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RUSHING W. P. RAILS TOWARD TIDEWATER

The Willamette-Pacific Railway company is laying track as fast as possible and that everything is being rushed to get to tidewater with the rails in short order was the statement of W. K. Wise, of Wise Villa, who arrived in the city last evening.

Mr. Wise owns a fine little farm 14 miles below the present terminus of the railroad. He came all the way from his place yesterday, starting at 8 o'clock and arriving in Eugene at 5:30. This is quick time, considering the fact that the roads between his place and Chickahominy are about as bad as any roads in the world at the present time.

Mr. Wise says the rail crew is now below the half-way house at Kirk's, a mile and a half from Chickahominy, and that a pile-driver is busy driving piles for a bridge below Fowler's place three miles below Kirk's. Cement is now being hauled from the Eugene end of the line for the bridge abutments, instead of from the Siuslaw end, as has been the case for the past year. This is much easier haul, with the regular trains operating and only a few miles to go by wagon. The difficult passage of Tilton and Beecher rocks is not necessary as in the case of bringing the cement from the other end.

A concrete camp is at work at the third crossing of the Siuslaw and another crew is working on the concrete piers of the bridge at San Antonio. A rock-crushing crew is at work at the Lake Creek bridge site.

"The wagon roads are worse than ever," said Mr. Wise. "That

portion of the road which the county has charge of is in terrible shape, but those portions which the railway company rebuilt and which it maintains are in good shape and easily traveled. They are kept in condition all the time but it seems that the county does nothing in the way of improvement."

Mr. Wise said he thought the next station on the new railroad would be Joe Fowler's place, three miles below Chickahominy, and that it was the intention of the railway company to extend the train service as rapidly as the rails are laid. He says that the trip from Eugene to Mapleton can now be made in one day by taking the train to Chickahominy and the stage at that point for the remainder of the distance. The stage arrives at Mapleton about 8:30 or 9 o'clock in the evening.—Morning Register.

SURF BATHING PLEASANT PASTIME

Some day the long stretches of beach to the south and north of Florence will be appreciated to their full value for bathing beaches.

The entire distance from the mouth of the Siuslaw to the Umpqua river is one continuous sand beach, while to the north for fourteen miles is another stretch of ideal beach.

Quite a number of people who live here, go to the beach during the summer months and occasionally enjoy the salt water. Monday Russel Gilmore and Martin Scharrard tried the surf and report the temperature of the water mild and pleasant.

Ralph B. Hunt, of Eugene, is in Florence. Mr. Hunt is a civil engineer and located the first rail road survey to the Siuslaw.

HUGH HOGAN GOES ON BEACH

Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the tug L Roscoe started over the bar with the schooner Hugh Hogan, when entering the break the lumber schooner began to shear toward the south. A strong north west wind which came up suddenly struck them after they passed the jetties and in spite of the efforts of the tug the schooner was forced on the south beach. Witnesses to the incident say it would have been impossible to have handled the situation better than it was by Capt. Robert Jones, who commanded the tug.

Capt. Jones had made a trip over the bar with the tug shortly before taking the schooner in tow, and fourteen feet of water was found. All conditions looked favorable to getting out. Plenty of water on the bar and good weather.

Monday afternoon she lay about 800 feet to the south of the south jetty and nearly 600 feet seaward, where it appeared that it was impossible to get the Hugh Hogan off, Capt. Jones brought the tug in and immediately began preparations to save the vessel. The life saving crew came down from Uaquina and the Umpqua rivers. The tug went outside and lay by the schooner Tuesday night.

By Wednesday evening the schooner had been driven by the tide and breakers toward the river channel, until it was directly opposite the end of the south jetty, about 400 feet seaward.

From the position it was in late Wednesday-afternoon, predictions were made that the vessel would work into the river and be saved.

Those on board had a disagreeable experience but at no time was in serious danger. Tuesday morning all were taken of the schooner. Capt. Hill and seven men returning and were again taken of Wednesday night.

ERECTING BUILDINGS AT WESTLAKE

H. C. Morris and W. M. Whiteaker, who came down to Florence several weeks ago and went to Westlake the new summer resort townsite on Tsitlicoos lake, have now erected two cottages and have moved their household goods, which arrived recently on the Patsy to Westlake.

Mr. Whiteaker has 15000 feet of lumber in the hotel site and will get more material as soon as the mill can furnish it. It is expected that by the middle of May construction work will commence on the hotel.

Capt. H. G. Campbell and Mr. Forbes will also build homes at Westlake.

The launch Charm will be taken to Tsitlicoos lake on the tramway as soon as it is finished. Capt. Campbell is clearing the outlet of Tsitlicoos lake so he can run his boat to the beach this summer. He expects a good patronage in passenger and freight service.

