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AUTO RAILWAY LINE TO BLACK BUTTE IS PROPOSED

Vast Timber Resources Are Awaiting Easy Way to Cottage Grove.

Total Cost Would Be \$80,000 and Cheap Transportation on Water Grade Would Result.

An auto rail railway up the Coast fork of the Willamette from here to tap the vast timber resources of that section is under consideration and already a considerable amount of stock in such a proposition has been subscribed by those interested. The proposition is being promoted by the Arnold Auto Rail system, with headquarters at Junction City, from which point such a railway is now under construction and is in use.

Mr. Arnold, the inventor of the system, Ed Bailey, Earl C. Miller, R. H. Billingsley and R. A. Annon, all of Junction City and members of the company, were here Tuesday going over the route of the proposed railway and interviewing local capitalists and timber men, a number of whom plan to go to Junction City today to inspect the railway in operation there.

A railway up the Coast fork would have a water grade. Practically no motive power would be needed in transporting the lumber to Cottage Grove and a train of probably 20 cars, each carrying 5000 feet of lumber, could be operated. The Black Butte Lumber company, J. I. Jones & Sons, operators has promised to support such a railway, both by a stock subscription and by supplying tonnage. Several mills with capacities of about 15,000 are in operation along what would be the route of such a railway and with cheap transportation of product assured many mills would go into the billions of feet of timber that are available. It is estimated that lumber could be transported to Cottage Grove from Black Butte, a distance of 14 miles by the railway, for \$2 the thousand.

The great difficulty which operators in the Coast fork section have had to overcome has been that of transportation. The Walter Woodard Lumber company put some \$50,000 into a flume that solved the difficulty for that company but the smaller operators have to depend upon expensive truck transportation.

The auto rail railway uses wooden rails and the locomotives are equipped with rubber tired wheels. Gasoline provides motive power. It is estimated that the roadbed can be provided and the rails laid at a cost of not to exceed \$80,000 for such a railway from here to Black Butte, which is about the price of an ordinary macadamized highway. The cost of motive power and rolling stock is low.

Cougar Is Sociable.

London, July 15.—(Special).—Vern Shortridge believes that the cougars of this section are becoming too sociable and he believes that to be bad taste upon their part. Mr. Shortridge recently noted some animal skulking along a fence near his home and upon investigation found the animal to be a cougar. Mr. Shortridge cut his investigation short and departed hurriedly. When he returned with a gun the animal had departed, probably having been offended by the discourteous reception.

Charles Powell May Lose Eye. London, July 15.—(Special).—Charles Powell has returned from a Eugene hospital, where he underwent another operation upon the eye which was injured recently by flying rock. The physicians have given up all hope of saving the sight of the eye but are trying to save the eyeball. The intense pain was relieved by the recent operation.

Oregon Fleece Weight Is 9 Pounds

The average weight of the Oregon fleece is 9 pounds, more than a pound better than the average weight for the country, which was reported as 7 to 8 pounds in 1922. The national average has been raised from 1.85 pounds in 1840 and is still improving with careful selection of stock. It is significant to note that many bands in Oregon average 10 pounds. Careful culling of poor fleece bearers is being conducted with a view to raising the average weight still more.

Timothy Hay Is Six Feet in Height

That this has been an unusually good season for hay crops of all kinds is illustrated by the fact that volunteer timothy which secured a precarious root hold in blackberry bushes in front of the Mrs. Nettie Saling place on south Eighth street has grown to a height of six feet and has heads that are 13 inches in length and are filled with perfect seeds.

Timothy has never been regarded as a good crop here and the fact that this grass grew so large with no encouragement whatever and in competition with blackberry bushes shows what heavy rains will accomplish.

Rates Reduced for Farmers.

Salem, Ore., July 14.—An order of the public service commission reducing hay and grain rates in Oregon, amounting to 15 per cent on grain, grain products, potatoes, onions and straw was sustained in the Marion county circuit court today when Circuit Judges L. H. McMahan and Percy R. Kelly dissolved the injunction against the commission secured by the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company and other carriers. The sweeping order of the commission involved rates on all carriers. Because of its importance the case is scheduled to go before the United States supreme court.

SAGINAW.

(Special to The Sentinel.) July 15.—Harry Benston and Howard Keene left Tuesday for Laurel, Wash.

Mrs. Lottie Kirkendall and daughter Gertrude left Sunday afternoon for Roseburg to spend several days.

Mrs. C. C. Moody returned Sunday from Cottage Grove, where she visited at the home of her son Terry.

The Lowell Benston family have moved into their new home.

Miss Flossie Mathes visited for several days of last week in Portland at the home of her sister, Mrs. Marvel Randall.

