

CAPE ROAD NEARING ITS COMPLETION

H. B. Rankin, supervisor of the Siuslaw national forest, returned to Cape Perpetua yesterday to superintend the completion of the highway around that rocky promontory jutting into the sea. He says that the work will probably be finished inside of 15 working days so that teams and automobiles will be able to pass around the cape, but a concrete parapet to prevent vehicles from sliding a hundred feet into the foaming sea below will not be built until next summer.

The completion of this road will afford a continuous trip along the beach from Tillamook and Coos Bay. This trip will undoubtedly become a popular one for sightseers, as some of the finest scenery on the coast is found along the road.—Morning Register.

Multnomah county tax levy for 1915 is 8.2 mills less than for 1914.

Salaries and expenses of deputy game wardens totaled \$47,000 for this year.

A \$35,000 a year chain of Employment agencies was proposed at the Eugene Commonwealth conference.

The Empire Mfg. Co., Spokane, and Pendleton Iron Works, have asked Pendleton citizens to subscribe for stock of consolidated company formed to mfg. rotary pump, iceless refrigerator, split wood pulley and other articles.

MARRIED

December 30, at high noon at the home of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Leverage, of Mercer, Mr. Fread Petzold, of Venita, and Miss Katherine Leverage, the Rev. H. L. Pratt, officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Petzold left Thursday for Venita where he has a fine ranch and the young couple will make their home there.

The bride presented a pretty picture attired in a gown of white silk crepe de chine and wearing veil of white maline interwoven with orange blossoms and Swedish brides' myrtle.

The groom wore a suit of midnight blue.

As the clock announced the noon hour, the bride and groom took a position beneath a bell hanging from an arch of evergreens, while Miss Edith Yates played "The Wedding March" by Englemann. The officiating clergyman in an impressive ceremony united the young people in marriage.

After the ceremony a delicious wedding dinner was enjoyed by the large number of relatives and friends who were present.

The decorations of cedar, fern and ivy were very tastily arranged by Edith Yates.

The bride received a large number of beautiful and useful presents.

Miss Catherine is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Leverage, pioneers of this section, who reside on their farm at Mercer lake. She has spent most of her life near Florence, where she has many friends who wish her a happy married life.

According to the papers published in the different National Forests, or adjacent to them, there is an immense amount of timber being sold. It is noticed that all the way from one million to one billion feet is sold. Forest sales in Oregon do not compare with the forest sales in states that are supposed to be void of timber. In the Crater Lake Forest, many miles from transportation there in a sale reported of 18 million feet. In Arizona a sale of a billion feet.

One would naturally ask who is buying this timber and what are they payin for it. Is this timber being sold to the small home builders, or is some large corporation buying it for speculation. We have been told in this Siuslaw Forest that the products of the National Forrest were for the benefit of the settlers first, and for others after the settlers and nearby people were satisfied.

There has been much inquiry in this vicinity for dead cedar; some of it in small amounts and some in larger amounts and so far as we have been able to learn there have been no sales made. Why is it Under? the old regime, when A. E. Cohoon had this Forest we knew it was almost impossible to buy anything from the Government unless the very highest price was paid, but we naturally looked for a change in that order when the present incumbent took the office. We are reasonably sure that the present supervisor is more liberal in his views and understanding of the Forest regulations and it has been questioned by many why more timber sales have not been made. Is it because the price of dead cedar is prohibitive, or is the Service holding it for a general clean up sale to a corporation? If the small buyers are to have the benefit of the products of the Forest why not sell some of this dead cedar to them at a price that they can make a decent profit for their labor; if it is not to be sold why not advertise the fact and forever close the Forest to the small buyer?

the Kahits and brought the stranded merry-makers to Florence. Gene says he does not object to rescuing people but two o'clock in the morning is no time to get a fellow out of bed.

SOCIETY

In honor of their mother, Mrs. E. E. McVicker, Mrs. D. M. Kyle and Miss McVicker entertained the Wednesday afternoon club and a few guests.

Garlands of green, and crimson bells combined with clusters of poinsettias bespoke the holiday season. Much merriment resulted from the surprise favors at lunch. Those invited were: Mrs. Emmerson Surface, Mrs. R. Averill, Mrs. J. H. Fisher, Mrs. John Bergman, Mrs. John W. Bergman, Mrs. William Kyle, Mrs. G. Marsh, Mrs. Irvin, Mrs. J. Ford, Mrs. Craig.

