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## DEAL PENDING FOR SALE OF P. & E. ROAD

Eastern Capitalists Negotiating for Purchase of Local Road to Extend It to Timber Belt—Identity Kept Secret.

## ROAD WOULD PAY FOR ITSELF SHORTLY

Taps District Rich in Resources and Means Manufacture of Lumber Locally.

A deal is pending for the sale of the Pacific & Eastern railroad to eastern parties, who expect to extend the line to the timber belt. Negotiations are not closed, so the identity of the parties interested are not divulged.

The Pacific & Eastern now extends to Eagle Point, a distance of 12 miles from Medford. The purchasers could extend it some 20 miles to Butte Falls in the heart of the sugar pine timber district. From here the road could be extended into central Oregon if deemed advisable. It would eventually require approximately a half million dollar investment to put the line in operation to Butte Falls.

### Taps Rich Region.

One of the richest districts in Oregon is traversed by this road. There are thousands of acres of orchards planted along this line, and its extension and operation will mean the additional planting of many more thousands of acres. There are 12,000,000,000 feet of merchantable sugar pine, yellow pine and fir in the district that the road would tap, and it is estimated that it would require 50 years of continuous manufacturing to exhaust this supply. As fast as the forest is cut, the land will be cleared and planted to orchards, as the conditions are perfect for fruit producing, provided transportation is furnished.

If the sale is made, it will mean more to Medford than almost any other news that could be announced. Since the failure of the Oregon Savings and Trust company the road has been in a bad way, and many efforts made to straighten out the legal tangle arising through the receivership of the first company and the bank failure have hampered the sale of the road to those with the money necessary to construct.

### Business in Sight.

In addition to the timber now in sight and the orchard business, present and prospective, a large agricultural section will furnish business for the railroad while the coal and copper mines now being developed would alone pay for the road in a short time. An oil well is now being drilled adjacent to the road, and if oil is found it would furnish an immense business for the line. Even upon present showings experts as well as all residents of Jackson county who have sized up the situation, believe that the road would pay for itself within five years.

Butte Falls, which would be the terminal of the projected line, is situated in the heart of the timber belt at the falls of Big Butte creek, where immense water power can be developed, thus furnishing an excellent location for a diversity of manufacturing plants, being so situated as to furnish these plants with an unlimited supply of forest products for manufacture.

### Awaiting Transportation.

Sawmills of 150,000 feet daily capacity.

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## 50,000 EASTERN BROOK FRY DUE HERE ON FRIDAY

James W. Berrian, Superintendent of Ontario Hatchery, Bringing Consignment of Trout for Local Streams.

## SPECKLED BEAUTIES ARE PIONEERS OF SPECIES

Cost Defrayed by Local Anglers, All of Whom Are Asked to Join the Association.

J. W. Berrian, superintendent of the Ontario fish hatcheries, will arrive in Medford Friday with 50,000 eastern brook fry, consigned to the Rogue River Protective association, which will probably be placed in the waters of Little Butte.

These are the first eastern brook to be planted in local streams, though a shipment, destined for Crater Lake, was dumped in Union creek some years ago, and they have now spread into the upper Rogue above the natural bridge. These trout are a species of char, are speckled with red spots, one of the prettiest and gamest trout known.

### Funds Needed to Pay.

The fry were procured through the courtesy of Master Fish Warden McAllister, the expenses being defrayed by local enthusiasts. Everyone interested in angling is requested to join the Fish Protective association, thus furnishing funds to pay for these and other consignments expected. J. E. Enyart is president and Dr. Louis Bundy treasurer and either of them will issue membership cards for \$1 a year.

Mr. Berrian is well known here, having been in charge of the Rogue river hatchery. That success has attended his work in his new field is shown by the following from the Ontario Optimist:

### He Makes Good.

"Mr. Berrian, who has had much experience with fisheries work and is deeply interested in it, has been very successful in the hatchery at Ontario.

"Mr. Berrian was for several years in charge of the United States hatchery on Rogue river, and during his successful operation of it he won for himself a reputation for skill and integrity that made his southern Oregon friends confident that he would win out, wherever his duties as a fish culturist might call him. 'Jimmy' Berrian, here is wishing you still greater success."

## JUDGE BECKER WILL HANDLE LAND CASES

Judge Tracy C. Becker has arrived in Portland to conduct land fraud trials. He will appear before Federal Judge Hunt on Friday or Saturday as special prosecutor in the disposition of cases the trials of which were commenced two years ago. Judge Hunt will arrive in Portland from his home in Helena, Mont., Thursday evening, and will hold a special session of the federal court beginning on Friday morning.

At this time persons convicted of fraud in land cases will be present for sentence. All other matters pending from the last term of court held by Judge Hunt will be disposed of either Friday or Saturday if possible. Judge Becker spent a large part of today in consultation with United States District Attorney John McCourt, as to the best plan of procedure in the disposition of the land fraud cases now pending.

