

HAVE CUT THROUGH TUNNEL 5

Workmen cut through tunnel 5 last Sunday about twelve o'clock. This tunnel is 1200 feet in length and is located on the property of O. L. Brewster. Little three-year old Ethel Swanson, daughter of the tunnel formen was the first person to crawl through the opening.

The breaking through of the tunnel leaves only one out of four between the Siuslaw and the Umpqua with intervening wall between the headins. Number 7, which is 600 feet is now completed, while number 6 about 1800 feet long, has been cut through sometime. Tunnel 3, the first one south of the Siuslaw, and which is to be about 2100 feet in length, still has a wall of rock between the headins but it is expected this will be broken through in about twenty days.

REGULAR COLNCL MEETING

The City council met at the office of the city recorder Monday evening and after the regular routine of business they examined the report of the viewers on the Jefferson street and Gargines avenue improvement work and instructed the clerk to advertise for bids for grading and planking these streets.

G. G. Bushman left for outside points Monday on business matters.

WANTS TO BRING BOAT TO SIUSLAW

The Commercial Club met in regular session in their rooms Monday night and after the regular routine of business, reports of committees were made and then Mr. G. Boake, of Coquille was presented to the Club and he stated briefly why he was there and what he wanted. He said he with three others were the owners of a steamboat that was now on the Coquille river; that this boat was 72 feet long, 15 feet beam and had a capacity of 100 passengers. It had room also for a team and wagon, or an automobile. A ladies cabin and a smoking room and a toilet in each room. His company were willing to bring this boat to the Siuslaw and put it on the run from Florence to Mapleton to meet all trains in order to accommodate the passenger traffic and the freight as well. All they require is a guarantee of the good faith of the people here was that they give their moral support the boat.

C. H. Young, member of the School Board, presented to the Club the crowded condition of the school house and asked the members of the Club to bring the matter before the people and try to formulate some plan to offer the school board so they might be able to present to the people some definite proposition in school buildings.

He gave the following figures to show why it was necessary to

do something in the near future. In the 1st room there are 25 seats and there are 25 scholars; 2d room 40 seats and 38 scholars; 3d room 42 seats and 34 scholars; 4th room 42 seats and 40 scholars. This shows the condition as it is at the present; there has been 28 scholars in the 1st room, 43 in the 2d, 38 in the 3rd and 41 in the 4th. There are 8 seniors in the high school which will no doubt graduate this spring, but there are 14 that will pass from the 8th grade into the high school next fall, so it makes 6 seats short in the high school at the beginning of the fall term only counting the scholars from Florence.

GLENADA WILL BUILD CITY JAIL

The contract for the City jail in Glenada has been let to H. Beagle. It will be 10x16 feet, made of solid brick walls, iron floor and roof, iron partitions, iron doors and windows grated. The jail will be located on the water front at the foot of the hill near S. E. Lowes property. The first scow load of brick was taken across from Florence Tuesday.

The work of grading Ash street from the South end of the dock south to the top of the hill was begun Friday. It is proposed to raise the dock to conform to the grade and cut the hill down to make an even grade of considerable less per cent so that teams can travel this street with ease. A side walk will be built from the dock to the top of the hill making it more convenient for foot passengers to travel. As it was a person could hardly climb the hill in wet weather, it being so steep and slippery. When this work is completed it will be a decided improvement to Ash street and a great convenience to those who travel that way.

J. A. Barker, has been appointed Marshall of Glenada and will look after the interests of the City in the future.

W.P. OPENS NEW FIELD FOR BUSINESS

A heavy traffic, much larger than ever anticipated for this time, has been handled over the new Willamette Pacific into the Siuslaw, according to W. P. Fontaine, assistant engineer, who returned this week from Portland, where the headquarters for the operating department of this line are located. The present traffic is held to indicate much more extensive business which the line will carry when completed all the way to Coos bay.

At present Florence, Mapleton and other Siuslaw points are buying supplies through Eugene that originally came from Portland by boat. Many products can be sent from Eugene much more cheaply than from any other source, and the installation of the new telegraph line aids in the establishment of trade relations between Eugene and its new territory. For such articles as hay and bulky substances there is a material reduction in rates by the new route, according to the railroad men.

The passenger traffic is also heavy. The daily train is carrying from thirty to fifty passengers a day, although this includes to some extent the "dead head"

business representing the shipment of laborers and engineering forces. An average of 20 paid passengers each trip is regarded as a fair estimate of this business. One combination train a day each way has all it can do to handle the business.

