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Jacksonville Railroad Sold

J. W. Opp and Associates Take Over the Line

A deal that has been pending for several months and which is of vital importance to the people of Jacksonville and western Jackson county has finally been made, whereby the Medford-Jacksonville electric and steam railroad with all equipment has been sold by Joe Gagnon to J. W. Opp and a company of Portland capitalists. The transfer of the property is to be made next Monday, so we are informed by Mr. Opp, the well known mining man and owner of the famous Opp gold mine one mile west of Jacksonville.

This road is about 8 miles in length, with hourly electric service between Medford and Jacksonville, a distance of 5 miles, and the logging road extending 3 miles west of here to a vast timber belt, and used in hauling logs to the sawmill west of here as well as to the Gagnon plant at Medford.

Just as soon as weather conditions will permit, it is the intention of the new owners to put the line in first class shape, equip it with better rolling stock, including better passenger car service and numerous other improvements.

What will prove the greatest benefit to this portion of the county are several big enterprises that will be put in at the Opp mine as a result of this deal, and which will give steady employment to a large number of men. The quartz stamp mill is to be enlarged to several times its present capacity, so that it can handle not only its own ore but all of the ore from the many smaller quartz mines in this district that can not afford mills of their own or to ship out the ore to distant mills and smelters.

A gigantic cement, brick and tile plant will also be established at the Opp mill for the purpose of using the ore tailings in making cement for road-paving, brick, tiling, etc. It has been proven that no harder or better cement or brick can be made than from ore tailings of this kind, and Mr. Opp informs us that the price will be less than half the usual cost of such material.

The passing of this road and property into the hands of people who are interested in the development of our mines and other resources means a great deal to western Jackson county and marks the beginning of a new era of prosperity for this entire section of country.

Power Company Extends Service

The California Oregon Power Company announces that it has entered into an interconnection contract to supply power to the Mountain States Power Company for a period of thirty years, which power is to be used throughout the Willamette Valley.

In order to supply this power, the C. O. P. Co. will construct a 115 mile high tension transmission line of 110,000 volt construction which will extend from the Prospect plant through the Rogue River and Umpqua Valleys to Eugene, where it will connect with the system of the Mountain States Power Company.

This project stands out as one of the most important power developments of recent times, as it will close the last gap of the longest interconnected power transmission system in the world, extending from Northern Oregon to the Mexican border.

General Manager McKee announces that plans are being prepared and that the construction of this power line will begin immediately. A number of crews will be started in the field at once, as it is planned to complete the work this year. The 115-mile transmission line will have a capacity of 25,000 horse-power. Although of 110,000 volt construction, the line at first will be operated at 66,000 volts and will connect at Eugene with the 60,000 volt line of the other company.

The revival meetings in the Presbyterian church are still being held, with renewed interest. Rev. Hutchinson, who has been assisting our local pastor, Rev. Howard, has returned to his home at Oakland to conduct services at a funeral, but expects to return Monday.

In our article last week concerning the piping of water from Squaw Lake to Rogue River Valley, several slight errors occurred, owing to misinformation. Instead of the main lake having an average depth of 50 feet, as the Post mentioned, it is from 300 to 400 feet deep and a mile and a quarter long, instead of two miles, as mentioned. A smaller lake, nearby, which empties into the larger lake, covers 60 acres and averages 60 feet in depth. Both lakes are drained by Squaw creek. The proposition is to tap the big lake about 30 feet from the top by tunneling 50 feet.

News Items of Local Interest

Mr. M. D. Hogan, an old resident of Applegate, was a county seat visitor Wednesday.

Judge Purdin, one of the leading and oldest lawyers in Medford, was transacting business in the county-seat Wednesday and paid this office a call.

Frank Saulsbury, of the Cash Store, arrived home Wednesday from his old home in Ashland, Kentucky, where he spent the last couple of months settling up a timber and land deal in which he was interested.

Louis Baker, a former resident of this place, who served as assistant postmaster for some time with Postmaster Ulrich, visited old friends in Jacksonville and Medford this week. He is now employed as clerk in a railway office in Portland.

T. E. Goodie is now in charge of the Jacksonville garage and is prepared to do any kind of work in that line. His wife and daughter arrived here yesterday from their old home in Kentucky, and are visiting for the present at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Norris.

Mrs. Martha E. Dunnington returned home Monday from an extended visit at the home of her son John in Klamath Falls. Mrs. Dunnington came a little sooner than she intended, in order to attend the funeral of her old neighbor and lodge sister, Mrs. Thompson.

Chester Martin, an experienced hardware merchant who conducted a store for a number of years at Joseph, Wallowa county, is expected here tomorrow with his family for a visit with their relatives—the Dunnington families here and at Talent. Chester was here a couple of years ago, expecting to engage in the mercantile business, but failed to make satisfactory arrangements.

The ladies of the clothes cleaning establishment, dress-making and repair shop in the Snearly house, opposite the electric depot, wish to announce to the public that they are prepared to do all kinds of repair work, cleaning and pressing for men as well as women. Their prices are very reasonable and they guarantee entire satisfaction. This is an enterprise that has been badly needed here for some time, and now that these ladies are in the business they are deserving of your patronage and support.

Death of Mrs. A. R. Thompson

After a week's suffering with pneumonia the death of Mrs. A. R. Thompson occurred at her home in Jacksonville Saturday night about 12 o'clock.