## SMELTER SITE IS PATENTED FOR BLUE LEDGE MINE

Seattle Bar Patents Secured—Probability of Early Construction of Smelter and Railroad to the Mine.

## GREAT BODY OF RICH ORE AWAITS SMELTING

Investment Too Heavy to Permit the Property to Be Long Idle.

Superintendent Carnahan of the Blue Ledge mine spent Wednesday in Medford patenting the company's title to the Seattle bar, the site of the proposed smelter. He was unable to state whether the construction of a smelter and railroad to the mine was contemplated by the owner, Robert S. Towne, immediately or not.

Dr. J. F. Reddy, who recently returned from New York, states that Mr. Towne informed him that he would make up his mind within a few days as to whether he would build the smelter and railroad at once or wait until some future date. At present the mine is shut down, though the investment is so heavy that the owner probably cannot afford to let the property lie idle for any length of time.

### Phenomenal Showing.

It is stated that thousands of feet of development work upon the ore body has been done, and that the vein is at least 500 feet deep, as shown by tunnels constructed. The ore is said to average better than 8 per cent, including the gold and silver that is found with the copper. Several millions of dollars' worth of ore has been blocked out.

The showing made by the Blue Ledge is phenomenal. It is said that only the famous Copper Queen mine at Bisbee, Ariz., carries ore that approximates as rich in value as that of the Blue Ledge. Probably a million dollars and a half have been invested in the mine in the extensive development work that has been carried on for three years, and unless a railroad and smelter are built the ore is valueless.

### Smelter Once Ordered.

It was Mr. Towne's intention when he first purchased the property to construct this railroad and smelter before this time. The material for the smelter had been ordered when the panic of 1907 caused the cancellation of the order.

The road to the mine will tap a rich agricultural timber country as well as to furnish outlet for the product of numerous mines. There is every indication that the road will be built in the near future, and with the needed coal and coke developed at the mines near Medford, would be a profitable venture.

## OPINIONS RENDERED BY SUPREME COURT

The following opinions have been handed down by the supreme court of Oregon:

Ed. Thompson, respondent, vs. Roblyn; from Josephine county; H. K. Hanna, judge; affirmed; opinion by Justice Eskin. Giant Powder company, appellant, vs. Oregon Western Railway Company; from Douglas county; J. W. Hamilton, judge; motion to dismiss appeal allowed; opinion per curiam. William M. Brown, appellant, vs. W. Z. Moss, from Salt Lake County; H. L. Benson, judge; reversed and remanded; opinion by Justice Bean.

## BALLENGER FARM PURCHASED FOR MODEL ORCHARD

R. W. Clancy and Associates of Idaho Buy Well Known Ranch and Will Plant It to Fruit.

## \$30,500 PRICE PAID FOR 140 ACRES OF LAND

Property Now in Grain and Alfalfa—On Griffin Creek—Irrigation Easy.

The Merritt Ballinger ranch, between Medford and Jacksonville, consisting of 140 acres of fine valley land, has been sold for \$30,500 to R. W. Clancy and associates of Idaho. The land is adapted to fruitgrowing and will be planted as a model orchard. The sale was made by W. M. Holmes.

The farm is one of the best in the valley and is now in grain and alfalfa. Griffin creek runs through the land and in addition there is an underground stream of considerable volume, rendering irrigation, if desired, an easy proposition.

## RICH STRIKE REPORTED NEAR TOWN OF KERBY

The rich telluride discoveries made on Canyon creek, near the old mining town of Kerby, western Josephine, have resulted in the striking of rich bodies of gold quartz. There was brought into Grants Pass last week a quantity of ore from the claims of Phillips & Mangum, that carries gold at the rate of \$20,000 a ton. The gold can be whittled from the rock with a juck knife. The ore is thickly studded with wires and layers of the pure yellow metal.

Some of the quartz is almost half gold. The strike was made in a "pocket," but on a well-defined ledge (this is being opened by a tunnel. This ledge has a width of four feet, and will be more deeply developed by a longer tunnel which will be driven in at a point lower down the mountainside. The five claims of the group on which the strike was made are owned by C. L. Mangum and Charles E. Phillips.

## BILLION DOLLAR ROAD IS HARRIMAN'S SCHEME

A billion-dollar corporation is the latest project from the brain of E. H. Harriman, planned by the Napoleon of the railroad world with a view to consolidating and solidifying the vast railroad mileage represented by the New York Central lines. A dozen or more of the most eminent corporation lawyers in this city, in Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Buffalo are now working on the problem of this great corporation, which Harriman hopes to make the crowning effort of his railroad and financial career.

Legal men in the Harriman employ have been told to discover a way in which more than 12,000 miles of railroad under the control of the New York Central, and representing a capitalization of nearly \$1,000,000,000, may be made over into a homogeneous quantity with central management, with one treasury and one purpose—to enable it to assume the most commanding position in the transportation world.

The houses of England, if placed in a line, would reach 27,000 miles.

London imports 1,000,000 pounds of butter a week from Siberia.

