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THE OIL SITUATION.

No Work Being Done at Coker Butte Hole. Horse Play Unexplained.

Rumors are rife, but no actual work has been done in the way of prospecting for oil in the valley—and people are beginning to wonder if there ever will be. Colonel Mundy, of Medford, who owns thousands of acres of oil rights, in the vicinity of Ashland, made an unfortunate deal, early in 1918, with a man by the name of Davenport, connected with the Clark-Davis Paving company, a subsidiary of the Warren Construction Company, which is an octopoid tentacle of the Standard "Oil Octopus."

Subsequent events interested him no more, apparently, for, like Nero, he fled along for a year and a half while the great heart of the valley yearned and burned for oil. He contracted to put in an up-to-date drilling outfit immediately and to prosecute the work of drilling diligently and in a business like manner—as though he meant it. He waited to get his plant until some fellow up in the state of Washington who had been notified, no doubt, to abate a nuisance, wished on him a wheezy boiler of the vintage of 1861 and a handful of junk from the ruins of Nineveh. After many delays and heap much talk, the antediluvian job lot of machinery, etc., especially etc., was persuaded to do business on the north slope of Coker Butte, east of Central Point. It had the lungs and liver for a 160-foot dash (in a hundred years) and a motor eaten cable with which the Egyptians may have boosted the capstone that never got there up the side of the great pyramid of Cheops.

With much persuasion and multitudinous repairs the drill was induced to go the limit—160 feet—and then like Grandfather Ben's old speckled hen, which was a hummer and laid 90 eggs on the fourth of July and then laid up for the summer, quit—stalled—nearly for all time; Davenport was discarded and a new company organized for what purpose peponent sayeth not. But the hole, the hole, partially caved in, is still there and so are the prehistoric remains; no oil, however, but the pungent odor of a lot of wasted gas. What interests the man on the street is the conundrum: Is there any connecting the failure to "get there" with the Standard Oil company.—Record.

Rainier—Warren Construction Co. laying 900 feet bitulithic daily.

JACKSON COUNTY LOSES SUIT.

Supreme Court Upholds Sweeney in Suit.

In a decision handed down last week, the Supreme Court of Oregon denied a rehearing of the case appealed by Jackson county, wherein J. W. Sweeney was awarded a decree of \$82,553.29.

According to the evidence in the case Sweeney had taken a contract to improve the road from the California line for a distance of fourteen miles. Before the completion of the contract, according to Sweeney, the county changed the direction of the original survey, thereby causing much more work and diverting from the terms of the original agreement.

It was claimed by the contractor that he was entitled to extra compensation for the additional work and the court ruled in his favor. The case has been in the courts several years.

Ten Years Ago.

From The Jacksonville Post of July 24, 1909.

Gus Newberry drives a new White auto.

Paul Demmer and Miss Opal Hearing were married July 21, by Judge Neil.

The election to authorize the issuance of bonds for construction of water works has been set for August 14.

A 23 acre orchard owned by George Hoover sold to W. H. Watt for \$5500.

The U. S. hotel has been rented to Brad Radcliff, who will open it up for the accommodation of the public in a few days.

Water in the city well has risen to a level of seven feet below the surface of the land.

The deer season will open August 1st and close Nov. 1st. Remember it is unlawful to kill more than five in one season.

D. H. Jackson, trustee of G. E. Neuber, held an auction sale Monday, of the furniture, etc., used in the Neuber saloon.

La Pine—Old Morson project to be developed. Water for 10,000 acres to be available next year.

Pendleton—Half-blood wool sold for 58 cents.

Port of Astoria lets contract to widen state highway to Miles crossing.

FORMER JVILLE MAN REFUSES STATE JOB.

A. C. Joy Refuses Position in Coos County.

A. C. Joy of Ashland, recently turned down a position as Horticulturalist for Coos County. Mr. Joy was formerly principal of the Jacksonville public schools, but for the past several years has been located near Ashland, where he has been engaged in fruit raising.

Mr. Joy, since going to Ashland, has gradually been recognized as one of the foremost and progressive fruit raisers in the county, and the Ashland people are glad to know that a government position, with a \$3,000 salary attached, would not tempt him to give up his ranch and fruit business.

Mr. Joy is at present at the head of the Jackson county farm bureau. The position was offered through P. J. Mavis, of the O. A. C.

To Use Dead Indian Road on Visit to Crater Lake.

The committee in charge of the reception of the National Editorial Association, when that body comes to Medford and southern Oregon in August, announces a plan to send the party over the Dead Indian road. The plan is to split the party, sending half the party over the usual route and the other half by way of Ashland and the Dead Indian road. On the return trip, however, each party will take the opposite route.

