

RUSHING JOB BUILDING CANALS

Grants Pass Citizens Are Unanimous in Regard to Benefits to be Derived From New Project

Never before have the people of Grants Pass taken hold of a proposition like they have that of constructing an irrigation system which will place about 18,000 acres of land about that city under water.

A day spent in the neighborhood of the work is not without interest. A novel way of excavating for the canals is the employment of a huge hydraulic giant, which tosses the earth about like so much chaff.

Three canals are to be constructed. The lower one will be a gravity ditch and will reach a large acreage. The second starts some 200 feet up from the river and will be fed by a large steam pump and will reach the higher lands of the valley.

Water From the Rogue. The water is taken from the Rogue near the Ament dam. There a large pumping plant will be put in to supply the higher canals.

The most difficult portion of the gravity ditch—the first 1000 feet or so this side of the dam—was attacked last week with the giants, and at this hour more than 1000 feet of the ditch, 12 feet at the bottom, 18 feet at the top and five and a half feet deep, has been cut, much of it being in the most obstinate cement gravel and dotted over with huge boulders.

The work on the 200-foot ditch is going on more rapidly. Superintendent Carner secured a number of big animals in Jackson county late last week, and put them on the force. Eight of the horses are attached to the big grader, which is doing most effective work on a section near the city.

Many Men at Work. Out on the Fruitdale line about 25 men are at work. The right of way has been cleared around the foothills as far west as the Murphy road. This is the most difficult and tedious part of the task.

Teddy at Messina. MESSINA, April 5.—Boat arrived here this afternoon.

LAND BUYERS APPEAR IN COURT

Second Suit Against Railroad and Purchasers of Land Are Brought Into Court

Forty-six purchasers of granted lands from the Oregon & California Railroad company made their formal appearance in the United States federal court in Portland on Monday. This is the second suit brought by the government to secure a forfeiture to all lands in Oregon granted to the Harriman railroad by congress in 1866.

Some 300,000 acres of land have been sold, and the first motion made in the suit is to compel the railroad to deposit with the court all the money received for this land. The second effort is to cause the title to the different parcels of land to revert from the purchaser to the railroad company.

KLAMATH COUNTY IN GOOD FINANCIAL SHAPE

Klamath county is in the best condition financially that it has been for years. It is now only nine months behind in the payments of warrants. The last call of the treasurer shows that there is money on hand to pay all warrants protested prior to and including July, 1908.

The levy this year was the same as that of last year, yet the county has provided a fund of over \$15,000 to be used in beginning the construction of a courthouse, and also will have over \$23,000 for road purposes.

NESMITH'S OPPONENTS TO DEVOTE PEOPLE

SALEM, Ore., April 6.—With the alleged intention of receiving the people of Oregon, those opposed to the creation of Nesmith county out of Lane and Douglas counties, will start a petition immediately for the creation of another new county in the same vicinity to be called Unquama. Representative Applegate of Douglas county has notified the attorney general of such a move in a letter.

BORROWED MONEY ON BOGUS ABSTRACT

SALEM, Ore., April 6.—James Davis, accused of obtaining \$800 under false pretenses from the cashier of a Hesperian bank, was arrested here today by Sheriff Minto. It is alleged that Davis procured a bogus deed to a well-known tract of land in Morrow county, deposited the abstract and borrowed \$1200 upon it, buying \$400 in the bank.

LAND CONTEST CASE ON MORLEY'S RANCH

The land contest case against the estate of the Rev. Josiah Morley, involving a homestead near Butte Falls, is being heard before United States Commissioner Cannon. The widow and children are defendants. The defense is being conducted by Attorney S. S. Peitz. A large number of people will be present as witnesses in the case.

CONTRACTORS AND CITY ARE GETTING TOGETHER

BRIDGE BURNS; TRAINS HELD UP

Over 500 Passengers Enjoy Sight of Burning Bridge

ARLINGTON, Ore., April 6.—A link was cut out of the main line of the O. R. & N. road this morning by the burning of the bridge spanning a deep gulch below the depot here. The Clatskanie train, due in Portland at 7:20 this morning, and the Spokane flyer are both delayed. The flyer stopped close to the bridge. The other train is behind it. All told, there are some 500 passengers on both trains gazing at the wreck. It is doubtful if they reach Portland tonight. Although the superstructure of the bridge remains, the long supports reaching the depths of the gulch are charred and tottering.

