

## TO BE USHED THIS TO FINISH

me, March 29.—H. P. Assistant Southern Pacific in charge of the of the Matte Pacific construction dced that he had gives or the contractors to place of men at work on the quarry grade below Maple and rush it to completion at earliest possible date. "We to start building the bridge as soon as we can get to it," Mr. Hoey, "and this weath- doing much to help us."

er a recent trip over the nette Pacific by Southern officials, the Eugene published the following ew: ope we will be carrying quantities of timber, coal ed products out over this ailroad before this time year," declared Julius schnitt, of New York City, an of the board of direct- the Southern Pacific com- as he returned this after- from the first inspection of the Willamette Pacific d as far as Acme, eighty west of Eugene. "At least l be ready to haul it if the y will wake up and ship it. think it will. Your lum-

ber will be shipped out from here all over the east, and your food products will be used on the Pacific coast. I think Eugene will reap a benefit from the operation of this road."

"Mr. Hood has been held up with his right-of-way in two points there," continued the great railroad head, "but it is all straightened out now, and the work will go right ahead. The construction of this line is the only large railroad work in progress on the Pacific coast."

"I find this railroad extremely well constructed. It is built for keeps—all of steel and concrete. It is to be a real railroad."

Mr. Hood also expressed satisfaction with the construction of the road.

"Of course it is a good railroad we built it," he exclaimed with a twinkle.

Mr. Kruttschnitt said, "This extension which Mr. Hood is building to Coos Bay can't help but develop this coast country to a large extent. Coos Bay and the Siuslaw will cut more lumber; factories will be built, and we look for a heavy traffic over this road."

"At the present time there are no indications that the railroads will be able to make further extensions until the people become active again. It is as Mr. Sproule said in Chicago, 'The railroads are out of employment and are hunting for a job.' We are anxiously waiting for some one to employ us."

(Editorial in Lebanon Express.)  
Ten mail sacks filled with Sears, Roebuck & Co. catalogues was one of the interesting items in the day's work at the Albany postoffice recently. These catalogues will find their way into hundreds of rural homes, and in due course of time the parcel post will be delivering various articles of merchandise at the farm homes. Many will argue that the goods are sold cheaper, when often close inspection will prove that the goods are cheaper in quality than those offered by the home merchant.  
There is no doubt that many thousands of dollars are sent out of Linn County every year to the Eastern mail-order houses that should remain at home. What is the secret of their success in attracting the trade? It is liberal advertising, and if the home merchants would study the proposition from this point of view and present their goods in the same attractive manner the order of things would change—to the advantage of all concerned.  
The farmers are busy people, and it is much easier to scan the pages of the newspaper or turn the leaves of a catalogue, then make out an order for the articles needed, than it is to drive to town and shop in person. Chicago is only a few days farther off than their usual trading point, naturally the order goes there. The home merchant who advertises intelligently and systematically will not have long to complain of the mail-order houses.

## SCHOOL RALLIES ARE A GREAT SUCCESS

### Seven School Centers Visited and Much Enthusiasm Shown by Pupils and People Through- out the Trip

From the first day at Noti until the last at Portage the school rallies held during last week in western Lane were a marked success for all taking part.

Supervisor Jennie Bossen of this district succeeded in inducing J. A. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction; M. S. Pittman, of the state normal, at Monmouth, and County Superintendent E. J. Moore to co-operate in a series of school rallies in her district, and the first day was at Noti where Tuesday, March 23, an interesting program was carried out.

Wednesday at the Meadow-Walton rally the whole community were present to assist in the standardization exercises. Great interest was shown at this rally which was the first ever held in this district. They now have completed a model school which is supplied with drinking water by a fountain the work of Ellis Richardson.

On Wednesday County Superintendent E. J. Moore, Prof. and Mrs. M. S. Pittman, and Supervisor Jennie Bossen arrived in Mapleton on the Willamette Pacific and were escorted to the school house by the band where a dinner was served. In the afternoon standardization exercises were held in the I. O. O. F. hall, where a program of songs and drill was given by the school. Supt. Moore presented the school with its standard pennant, and J. C. Beck, one of the directors responded in a pleasing manner.

The feature talk of the day was made by Prof. M. S. Pittman, who made a strong plea for the rural schools and their needs.

