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NORTHWEST NOTES

From our Seattle correspondent.
Seattle, May 16.—To cross the continent with a wireless message starting from Portland or Seattle and relayed at Spokane, Butte and Fargo, to connect at St. Paul with the Continental Wireless system of the Great Lakes and to be carried along to New York, is the ambitious plan of Thomas E. Clark, the first man who ever sold wireless instruments, and present manager of the Continental system. Clark is now in Seattle erecting a station, and says that within two or three months he will have this city and the other two leading centers of the northwest connected with the east by wireless. The Continental system already controls the wireless business of the Great Lakes, with stations in fifty cities and on 200 steamships. Clark is a wireless inventor with an eye to business. He was selling apparatus for exhibit purposes within a few weeks after the first successful demonstrations of wireless telegraphy had been made, and he has been making money out of the business ever since. He promises trans-continental telegraph 50 per cent cheaper than the wire companies offer. The Continental Company will meet opposition in the northwest in the United wireless, which has stations on a number of ships on the Pacific, but does little overland business. Clark has also perfected a wireless telephone instrument, but admits that at present it has not reached the point of commercial efficiency. The distances over which it will operate are too small, which is true of every wireless telephone yet invented. Clark has instruments with him in Seattle, and believes that in time the wireless telephone will be as the telegraph is now. Mr. Fred H. Shoemaker has been made local agent for the wireless system.

Lumbermen of the northwest have been entering repeated protests against the report of the Washington Legislative Investigating Committee, which declared that the State land office has in years past sold state timber land for much less than its market value. The lumbermen assert in reply that the value of timber lands has risen so rapidly in this State during ten years, that there is no comparison between the price at which State lands sold then and market values today. Mr. George Long, of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company, of Tacoma, cites the case of 480 acres purchased from the State in 1901, located in section 16, township 16, range 5 east, for \$7,987.50, or \$14.76 an acre. The same company bought up a lot of homestead claims in the same township at the same time, and paid an average of \$11.17 an acre for a total of 4,751 acres of private land. Thus the State received more than the market price. Of course, such prices sound laughable today, but they represented good value at the time. If the State had kept its land until today, it would have profited exceedingly, just as the lumber company did by buying when timber was cheap. But the lumbermen don't like to have the investigating committee report infer that they have jobbed the State at any time.

For the first time in 10 years the University of Washington won the Northwest track championship at the triangular meet held on the University campus Saturday, May 7th, with 78 points against Oregon's 39 and Idaho's 23. Four northwest records were broken. Evans, of Washington, established a record of 143 feet 2 1/2 inches in the javelin throw; Hawkins, of Oregon, set a new time for the high hurdles, in tearing off that event in 15.45 seconds; Williams, of Oregon, set a new mark in the pole vault by crossing the bar at 11 feet 8 inches, while Henry of the same institution ran the two mile event in 19 minutes, 13 seconds.

Two recent discoveries of natural wealth in the State of Idaho are drawing many people there from the northwest, as well as from the east. One is the discovery of natural gas near Hope, Idaho, and the other a discovery of gold in the Ten Mile District on the Clearwater River, not far from Stites and Grangeville. Gold seekers are pouring into the Panhandle from Spokane and other points, while a lot of land near Hope has been taken up, and capital is being raised to develop the natural gas discoveries which may also mean the location of oil.

The solar prodigal may become unruly today and attempt to wrap the earth in its tail—so be good, it won't last long!

CITY COUNCIL WILL ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

At a meeting of the city council held Monday evening, the matter of street improvement was the dominant subject considered.

State street east from 6th street will be improved at once and permanent walks laid.

The matter of improving the east side grade will be deferred to a later date when travel will not be so heavy. The work to be done at this time will necessitate the closing of the road to travel, and as soon as the berry season is finished the work will be continued.

It was decided to abandon the improvement of Railroad street for the present as the work would be too expensive and the city was without funds to pay the damages assessed for property necessary to be secured.

