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DEATH OF PIONEER

Mrs. Clara Fleming Birdseye, Resident of Jackson County 65 Years, Died Monday.

Mrs. Clara Fleming Birdseye, one of the oldest women pioneers of southern Oregon, prominently identified with the early history of this section, and one of the most widely known women in the state, died at her home on Birdseye creek, near Rogue River, shortly after midnight Monday night, aged 80 years. Mrs. Birdseye came to Oregon from West Virginia in 1850 and lived all the intervening 60 years, on the donation claim where she and her husband settled. She was a descendant of the Flemings of Virginia, prominent in Colonial life.

Fort Birdseye stood upon this claim and in the Indian wars that mark the early history of this valley she took an active part. She was acquainted with all the terrors of frontier life, and watched the Rogue River Valley grow to its present position from a wilderness. She was the best known woman in southern Oregon.

45 Insane Persons Deported

Salem, Or., April 7.—Fort-five insane patients, 44 from the asylum here and one from the Eastern Oregon asylum, were deported today. Europe is the destination of 15 of them, Mexico gets four, and the remainder are being transported to states of which they are residents. Dr. Evans, an assistant physician at the asylum here, and Dr. McKelway, an assistant in the Eastern Oregon asylum, with several attendants, are in charge of the party.

Election Board All Women

Clatskanie, Or., April 7.—At the regular city election held Monday the following officers were elected: Mayor, W. A. Hall; councilmen, Norman Merrill, G. R. Sagar, G. F. Pugey, G. W. Barnes; treasurer, Dr. M. W. Markham; recorder, George Conyers. For the first time in the history of the city the election board was composed entirely of women. Mrs. Mary Bryant acted as chairman; Mrs. M. W. Markham and Mrs. Julia Geary were the judges, and Mrs. Minnie Hyde and Miss Azelle Conyers acted as clerks of the board.

MEDFORD BOYS HELD

Charged With Stealing Auto Equipment Paroled to Parents.

Three boys, Harold Thompson, Roy Wendt and Clarence Jones, all of this city were up before the probation and police authorities yesterday morning for stealing. The boys were sentenced to the reform school but were placed on parole to their parents. Auto equipment amounting to \$200 was stolen by these three boys. They were arrested Sunday afternoon and admitted the charges against them, pleading that they did not realize the enormity of the offenses. The boys attend school and are well along in their studies. Two juvenile drunkenness cases were also tried yesterday morning. Bryant Gorum and Howard Thomas, both under age. Police Judge Gay sentenced them to 30 days in jail unless they would give the names of the parties who furnished the liquor. No amount of cross examination has so far brought any results. It is thought that some older boy who was able to buy liquor over the bar obtained it for them.

READY TO SEIZE JOHNSON

U. S. District Attorney Predicts "Sensational Development" Later in the Day at Havana.

Chicago April 5.—U. S. District Attorney Clyne announced today the government had secret service men at the ringside of the Johnson-Willard fight in Havana. Clyne declined to go into details.

"Sensational developments may be announced later in the day," he said. From further official source, it was intimated that should Johnson journey outside of the three-mile limit in Cuban waters he would be taken in custody in connection with his conviction under the Mann act.

Notice to Public

Please do not ask for credit at my place of business, as I have started on a strictly cash basis. All those knowing themselves indebted to me please settle.

W. R. Sparks

BEGIN ALASKAN ROAD

In Sixty Days. Colonel Goethals Likely to be Placed in Charge.

Washington, April 5.—Definite plans for construction of the Alaskan railroad are expected to be made by President Wilson within the next few days. The subject probably will be taken up at tomorrow's cabinet meeting.

The plans of the president and secretary Lane contemplate beginning actual building operations in June. The president has given careful study to the port of the Alaska engineering commission, which investigated possible routes for the railroad and made surveys. There have been suggestions that an army officer of the engineering corps be placed in supreme charge and Major General George W. Goethals, who built the Panama canal has been mentioned. Lieutenant Colonel J. J. Morrow, who was president of the Alaska Railroad Commission, also is one of those understood to have been suggested for the work in case the president finally decides to have an engineer officer take charge of the construction of the road.

It was understood today that everything is ready for work to start as soon as the president announces the route and whether the Alaskan Northern or the Copper River and Northwestern will be bought by the government as a link in the line.

To Celebrate Raisin Day

Elaborate plans are being worked out for the annual "Raisin Day" celebration to be held April 30. The headquarters of this movement are in Fresno, and already committees have been appointed and are busily at work arranging details. The observance will begin in Fresno when the children of the public schools will welcome the day with a concert. Following this there will be a street pageant and a daisant in the evening. To an even greater extent than in former years the fame of the raisin will be heralded throughout the United States and a special effort will be made to have raisin dishes served at all hotels and restaurants on the last day of the month.