In the evening accompanied by a large number of Mapleton people the visitors went to River-view school where a rally program was enjoyed and great enthusiasm shown in rural school work by the pupils and patrons of this district.

Thursday morning a special

boat conveyed the educators to Florence and on their way to Ada where three schools, Upper Fiddle creek, Ada and Five Mile creek joined in the rally exercises. A delightful program was given by the pupils, a feature of which was a short play by the Ada school. A standard pennant was presented to the Ada school by Supt. E. J. Moore, and Prof. M. S. Pittman talked upon co-operation of rural schools, the beneficial results obtained.

At Acme Friday morning a rally program by the pupils was given, consisting of songs, recitations and stories acted by the children. At noon a dinner was enjoyed. The program in the afternoon was very entertaining. A standard pennant was presented to the school by Supt. E. J. Moore, and responded to by Geo. Montgomery in a very appropriate manner. Mrs. Butler and Lloyd Saubert favored the gathering with solos, Superintendent J. A. Churchill and Prof. M. S. Pittman addressed those present upon development and building up the public schools.

Friday afternoon the visitors went to Florence where they visited the schools, and in the evening a rally meeting was held with Glenada, Acme and Florence people attending.

On Saturday the final rally and an all-day affair occurred at the Portage. In the morning three schools, District No. 157, Miss Isom, teacher; District No. 158, Miss Beulah Kinsey, teacher; and No. 153, Miss Jennie Southmayed teacher; joined in the program which consisted of songs and recitations as follows: "Gypsy Song" four girls Portage schools; recitation "Custer's Last Charge" Gilbert Houehnton; song, "District No. 158," Minerva school; recitation, Thelma Bay; exercise, "Pussy Willows," primary class Portage school; recitation, Pearl Tompkins; solo, Della Funke; recitation, Alonzo Woolley; song

"The Sand Man" three little girls, Minerva school; negro sermon, John Beeler.

At noon everyone was invited to the banquet hall where the North Fork grange had prepared a fine dinner, seating all guests at the first table.

After dinner the program commenced with a request by Supervisor Jennie Bossen for the audience to sing America. She then introduced County Superintendent E. J. Moore announcing that he would have charge of the meeting. After a short talk on the needs of the schools and his appreciation of this rally trip, Mr. Moore introduced State Superintendent J. A. Churchill, who spoke earnestly upon the up-building of rural schools. Miss Isom and Miss Kinsey sang a duet, and Prof. M. S. Pittman talked on the rural school as a center of community welfare and advancement.

Shortly after the program was finished the visitors were taken by boat to the homes of E. R. McCornack and Hasen Johnson where they were royally entertained and after supper were brought to Florence, ending a week of rallies that will mean much to the schools of Western Lane county.

## SCHOOL BONDS ELEC- TION NEXT SATURDAY

The voters of this school district will have an opportunity to vote on the question of issuing bonds in the sum of \$5,000 to repair, install heating plant and build an addition to the present school building to meet the requirements of the increased school attendance. This is a proposition that every person in Florence should be interested in and a large vote should be recorded. Saturday April 3, from 2 till 4 p. m. at the school house.

W. H. O'Kelly is having the interior of his building over the Woolen Mill store painted, kalsomined and papered.

## MARITIME PINE TRANS- PLANTED

The Siuslaw forest will plant several thousand Maritime Pine transplants this year on the sands near Florence. These young trees have been treated so that they will stand the weather and winds of the open sand. The experiment was made several years ago by planting the seed of the Maritime Pine on the open sand of the beach west of Florence, but after the sand dried and the northwest winds began to blow the young shoots drifted into piles and all died. This experiment will test the advisability of rooting these trees in a protected area. Ranger MacKechie will have charge of the work in this district.

## WINDMILLS OF HOLLAND

The operetta, Windmills of Holland presented by the Florence High School at the opera house last Saturday evening was a success in every way. A large audience greeted the actors when the curtain arose and from that time till the close of the last act it was a surprise to all those present. Those who took part in the play seemed to be at home with their work, and although the parts were rendered by singing, it made it all the more impressive. Much credit is due Mrs. Goodwin in bringing these students to such proficiency.

John Bundy who had the first joint of his little finger on his right hand amputated some days ago, was taken to Eugene Friday, and on Saturday at the Mercy hospital, Dr. Day assisted by Dr. Forrest removed the bone to the second joint of the same finger.

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