Mrs. Cline Walkley was operated on at the Pacific Christian hospital in Eugene Tuesday morning.

After a ten days' reunion the members of the Sharon family are departing for their homes.

A daughter was born July 12 to Mr. and Mrs. Logan Bear.

S. H. Jarrett spent the fourth and the week following at Springfield at the homes of his son O. H. Jarrett and daughter Mrs. Carl Girard.

HEBRON.

(Special to The Sentinel.) July 15.—Mrs. George Kappauf motored to Eugene Monday.

The John Kehelbeck family spent Sunday at Lou Markham's.

Lester Gilerist and Harvey Shipp returned Saturday from the Christian Endeavor convention in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles White spent Sunday afternoon with the Shipp family at Shadybrook inn.

The George Gilerist family, of Dunsuir, are visiting Mr. Gilerist's mother. Mrs. Abner Gilerist came with them and is visiting her mother, Mrs. Etta Hinshaw.

The Farmers' union held an ice cream party Saturday evening at their hall and cleared about \$12.

DeWitte and Claude Huff have bought a new Star car.

The C. C. Morgan family, of Eugene, attended church at Hebron Sunday forenoon.

Lemar Piper returned to his home in Portland Sunday, after spending three weeks with his grandfather.

Hazel Huff spent a few days this week with her grandmother in Lynx Hollow.

If you know what you want, use a wanted to get it for you. xxx

VALLEY WHEAT CROP IS BIG ONE THIS YEAR

Hay Is Also Big Yield, While Cherries and Loganberries Are Extremely Light.

It's a big year for the Willamette valley wheat crop. The 1925 production will be one of the greatest known in the valley for many years, according to reports from farming districts. Both quality and quantity are excellent this season. From Portland to Salem, to Albany and to Eugene and both east and west, Willamette valley wheat fields are ready to give forth a really bumper production.

In many counties almost total replanting of grain was necessary as a result of the winter freeze. Most of the Willamette valley wheat crop this season is spring planting, but even this vies with the winter area for supremacy. It's the most unusual year that grain growers of the valley have experienced. While there is a shortage of rainfall as compared with the normal, still the precipitation appears to have occurred at the most opportune periods.

Hay crops are big this season. Clover crop is a very liberal yield, as are timothy, oat and vetch.

The cherry and loganberry crops are the lightest for many years. Considerable movement of Lambers to the east is reported from various Marion, Lane and Linn county points.

Planets Are Pientiful During July

Shortly after sunset during July the five brightest planets—Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn—will be above the horizon at the same time for the greater part of the month.

On the evening of July 10, Mercury, Venus and Mars were so near together that they might easily have been taken for a triple star, although in fact Mercury was about 105,000,000 miles from the earth, Venus 146,500,000 miles and Mars 239,000,000 miles.

Mars is increasing its distance from the earth and drawing in toward the sun and it will be increasingly difficult to find it in the twilight. Mercury and Venus are approaching the earth.

Mercury will reach its greatest elongation on July 28 when it will be more than 27 degrees east of the sun. This, the American Nature association points out, is within one degree of its greatest possible distance from the sun and great enough to enable it to be picked up easily in the twilight after sunset.

Nebraska Picnic to Be Held.

A reunion of former residents of Nebraska now living in Oregon is to be held August 2 at Colorado lake, three miles east of Corvallis, where it was held last year. A program of music and short talks by former residents of Nebraska will be held in the forenoon and a basket picnic will be held at noon. Coffee will be obtainable upon the grounds.

Will Celebrate Her 99th Birthday

Mrs. Melvina Willis doesn't expect to have another ninety-ninth birthday anniversary, therefore she will observe the one she is going to have by presiding at a family reunion to be held Sunday in the city park. It is anticipated that 75 or more members of the five generations of the family will be present. Mrs. Willis has many great grandchildren that she has never seen and there are so many of them that she can remember the names of but a part. This is despite an activity of mind that is remarkable. The Declaration of Independence had been signed only 50 years previous to the birth of Mrs. Willis and John Quincy Adams was the president of the United States. Oregon was at that time only a blot on the map and the Indians roamed at will where Cottage Grove now stands.

Bank Repairing Roof.

The First National bank is making repairs to its roof. Water leaking through the roof has discolored the white stone of the building and this is being cleaned.

They Are Great!

They are great! How great! Very great, greater than most of us realize. Are they going to remain great? They will always be great. You ask, "What are you talking about?" I am talking about our state and our city, about Oregon and Cottage Grove.

Do you know that they are great? What do you know about them? Are you sufficiently posted to tell our tourist friends about them? Can you and do you tell "the folks back east" when you write to them what we really have here? Many people right here do not appreciate our timber resources, our agricultural possibilities, our fruit, our flowers, our scenery, our climate!

