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JITNEY BUSES FOR FAIR

Seattle Business Men Promoting Auto Service With Eleven Cent Gasoline and Tent City at Medford to Take Side Trip to Crater Lake.

Promotion of a jitney passenger service between Seattle and San Francisco, with 11 cent per gallon gasoline, a tent city for tourists with a side trip to Crater Lake, and the same rate as railroads offer, is under way by Seattle capitalists, headed by L. H. Griffiths, who engineered the deal that built the famed Moore Hotel in the Sound metropolis. Mr. Griffiths is in the city today arranging the preliminary details. The final decision on the plan will not be known for a week or two days. It is planned to put the scheme in operation by April 1st.

Medford will be one of the division points on the proposed service. Negotiations are under way for the renting of the fair grounds as the site for the tent city, where meals and lodging will be furnished the overflow from the hotels. Roseburg has furnished a site, the other division point in the state outside of Portland and Medford. Mr. Griffiths is also arranging for the securing of automobiles in this city for the trip over the Siskiyou, and will leave tonight for a meeting with his associates at Seattle upon the feasibility of the plan.—Mail Tribune

Electric Sparks

Rules of war—Anything you are strong enough to enforce.

Another famous opera singer is to be married. This has been a hard year for the songbirds, many of them being driven to matrimony.

New York feels deeply hurt about Thaw's reluctance to return to the state.

Money is said to be scarce in South America. Here is another bond of sympathy with North America.

Mexico should try to get a president with Carranza's respectability and Villa's energy and ability.

To know that sugar is getting cheaper again helps to sweeten the general state of affairs.

Why do so many geniuses get their pictures taken while they are fingering their faces?

If war were as slow as diplomacy, every other generation would escape. Kaiser Wilhelm apparently regards the crown Prince as the infant terrible of Europe.

From all accounts the nations at war are equally neutral in knocking the United States.

Possibly Carranza is still hanging around because Huerta didn't leave enough for him to get away on.

What the world needs is more laughter.

We have noted the recent statement that John D. Rockefeller has given a quarter of a billion of "our money" away.

We suppose the object of an iron ring is for the dogs of war to cut their teeth on.

Billy Sunday says he is going to "make hell break loose," before he quits in Philadelphia. Billy generally does it too.

There must have been weather forecasters in Isaiah's day, for he told us to beware of false prophets.

Half the world's business panics are psychologic.

The Rev. Mr. Sunday says nothing can turn New York from its wicked path. Not even Mr. Sunday.

February nearly always lives up to its naughty reputation.

Paying an income tax is an honor and distinction that the ordinary man cheerfully sacrifices.

Perhaps the report that Gen. Villa was wounded grew out of the fact that the loss of Mexico City hurt his feelings.

California is thinking of dividing into two states, having no hopes of ever growing to the size of Texas, anyway.

They say there are 142,000 physicians in this country. With all that competition no wonder they have to discover new diseases once in a while.

Intelligent women hate to be wooed for their wealth. Now that they are wealthy in votes, they should scrutinize closely the candidates who come wooing.

Counterfeiters Arrested

Marshfield, Or., Feb. 15—J. S. Stevens, proprietor of a dyeworks, and Z. G. Harshman were arrested yesterday charged with counterfeiting. Fifty molds for silver coins and \$5 gold coins found in an East Side house by Chief Police Carter and Federal Operative Wm. Glover, after four weeks' work by the local police. It is believed no money has been put in circulation, though the molds were wet from recent use.

MINING NOTES

Reports Show Great Activity in Kerby District

Placer mining for the season has been under full sway. In the main the water supply has been ample.

McLeod & Hutchins have had a profitable clean-up on their Canyon creek grounds and were in town this week renewing supplies.

Geo. Finch, manager of the Finch placers near the government fish hatchery, reports work progressing satisfactorily on his property.

Jack Shade is showing some very fine nuggets from his placer grounds at Six Mile, and is confident the year's total will maintain its equal to last year's product.

Bert Adams, on Canyon creek, has ample water and is washing down a larger ground than usual. This property has always been a producer of profitable values.

Jno. Wittrock is working under bond and lease the old Purdy placer property and from its reputation as a producer expects a profitable cleaning.

Moritz Norden, president Junction Placer Co., reports work progressing satisfactorily on this splendid property. The development work showing by two tunnels the depth and character of the channels is still under way. This company is one having the courage of its convictions in not being afraid to invest its capital in proof of its grounds. In consequence the pay-streaks and channels have been determined and values are in sight for extraction, upon which it is now drifting and running the products over the sluices.

The Wyoming placers on the memorable Tennessee Gulch are under active operations by John Huselton, manager producing values and maintaining its historical reputation.

E. M. Albright, connected with the Calumet mine on Rancherie creek, has struck very hard rock and will have but about ten feet to drive to strike a very valuable vein of ore, as indicated on surface where it pans free gold and assays high values.

Wm. Van Kannon, with a force of men and supplies went out to his Bybee Hill quartz properties to resume active operations.