Ashland papers announce that the forest service is repairing the road, so that it will be in first class condition. The members of the Association are representative newspaper men from all sections of the United States and their visit and impression of the valley should do much towards putting the Rogue River Valley on the map again.

Forest Fires.

The camping season is on. The greatest possible care should be taken by campers not to build large fires and to see that any they do build are thoroughly extinguished before they leave them. Also to avoid throwing cigar or cigarette ends about. Fire is a very dangerous thing in the forest. A big bonfire in front of the camp at night is a pretty site but a little twig red hot and carried on the wind may start a forest fire.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

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

July 21.—Salem—Labor conditions improving. Longshoremen back at work while controversy is investigated. Shipyards closing on account of higher wage demands. Voluntary mediation sentiment growing.

Roosevelt highway wins support in Washington.

Portland prohibits garages within 200 feet of public schools.

Growing loganberry tips great industry developing in Oregon.

Southern Pacific reports increase operating cost of 14.25 per cent.

Carload Hood River cherries brings \$6575 in New York.

Bend to get farm experiment station.

Standard Oil Co. to build large distributing plant at Astoria.

State and federal government agencies duplicating each others work being closed.

Ashton to have new enterprise in form of Farmers Implement Co.

Oregon City—7 acres strawberries netted \$3300 for H. L. Morrell.

Pendleton—Oregon Lumber Co. will erect Collins mill building.

Newberg—Big sale of Jersey cattle totals \$37,000.

Coast states are constructing many new fish hatcheries. State money investigated in fish propagation yields a large return in food material and employment of labor.

Albany gets packing plant to handle 25 to 40 cattle a day.

Aleka River Timber Company will log 6000 acres in Benton county.

Standard Oil Co. building receiving station at St. Helens.

Summer and Albert lakes again being developed.

Portland—First Christian Church to erect large church.

Pendleton—Entre wool clip moved off, some selling for 58 cents.

Roseburg—Douglas county to join in highway to Crater Lake.

Portland—Contract for deepening Columbia channel let for \$309,450.

Eugene mill and elevator plant to be enlarged.

Salem gets increased gas rates—old rate \$1.60, new \$2.00.

State harvesting 500 acre flax crop with convicts at Salem.

Tillamook—11 miles logging road to be built to Idaville.

Railroad projected from Mt. Angel to Bend via Three Sisters.

Irrigation project probable for Christmas Lake Valley.

Shuttle's lake irrigation district, Jefferson county, would water 35,000 acres.

Corvallis—Contract let for O. A. C. engineering laboratory building.

Portland Daily News to erect a \$50,000 building.

Reedsport has many new buildings going up.

Albany—Sumner and Puyallup fruit cannery rushed to completion.

After two years operation at loss, Portland sells city fish market.

Three new fish hatcheries costing \$5000 each will be built, one at Oakridge, 45 miles east of Eugene, one on Santiam and one in Union county.

Halfway—Gold Reef Mining Co. begins operations.

Dufur—Number of buildings being erected in order to care for mammoth apple crop.

Elkton—Work to commence soon on roadway known as Daisy creek hill section.

Freewater—Cherry crop from here brought over \$100,000.

Portland—Oregon to be surveyed for oil prospects.

Packing plants in Lebanon, Falls City, Newberg to consolidate.

British and Japanese ships shutting Americans out of Pacific waters on account of cheaper operating expenses and difficulties of American Seaman's act.

Reedsport—Local fish company will invest \$10,000 in plant in which all refuse from cannery will be converted into fertilizer.

Echo—Columbia Highway will open for travel by March 1, 1920.

Milton—First bridge across upper Walla Walla River has been completed.

Blue Ledge Mine To Change Hands

Largest Producing Copper Mine West of Rockies to Change Hands In Near Future

It is reported on rather good authority this week that the Blue Ledge Mining property in northern California is to change hands in the near future. The price of the proposed sale cannot be ascertained, but the figure is said to be a large one.

The Blue Ledge mining company has been working a force of thirty men for several months, working two shifts a day. The mine at present is owned by a syndicate headed by Mrs. Towne of New York City. The property consists of several hundred acres of the best copper property in the country.

At present the mine is shipping about 500 tons of ore a month to a smelter at Tacoma, Washington, which is all transported by auto trucks from the mine to this city where it is loaded on the railroad cars. It is estimated that twenty five hundred tons of ore have

been shipped this year. It can be readily seen that if a good profit remains after this expense that a fortune is awaiting the man who purchases the property, and erects a smelter near the mine. The expected purchaser has not stated that he will erect a smelter, but several hints have been let fall in that direction.