Nature has been wonderfully kind to western Oregon, but we will not reap the benefit from these gifts of nature unless we advertise them, unless we fully appreciate them ourselves and tell others about them by word and letter. Our city can be made greater by boosting it, by trading it home, by patronizing our numerous and excellent stores and factories. Ask for Cottage Grove made articles and food. Build up our city and it will lessen your taxes. Boost for Cottage Grove, it will pay you. It will pay you in dollars and cents and later it will pay you in the happy thought that you "helped to do it." Mr. Business Man, if you are not now a member, show yourself a booster by joining the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber of Commerce has published a booklet about our city and surrounding country. These may be secured free from F. E. Mendenhall, secretary.



SCENES AT METHODIST OREGON CONFERENCE CAMP GROUNDS.

The fifth annual camp meeting of the Oregon Methodist conference will open in the conference tabernacle here next Thursday. Evangelist I. M. Hargett, of Kansas City, who proved a popular preacher a year ago, has been again secured. He will be assisted by Evangelist F. L. Miller, of Nashville, Tenn., and by Bishop William O. Shepard, of Portland. Fred Cannady, East Liverpool, Ohio, returns as song leader.

Services for adults will be held at 7:30 a. m., 10 a. m., 2:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. Services for young people will be at intervals throughout an each day.

LAYING OF HOT STUFF IS TO START BY MONDAY

Adams Avenue Is Ready for Hard Surface and Will Be First to Be Treated.

The laying of hot stuff on the new streets of the city will be under way within a day or two, not later than Monday. Adams avenue (central) will be the first street to be treated to a coat of hard surface. The rock work on this street is well under way and the curb has been completed and has set.

The lumps have been taken out of east Main street, over which the trucks will move in carrying gravel and hot stuff to the several streets under construction. Main street will be the last to be paved.

The contract for the paving of Washington avenue (central) and of east Madison avenue is to come up at the Monday night meeting of the council. It is practically certain that this will go to the J. C. Compton company at the same price per unit as that being paid for east Main street. The job should be cheaper, however, as the curb can be retained and the macadam is in first class condition.

The hot stuff plant has been erected at the O. P. & E. "Y" northeast of the city and the rock is being crushed at a gravel bank on Row river near the old ford northeast of the city.

ENGINEER RECOMMENDS OILED ROADS FOR COUNTY

Expense Would Not Be Greater Than at Present and Roads Would Be Better.

Use of oil on Lane county roads has been recommended by P. M. Morse, county engineer, following a conference between the engineer and E. A. Collier, assistant engineer of the state highway department. The state engineer will make an estimate of the cost.

"It is costing the county between \$150 and \$200 each year per mile of road for maintenance and after a period of about five years an entire new surface is necessary," the county engineer explains.

"It is estimated by the state engineers that the cost of the crude oil process would be between \$500 and \$600 per mile per year. The total cost of the oil would be much cheaper as it would not be necessary to entirely resurface the roads each five years and in the meantime there would be a much better road in use with no dust or broken places in the surface.

Sailor Jack to Meet Hand.

One of the fastest wrestling matches ever held here is anticipated by the fans when Sailor Jack Wood comes here Thursday, July 23, to go on the mat with Ralph Hand, local middleweight. The sailor is said to have a repertoire of sailor knots that puzzle the best of the bone crushers and muscle grinders. This will be the first time that Wood and Hand have met.

Feathered Flappers Show the World

Cottage Grove's feathered flappers are starting out to show the world that the youngsters are doing things these days. A mixed Orpington and Rhode Island Red pullet owned by Mrs. Nettie Saling produced her first egg at the precocious age of four months, two weeks and has been an active producer ever since. She contemplates entering the annual egg-laying marathon. A White Leghorn, also owned by Mrs. Saling, started laying at the age of exactly five months and was so proud of herself that she has been at it ever since. This bar-kneed flapper is one of the first nest of chicks to be hatched this season, having peeped her first peep on February 13, which chanced also to be a Friday.

ATHLETIC FIELD ASKED Grounds Now in Use Not Available After This Year.

The proposition of providing an athletic field for the city was presented at the Tuesday luncheon of the chamber of commerce. Stouffer field, now used for the ball park years ago and can be secured upon payment of taxes due upon it. Secretary Mendenhall reported upon his attendance at a meeting of chamber of commerce secretaries recently held in Eugene.

Property owned by the city in the southeastern part of the city has been suggested as appropriate for the purpose and is well located. This property was used for a ball park years ago and can be secured upon payment of taxes due upon it. Secretary Mendenhall reported upon his attendance at a meeting of chamber of commerce secretaries recently held in Eugene.

Lane Hay Is Good Crop.

