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COMMENCE SUIT TO GAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY

Negotiations for right-of-way through the Johnson-Anderson rock quarry on the Siuslaw river three miles below Mapleton having been unsuccessful, the failure to reach an agreement having held up construction work on the Eugene-Coos Bay branch of the Southern Pacific railroad, the Willamette Pacific Railroad company now seeks to condemn the right-of-way through the property.

The Johnson-Anderson company, contractors on the jetty at the mouth of the Siuslaw river, own a tract of land at that point, where they obtained the rock for the jetty work. Their contract has been completed for some time past and the railway company claims that the quarry is pretty well worked out and that the value of the property is not very great, but the owners of the quarry say that there is yet much valuable material there for future contracts and are not willing to sell the right-of-way for a price which the railway company deems reasonable.

The failure to reach an agreement on a price for the land has resulted in the railway company going to court to obtain the land. A jury will set the amount of damages and the right-of-way will pass to the railway company through process of law.

In the complaint filed yesterday by the Willamette Pacific against the Johnson-Anderson company, the railroad company

estimates the damages by the building of the track through the quarry and the adjoining land at \$2,500. The amount of land to be taken, according to the engineers' measurements, is 6.25 acres.

The Willamette Pacific track is built up to the quarry and further tracklaying is impossible until this strip of right-of-way is obtained. It was intended by the railway company to begin work on the big bridge across the Siuslaw river at Acme long before this time, but it is impossible to transport the materials to the site of the structure before the track is built that far.

The condemnation case will come up before G. F. Skipworth, who will then be circuit judge, at the February term of court. It is hoped by the railway company to have case tried at the beginning of the term so that an early resumption of the work of track laying may be had. The grade below the quarry is completed and all the work necessary to do after the right-of-way through this property is obtained is to throw up the grade across the land and lay the rails to the bridge site. After this is done the rail-laying will be rushed toward Coos Bay. The rails can be laid across false work at the Acme bridge site while work on the permanent structure is proceeding.

Five-cents-for-a-square meal houses are being established in Portland.

Negotiations are pending between the Baker Commercial Club and the Union Pacific Railway to establish in Baker two factories, one a wool-scouring plant and the other a furniture factory.

CHRISTMAS TREES HOLIDAY FEATURE

Public Exercises Commemorate the Day and Good Cheer Makes Little and Big Happy

On the Siuslaw Christmas was the occasion for many appropriate home gathering at which time Christmas trees and dinners were enjoyed.

Exercises were held at both churches in Florence on Christmas Eve which gave great pleasure to those present.

At the Evangelical church a large Christmas tree in the north west corner of the church loaded with decorations and gifts gave the room an attractive holiday appearance. An interesting program of songs, recitations and exercises was offered, ending with Santa Claus coming and authorizing the distribution of presents, and appointing assistants who soon accomplished their mission considering the large attendance.

The Presbyterian church decorated with evergreens and having as large a Christmas tree as the height of the room would permit was crowded by an audience who enjoyed every number of the program, keeping the children interested until "Santa" came and with his helpers distributed the many things that were in the tree, delighting

all present with good cheer and Christmas joy.

The people of North Fork gathered at the Grange hall at Portage Wednesday, December 23, to enjoy themselves from ten o'clock in the morning until late that night.

A table loaded with good things to eat and places for over 120 persons was set and at noon the banquet began. In the afternoon an entertaining program under the supervision of Mrs. Hans Peterson and Mrs. J. Gentry was offered. This was followed by a community Christmas tree. In the evening dancing was enjoyed until past midnight.

The Glenada Sunday school held exercises in the Fox & Miner hall at that place. A program of songs and recitations was given, while a handsome Christmas tree and Santa Claus furnished the children with presents and pleasure.

At several other places community Christmas trees were had and appropriate programs carried out to commemorate this day.