The Blue Ledge mine has been in operation at various stages for several years, and always under the handicap of having to haul the ore to the railroad and then ship it several hundred miles to the smelter.

The mine is located about thirty miles south of this city, being only a short distance across the state line, Jacksonville, being the gateway to the mine, would doubtless be greatly benefited by renewed operations of the property.

MILITARY COURTS EXPOSED AGAIN.

Senator Chamberlain Attacks Military System of Justice.

Again Senator Chamberlain comes to the front with proposed changes in the military court martials. Once again he has exposed the unfairness of the system now in vogue, and is introducing a bill in Congress that will tend to make the condition of enlisted men convicted of small misdemeanors more like human beings and less like animals.

In introducing his bill Mr. Chamberlain said: "The Spanish inquisition was not a marker to some of the cruelties practiced against some of these soldiers in France." "I call attention to these facts because I want the people to know the terrors that have been inflicted upon these young men, not only in the sentences imposed, but as well to the cruelties that have been perpetuated against them after they had been committed to prison."

It will be remembered that some time ago Senator Chamberlain and Colonel Ansell and a few associates set Washington astir with exposures of the prison system, but that exposure had apparently been hushed up.

Senator Chamberlain will long be remembered by the enlisted men in the recent war as the one man who stood for a square deal for the men in the ranks.

Banks and Industries.

The old days when banks confined themselves to the mere occupation of clipping coupons and shaving notes are no more.

Not only has the bank in modern times assumed rank as a community service but it is becoming identified with industries.

Modern constructive policies find banks financing well-managed industrial plants and increasing agricultural industries.

Recently the active manager for many years of the packing industry and stock yards at Portland became manager of a big bank.

There is no bigger undertaking today than building on solid foundations a large manufacturing and financial center.

The man of practical affairs plans not only city building but extends constructive policies to an entire section.

There are no more enterprising builders on large lines of community development in the west today than managers of live banks.

Better Cloth Requires

More Wool.

The people must always have clothes and a large part of these clothes must be made of wool. Due to shortage of wool during war good woolen goods was not to be had. With war restrictions removed, the demand for all wool goods has revived and the public will no longer accept the inferior material sold it during the war.

The world needs wool and the selling price is now beyond any figures farmers used to dream of. There is every incentive for farmers to increase their flocks and for every farm to have its sheep.

FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT BUREAU CLOSES.

Only Employment Bureau in Valley Closes Doors.

The Federal Employment bureau in Medford, which was in fact the only one in the valley, has closed its doors and ceased operations on account of shortage of money. The government allowance for the upkeep of this office had been discontinued last March and the manager, Mr. Jones, has been operating the office since that time on the appropriation made by the county of \$47 a month. Mr. Jones states that he has served since March without any salary and now as he has had an alluring offer in another line, he does not care to continue the office at a personal sacrifice.

The Federal bureau served a good purpose in Jackson county as well as in Josephine and Klamath counties. During its existence it has furnished positions for 2772 individuals, including positions furnished the 215 returned soldiers, sailors and marines.

It is hoped that Congress will soon make provision for the maintenance of the service throughout the country.

FOR RETURN OF PARCELS.

Bill Would Permit Return of all Unclaimed Packages by P. O.

Washington, July 25.—Chairman Steenerson, of the House Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, has introduced a bill to permit the Post Office Department to return all unclaimed parcel post packages containing perishable goods to the sender, or to a forwarding address, without waiting for the receipt of additional postage. To enjoy this privilege, which will protect shippers of foodstuffs, the sender must attach to his packages a pledge that the additional postage will be paid by him or by the addressee.

Hay is Blown Into Barn.

Clifford Raber, a Benton county farmer, has hit upon the device of running his hay through the silage cutter and blowing it into the barn. He says it puts the hay into shape that every bit will be eaten, compacts into one-half original volume, and lessens cost and labor of storage, says Geo. W. Kable, county agent.

Field Artillery Grounds Preparing.

Work on the new field artillery grounds at O. A. C. is underway. Drill grounds, target ranges, storage rooms for a half million dollars worth of big guns and other equipment, and stables for a hundred horses and mules, are being constructed. The federal government supplies officers, men, equipment and livestock for the new unit.

It is a long treaty but it was a big war.

In airplaning the race is to the swift if the swift can stay up.

Cheer up old grouch—here comes strawberry shortcake.

Picnic and Camping parties will find our line of

Lunch Goods complete

Also: Fishing Tackle.

Lewis Ulrich

General - Merchandise

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