Some of the railway men are inclined to favor the idea of Government ownership on the theory that Uncle Sam should worry.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon

Wallowa will vote on building a city hall.

I. C. Gates, Veneta will erect a business building.

Christian church at Marshfield will build addition 25x62 ft.

Pacific Telephone Co. added 44,900 stations during past year.

Portland Gas Co. shows increased earnings over 1913 of only \$6671.

Attorney General Brown holds that jitney busses are common carriers.

Albany—council planning paving 12 blocks on three streets.

Ryan & Allen owning sawmills at Hession, Wash., and Sheridan, Ore., have taken over the plant at Sara, Wash.

Clackamas County improvements in sight total \$771,000.

Wasco county building large industrial barn on poor farm.

The "morals court" once voted down sought to be revived at Portland.

Portland—the new Couch school has a roof garden and swimming tank.

Medford—fund of \$1000 raised to operate cannery.

Oregon has had bonneting enough—it is time to go to work.

Springfield—Budd McPherson builds concrete business house.

Roseburg—Postoffice moves into new \$10,000 building.

Methodists of Bay Park, (Columbia) will build \$1000 chapel.

Warrenton gets 2-story frame 60 by 66 feet, slow-burning building.

Seaborg & Co. of Portland will erect a cannery at Wedderburn.

Crater Lake Junction—Union Oil Co. will build \$25,000 plant here.

The Dalles gets the big Libby, McNeil & Libby fruit cannery.

Baker City—votes July 14 on \$80,000 bond issue to enlarge municipal light plant.

Clatsop County will macadamize Flavel Warrenton road.

Roseburg gave a banquet to a Pittsburg man who proposed to build a railroad to his timber on the North Umpqua and start a sawmill.

A movement is on to give each city a Bureau of Municipal Research—another commission to make soft places and increase taxes.

Albany—Union Furniture plant sold to A. C. Girard, Montesano, Wash.

Organized labor threatens to defeat \$1,250,000 road bond issue at Portland unless county agrees to do all work at \$3.00 per day for eight hours.

Salem—\$15 per ton will be paid by the State Prison board for flax straw.

Grants Pass—R. E. Smith will erect \$6500 residence.

Linn county will build \$20,000 wood and steel bridge across Santiam.

Salem—Theo. Roth will erect three-story mercantile building of brick.

Astoria—35 new homes building on Young's Bay side.

Oswego—Portland banker will erect \$30,000 home near here.

Salem—hospital association will erect \$25,000 addition.

Lebanon—Edwin Myers will build \$3000 bungalow.

J. S. Winters builder of Pendleton Hotel is low bidder on Pendleton federal building.

Lane county board substitutes cow show for Eugenies exhibition.

Eugene—Geo. Dorris has let contract to erect brick business building.

Pendleton starting to raise \$100,000 for hard surface road to Cold Springs. Much more "hard surface" talk than formerly.

New Bridge—work started Monday on big ditch from dry Gulch.

The Dalles—electric line planned up Mill Creek to tap timber belt.

State Highway commission have decided to build the mile of road at Mitchell Point, Hood River, to cost \$50,000.

Crown paper mill Oregon City, shut down since Oct. 1, 1914, starts this week with 75 to 100 men.

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PORTLAND LETTER

Libbey, McNeil & Libbey Will Erect Cannery at The Dalles Flax Growing to be Started. Jetty at Mouth of Coquille.

Portland, Ore., April 6, (Special)—A new magazine to be devoted exclusively to taxation, good roads, crop marketing, rural credits and other live topics, is being launched by C. C. Chapman, who has just retired from the secretaryship of the Oregon Development League. The new publication is to be called The Oregon Voter and the first number will go to press late in April.

After a thorough investigation of the various fruit growing sections of the Pacific Northwest the big Chicago packing firm of Libbey has decided to erect a cannery at The Dalles. The announcement has been officially made by a representative of the company and construction will be rushed in order to be ready for the cherry crop in June.

Within the past few days definite action has been taken at Salem in regard to starting the flax industry in this state. In order to encourage farmers to experiment with the new crop, it is planned to offer \$15 per ton for flax straw, a considerable advance over prices in other sections. Seed will be furnished at \$3 per bushel payment to be made when the straw is marketed.

A big plant for the screening and washing of sand and gravel will be installed at Roseburg in the near future. Several thousand dollars will be invested in machinery and building and side-tracks connecting the works with the S. P. R. will also be put in. Contracts have already been entered into for disposing of a large part of the output.