CHRISTMAS DANCE ENJOY- ABLE EVENT

The Christmas dance given on Friday evening in the Patsy warehouse was enjoyed by about forty couples. The interior of the building was tastefully decorated with evergreens, making it very attractive and pleasant. The orchestra stage has been moved from the east end of the room to the west end, and is quite an improvement. McLyman's orchestra furnished the music. The floor had been especially prepared and was in fine condition for dancing, which added to the pleasure of the evening.

Friday evening, New Year's night another dance will be given at which time Edison new musical invention will be used to furnish part of the dance music during the evening. This wonderful machine uses disc records and a diamond point. C. W. McLyman is making a large horn to be used in increasing the volume of the music. This will be a unique method of furnishing dance music, in combination with the orchestra.

The Western Union Telegraph company announced that a lineman will leave this morning for Mapleton to install a telegraph instrument there. It is expected that service will soon be started from that city over the wire along the Willamette Pacific railway.—Register Dec., 24.

FIGHTING WAS FIERCE CHRISTMAS

The Hague, Holland, Dec. 28.—According to a traveler in Belgium who has just returned to Holland, the Germans in the west have received heavy reinforcements.

He says that he saw about 58,000 men pass through Cologne for the front in Belgium. Emperor William also had arrived there.

Other German troops, according to Belgian reports, refuse to go to the front. At Stroobrugge a transport train of 300 manacled soldiers who had refused to fight is said to have been seen. They were reported to be on their way to Aix la Chapelle to be courtmartialled.

The reports of the numbers of wounded both armies are sending back from the lines in Belgium appear to show that the fighting on Christmas day in that country was the fiercest of the last month. Correspondents in the rear say the Belgians, as a result of five days sapping, captured nearly 3000 Germans with only small losses to themselves.

A plant to manufacture veterinary remedies is to be established in Portland.

A coast representative of Libby, McNeil & Libby has been in conference with business men at The Dalles to establish a cannery there.

Our Wish--May All Have a Happy and Prosperous New Year

ENCOURAGE APPLE CLUBS

Now is the time to form apple clubs, and the U. S. Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the agricultural colleges of northern and western states is endeavoring to interest the boys and girls of apple-growing sections in the possibilities of apple culture as a profitable and pleasurable occupation. The organizations for the young people on the farm are being planned and begun in the New England States, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Ohio, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. Any young people in these states wishing to find out the details of the new apple-raising clubs should write at once to the state agent in charge of club work at the State College of Agriculture, or the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT JETTY WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Last Wednesday night the patrons of the Jetty school met in the mess house in which they had arranged a Christmas tree for the children and after an interesting program by the little ones, the presents were distributed. A sumptuous lunch was then served, after which all enjoyed a pleasant hour dancing and visiting.

RETURNS FROM CALIFORNIA

C. W. Curran returned from his trip to California points last week and reports San Francisco getting ready for the Panama-Pacific Exposition which opens February 20th, 1914.

While in San Francisco Mr. Curran found a market for all the Oregon green moss and sphagnum moss that had been gathered and prepared, and he will make a shipment in the near future.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING

Last Saturday Ralph, 10 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clarke, of the Bay View, had a very narrow escape from drowning in the river. He and another boy were trying to get a log out and Ralph was reaching out with a pike pole to make a thrust, but missed the log and fell into the river. There was a swift ebb tide running but he kept himself above water till he reached the cannery where John Tanner caught him and pulled him out. After a change of clothes he seemed no worse for his bath, but it was a very close call for the boy.

The Columbia highway from Astoria to Pendleton is to be completed by July 1, 1915, says Major Bowlby.

Holiday Suggestions

Holiday Stationery, both bulk and package. A neat and desirable present to a lady or gentleman.
A Non-Leakable Fountain Pen is appreciated by everyone.
Perfumery of the most delicate and fragrant odor.
Toilet Soaps and Toilet Articles especially prepared for the Xmas trade.
Japanese Napkins. Tinsel Paper. Ornaments.

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