

## AT FIRST CROSSING OF THE SIUSLAW

The Willamette Pacific railroad will be within twenty miles of tidewater in less than two weeks, according to H. R. Fountaine, assistant engineer, who states that the steel is being pushed to Mapleton more rapidly than ever. Falsework bridges have been erected across the third, fourth and seventh Wildcat crossings, and the false work will be built as fast as the rails reach new crossings, not waiting for the steel bridge crews which has been throwing steel bridges since last fall.

The rail reached the first crossing of the Siuslaw yesterday, and the Willamette Pacific from now on will follow the Siuslaw river to Acme. Until now it has followed the Wildcat, a tributary. After the second crossing of the Siuslaw, the railroad has a stretch of seven miles without bridges, and along this grade the rails will be pushed so that with less than two weeks the rails will be less than twenty miles from Noti.

Masonry crews are erecting piers on the third crossing of the Siuslaw, on Lake Creek and on San Antone creek. All the other piers were placed last year. At present men are working within cofferdams sinking the center pier for the third crossing. This has a 350-foot span. Work on the Lake Creek crossing, which is a 300-foot bridge with a 200-foot center span will be commenced at once. But the bridge crews from now on will not delay the progress of the rails according to the engineers who state that the tracks will cross on false-

work before waiting for the bridges. This means that the tracks will reach tidewater in a matter of but a few weeks.

At present passenger service is being operated by Fowler's place, thirty-two miles west, but preparations are being made to extend this service to Richardson, thirty-eight miles west within the next few days. Eugene Guard.

## CONCERT WAS MUSICAL SUCCESS

The concert Friday night at the Rita, in which Miss Maori Egbert, soprano, sang to a good size and appreciative audience, was a musical treat for those who attended.

Miss Egbert appeared in seven program selections and several encores, and her voice and interpretations delighted everybody. She is a pupil of Prof. Charles Swenson, of Portland and is on a visit to friends in Florence.

Those who assisted her were Miss May Merrill, Mr. R. C. Wygant, Mr. Frank Smith and the Florence Male Quartette.

Miss Merrill's piano numbers were a pleasing surprise to the audience and won the applause of the listeners.

The Florence Male Quartette, a popular local musical organization were called back several times.

Mr. Frank Smith and Mr. R. C. Wygant responded to encores demanded by the audience.

The concert from an artistic standpoint marks another upward step in the musical circles of Florence.

The trip from Eugene to Florence is now made in one day. Travelers arriving in Florence between nine and ten o'clock in the evening.

## WIN CUPS IN ROAD MAKING

Twenty school children, their ages from six to 13 years, attending the Chickahominy school, have built a better piece of road than did the pupils of any other school in the Siuslaw supervisory district. Today the little white school house in the mountains 30 miles west of Eugene received two silver trophies. It celebrated the winning of a contest, absolutely unique in type, but one which has been so successful that it is to be perpetuated, not alone in the mountainous district where it originated, but all over Lane county.

This morning Helmus W. Thompson, Lane county judge, and Miss Goldie Van Bibber, the girl supervisor [who has made a name for her Siuslaw school district, left Eugene carrying two silver cups, one large and the other small. The small one becomes the permanent possession of the Chickahominy school and is engraved to state that the students of this school have built the best highway in the district. The other is the property of this school so long as its student remain the best road builders in Lane county. The big cup was yesterday deeded by the judge to Lane county as a permanent trophy.

Early last fall a girl supervisor who looks after 30 schools in a mountainous coast region on the coast, traveling alone on horseback and on foot, entered the office of the county judge.

"I want to use some of Lane county's roads for laboratories for my students," she said in effect. And she outlined a plan to the county judge that he since declares the most important step ever taken in road construction in Lane county.

She outlined a plan for a road building contest. She did not aim to work child labor on the roads. The amount of highway constructed would be insignificant. Each school was to build 100 to 200 feet of road in front of the school house.

"I want to give them an idea of what well constructed roads are," she said. "I want the pupils who live in the country and who are the farmers of tomorrow to have an idea of the principles, the work and the expense in constructing permanent roads. As the future taxpayers they will know that there is only one kind of a road to accept and they will pay for the road when they get it. Not many of them will be actual road builders when they grow up, but they will know how.

"Road building is taught in the rural text books, but the teaching needs a laboratory."

The county judge looked at the girl in astonishment.

"You may use the roads," he said. "You may call on the county road supervisors for assistance. You may have what you wish, if you can only make that plan work. What is more I will donate to you two silver cups which you can hang as prizes. I will have the county engineer write a text book; it will be a road primer made for Lane county road building."

The road primer was written and published at the expense of the judge. The cups were hung and the contest announced.