Bumper hay crops for Lane county were reported by Horace Addis, writer for the Oregon Farmer, who passed through Cottage Grove yesterday on his way to Grants Pass, where he will attend the state editorial convention. Lane county likewise has a fine crop this year.

Public Invited to Playgrounds.

Friday afternoon will be visiting day at the children's playgrounds and a general invitation has been issued to all those of the city who are interested in the playgrounds and what the little ones of the city are doing there. At 3:15 there will be a short program of singing games and folk dancing.

Truck Tries Electrification.

London, July 15.—(Special).—The C. H. Wood freight truck came near being electrocuted Friday when one of the electric wires became short-circuited. By quick work Mr. Wood kept the truck from catching fire but he had difficulty in replacing the "innards" which he had hurriedly removed.

LONDON.

(Special to The Sentinel.) July 15.—Oliver Ferguson arrived from Portland Saturday to get his wife and children, who were visiting Mrs. Ferguson's father, A. S. Newton.

The annual school budget meeting was held Saturday.

Mrs. Nitzki, son Clarence and daughter Viola, of Santa Rosa, Calif., were visitors at the J. E. Banton home Friday evening.

W. H. Warthen went to Lakeside Friday to visit his son Archie.

J. N. Hogue left Tuesday for Pekin, Ind., to visit relatives.

Mrs. Edith Ferguson and children, of Portland, were guests of Mrs. Murry Newton last Thursday.

The J. T. Small, W. C. Shortridge and W. T. Jones families picnicked on the river Sunday.

J. E. Banton was a business visitor in Creswell Monday.

Mrs. C. W. Ewing entertained the needle club last Thursday. The next meeting will be with Mrs. B. A. Pruett July 23.

MORE MONEY IS NEED FOR DRILLING OPERATIONS

President Olson States That Double the Amount Subscribed Has Been Expended Here.

That nearly twice the amount provided by Cottage Grove has been put into oil drilling operations here and that it is now up to those who want operations continued to provide more funds, was the statement made by David E. Olson, president of the Guaranty Oil company, at a public meeting held here Tuesday night.

"Operations have been conducted day and night at the Eugene well because Eugene people have provided the necessary funds," President Olson stated. "If Cottage Grove will now put up funds sufficient to make up the difference between what has been expended upon the well here and what has been provided here, we will put drilling operations upon a full time basis and so continue until we reach oil."

"While we were too enthusiastic in our original estimates of the time that it would take to tap the oil, I can positively state that Lane county is going to have an oil well within a year. When a well does come in those who will profit thereby will want to be able to say that they had a part in making it possible for drilling operations to continue."

A financial statement was presented at the meeting which showed expenditures of \$52,000 upon the Cottage Grove operations, with receipts from this section of \$27,000.

No salaries to officers were included in the expenses.

President Olson listed some 30 wells that have been started in Oregon, none of them with the exception of one drilled beyond a depth of 3,000, which is the depth at the Eugene well. He stated that both the hole here, which is down over 2,000 feet, and the one at Eugene are perfect holes and have been drilled under the supervision of men who have had 27 years of experience as drillers and have never yet lost a hole. The difficulties which have been encountered in drilling the holes here and at Eugene and the difficulty of financing the operations were described by Mr. Olson.

"I only ask you to stand by me for another year," President Olson said in closing his talk. "By that time we shall have oil. If you can't subscribe for stock, at least boost wherever you can."

As the offices of the oil company are in Eugene, a committee was appointed to represent the company locally was appointed.

Hardware Dealers' Officers Confer.

President Lewis, of the Oregon Retail Hardware Dealers' association, and Secretary Lucas of the same organization, were here Monday night consulting with George O. Knowles, vice president of the same organization, regarding the program for the approaching annual meeting of the association.

Harrisburg Paving Is Completed.

Harrisburg, July 11.—paving of the stretch of Pacific highway west of the river and between Harrisburg and Junction City has been completed up to the bridge approach. The work of paving through the city is now under way.

Electric Storm Interests.

Cottage Grove was treated to an electrical storm late Saturday evening which was accompanied by a brief downpour. As usual a storm of this kind was very unusual. The fall of rain was not sufficient to do crops any good.

Defending a Principle.

Bystander—"They're fightin' 'cause Bill said Alf's wife was cross-eyed." "But Alf's a bachelor, ain't he?" "Yes but the principle is worth Alf's wife."—London Opinion.

WHAT'S THE USE

FELIX GETS FREE VALET SERVICE IN HIS HOTEL, SO, LIKE A HOSPITABLE HOST, HE ALWAYS SENDS HIS FRIENDS' PANTS DOWN TO GET THEM PRESSED WHENEVER THEY NEED IT.



The Wrong Door

By L. F. Van Zeln