"The local traffic between Eugene and Veneta, and between points along the line is also heavy," says Mr. Fontaine. "The business of the line is growing very rapidly. A large portion of the passenger traffic to Coos Bay now comes and goes this way."

"When the line is extended further the business will increase very much more rapidly. At Coos bay there are some very large firms, such as the C. L. Smith Timber Company, and others. In addition to Coos Bay and the Siuslaw, there is the Umpqua territory which this line will reach. It passes directly through Reedsport, where Warren Reed is developing a townsite, and this is directly tributary to a large territory up Smith river, which will serve to feed the railroad."

The railroad men are impatiently waiting for the completion of the railroad to Acme, which is delayed by the failure to obtain the right-of-way from the Anderson-Johnson Stone Quarry company. Condemnation proceedings have been filed, and there is but little to do until the grind of the circuit court reaches this case.

The construction of the Siuslaw bridge, material for which is at hand, hangs upon the extension of this sixteen miles of railroad over the already completed grade, and in a few months the laying of rails between the Siuslaw and the Umpqua will depend the completion of this bridge. The rail laying from Coos Bay will proceed north while that from the Siuslaw will proceed south. There remains but forty-five miles of track after the rails reach Acme, and the grade for this is said to be 90 per cent completed.—Eugene Guard.

THOMPSON AND SELLING SELECTED

Salem, Ore., Jan. 11.—The 28th Legislative Assembly of Oregon organized today without martial noise. No sound from the 48-centimeter guns of oratory disturbed its tranquil transactions. In the House the promised fight on the floor over the speakership fell somewhat flat. Ben Selling, of Portland, produced the scheduled 37 votes; Allen Eaton mustered 22, his following including four Democrats and C. M. Hurlburt, with emphasis on the "and."

Quiet as were the House proceedings, the Senate got down to business with even less demonstration. W. Lair Thompson got all the votes except his own and that of Senators Kellaher and Dimick. Senator Dimick, while professing a friendly feeling for Senator Thompson, thought that his constituents might prefer someone else. Senator Kellaher maintained his accustomed adherence to the minority cause, no matter what the minority stands for.

DANCE IN PATSY WAREHOUSE

A dance will be given in the Patsy warehouse Saturday evening January 16th. Music by McLyman's orchestra. Tickets 75 cents.

ANSWER FAILS TO SATISFY

Washington, Jan. 11.—Great Britain's preliminary reply to the American note of protest concerning neutral commerce, while gratifying in the concessions it makes has in many respects failed to satisfy the United States Government.

Officials confidently hope that the second and complete answer from England will give the specific information requested by the United States and clear up the uncertainties which, according to the Washington government surrounds the commerce of neutrals. This disposition on the part of the Washington administration was revealed in high official quarters today although there was no formal comment.

GENERAL STORE

FOR SWISS HOME

Mr. Frank McCullough and wife were in Florence Sunday visiting with friends. Mr. McCullough will open a general merchandise store at Swiss Home as soon as the building can be completed. The location of the new townsite is about a mile up the river, or east of the old Swiss Home P. O. and near Lake Creek on the W. P. railroad. The brush is being cleared away, the streets located and grading will be done as soon as the weather will permit.

The Priscilla Club will meet Friday with Mrs. Charles Watts.

RUMORS THAT ITALY WILL AID

New York, January 11.—With a comparative lull in this quarter and artillery duels predominating near the Belgian coast, fighting of a desperate character has broken out in the center, notably to the northeast of Soissons, which, through bombardments, seems likely to suffer the fate of Rheims, and further east in the vicinity of Perthes Beausejour, from which points the allies have been trying to reach the important railway to the north, the seizure of which would cut one of the German main arteries of communication.

Only a change in the weather or the entrance into the war of Roumania or Italy, or both, is likely to bring about any marked change in the military situation in Europe for some time to come.

Just as rumors persisted for days prior to Turkey's entrance into the war on the side of Germany, which tended to discount the step when it eventually was taken, so rumors now center about Roumania and Italy. There is a strong feeling in France and England that definite action will not long be delayed.

Frederick Hollister and wife and son, of North Bend, are planning to leave about February 1 for a six months auto tour of the South. They will ship their car to San Francisco and motor from there to the Yosemite Valley and thence across the Southern states, visiting Mr. Hollister's old home.

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