Mike Langel, on Soldier creek is driving a tunnel on his property to intersect the extension of the vein running through the Eureka property.—Observer

PORTLAND LETTER

Government Employment Agency. Sales Day at Albany Feb. 27

Portland, Ore., Feb. 16, (Special)—Not only in Oregon, but in all parts of the country, the Government has inaugurated a movement to secure work for the unemployed and to furnish men or women to farmers and other employers outside the cities. It is a common sight to see men standing around the streets in town at all seasons of the year who would be glad to go out into the country and go to work if they only knew just where to go and could be certain that the job would be there when they arrive. John H. Barbour, United States Inspector, Oregon Immigration Service, has started to list applicants for positions of all kinds and is anxious to receive applications for help from employers of labor of all classes.

Every applicant for work will be given a thorough examination as to his qualifications and no man will be sent out for any specific line of work unless he is fitted for it, thus leaving no room for the annual complaint that farmers are supplied with laborers who know nothing of farm work, at a time when the farmer is too busy to teach them. The first day the office was open more than 100 applications for work were received, and as there are no fees or other expenses connected with the service, it is expected that enough men will be available at any time to fill all possible demands.

Another movement operating along somewhat similar lines, but with the idea of assisting the would be farmer to get land instead of work, is now being discussed under the leadership of Tom Richardson, the founder of the Oregon Development League, with the purpose of evolving some feasible plan for financing the small farmer, dairyman or gardener who has the inclination and the ability to get back to the land and make a success, but who is financially unable to do so. Educators and business men are decidedly in favor of the scheme and it is probable that a convention for its discussion will be held immediately after the close of the legislative session. Mr. Richardson has issued an appeal to all who are interested, asking them to give the matter careful consideration and to work up a community sentiment in its favor.

On February 27 Albany will hold a general "Sales Day." This is to be done for the purpose of bringing the farmer and the merchant closer together along business business lines. There will be an auction of farm produce and stock, conducted without expense to the farmer, the Albany Commercial Club making all arrangements and a well-known auctioneer donating his services. Local stores will stage special sales for that day, and if the scheme proves successful, it will become a regular event. It is a good plan and should be followed by other cities.

Spice of life

Dr. Pillen—Are you going to call a consultation? Dr. Bolus—I think not. I don't believe the patient has that much money.—New York Post

The Sergeant—Look here, before you're served out with your uniform you'd better nip down to the wash-houses and get a bath.

The Recruit—Wot? I come 'ere to be a soldier not a bloomin' mermaid!—London Opinion

"How will you have your eggs cooked?" asked the waiter. "Make any difference in the cost of 'em?" inquired the cautious customer with the brimless hat and the ragged beard. "No." "Then cook them on top of a slice of ham," said the customer gratefully relieved.—Tid-Bits

"This plant belongs to the begonia family." "Ah! And you are taking care of it while they are away."—Boston Times

Mrs. Lovewett (at 2 a. m.)—Where have you been? Lovewett—Just fell in with an old friend, m' dear. Mrs. Lovewett—Fell in, eh? I believe you. You're soaked.—Chicago News

First soldier—If you really believe you won't die until your time comes, why do you dodge every bullet that comes along? Second soldier—Because my time won't come so long as I am able to dodge 'em.—New York Times

"Pa, what is a retainer?" "What you pay a lawyer before he does any work for you, my son." "Oh, I see."

It's like the quarter you put in the gas meter before you get any gas.—Boston Transcript

He had waited thirty minutes for a waiter to bring his dinner. "Now," he said to the waiter, "can you bring me some cheese and coffee?" "Yes sir; in a minute, sir." "And," continued the diner, "while you are away you might send me a postal card every now and then."—Woman's Home Companion

Notes on the War

(From Scientific American)

French 4-inch Aircraft Gun

The new French 4-inch gun for attack on aircraft has proved to be a very efficient weapon. It fires a projectile weighing about 36 pounds with a muzzle velocity of 1,870 feet per second. The sighting is by means of a panoramic glass and the gun-pointing is done similarly to that of the well-known French 7.5 gun. The carriage remains fixed, the gun recoiling to a distance of 1 meter and returning to battery by means of compressed air. The weight of the piece in action with its armor screen is about 2½ tons.

Criticism of Loss of Formidable

Admiral Beresford has made a bitter criticism of the loss of the "Formidable," claiming that it was due to a neglect of the most elementary precautions against submarine attack. According to his letter the "Formidable" was proceeding at moderate speed on a moonlit night, and unaccompanied by destroyers, which latter have proved to be the most effective defense against the submarine. It is significant that the same conditions, or most of them, obtained in the case of the loss of the "Aboukir," "Cressy" and "Hogue," which were sunk while they were steaming at only 7 knots unaccompanied by the usual destroyer screen.

