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Occasional rain tonight and tomorrow. Variable winds.

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BEAR CREEK IS ON RAMPAGE

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS LOST TO EAST SIDE PROPERTY OWNERS

ONE BARN MOVED; WILL MOVE HOUSES IF FLOOD KEEPS UP

Property Values Will Suffer Heavily-- Three Acres Swept Away--Kalar is Heaviest Loser -- City Takes Steps for Relief and Protection

Thousands of dollars loss has been entailed by the property owners on the East Side, due to the present high water in Bear creek.

One barn had to be moved in order to save it and if the flood does not abate or the efforts of the men fighting the stream prove successful at least three and possibly more houses will have to be moved.

Over three acres of land worth at least \$1000 an acre have been swept away.

The greatest damage is the effect that the flood and attending danger will have on property values in the bottom land on the east side of the creek.

The city authorities have taken the matter in hand and are doing what they can to build a short levee to turn the current.

Thomas Kalar and Thomas Collins are the heaviest losers. Kalar's property has been cut in two by the waters, over half of it going down stream. He was forced to move his barn, the water wearing the land away to that spot where it can stand no more. A corner of Mr. Collins' place is gone and his house is within 100 feet of the edge of the bank, which is constantly caving in and being washed away.

Angus McDonald is also a sufferer, a large portion of his property washing away. His barn may have to be moved. Joe Caskey occupies the house.

A large force of men is at work filling sacks with soil and dumping them into the creek in an endeavor to turn the current back to its old channel.

Bear creek continues to rise, due to the heavy rainfall in the mountains surrounding Ashland.

The weather man says that there is as yet no abatement of the storm in sight. Heavy rains are predicted for tonight and tomorrow.

Hundreds of people from all parts of the city visited the East Side Thursday morning to see the damage which has been occasioned there by the present high water in Bear creek. Many of those who went over remained to lend their assistance to those already at work trying to turn the current so that it will cease cutting into the high bank and washing down stream some of the most valuable property to be found on that side of the creek.

No abatement of the working of damage is as yet in sight, in spite of the fact that the city authorities have laid their personal business matters aside and are joining in an endeavor to check the stream.

Started on Sunday.

The stream showed tendencies of leaving channel, which at this place is very narrow, on last Sunday, but it was thought at that time that the water would not rise high enough to work damage to the property other than carrying away a few feet of the bank. As day after day brought no abatement of the high water it was seen that something would have to be done, but the flood had started on its course of destruction and could not easily be checked.

Each property owner waited for the other to act, no preconcerted attack being made upon the waters of the creek, and what would have been easily averted in the early stages of the flood has become a formidable task.

Barn is Moved.

The water finally started cutting into the bank at a rapid rate and Mr. Kalar saw that unless his barn was moved it would be swept away. He took steps to move it, and when it once stood in the main channel of the creek. Although it was moved some 250 feet, it is now only some 75 feet from the edge of the bank.

Two new buildings will be erected at the U. of O.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 21.—Provision for two new buildings for the University of Oregon at Eugene was made yesterday at the regular annual meet-

ing of the board of regents, held in the office of C. A. Dulph, in the Mohawk block. The buildings to be erected are a men's gymnasium and a girls' dormitory. The first will cost \$25,000 and the second \$15,000, and both, it is expected, will be ready for occupancy by the opening of the next school year.

Cost of Construction.

Such is the proposition and such is the cost. Now what is the value of the road after construction? Of course that

INJUNCTION SUIT TAKEN FROM COURT

Black Channel Mining Company Can Proceed With Working of Their Property on Foot Creek

The suit for a permanent injunction brought by Abbie J. Champlin against the Black Channel Mining & Development company a week ago has been dismissed in the circuit court, Judge Hanna signing the order Thursday morning.

The suit was brought by a dredging company to enjoin the Black Channel company from dumping their tailings into the waters of Foot creek, saying that it seriously damaged their dredging work in the creek below the Black Channel mine.

The attorneys for the petitioner, W. I. Yawter and Charles Prim, in withdrawing the application for the injunction stated that their client had found that he was the only one who desired such an injunction, other parties in that section of the country claiming that they were not damaged.

The Black Channel mine was recently sold to the present owners, the price being \$100,000. It is said that they got to work when they were enjoined from further work. Colvig & Reames were their attorneys.