Today Chickahominy wins these cups. The plan worked. The girl supervisor blames the county judge for its success and the judge shifts the glory to the supervisor. But both carried the

trophies to Chickahominy today. Other schools competed. The children all over the district built roads. Some of the schools in the Siuslaw are not on roads. So they widened the trails past the log school buildings.

The Chickahominy students had no advantages. Their teacher is a 21-year-old girl, Miss Mildred Mersdorf, who graduated from the Eugene high school a year ago. They had no tools, but the road primer described a road drag and they built one. They built it out of fence rails. They had no horse so they dragged it with a harness made from old baling wire. They borrowed shovels, picks and mattocks at home. And with these implements they built the road that won the cup.

Three other schools received honorable mention. The first is the Ten-Mile school, located in a little hunter's cabin from the little window in which one can throw a stone into the Pacific ocean. It is near Cape Perpetua, almost on the Linn and Lincoln county line. Miss Jean Sharman, of Ocean View, is teacher. The second is the Deadwood school, on Lake Creek, 40 miles west of Junction City, of which Clara Van Marter, of Eugene is teacher. The third is Greenleaf, also on Lake Creek, where A. Wesley Steinhauer is teacher.

Chickahominy school, the winner, has other things to brag of. It is the only school in the whole district with a school garden. Its pupils raise potatoes, lettuce, radishes and peas. One year it won a prize at the fair. It is one of the few schools in the district with a yard fenced in. And it is going to have a seeded lawn with trees. The residents on Chickahominy mountain are proud of their school and of their students, and the fathers and mothers are proudly watching their youngsters build real roads. As a matter of fact, some are studying the road primer, with its emphasis on drainage, crown and the use of proper materials. Eugene Guard.

## SAUSALITO TAKES OUT 450,000

What is supposed to be the largest load ever carried by the schooner Sausalito from the Siuslaw river, was successfully taken over the bar Monday evening.

The tug Robarts came up from Gardiner where she had taken the barge Laurence and found fourteen feet and six inches of water on the bar. Without even stopping to say hello to his friends who were watching on the wharf, Captain Jones got a tow line on the schooner and started for the river and within two hours was back at the dock, having taken the schooner out, drawing over 12 feet of water.

One good feature of the Siuslaw bar is that it has maintained about 14 feet of water for some time now, with no variation in depth, and seems to be slowly deepening.

The schooner's load was estimated at very close to 450,000 feet.

The Oakland is now being loaded and it is expected that she will carry out nearly 500,000 feet of lumber.

Widespread search has been started for a \$2,000 diamond pin stolen mysteriously it is reported from Mrs. Henry Wolcott Warner of 62 East sixty-seventh street New York. The pin was worn at a fashionable wedding about a month ago. She missed it upon her return home. Placards announcing the theft of the pin giving its description and size have been sent broadcast.

Switzerland employs about 65,000 men in her metal and machinery trades.

## SUPERVISOR COMES TO SIUSLAW

H. S. Rankin, supervisor of the Siuslaw National Forest, arrived in Florence Monday night. Accompanying him was a crew of eight men who went to Maple creek Tuesday afternoon to begin the work of examining homestead land under the June 11th act.

The territory to be covered will be from the head waters of Indian creek to the head waters of Smith river, and will embrace district 3, which is under Ranger J. L. Mackechnie.

Forest Assistant Pogter will have charge of the men in the work. The party will consist of Alfred Powers, E. J. Smith, Ben Irving, Edwin Hartley, Mike Hapes, Wayne Barboua, E. G. Bates, Ben H. Williams and Field Assistant Nichilson.

In conversation with Supervisor Rankin it was learned that the forest service, cooperating with Lane county, will complete the Alsea wagon road from the mouth of Canal creek to the Waldport road. This will make it possible to go from the Willamette valley by wagon to Walporf without using a scow.

It is expected that work will commence on the Cape Perpetua road by the first of July and with the help of Lincoln and Lane counties, to complete it this season. When finished according to plans, it will be a first class road that can be used by vehicles of all kinds, including automobiles.

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## BANDON HAS \$250,000 FIRE LOSS

A destructive fire occurred in Bandon Thursday morning. It started in the L. N. E. Restaurant, run by Lela Benner.

The loss is estimated at from \$250,000 to \$300,000, with but little insurance.

The fire was supposed to have started either from poor insulation or a defective chimney, and raged five hours or more, laying waste to three blocks of buildings in the heart of Bandon's business district.

The fire first started in the L. N. E. Restaurant about midnight and was extinguished without an alarm being turned in. About three o'clock Thursday morning the fire broke out again and had gained considerable headway before being discovered. The first general alarm was sounded by the Speedwell, which was just starting for Coos Bay.

Within a half hour it had jumped the street, and the business section of Bandon was in flames.

The firemen worked hard with what apparatus they had to control the situation.

The tug Klyhian and the life saving crew gave valuable assistance.

Dynamiting was resorted to in an effort to check the spread of the flames.

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