



BLACK EAGLE GROUP OF CLAIMS SOLD

Puget Sound Men Invest Money in Illinois Valley Near Grants Pass.

Grants Pass, Or., April 10—On Saturday the Black Eagle group of mining claims, located in Fiddler's gulch, in the Illinois valley, was sold to men from the state of Washington. The price paid for the group was \$175,000, the initial payment being \$30,000, and the property was turned over to the new owners at once. The purchasers are P. H. Walters, a mining man of Seattle; Parvin Wright of the Wright Elevator company; Fred Firth, of Seattle; W. C. Swallow, manager of a paper mill at Everett, Wash., and Captain Smith owner of the old convict ship Success.

The former owners retain an interest in the mines. Mr. Walters, who has been a mining man in the Spokane and British Columbia districts, has been here for several weeks investigating the property, and said: "It is the biggest thing I have ever seen."

A concentrator of 50 tons capacity will be installed at once of the Marks type, and it is proposed to have it in operation by June 1.

Astoria Naval Base is Urged by Hawley.

Washington, April 10—Representative Hawley is endeavoring to secure a hearing before the naval committees of the house and senate upon the bill to establish a naval base on the Columbia river.

T. C. Harley, of Astoria, is cooperating with Mr. Hawley and will testify before the committees if Hawley is successful in arranging the hearings. The house committee is now considering the naval appropriation bill and it is impossible to obtain a hearing on the naval base bill until the appropriation bill is reported. An early hearing may possibly be obtained before the senate committee.

Oldest Church Gets New Organ

Warrenton, Or., April 11—The Clatsop Plains Presbyterian church is to secure a new organ as the result of the Ladies' Aid society, assisted by the Rev. Alfred Bates. This is the oldest Presbyterian church west of the Rocky mountains.

THE PANAMA CANAL

Closing is Only Temporary and a Mere Incident.

President William Sproule of the Southern Pacific, commenting on the resumption of traffic through the Panama Canal after the present slide is repaired, says that the setback caused by the slide is only temporary and that the temporary setback will not prevent the return of shipments to the waterway.

"The public uses" said Sproule, the various facilities for transportation at its disposal. The closing of the canal was a mere incident. The railroads have never believed, and certainly the Southern Pacific does not now believe that the Panama Canal is or will be put out of business by the railroads.

"The closing of the canal by slides is but a temporary setback of the kind which may be expected for a long time to come, just as a railroad through mountain canyons is subject to landslides for a considerable period after construction."

"Then there is added to the embarrassment caused by the closing of the canal the fact that ships can now derive extraordinary profits from the international traffic. There may be an interval when the canal will not be in such active use for coast-to-coast business as it would be under normal conditions. This, however, is no basis for judgment of the future."

"Looking into the future broadly, the various kinds of traffic will take the routes of carriages that suit the commodity best, every condition considered."

Literacy Test, in House Bill Is Retained.

Washington, April 11—The senate immigration committee today ordered a favorable report on the house immigration bill, retaining the literacy test. The committee accepted all house provisions except that to require matrons to travel in the steerage of immigrant vessels bound for the United States.

Farmers Will Build Elevator

Ione, Or., April 12—The Farmers' union, of Ione, contemplates building a grain elevator with a capacity of 60,000 bushels. The farmers are very much enthused over the prospect of securing elevators, and expect to make them profitable.

GETS LIFE SENTENCE

M. D. Bouseman, Who Killed Neighbor's Goes to State's Prison for Life.

Grants Pass, Or., April 10—M. D. Bouseman, charged with the murder of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Akers, near Wilderville, pleaded guilty late Saturday and was sentenced to life imprisonment. Bouseman and the Akers' were neighbors, and had trouble over line fences and stock, with the result that Bouseman shot Mr. and Mrs. Akers while they were on their way to church. He showed but little remorse over his crime and claimed that the trouble between them made it necessary for him to kill the couple.

Four Gateways to Pacific Coast

A beautifully illustrated folder "Four Gateways to the Pacific Coast" has just been issued by the Passenger Department of the Southern Pacific. This folder gives a general description of the Southern Pacific routes to the Pacific Coast through Portland, Ogden, El Paso, and New Orleans.

A prominent feature of this folder is a two color map with illustrated insets which shows at a glance the many scenic attractions of the Western states, and fittingly bearing out the Southern Pacific's new slogan "All the Pacific Coast is a Show Place."

Oregon and Washington is represented with eight pages of the text and illustrations. Views of Seattle, Tacoma and Portland are shown, together with many of the scenic points of interest, such as Mount Rainier-Tacoma, Mount Hood, Rogue River, Crater Lake and the Siskiyou.