FOR AUTO BOULEVARD TO NATURAL SCENIC WONDER

The following paper, written by Howard F. Shepherd, won first prize in the contest which was arranged by the First National bank for the best article stating why Klamath County should assist in building the Crater Lake Highway. The papers were examined Saturday afternoon and the following awarded the prizes: Howard F. Shepherd, first prize of \$15; William Wagner, second prize of \$10; Tolbert Keittly of Dairy, third prize of \$5.

Prize Article on Road.

(By Howard F. Shepherd.)

Klamath county wants the Crater lake road because the building of that road stands for progress. The time has now come when our county is in competition with every other county in the northwest. The railroad has made us accessible, it is up to us to make ourselves desirable. We must look about us and see what other communities are doing and copy them.

We find that the state of Pennsylvania has appropriated \$5,000,000 for roads this year, that Missouri has set aside \$2,900,000, that Kansas has allocated \$2,000,000, and that there was spent in the United States last year over \$20,000,000 for good roads. Here in the west Washington is going to expend \$20,000,000, Los Angeles county, California, has appropriated \$3,500,000 for roads, and now our neighbor, Jackson county, has voted \$50,000 for a road to Crater lake. Evidently there must be something to this good roads business and it is up to Klamath county to fall in line.

But why the Crater lake road first? Because a proposition has been offered to us in this connection that we cannot afford to pass by. Klamath county is to build a road from Klamath Falls to the Cascade range forest reserve, a distance of ten or fifteen miles, and Uncle Sam, with help from the state of Oregon, is to build a road 90 miles long through his forest reserve and national park to the residents of Klamath county, to non-resident taxpayers, (as shown by the county tax roll) is \$20,000, and to the federal and state government, \$300,000. In other words, we get \$320,000 for \$20,000, and 1500 per cent profit on our investment.

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ATTEMPT MADE UPON LIFE OF TURK SULTAN

Plot to Overthrow Government is Uncovered-- Hundreds of Arrests are Being Made

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 21.—Another attempt was made upon the life of the sultan today, which was frustrated by a letter to a conspirator falling into the hands of the Young Turks. The details have been suppressed.

It was the plan of the conspirators to overthrow the entire government, and involved some 30,000 reactionaries.

The object was to dissolve the parliament, recently established, and install the newly adopted constitution.

Hundreds of arrests have been made following the discovery of the plans.

BUSTED A BANK, BUT SAYS HE ALONE IS LOSER

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 21.—J. B. Rinehart, on trial in the federal court charged with wrecking the Farmers and Drivers' National bank of Waynesburg, Pa., of which he was cashier and vice president, which failed for about \$2,000,000 two years ago, went on the stand in his own defense today. In cross-examination tomorrow Rinehart is expected to make good his threat to bring others into the case by exposing persons he befriended whom he accuses of deserting him in time of need.

Time after time Rinehart was obliged to admit making entries in the books that did not correspond with the facts, but in each case he had a ready explanation by which he sought to justify his actions.

In connection with the James L. Jans, trustee, account, through which \$188,000 was used in a campaign for Greene county offices, Rinehart admitted signing two notes in the name of James L. Ingraham, then a candidate, and since elected judge in that county.

Ingraham, he said, told him that because of the oath he was obliged to take that he had expended no money by means of a campaign, but he could not contribute to the political pool, and asked Rinehart to take care of his financial part in the campaign and he would settle later. Mrs. Ingraham according to Rinehart, later added to the pool. Rinehart said he checked against this Jans account for the benefit of the candidate about \$37,000. Jans about \$40,000, while some 20 or 30 others checked out various amounts.

"Did you ever abstract a cent from the funds of this bank?" Rinehart was asked.

"I never benefited a cent. In fact, I put up my fortune of \$1,000,000 to help offset and protect the bank."

\$250,000 is to be spent in the county for men, teams and supplies, during construction. The chief value of the road, in our opinion, lies in the tourist trade it will attract. In our upper Klamath country and Crater lake national park, we have scenic attractions that are unsurpassed by any part of the northwest. When these are made accessible and are advertised by the Southwestern Pacific they will bring this county thousands of dollars every year. Tourists are heavy consumers of local products, they are good spenders, they are investors, and they are the best advertisers a country can have.

