Just hits the spot on a hot day. Is not surpassed in San Francisco, Portland or other cities. Try it, for it will be a regular institution if the patronage justifies it.

Effect the Tailor's sale is proving very popular.

Oak Park Addition

On railroad on the West Side, north of depot grounds and conveniently located for business men seeking homesites close in. These fine lots are offered for sale cheap, on good terms, and the owners are in position to offer building inducements to anyone wishing to make the right kind of improvements. Why go out to the faraway suburbs when such fine residence lots can be obtained at prices ranging from

\$200 to \$350 per Lot

situated where an advance in price is assured, and where the first benefit will be derived from the completion of the railroad to the timber?

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