The funeral services were conducted in the Presbyterian church here at 2 o'clock Tuesday by Rev. J. K. Howard. The burial took place in the Jacksonville cemetery and was held under the auspices of the Rebekah and Royal Neighbor lodges, of which she was a member. The floral offerings were profuse and beautiful. It was one of the largest attended funerals ever held in the town, thus showing the high esteem and respect in which the deceased and her family are held.

The following persons acted as pallbearers: George Lewis, Emil Britt, J. F. Miller, Jack Sharp, Lee Benson and Onie Beavineau.

The deceased, whose maiden name was Martha Smith, was a native daughter, having been born in Jacksonville June 21, 1865. On Oct. 4, 1885 she was married to Arthur R. Thompson. Besides the husband the deceased is survived by five children—Mrs. Minnie Gavin of Portland, Clay Thompson of Seattle, and Flora, Charles and Lester Thompson of Jacksonville—all of whom were present at the funeral.

Card of Thanks.

We desire in this manner to thank the kind friends for their sympathy and assistance during our bereavement and for the beautiful floral offerings.

A. R. Thompson and Family.

Jacksonville School News

The English class has started the classic "King Arthur" stories for the second semester work. (Too bad Miss Flora Manke isn't in this class.)

Mary Ryan has been absent from school this week on account of sickness.

The High School has been learning a new song named "Beautiful Oregon Rose." When a few of the canary-voiced pupils are not five or six paces ahead of the song, it is very beautiful.

Jacksonville won both games of basketball from Gold Hill Thursday evening on the local floor. In the high school game the score was 34 to 12 and the eighth grade 19 to 6.

Doings at the Court House

Representatives of Portland and Spokane bond houses met with the county court Wednesday and dickered without result over the purchase of county bonds. The court demands par, as required by law, and the bond representatives desire a discount of 1.5 per cent. The bonds will be sold within a few days at par.

The court also audited bills and transacted routine business.

The grand jury for the Feb. term of court will convene the 20th and the petit jury will be called the 27th. A new grand jury will be drawn at this term of court, the old one completing its work.

So far there have been no Jackson county women to qualify for jury service. Under the law, women do not have to serve unless they want to.

There has been a brisk business the last week in dog licenses, over 200 being already sold.

County Judge Gardner has reappointed as Supt. of the poor farm Mrs. Irene Wells, who has successfully filled that position for several years.

Fred Tedrich was awarded the contract for furnishing 100 cords of 4-foot wood for the courthouse—his bid of \$6 per cord being the lowest. This is \$2 per cord less than the lowest bid and price paid last year. Bids for 50 cords for the poor farm were rejected, none of them being satisfactory.

The new vault and addition to the courthouse is completed, all but painting of the woodwork upstairs—and a splendid good job it is.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Finney motored over to Murphy, via Grants Pass, Saturday night to attend a dance. From reports it was one of those rip-snorting affairs where everybody—even the fiddler—did not suffer from too much darkness, as quite a bunch of the dancers were "lit-up" about right.

THE CHURCHES

Presbyterian Church.

10 a. m. Sunday School.
11 a. m. Preaching service. A sermon all should hear. A number of people are to join the church as a result of the meetings. Everybody is urged to be present.

7 p. m. Young Peoples Society.
7:30 p. m. Evangelistic sermon. This service may conclude the evangelistic meetings. Much good has resulted from these services under Brother Hutchinson's direction and we are expecting this service to be a fitting close.

All are cordially invited to attend.

J. K. Howard, Pastor.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass at 9:30 a. m. on the second and fourth Sundays of each month until further notice.

Rev. Wm. J. Meagher, Rector.

A Little of Everything

Mostly From Exchanges.

Rather groundhoggy weather, this.

Also, have noticed that the days are growing longer?

What do you think! The new owners of the J'ville railroad promise to even install a stove in the depot waiting room at Jacksonville—which would help some.

Some people are worrying for fear that when the groundhog came out Thursday he saw a bow-legged girl in short skirts and broke his neck tearing back into his hole again.

A Klamath Falls wedding one night recently broke up in a free-for-all fight. You have to wait until it is all over at a wedding like that before you know who is the best man.—Medford Clarion.

What a wonderful bird is the pelican;
His beak holds more than his belican;
He can hold in his beak enough for a week;
We don't understand how the helican.

There are two classes of farmers. One farms the farms, and the other farms the farmers. The latter class seems to be much in the majority in the old U. S. A. these days of capitalistic prosperity.—Medford Clarion.

Teacher—Johnny, you must stay for awhile after school, as you have not behaved just as well as you might.

Johnny (who had heard about the lucky boy who had written on the blackboard and learned that it paid to advertise) promptly said, All right, teacher, if you're not afraid of the scandal I'm not!

The entire western coast, including several hundred miles of ocean, experienced a slight earthquake about 5:20 o'clock Tuesday morning. About the only damage we heard of was at Eureka, Cal., where several brick buildings were slightly damaged. Even Rogue River Valley received a little shaking up—but not to hurt.

Groundhog Day, Feb. 2, was duly observed here Thursday. None of our business houses were closed for the "holiday" except the J'ville bank—which, by the way, has not re-opened up to the hour of going to press. The sun shone brightly here nearly all day, which according to the old-time Indian superstition, means that it will be six weeks or thereabouts before Spring, beautiful Spring, will be here in all its grandeur and magnificence—whatever that means.