Mr. C. H. Young went to Mapleton last Saturday to meet Mr. I. Veldhuyzen Van Zant in of Holland, who came to see him about locating a large colony of Hollenders on the Pacific Coast. They came to Florence Sunday, and after looking over maps and other data on the cultivable land along the coast Mr. Van Zanten left for Washington D. C. and to his native country. He will return to America after he makes his report to the promoters of the project.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY SUCCESS

"In the Shadow of the Rockies" was staged Saturday night at the Rita by the High School Dramatic Club, assisted by other local talent. The house was filled early in the evening, and those taking part kept the audience interested from the time the curtain arose to the finish. The cast was well trained to their particular parts and kept the action well sustained during the entire performance.

The Florence Male Quartet was enthusiastically received when they appeared between acts; Mr. Frank Smith's comic song also proved an attractive number. The piano duets by Messrs. Sherrard and Gillmore were heartily applauded.

Tuesday afternoon the young people left on the Mae for Mapleton, where they staged the play in the evening. The house was packed and the play well received.

In offering this production the High School Dramatic Club have proven that they are good entertainers.

They have been requested to repeat the performance and may announce date soon.

Fifty dollars was turned over to the Carnival Committee by the young people.

The cast was as follows:
Jim Gordon—Russel Gilmore.
Julian Gray—Lloyd Saubert.
Seth Thompson—Homer Severy.
Jake Dalton—Latham Chamberlain.
Hank Williams—Ceil Buchanan.

Ned Davis—Howard Barrett.
Dennis Mulcahy—Martin Sherrard.
Bud—Arthur Bushman.
Chip Gordon—Eleanor Saubert.
Henrietta Wells—Doane Chamberlain.
Bedelia O'Rafferty—Goldie Levage.

GOOD ROADS DAY AT MERCER LAKE

Saturday, April 25, being Good Roads Day the people of Mercer Lake united early in the morning to help putting the new road through. The men labored vigorously amid logs and brush, rocks and dynamite blasts while the women were busy preparing a picnic dinner which the tired, hungry men heartily appreciated.

The table was spread beneath the apple blossoms, while the songs of birds and humming of bees filled the air. After dinner the men went back to their work and worked diligently until late in the evening. The people at Mercer and vicinity are very anxious to have the road completed as soon as possible.

Some of the residents having lived here for twenty years without a road they will surely know how to appreciate it.

The county court has been very kind in helping these people for which they feel very grateful.

BLACHLEY SCHOOL STANDARDIZED

At Blachley fitting exercises have been held for the standardization of the school in district No. 90, the only school out of five in that vicinity to receive such an honor this year.

A standardization pennant was presented to the pupils by Supervisor C. H. Aylesworth. Professor E. F. Fitz, of the Oregon Agricultural College, delivered an address to the assembled stud-

ents and their parents on the topic, "Improved Livestock." He appealed directly to the farmers to heed the new slogan of "Dairy cows, the best, and plenty of them," a rule, he said, that is quickly working out in this county and one from which results are already being reaped. Briefly the speaker outlined the need of care in buying such stock, to secure only the best breeds.

The Blachley school is a modern one-room structure, with an enrollment of 20 pupils under the supervision of Mrs. M. E. Norton.—Register.

FIRE ALARM AT MILL PLANT

The roof of the main building of the mill plant caught fire about 12:30 Wednesday. One of the fire sprinklers broke and an alarm was turned in. It was only a short time until two streams of water were pouring onto the blaze and it was soon extinguished. The incident proved the value of the mill fire protection system.

NORTH FORK ELECT EMPRESS

The North Fork Grange will assist Florence and its provinces in making the coming Rhododendron Festival, to be held in Florence on May 21 and 22, one of the greatest ever.

A basket social and dance will be given on Saturday evening May 2 at the Grange hall.

This affair will be in charge of the North Fork Carnival committee and an Empress of the North Fork Province will be elected.

WHAT'S DOING IN GLENADA

Al Miner is having a lot cleared and leveled and will build a residence this spring.

Ed Maher's new house is progressing nicely.

Wm. Passy is planning to put a boat on the river to run to South Slough. He will give a passenger and freight service. Bill will put on a boat that travel when the time comes.

Work on the tramway is being extended rapidly and rails are now put over a mile.

The Fox-Miner building on water street is having the front put in and will soon be ready for the occupants.

Machinery is being installed in the shingle mill, and the owners expect to have it in operation next month.

Rice-Knowles-Rice have secured the lease on the lower floor of the Fox-Miner building and will put in a branch store. C. H. Young will be manager and as soon as arrangements can be made expects to move his family to Glenada.

Miss McHardy has just placed a new display of photographs in front of her studio. The collection is of studies in babies and young people and are very artistic.

D. E. Severy closed the registration books Tuesday evening. Total number of registrations were 136. The County clerk will close the registration books for the primary election at 5 p. m. Friday May 1st.

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