ASHLAND GRANITE COMPANY AT WORK

ASHLAND, Ore., April 6.—Ashland, the Granite City, is about to demonstrate her right to the title. While it has been known generally that the hills behind the city are granite-dotted, and that much of the best fruit growing soil was largely decomposed granite, it has not been so generally known that several magnificent ledges of commercial granite lay just beyond the city limits. Local capitalists have organized a company to open up the large ledge of monumental granite that lies about three miles up Ashland creek canyon.

The new company is known as the Pacific Granite company of Ashland, Ore., and is capitalized at \$100,000. Already requests have been made for prices in carload lots of rough granite blocks, the inquiries coming from as far south as Los Angeles.

PETITIONS FOR PERRY ARE ALL CALLED IN

Petitions were circulated in this city and throughout the adjoining territory early this week asking for the appointment of J. A. Perry of Medford to the office of fruit commissioner of the Third Oregon district to take the place of A. H. Carson, whose term expires in the near future. This petition was signed by quite a number of citizens, but as a counter petition was also circulated by friends of Mr. Carson, asking for his reappointment, and it was signed by some of the most influential business men, it was thought advisable to call in the Perry petitions and let the matter drop, especially as there seemed to be no special effort on the part of the Jackson county people or their candidate for the success of the move. In the minds of some there was the thought that the Jackson county candidate, if appointed, would be inclined to look more particularly after the interests of that county, since there has been prejudice among some people in that section the idea that Jackson county was southern Oregon, and the balance of the territory only the trimmings. On the other hand, Mr. Carson has been identified with the fruit industry in Josephine county since the early days and is thoroughly versed in all matters pertaining to it.—Pacific Outlook.

DANIELS LOSES VALUABLE BULLDOG BY SALMON

T. E. Daniels lost a very valuable bulldog on Saturday as the result of the dog eating hold of a piece of fish someone had thrown out. The dog was one that Mr. Daniels has had for some time and one which he has exhibited in several of the larger shows and won prizes with. He has lost four blooded dogs within 15 months by the same route.

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WILL PROBABLY LET PAVING CONTRACT

CONSTRUCTION COMPANY WILL PUT IN LOWER BID AND PROPERTY OWNERS WILL PAY FOR INTERSECTIONS.

From present indications it seems highly probable that the property owners on the residence streets of the city who have petitioned the city council for payment will have their requests granted. The Warren Construction company is showing a disposition to make arrangements so that the work can be done without the cost to the city for paving the street intersections. The plan is for the property owners to pay for the paving of the street intersections, but the Warren Construction company will put in a lower bid for the work so that the cost will not be greater than it was originally. The company has shown a disposition to figure on this basis and they realize that it is the only way in which the city council will order the work done for the city has not the money to pay for the paving of the intersections.

LATE LOCAL NEWS.