Issuing of improvement bonds to the sum of about \$6,000 was ordered. This will be applied to work on 12th street and in a west end sewer district.

The recorder was ordered to re-advertise for bids in the sum of \$90,000 to be used in the construction of a municipal water plant, and it was ordered that the life of the bonds be changed from 20 to 25 years.

LYLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH DEDICATION

The Balsh Congregational church organized recently at Lyle, Wash., was received into church fellowship of Congregational churches last Friday by a council of recognition consisting of Revs. Green and Scudder of

Seattle, H. C. Lowden, of Underwood, J. H. Herchner and W. C. Gilmore of Hood River. The name of the church is given in memory of

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Canby Post, G. A. R.—Meets at the K. of P. hall the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at 2 p. m. G. R. Castner, commander; S. F. Blythe, adjutant.
Canby W. R. C. No. 16—Meets second and fourth Saturdays of each month in K. of P. hall at 2 p. m. Jennie Bentley, president; Abner J. Baker, secretary.
Court Hood River, No. 42, F. of A.—Meets every Thursday evening in K. of P. hall. Visiting Foresters always welcome. Wm. Flemming, C. R.; F. C. Brusius, F. S.
Hood River Lodge, No. 105, A. F. & A. M.—Meets Saturday evening on or before each full moon. Ralph Savage, W. M.; D. McDonald, secretary.
Hood River Camp, No. 702, M. W. A.—Meets in L. O. O. F. hall every Wednesday night. A. R. Crump, V. C.; E. S. Myers, clerk.
Hood River Camp, No. 770, W. O. W.—Meets at K. of P. hall the second and fourth Saturday nights of each month. W. A. Eby, C. C.; Floyd Spurling, clerk.
Hood River Circle, No. 524, Women of Woodcraft—Meet at L. O. O. F. hall first and third Saturday nights, each month. Visitors welcome. Mrs. Wm. Genger, N. G.; Alice Shay, clerk.
Idlewild Lodge, No. 107, I. O. O. F.—Meets in Fraternal hall every Thursday evening at 7:30, at the corner of Fourth and Oak streets. Visiting brothers welcomed. J. M. Wood, N. G.; G. W. Thompson, secretary.
Kemp Lodge, No. 181, I. O. O. F.—Meets in the Old Fellows hall at Odell every Saturday night. Visiting brothers cordially welcomed. W. A. Lockman, N. G.; Geo. Shepard, secretary.
Laurel Rebekah Lodge No. 87, I. O. O. F.—Meets first and third Mondays in each month. Theresa M. Castner, N. G.; Nettie Moss, secretary.
Mount Hood Lodge, No. 205, I. O. O. F.—Meets every Saturday evening in Grubbe's hall, Mt. Hood. A. M. Kelly, N. G.; G. W. Dimmick, secretary.
Mountain Home Camp, No. 549, R. N. A.—Meets at K. of P. hall on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. Mrs. A. Crump, O.; Mrs. Ella Dakin, recorder.
Oleta Assembly, No. 105, U. A.—Meets in their hall the first and third Wednesdays, work; second and fourth Wednesdays, social. C. D. Henrich, M. A.; W. H. Austin, secretary.
Oregon Grape Rebekah Lodge No. 181, I. O. O. F.—Meets every second and fourth Wednesdays in each month in Grubbe's hall, Mt. Hood. Dr. Josephine Vauthier, N. G.; Minnie L. Larwood, secretary.
Overside Lodge, No. 68, A. O. U. W.—Meets in K. of P. hall the first and third Wednesday nights of the month. Visiting brothers cordially welcomed. R. E. Chapman, W. M.; Chester Shute, recorder.
Waucoma Lodge, No. 30, K. of P.—Meets in their Castle Hall every Tuesday night, when visiting brothers are fraternally welcomed. C. C. Cuddeford, C. C.; Lou, S. Isenberg, E. of R. & S.
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