About twenty friends of Delona Severy made her a very pleasant surprise on Tuesday night. It was doubly agreeable to her as it was on her birthday also. The young people enjoyed themselves with games and shadades, and after a light lunch they returned to their homes, wishing Miss Lona many happy returns of this occasion.

Coquille will build a \$2,000 city bridge.

Jackson county spent this year on good roads \$500,000. Pacific highway cost \$325,000.

The heavy rains of the last few days together with the high tides is starting the drift along the banks of the river and there is considerable running which makes it quite dangerous to navigation.

1915 WAS GIVEN WELCOME IN FLORENCE

The New Year was made welcome in Florence by the ringing of the church bells, explosion of firearms, blowing whistles, and a general noisy demonstration by those who had been watching the "Old year out and the New Year In."

Several parties were held in honor of the occasion and promptly at midnight the new year was heralded by these groups with enthusiasm and joy.

IMPROVEMENTS AT THE LIGHT PLANT

The Electric Light company have been making extensive improvements in their plant by remodeling the engine room, painting the ceiling and walls of the whole interior, improving the switch board, putting in an emergency boiler pump, sinking more wells for a better water supply, covering the boiler and pipes with a thick coating of asbestos to conserve the heat, place all wires in the plant under the floor, painted the protecting rails and will add lenolium to the floor in the engine room and office.

The company have been to considerable expense in fitting up the plant with the latest and most improved machinery and now have a plant that cannot be excelled by any in the state of the same capacity.

A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS AT HECETA

Christmas Eve was joyously spent at Heceta by 20 people. The ladies of the Light-house Station entertaining with a sumptuous 5 o'clock dinner at the home of Mrs. R. Avery.

After the dinner was partaken of every one assembled in the sitting-room where stood a large Christmas tree beautifully decorated and laden with gifts. The school children under the direction of their teacher rendered a very pretty and appropriate program, after which the gifts were distributed.

MENU—Roast chicken, Sausage, Brown gravy, Mashed potatoes, Baked beans, Corn, Cabbage and Potato salad, Cranberries, Cheese, Beet pickles, Bread butter, Fruit cake, Coffee, Mince, Lemon and Squash pie, Apples, Candies, Bananas, Nuts, Popcorn-balls.

The following program was rendered.

Song—"Silent Night." "When Shepherds watched their flocks by night.—School."

Recitation—"Christmas Wishes"—Mildred Hansen.

Recitation—"Christmas Tide"—Gertrude Hansen.

"Legend of the Christmas Holly."

"Holly Song"—Irene Hansen.

"Christmas Travellers."

Song—"O Evergreen"—Thelma Hansen.

Song—"Hush my Dear lie still and slumber"—Mildred Hansen.

Recitation—"When I grow up"—Teddy Avery.

Recitation—"The Unreasonable Pa"—James Avery.

Recitation—"His Bill"—Howard Hansen.

Recitation—"Christmas Stockings"—Mildred Hansen.

"How We Spent Christmas"—Joseph Avery.

Dialogue—"Tilly's Christmas"—Gertrude, Irene, Mildred and Thelma Hansen.

"The Night before Christmas"—Pantomime, by School.

TELEGRAPH FLORENCE TO EUGENE

For several weeks the Western Union has had a telegraph operator at Mapleton, but the condition of the line did not permit its use for commercial purposes.

O. C. Stanwood, manager of the Siuslaw Home Telephone Co., has now completed arrangements with the telegraph company so that direct service can be had to Eugene, Portland and other outside points over this system.

Under the old method of going through Gardiner, Marshfield and Roseburg the toll was 80 cents to Eugene and 90 cents to Portland from Florence for ten work messages. The toll announce to Eugene and Portland by Mapleton from Florence is 50 cents for a ten word message.

Mr. Stanwood will act as agent for the telegraph company here and Florence is assured a great improvement in the matter of telegraph service.

The following item regarding the opening of the service to Mapleton was printed in the Morning Register.

Joe Morris, the Mapleton merchant and all around progressive booster, had the distinction of sending the first telegraph message out of that place over the new Western Union line. He also received the first message from Eugene. The line is now in good working order and a large business is being done.

WRECK OF THE ARIEL

On Christmas night after the dance at the Grange hall on the North Fork, the Ariel was bringing the young people to Florence, they had the misfortune to strike a snag in the river near the Island which tore a hole in the boat and caused it to fill with water. Captain Johnson run the Ariel to shore and the passengers were all landed without accident. A messenger was sent to the home of Gene McCormack and he took

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