C. L. Reames attended circuit court on Monday. Miss Helen Keutner spent Tuesday in Jacksonville. D. C. Courtney of Trail spent Monday in Medford. Harry Hunt, who has been ill from rheumatism, is rapidly recovering. John Harrington of this city spent some time in Jacksonville on business Monday. Miss Katherine Chapman of Jacksonville has returned from a business trip to northern California points. Mrs. E. R. Seely and C. R. Courtney Tuesday morning on Mrs. O. V. Meyers, who resides near this city. The operation is proving a success in every way. P. A. Hesse states that J. E. Roberts, who resides at 17 Roosevelt avenue, is looking his meals on a blue plumed range. C. D. Wilcox, who recently purchased a tract north of the William Ryboe ranch on Rogue river, was a Medford visitor Tuesday. Steve Stenson, who lives near the "401" ranch, who had a difficult operation for appendicitis performed by Dr. Conroy, assisted by Dr. Seely, is rapidly recovering. Mr. Orinley, who was recently operated upon by Dr. Conroy and Seely for appendicitis, is so far recovered as to leave the hospital. The roads have dried up, but show marks of heavy winter snowing, and consequently need work which they must have to make heavy hauling possible. John C. Smith of Walla Walla, Wash., has arrived in the city, in search of a location and states that he is well pleased with what he has seen of the valley. A bill of first-class fare has just been burned for the Big Pine Lumber company. This bill is free from work and first-class for spraying purposes. Largest lot of city property, best bargain in lots. Boston Investment Company, 15. If you are needing time for any purpose you can get it in any quantity from the Big Pine Lumber company. Ed Van Dyke and Grover Caron spent a few hours Monday in Jacksonville. The Ladies Aid society of the Christian church will meet on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. Benjamin M. Collins. The committee in charge are Mesdames: Miss A. W. Walker and Coleman. Colonel R. C. Wallbury of the Table Rock school, spent Monday in Medford. A. C. Wyroff of Table Rock has been called east by illness of relative. A. B. Tompkins of the Eagle Point school spent the day in Medford. A. K. Black of Eagle Point spent Monday in Medford. C. Miller and A. B. Reynolds of Ashland were absent Medford visitors.

ROGERS SAYS ROAD NOT IN COAL COMBINE

NORFOLK, Va., April 6.—Henry H. Rogers, despite wind and rain, saw the first shovelful of coal put aboard a vessel at the mammoth steel pier on his Virginia railroad at Sewell's Point Saturday, when the steamer Everett took her berth at the big pier. The owner of the new road said emphatically: "This is the best thing I've seen yet." Mr. Rogers put a lump of coal into his pocket as a souvenir of the occasion. Mark Twain, who accompanied Mr. Rogers and his party, also took some of it. The Everett will carry coal to Boston. Mr. Rogers declared the Virginia railway was not connected in any way with the reported coal combine.

250 by April 11.

Two hundred and fifty is the mark set for the Tabernacle Bible school by April 11. Two weeks ago the attendance was 222. Only 28 more will be required to reach 250. All who were in attendance at the rally day services are earnestly requested to come again next Sunday. Help in this great enterprise. We can do it if you will. All that is needed is a concerted effort. Prayer and push and perseverance will accomplish our ends.

CONGRESS TO ADJOURN BY FIRST OF JUNE

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Senator Borah of Idaho, after visiting at the White House today, declared that congress will conclude its deliberations on the tariff about May 15 at the latest.

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FIREMEN DIE GOTHAM FIRE

Six Men Die in Prefor-mance of Duty--Black Hand Starts Fire

NEW YORK, April 6.—Six members of the New York fire department died at their posts of duty today. They responded to a fire in the tenement district and were caught beneath a falling wall. The fire was started by a black hand society in the Italian quarter. They poured oil over a pile of boxes in the rear of the building and started the blaze. Two men were arrested. Over 1000 spectators saw the firemen go to their deaths.

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PAINTS DARK PICTURE OF FUTURE

Says That Trusts Must be Checked or They Will Exclude Citizens From Business

ST. LOUIS, April 6.—"If large combinations like the Standard Oil company are to be permitted to continue their operations unchecked, in time every American citizen will be excluded from engaging in any commercial enterprise. All of your children will be wage earners—the mere employees of corporations controlled by the few." So declared "Trust Buster" Frank B. Kellogg, who is conducting the government's case against the Standard Oil company, in resuming the argument in the government's suit for the dissolution of the Standard Oil company. Kellogg analyzed the Sherman anti-trust law, saying that it prohibited the formation of such companies as the Standard. The attorneys for the Standard Oil company today filed their briefs outlining the contentions of the defense.

LESS THAN 500 VOTERS IN CITY OF KLAMATH FALLS

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., April 6.—The annual election of this city will be held on the first Monday in May. The registration books were closed on the first of this month with the names of 432 voters enrolled, which is less than was expected. Considerable interest is being taken in the matter of selecting the next mayor, but so far there is no avowed candidate in the field. Judge George T. Baldwin is being urged to make the run, as is also G. Heitkamp, Jr. Both are prominent business men. At the present time the city is without a mayor. John R. Stills, the chief executive, has been absent from the city for more than three months, and his office has long since been declared vacant, and is being filled by E. T. Sanderson, the president of the common council.