The new folder which is printed in orange and black is to be given wide distribution throughout the East. Copies can be obtained by addressing Mr. John M. Scott, General Passenger Agent, Southern Pacific, Portland, Oregon.

Senate Amends Banking Law

Washington, April 11—Senator Kern's amendment to the Clayton law to permit a director in a bank in the Federal Reserve system to serve on the directorate of two other banks not in substantial competition with the government bank, was passed today by the senate and goes to the house. It was recommended by the senate banking committee.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings in Various Parts of Oregon.

Fire Does \$200 Damage

Forest Grove, Or., April 10—Fire originating near a cooking range partially destroyed the Commercial restaurant here early this morning, causing a loss of about \$200. The building was owned by F. W. Emerson and was leased by John Constantinos.

Rancher Killed in Mountains

Roseburg, Or., April 10—Henry Rader, a middle-aged bachelor residing on Tyee mountain, 20 miles northwest of this place, was found dead last night. Apparently he had fallen over a cliff going from his lower ranch to an upper place last Thursday. He had been missing since that date.

Women Form Republican Club

Salem, Or., April 10—For the purpose of completing the organization of the Women's Marion County Republican club a meeting is being held at the city hall here this afternoon. A preliminary organization was effected recently, when Mrs. Helen W. Southwick was elected president; Mrs. C. P. Bishop vice-president; and Mrs. R. Cartwright treasurer.

Foreman of Coal Mine Drops Dead at Supper Table.

Marshfield, Or., April 10—James A. Yates, foreman of the Libby Coal company, while sitting at a table talking to his wife Saturday evening, remarked that he felt a bad spell coming on, and instantly died of heart failure. He would have been 52 years old tomorrow. His mother lives at Renton, Wash. Yates came to Coos Bay from England in 1871, and practically all of the time since then he has been interested in coal mining. In some manner the report spread that E. H. Joehnk, living here, formerly of Oregon City, an attorney, had dropped dead, and he spent most of today in receiving congratulations on being alive again.

\$13,000 Damages Asked

Marshfield, Or., April 10—The sum of \$13,000 is asked as damages by Julius Bracke, former logger, of the Smith-Powers company. He alleges that when a cable gave way last September his arm was broken, so that he is incapacitated for further work in his line, and also claims that his skull was fractured. The case will probably be heard in the federal court in Portland.

Strawberries are Later Than in 1915 at Hood River

Hood River, Or., April 10—While strawberry tracts in protected areas were blooming as early as April 15 last year and while berries were being sold in small quantities during the first week in May, it will be the middle of May this year before express shipments are being made. Strawberries will not begin to bloom before about May 10, according to present indications. All fruit trees are later than last season. Only a few plum and peach trees have blossomed here as yet.

Mill Employee Loses His Leg When he Falls on Saw

Portland, April 11—Sam Teyema, an employe in the mill of the Western Co-operative company, St. Johns, this morning slipped and fell upon a big saw. Before other employes could rescue him his right foot was completely severed from his leg and his left foot badly lacerated. He was taken to Good Samaritan hospital by the Ambulance Service company. Teyema is a native of Holland, 20 years old and single. He resides at 942 Amherst street.

Brothers Convicted of Keeping a Gambling House.

Dallas, Or., April 12—A jury in the circuit court here last night convicted Frank and Cliff Smith, owners of a billiard hall at Independence, of keeping a gambling house. A jury during the January term of court disagreed in their case. Sentence will be passed Friday morning.

A SCHOOLMASTER IS NEEDED

Common Sense Says "Be Ready to Meet Whatever Comes."

A schoolmaster is evidently needed in Washington. The idea there seems to be to run the country in the old-fashioned apple-paring, corn-shucking way, a go-as-you-please affair, where all are good fellows and no bossing is desired. But war is ruling nearly all the world now. It is convulsing Europe and western Asia, it is degenerating into coarse murder in Mexico; China is all ready for it; it is churning the world's ocean into bloody spray, and filling the air above. And war is strictly an imperial machine. There is no "if you please" about. It is go and he goeth, come and he cometh, all its edicts are like moving the previous question—they shut off debate. A few weeks ago a great cry came from Washington of the need of rational preparedness, and the experience since indicates that the knowledge of what is needed is so obscure that a schoolmaster is needed to formulate a system which will be comprehensive enough to meet the requirements.

We have before us a paper which tells how a French officer was called to the telephone about midnight one August night in 1914. A brief message fell on his ear. He sprang into an auto and dashed away to the nearest town and set a dozen phones ringing. In the next six hours several hundred automobiles came and reported to him. Some were driven by workmen, some by military officers; some by young men who still wore the full dress suits in which they were dressed when the order reached them. In fifteen hours they were all assigned their places with full supplies and had started for the front. They had been organized with the thought that war might come and every detail had been fixed so that when the news came that a war was really on, there was not one second's delay in responding.