Efforts are being made by railroad officials to induce farmers in the Willamette Valley to grow cauliflower in wholesale quantities. It is said there is an unlimited demand for this vegetable in Chicago and other cities of the Middle West and that regular market rates are such as to yield a handsome profit to growers.

Within a few days active work will be commenced on the north jetty at the mouth of the Coquille River, an improvement for which \$90,000 was appropriated in October. A stone quarry to be opened at Bandon will supply the stone and it is expected the jetty will be practically completed this summer.

It cost \$4,054,646 to govern the City of Portland during 1914. Based on a population of 275,000, the above sum represents an average of \$14.75 for each individual, which is probably more than some of them are worth.

COUNTY WILL BRING SUIT AGAINST COLVIG

Friendly Suit is Filed to Recover Fees Taken From Private Parties.

At a meeting of the county court yesterday Prosecuting Attorney E. E. Kelly was directed to collect fees taken by County Treasurer Fred L. Colvig during his term of office as recorder from private parties for copies of county records. This suit is in the nature of a friendly action to determine whether or not the county recorder at that time was entitled to such fees. The county court has maintained that according to a law passed in 1905 all fees collected by county officials from private parties should be turned into the county treasury while Treasurer Colvig has taken the opposite position.

The exact sum involved is not known but is supposed to be in the neighborhood of \$1000. The copies were given to the Jackson County Abstract Co. to show their books.

Attorney Gus Newbury will represent Mr. Colvig. The legal point involved seems to be whether the 1905 law refers to uncertified copies. The copies in the case are said not to have been certified and the result of the action will determine this point.

Ivan McDonough was in from Applegate the fore part of the week.

RAILROAD FOR ROSEBURG

City Will Be Required to Give \$300,000 Toward Line to Rich Timber Belt in Oregon.

Roseburg, April 6.—A bona fide offer to build a 30-mile standard gauge railroad, to construct a sawmill of 200,000 feet capacity and open up what is termed the largest single body of standing timber in the United States is made to the city of Roseburg by Eastern timber operators the Kendall brothers. The offer is made with the idea that the lumber trade will be stimulated and demand increased in two years.

The offer will be backed by any bond the city of Roseburg may demand, within reasonable limits. The city of Roseburg will be asked to give \$300,000 towards the construction of the railroad, on condition that the title vest in the city. It is also to provide the right-of-way and a 40-acre tract of land for a mill site.

S. A. Kendall said yesterday that he would build the line to the forest reserve boundaries, providing the city accepted the terms. This is at Clark's Place, eight or ten miles from the end of the wagon road at Rock creek, on the North Umpqua river. The railroad is to be used by all shippers alike although a preferential rate may be made on logs in order that the logs may be sawed in or near Roseburg.

In addition to opening up a great timber basin, the road is likely to become a link of a through line to Eastern Oregon by way of Diamond lake it filling in 30 miles of the 100 between this city and Eastern Oregon. To the north 15 to 20 miles also lies the Bohemia mining district in which are innumerable low-bearing ledges of gold ore.

The railroad, aside from the steel rails, will cost, according to engineers' estimates, \$750,000.

RAILROAD WORK IN OREGON

Report of Railway Commission Shows Cost of New Lines and Betterments To be Large.

Salem, Or., April 6.—Twelve million dollars was spent in Oregon last year by railroads in making extensions and betterments, according to the annual report of the state railroad commission. Among the more important items was the building of 58 miles of track of the Willamette Pacific railroad from Eugene westward. The Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company's construction of 80 miles of track from Vale to Riverton; electrification of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern railway, 100 miles, from Portland to Whetson; the building of a double track line on the Oregon Electric from Portland to Garden Home, and the practical reconstruction of the Corvallis & Eastern railroad, also are notable railway improvements.

The Oregon-Washington railroad leads all other lines in the amount expended, the figures submitted showing the company to have spent \$5,444,797. Construction of the 80 miles from Vale to Riverton cost \$4,300,000. This road is operated under the name of the Oregon Eastern railroad.

Spend Profitable Vacation

A party of about twenty students, members of the forestry class at Oregon Agricultural College under Prof. Peavy, are spending their Easter vacation in the employ of the U. S. Forest Service.

The boys are working under a party of trained men of the Forest Service, and will not only gain some practical experience in cruising timber, but also help Uncle Sam in some work which has been undertaken on the Breitenbush River on the Santiam Forest. The government is furnishing the instruments for the use of the party, but the students are paying their own expenses, and incidentally having a very good time.

At least one may hope that the warriors of Europe will finish their business in the warrior month.

New Spring Goods

Lewis Ulrich

The Pioneer Store

Jacksonville, Ore.