MAN'S MIND IS BLANK REGARDING HIS PAST

BELLSINGHAM, Wash., April 6.—Kenneth Martin, a wealthy hotel proprietor of Buxley, B. C., is suffering from a lapse of memory. His mind has been a complete blank since he left home on a trip to Vancouver and Spokane. He has in a serious condition in this city, where he was taken from a Great Northern train on Sunday. He recovered consciousness and declared that he was still in his home in Buxley. He is answering all questions rationally except those regarding his whereabouts.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

At the Nash—C. A. Sunderlin, Portland; G. F. Darling, Portland; L. C. Stiller, New York; E. F. Caldwell, Seattle; G. A. McEdward, Los Angeles; W. J. Russell, Grants Pass; G. W. Parker, Portland; William M. Robnett, St. Louis; John Landen, T. E. Parker, city; A. R. Wallenburg, Chicago; W. L. Chere and wife, San Francisco; W. C. Smith, W. P. Smith, Portland; H. McGregor, Seattle; William Romely, Portland; Mrs. C. W. Madden, Lincoln; W. G. Hanshaw, A. D. Cooke, Portland; Edward Pinnington, Detroit; J. A. Slorah, Blue Lodge; W. E. Hine, J. T. Stever, Portland; C. S. Younger, P. O. Miller, Celina; G. S. Gustin, C. H. Williams, San Francisco; D. C. Thompson, Portland; J. A. Whitaker, Hillcrest; W. R. Braeh, Hill; C. Miller, Ashland; R. W. Hostwick, city; H. Hall, Portland; D. W. Horst, Yearney; A. G. Wilson, Cuneanetti; R. C. Hallberg, Portland. At the Moore—L. I. Towers, Seattle; J. A. Hutchinson, Burke; O. J. Gray, Portland; Earl B. Moore, Jacksonville; P. W. Wilson and wife, Oakland; W. F. Morton, San Francisco; J. F. Ryan, Tacoma; S. J. Beeton, New York; John D. Benton and wife, Umatilla; P. Clapp and wife, E. P. Lundberg and wife, C. W. Darling and wife, Sam Mathews and wife, Fargo; William E. Hue, H. L. Monson, Portland; Fred Sepprecht, Evanston; E. H. Darling, Portland; J. E. Hollenbeck, Grants Pass; Theodore Mitchell, New York; C. W. Jackson, Canyonville; Mr. and Mrs. George E. Vogel, New York; W. A. Shafer, Rochester; H. L. Morrison, Portland; J. C. Marshall, Portland; E. A. Hubbard, San Francisco; E. P. Gilchrist, Eagle Point.

MANY PERISH ILLINOIS STORM

Reports From Outlying Districts Meagre but Over 100 Deaths are Reported

MARION, Ill., April 6.—Nearly the whole of Williamson county was swept by a tornado this morning and thousands of dollars of damage was the result. Over 50 deaths are reported. In Pittsburg about six miles from this city the entire residence portion of the city was wrecked and the number of deaths is estimated at 25, but nothing definite can be learned. Not less than 100 homes were ruined in this city. Heavy damage was done throughout the county. Communication with outside places is all cut off. Reports are most meager. A heavy rainfall has followed the high wind.

PERKINS TRYING TO WAKE UP ROSEBURG

The Roseburg Commercial club is having a hot time. They have one Medford man, J. W. Perkins, as a member and by comparison with Medford the Roseburg pace is so slow that he is attempting to reform it. It seems that the Roseburg club is managed by an executive board, who decide in secret sessions what shall be done, and this has proved distasteful to many, who want the democratic plan of Medford, and Mr. Perkins in a two-column letter to the Roseburg Review, voices a protest. He concludes as follows: "It is now up to the trustees to choose between 'star-chamber' proceedings and favoritism on the one hand and harmony and success on the other. "Give us the right kind of a publicity club and we will give you the right kind of a publicity fund."

HARTFORD, Conn., April 6.—It was authoritatively learned today that Governor George Lilley of this state is expected momentarily to pass away. He is suffering from Bright's disease. He was elected last fall.