Suppose such an order was to be sent out in our country, what would follow? The message that would come back would be: "Out of gasoline." Then there would be a call upon those who manufacture gasoline and the answer would be that they had just shipped all they had to Europe. Doubtless, the next morning's papers would give a list of lands supposed to be oil lands which the government had just reserved to keep greedy speculators from appropriating.

We have been threatened with war in several ways for the past three years, but as we understand it, there are no small arms for an army, no heavy guns, no sufficient number of machine guns; no available supply of ammunition, and not enough food to support a real army for a month. More so much food has been sent abroad, that the poor of the country are already reduced to small rations and the prices are soaring out of sight.

When our little war with Spain was declared and volunteers were called for more of those volunteers died in camp than in battle, because there were no men competent to establish sanitary camps for them? Will our country never get the sense to use a little common prudence in keeping the country in at least a little way ready to meet whatever call may be made upon it, and in time of peace to prevent the people from being robbed and wronged by speculators?—Goodwin's Weekly

Register if You Want to Vote

With only two days left in which to register, fully 50 per cent of the voters have failed to register. The result will be that probably less than half the voters of the different parties will attend the primaries and as a majority only, of the votes cast is required for a nomination, a small minority of the voters of the county will name the next officers of the county.

Hurry up now if you want to help pick the winning ones. Tuesday is the last day on which you can register.

Gold Nuggets Found in Street

Helena, Mont., April 10—From ground washed up by a burst water main in the business district of Helena two gold nuggets worth \$25 apiece, were picked up. The find caused much excitement among old prospectors who mined the principal street in Helena when it was one of the richest placer gulches in history.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

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

Newberg is working for loganberry, juice, cider and vinegar factory. Albany and Roseburg are also after the same kind of a plant.

Baker—New railroad proposed between here and Pine and Eagle valleys.

Petitions are to be circulated for \$370,000 road bonds in Coos County.

Marshfield—Nann Smith chartered to carry war supplies to Japan.

Prineville votes \$100,000 bond issue to start railroad to connect with Oregon Trunk line near Redmond.

Madison—C. W. Defoe of Detroit, Mich. is building sawmill near here to operate soon.

Orders have already been placed by France and Italy for 400,000 cases of Pacific Coast salmon.

Myrtle Creek man has invented engine to run by air instead of gasoline.

Halsey ships ton of eggs in a day to outside markets.

Lebanon Paper Mill running full time with full force, first time in months.

New depots will be built at Marshfield and N. Bend by S. P. Co.

Roseburg will regulate jitneys, will charge license fee and require \$20.00 bond.

Echo will have sheep shearing plant to handle 5000 sheep daily.

Farm products shipped from Baker, Haines, and North Powder for 1915 were worth \$793,200.

Corvallis—Three churches will be built here this summer.

Oregon City—Due to enlargement of Halley Paper Mill trade expands, buildings vacant for months now full and new stores start.

Improvement in lumber business helps all lines of trade in northwest.

J. G. Vogel of Pittsburg will build large summer resort in northwest on Sand Island in Columbia river between Portland and Vancouver.

Bandon—Moore mill starts operations with 80 men.

Veneta sawmill at work cutting railroad ties.

Sutherlin—Everfresh Co. enlarging at cost of \$6,000.

Independence—S. P. Co. plans to electrify from here to Corvallis.

Japanese building many vessels to handle U. S. trade.

Myrtle Point will do much paving this summer.

20,000 ft. sawmill being built on Willamette-Pacific near Richardson.

Donald—Cheese factory to be built at once.

Representative of linen interests of Belfast, Ireland says large flax mill will be built in Oregon if experiments in flax raising now under way prove successful.

O. W. R. & N. Co. will spend \$3,650,000 in addition to regular amount this year, for improvements.

Astoria—Work on McEachern ship yard started.

Portland Gas & Coke Co. plans gas distribution in eastern Multnomah Co.

Sawmill at Snowdon Starts Work

White Salmon, Wash., April 10—The Sutton sawmill at Snowdon, has started cutting lumber again after being shut down for several months. The local demand is very brisk for lumber this spring, as many ranchers are building new homes and adding additions to their barns, preparatory to the raising of hogs and cattle on a much larger scale than heretofore.

Auto Runs Over and Kills Boy

Freewater, Or., April 10—Fred Lentz aged 9 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lentz of this place, was run over and killed by an auto driven by J. H. Coffman last evening on Main street of this city. The lad was riding a bicycle and, swinging around a corner with head down over the handlebars in an effort to breast wind blowing at the time, he ran directly under the auto coming in the opposite direction the boy and bicycle being both thrown under the wheels of the auto. The boy was dragged several feet before the wheels passed over him, and death followed within a half hour.

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