As a progressive community we must have that road. As a straight business proposition we must have it. We must have it to protect ourselves from Jackson county. Let's get together and boost for it. Its construction means the growth of a new character in this district, the progressive, up-to-date, all-out together spirit that will make Klamath county the best advertised, the best developed and the most prosperous county in the whole northwest.

DELEGATION TO REMODEL TRAIN SWEEPERS IS URGED TO GET BUSY

Commercial Club Wires Jackson County Delegation to Work on Crater Lake Road Appropriation

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 21.—Jackson County Delegation, Salem, Ore.: Medford Commercial club urgently requests that you concentrate your efforts to secure passage of bill appropriating large sum for construction proposed highway to Crater lake. Both Klamath and Jackson counties have promised \$50,000 each provided state gives equal amount of \$100,000. Federal government also promises appropriation provided state makes good. All depends upon your action. We consider this most important matter before legislature meaning more to county than all other proposed legislation. Your constituency consider you justified in dropping all other matters if necessary to secure appropriation therefore. Will assist with strong job by when needed.

MEDFORD COMMERCIAL CLUB.

By WM. M. COLVIG, President.

Pursuant to the instructions of the Commercial club, voted on at the meeting held Wednesday evening, President Colvig on Thursday morning dispatched the foregoing telegram to the Jackson county delegation in the Oregon legislature, urging them to work for the Crater lake road appropriation of \$100,000.

Both Jackson and Klamath counties have guaranteed \$50,000 for such a road, and the federal government has practically assured Special Representative Will G. Steel that they would give an appropriation if the counties and state came through. Matters look bright for early action and the construction of the road.

So That All May Know.

The club at its meeting voted to have a large sign, 40 by 8 feet, in size, painted and erected near the dam at Gold Bay, upon which the legend will appear: "This is the Rogue River Valley." This is to be done to attract the attention of travelers. Ashland will be asked to put a like sign at the south end of the valley.

A report of the secretary showed the club in splendid shape, with 183 members. D. H. Jackson was elected to membership.

SPokane Basketball Team Loses Game to Roseburg

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 21.—In a one-sided game of basketball in this city Sikes amateur team defeated the Cook Athletic club team of Spokane by a score of 34 to 16. The Spokane team was clearly outclassed and at no time stood a chance of winning. The score at the end of the first half was 15 to 9.

From here the Spokane team goes to Ashland, where they will likely meet defeat, as the Ashland team has several times defeated the Roseburg team. The game in this city was one of the fastest ever played here.

Patriots, But Don't Know Liberty Bell is Cracked

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 21.—Mayor Robeson and the members of city councils are receiving many requests from officials, patriotic societies and clubs of western cities that they permit the sending of the Liberty Bell to San Francisco, Portland and Seattle during the coming summer. No replies have been sent, but the mayor has declined himself in favor of sending the bell, provided proper precautions for its protection are taken.

One patriotic association, evidently ignorant of the fact that the bell was cracked about 50 years after it was named the signing of the Declaration of Independence and is no longer fit for use, in part says:

"We want the sacred relic to ring out for our people as it did for our forefathers."

What the patriots evidently had in mind was the inscription cast on the bell: "Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land, unto all the inhabitants thereof.—Lev. XXV: 10th."

TO REMODEL HOTEL NASH AT ONCE

Johnson Buys Half Interest for \$15,000--Will Enlarge Building and Install Latest Conveniences

W. E. Johnson of Spokane and Goldfield, Nev., has purchased from Dr. J. E. Robby a half interest in the Hotel Nash, famed up and down the coast as one of the best hostleries outside the larger cities. The price paid was \$15,000. Extensive improvements and alterations are planned for the immediate future and every effort will be made to give Medford the finest hotel that any city of its size can boast of.

Mr. Johnson is a well known hotel man and will have absolute control of the property. He has conducted hotels in Ritzville, Sprague, Spokane and other northwest cities and brings to his new task a ripened experience and qualifications possessed by few for the successful hotel man is born not made. It is said that more money can be lost in a hotel than any other business, and the successful hotel man is a rare bird.

Among the improvements that will be made in time for the spring rush is the enlargement of the cafe, which will be extended to include the present kitchen. A modern kitchen, equipped in up-to-date manner, with latest appliances for the practice of the culinary art in its perfection, will be added on ground recently leased, adjoining the present kitchen, which will include pantry, refrigerator plant, etc.