## SCENIC DISPLAY OF OUR WONDERS FOR EXPOSITION

Commercial Club Decides to Make Exhibit of Kiser Paintings of Natural Marvels at the Seattle Fair.

## OIL PAINTINGS OF CRATER LAKE ORDERED

Officials of Southern Pacific and Sunset Magazine Bureau Are Thanked for Pamphlet.

At a special meeting of the Commercial club held Wednesday evening, the finance committee was instructed to arrange with F. H. Kiser for a series of oil painted photographs of Crater Lake and other natural wonders of this vicinity. Samples of the work done by Mr. Kiser showed the paintings the finest yet undertaken to reproduce natural effects. The cost of the exhibit, which will be the property of the club, will not exceed \$350, and it can be used other places or used to adorn the club rooms.

The special finance committee appointed to secure publicity funds for the ensuing year reported that with about half the possible subscribers seen a fund of \$3600 had been pledged in monthly subscriptions. A vote of thanks was unanimously given William McMurray, William Bittle Wells and other Southern Pacific and Sunset Magazine officials, for their interest and assistance in getting out the Medford pamphlet.

H. C. Bonney, L. A. Gregory, George H. Bordenaux, George Carter and A. E. Woolverton were elected members. At the next regular meeting Wednesday all citizens desirous of joining are requested to be present and join.

## GRANTS PASS BLIND PIGS PAY BIG FINES

Over \$500 in fines was on Saturday paid by violators of the local option law in Josephine county, indicted by the grand jury, and who pleaded guilty before the circuit court. Ten other indictments were returned by the grand jury, against parties who have been engaged in the sale of liquor contrary to the law.

Daniel Johnson, one of the proprietors of the Layton Hotel, pleaded guilty to the sale of liquor over the hotel bar, and was fined \$200. His brother Frank J. Johnson, pleaded guilty and was fined \$100. J. H. Messler pleaded guilty to selling within 300 feet of the school house at Galice and was fined \$100. A peculiar incident in this case was that District Attorney Mulkey, the prosecutor, was the legislator who introduced the passage of this law seven or eight years ago, as a representative from Polk county. Kroch Irwin pleaded guilty to selling in prohibition territory, and was fined \$50.

Mike Brady pleaded guilty to interrupting and disturbing a country school while under the influence of liquor and was fined \$75.

## MAN AND WIFE PAN OUT GOLD AT TALENT

J. E. Steele of Talent spent Thursday in Medford and astonished many of his acquaintances and friends with the quantity of gold he had with him that he and his wife panned out on their mine two miles from Talent, the old Anderson mine. Within two hours and a half they took out gold amounting to about \$75. Mr. Steele remarked that "talk about there not being any gold here, well, who ever says that should just see that mine of mine."

## COURT-MARTIAL FOR DEATH FACES SULTAN ABDUL

Former Absolute Monarch of Turkey Is Stripped of Fortune and Power and Imprisoned in Salonica.

## ECONOMY WATCHWORD OF MEHEMMET FIFTH

Thousands of Useless Government Employees Discharged—Guard Same as White House.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 29. — Imprisoned at Salonica, stripped of his fortune and power, the deposed sultan today faces court martial for death within the next few days, according to rumor.

The new sultan has inaugurated an economical policy and has already discharged thousands of useless government employees. The force at the palace is now the same as at the White House.

## WILLIAM D. HAYWOOD SPENDS DAY IN MEDFORD

William D. Haywood, chief of the Western Federation of Miners, who recently focused the world's attention during his imprisonment and trial at Boise, accused of complicity in the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg, spent Wednesday evening in Medford, leaving for Portland Thursday morning, where he is May day orator at an immense socialist gathering scheduled for Saturday evening.

Mr. Haywood is much improved in health since his release from his long imprisonment and tedious trial. His looks suggest the able, crafty leader of labor that he is, while his one eye lends him a sinister aspect in keeping with his reputation.

Mr. Haywood is looking after socialist interests and spent the evening in consultation with local socialists.

## LUMBER DEALER IS CHARMED WITH VALLEY

R. D. Kleppinger and family arrived here yesterday from Belvedere, Neb., and will make Medford their future home.

Mr. Kleppinger is one of the owners of the Medford Lumber company, although this is his first visit to Medford. He has not been afraid to invest here.

"You may quote me as saying that this is one of the prettiest valleys I have ever seen, and my wife and I are delighted with it," said Mr. Kleppinger this morning.

He also stated that there would be many changes made in the Medford Lumber company's yard. New sheds and a new office building will be erected at once and other improvements will be made.

## WATCHMAN KILLED BY SAFE CRACKERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 29. — Armed only with a lantern, which he used as a weapon, Stephen Tadzinski, a watchman at the Eagle tannery on the San Bruno road, battled two safe crackers last night and was killed. His body was found in the yard this morning with a bullet in his breast, the lantern clutched in his hand. It is supposed the watchman interfered when the robbers attempted to blow the safe.

From coal are produced more than 400 different colored dyes.