U. S. Navy Fourth in Tonnage

According to the last published figures of the Office of Naval Intelligence dated July 1st, 1914 when the new vessels which at that time were under construction, are completed and in commission, the U. S. Navy will have dropped from third to fourth position in respect of total tonnage. The order will be Great Britain, 2,714,196 tons; Germany, 1,305,576 tons; France, 899,915 tons and the United States, 894,889 tons. Since the war started Great Britain, Germany and France have greatly accelerated construction, and probably the United States Navy is further behind France in tonnage than the above figures indicate.

Copper Mine to Reopen

Roseburg, Or., Feb. 15—H. A. Devens, a mining man, expects to begin operations at the mines formerly owned by the Oregon Copper Co., at Doe creek in the Cow Creek Canyon next month. These mines have many hundred feet of tunnel already bored to the ore-bearing lead, and the present owner will begin to ship at once to the Kennet Cal. smelter. The mines have been tied up for a number of years by litigation. The last carload of ore was shipped by J. P. Hanson, foreman of the mine when it closed to settle a bill due him, and he received \$16 a ton for the carload. This mine lies on the Southern Pacific line. The Banfield mine, not far from Tiller, Or., on which \$200,000 has been spent in development has been sold to the Eastern lumberman, DeWitt Van Ostrand. This mine is 40 miles from the railroad and while the ore is of unusual grade, successful working is awaiting transportation.

Brings in Prospectors

Gold Beach, Or., Feb. 15—News of the recent gold strike on Lobster creek near the divide between Coos and Curry counties, in which J. R. Smith took out \$1500 in less than three months, has been the means of bringing in several miners during the past two weeks. From all indications this is one of the most important strikes made in Southwestern Oregon in recent years, and may mean the opening of a rich region hitherto only slightly scratched by prospectors.

Graham Hoffman of Medford was given a divorce from his wife Florence Hoffman, by a decree of the circuit court, Wednesday. Mr. Hoffman was also given custody of the two children.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures Enterprises and Improvements Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon

Eaton bill for \$20,000 for employment bureaus was killed.

Flax plant and wagon plant considered at state prison.

Madras—Commercial club is boosting a starch factory.

McMinnville—Two story annex will be built to hospital.

Some counties are refusing to send a representative to the Panama Exposition to bring more people to Oregon.

Granite is one of Ashland's big future possibilities. Big development means big payrolls.—Tidings.

Tillamook—Electric plant being constructed at Bar View.

The Rogue River Public Service Corporation will install an electric ditch digger.

The S. P. Co. bridge across Coos Bay will be 2400 feet long of structural steel.

The Oxbow Power Co. is operating its plant at Copperfield.

Canyon City—Utah mining men are here to develop Canyon mountain mines.

Out of 400 bills in legislature 40 regulate salmon industry.

Baker—Chambermaid sues Crabill Hotel for \$5680 personal injuries.

Legislature has so far killed all reactionary measures to handicap industries.

It is estimated border counties lost \$100,000 fees in 1914 on account of freak marriage laws.

If the Supreme Court sustains the Portland meat trust ordinance it will practically bar farmers shipping dressed hogs, sheep and calves to the city market.

Salem is to have a three story brick apartment house.

Klamath Iron Works has turned out 400 flanged carwheels for the Pelican Bay sawmill yard trucks.

At the end of fourth week legislature two economy bills and one salary reduction bill had been passed.

Willamette Valley editors refused to endorse amendments to working mens compensation law.

Gold Hill gets a powder warehouse.

T. A. Livesley & Co. of Salem sold ten tons loganberries to a Chicago mail order house.

Governor Withycombe's watchwords for his administration—"economy, efficiency and optimism."

Malheur—Gold dredge arrived to operate on Lyon placer mines.

A Douglas County library may be established at Roseburg.

The Dalles business men went on a record as opposed to further legislation or regulation burdening railroads.

Gresham—Beaver State motorcar factory ready to operate.

Grants Pass—Portland architect is to prepare plans for an \$80,000 court house.

Pendleton will construct an \$8000 swimming pool at Roundup Park.

Three Pacific Coast states will lose \$250,000 gross earnings taxes by unregulated jitney-bus competition.

Cresswell—A. Vatuone of San Jose establishing paint factory here.

St. Johns are Milwaukee shingle mills resume work on open shop basis.

Tax collection has begun while the legislature is still grinding.

Ontario—A fruit evaporator is to be built here.

Shortage of hogs and cattle as reported is prelude to raise in meat prices.

The Grange and Farmers Union refuse to stand for the freak laws demanded by the Labor Unions. The People's Power League is no longer a factor.

It is estimated \$300,000 can be saved every two years on election expenses by reforming the laws. Why don't the legislature do that instead of passing more new laws?

Miss Katie Chapman who has been visiting relatives here returned to her home in Hornbrook Sunday.

Flour is Going up but Gasolene is Coming Down

I will sell you any amount from 1 pint up at

20c. PER GALLON CASH

Can you afford to buy it in 30, 40 or 50 gallon lots at a price almost equal to this and take chances on evaporation, fire, etc.

Think This Over

Lewis Ulrich

The Pioneer Store

Jacksonville, Ore.