To Add Sixteen Rooms.

The present hotel building is L-shaped above the first floor. This vacant space will be built up solid, providing 16 additional suites of rooms, which will be equipped with baths, toilets and modern furniture. A false roof above the present roof providing an air chamber between will probably be constructed to cool the upper rooms during the summer months.

When completed the cafe will have the finest dining room south of Portland. Music will be a regular feature for diners and the cafe will be kept open until midnight.

Many other improvements are contemplated, which will keep the hotel as much in advance of the city as it has been in the past. It has been for several years a most desirable feature and advertisement for the community and has been the means of keeping in Medford many people who otherwise would have invested elsewhere, for nothing disgusts the man of means as much as poor hotel accommodations. With the new Nash and the Moore, Medford can continue to boast of its hotel accommodations, ahead of every city in Oregon outside of Portland.

Mr. Johnson leaves for San Francisco to discuss improvements with Captain Nash, owner of the building, as soon as the road is open for traffic.

Mr. Johnson has been in charge of the hotel for the past month and is satisfied that Medford is to be the metropolis of southern Oregon.

GARNETT HONORED BY OREGON HARDWARE DEALERS

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 21.—Hardware men from all parts of the state and from many points of the Pacific northwest were in the city attending the annual convention of the Oregon State Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers' association.

Two things of importance were debated upon by the hardware men. First, they are going to protest at the present express schedules. This matter will be taken up with the interstate commerce commission forthwith. And further, the hardware men are going to fight the present practice of Portland jobbers in charging on boxing and hauling. It is pointed out that eastern and California jobbers do not make such charges and the hardware men agreed that they are losing thousands of dollars yearly to the jobbers on ease and that they are going to fight it as great an extent as they can.

It is estimated that the jobbers will not surrender the ease and cartage perquisite without hostility and

TRAIN SWEEPERS AWAY WITH BRIDGE

Service Demoralized-- Mail From South-- Trains Take Place Regulars From Ash

Collapse of a bridge over the mento river near Dunsmuir this morning a freight was running, has effectually tied up all train the Southern Pacific from the The freight cars were precipitated the river. It is impossible at this time to learn the extent of the damage whether any lives were lost. One landslide also block the line rainstorm continues all over the west and no letup is in sight, a again predicted for Thursday night Friday.

Number 14, due here Thursday night, has been annulled, and so 15, due at night. A stub train land for Roseburg at noon to a date northbound passengers. A slide at the scene of Wed wreck near Talent delayed both bound trains until 9:30 o'clock day evening.

All night long the rain fell half an inch being recorded, showers, with glimpses of the sun, kept umbrellas in use all the day. The present storm is 2.40 inches, a total for January inches. There is still some six inches of moisture due before the season will be over.

The Rogue is running brim water is today 11 feet above at Gold Bay and steadily climbing the water reached 12 highest of the season, due to of waters from the melting streams are full, but little reported. The bridge at Gold been closed for team traffic.

The west approach at Antlec has been carried out. So structures have suffered, but the large county bridges a endangered.

Seldom in the history of have the roads been as bad out. The thaw of last week by the heavy downpour since highways that have been safe unsafe to venture upon. End of mixed animals have fallen to travel well wester

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS MOST ENJOYABLE

Talisman lodge, No. 21, Pythias, held their second quiet on Wednesday evening enjoyable time ensued. Over were present. A very enter gram was followed by a which an elaborate menu was Following the banquet the tents were responded to:

Selection, Olin Bros. or dress of welcome, Rev G sponse, Professor Smith; ters," Mrs. W. H. McDev janism," B. F. Mulkey; "I I selection, Olin Bros.' orch

The committee on entertainment B. W. Goldberg, J. T. Ph Hutcheson, and the receptive Mrs. L. L. Hamilton, J. H. Bessie Ellison, Frank Lin

warfare may ensue. Charges were also made deal way that certain job hardware direct to retail prices. This is to be sifted for the hardware patent that they want accordance with the regu

The session opened a President H. J. Alnow, Y hardware men were welcomed. Response to the made by H. C. Garnett. Officers for the ensa sheet as follows: 2nd Garnett, Medford; vice P Prager, Goldendale, W Frank Dayton, Portlan executive committee, Jek City. A secretary, give all his time to the selected today.