

CANNOT GET LOGS

Big Valley Sawmill Is Very Uneasy.

RAINFALL HAS BEEN SHORT

Creeks So Low That Timber Cannot Be Flotted—Supply of Men Is Also Insufficient for the Demand.

EUGENE, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—The South-Kelly Company is just now in position where it is very uneasy about the shortness of the rainfall. The reason is that on account of scarcity of water in the mountain streams the big new mill at Springfield is not able to run full time, and fears are entertained that sufficient logs cannot be secured to keep the mill in operation until next October.

The company has a drive of 3,000,000 feet in the river now, but these will last but a short time, but there are also about 2,000,000 feet in the Little Fall Creek. Lost Creek and Winberry, which cannot be moved until rains come to raise the water in those small streams. Last year about this time it was possible to run logs in those streams, but this year it is not.

The logs are in the creek, supplies of provisions are in boats for the men on the drive, and the men are kept right at hand ready to start the moment the logs will move, but there seems no prospect of their being able to move. Without these logs the Springfield mill is not able to run as it should.

The keeping of a large force of river men for a long time waiting for water is some expense to the company, but the men are kept at work in the camps in the vicinity cutting small logs, so that time is not completely lost. There are now 12 logging camps along the Willamette River cutting for this one mill where the logs can be run on almost any stage of water, but before they can get logs enough to keep the mill running full time it will be late in the season.

Great difficulty is experienced in securing men in sufficient numbers to meet the demand. The company is constantly seeking men and bringing them in, and there is no time that a good man cannot get a job, but the demand for the lumber is greater than the supply of labor.

The same company also has a number of camps and drivers at work along the Mohawk and McKenzie to supply the Wendling and Coburn mills, and others supplying the mill at Saglew.

COLUMBIA MAY FLOOD.

Snow Is Abundant About the Northern Headwaters.

SPOKANE, April 30.—(Special.)—All reports from the north country go to show that the Columbia will reach an unparalleled high-water mark this year. The snow in the Siocan and in East Kootenai is deeper than has ever been known since while men came to the country. It snowed three feet in Moria B. C. on March 10. The late spring is keeping the snow on the hills, and when warm weather sets in, as it is likely to do soon, the water will come down in a fashion that is unprecedented.

The Columbia and its great tributary, the Pend Oreille, both head in the Selkirk Range in British Columbia, about a rifle-shot apart, and watermen are already apprehensive over the results of the thaw, especially down toward Portland.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT HIMSELF.

Walker's Revolver Dropped From His Pocket and Exploded.

MEDFORD, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—Alexander Walker, a native of Scotland, living about two miles from Medford, on Griffin Creek, single, 38 years old, was accidentally shot, about 7 o'clock this morning, one mile west of Medford on the Jacksonville Railroad. He was returning home with groceries. He stopped to rest, and in rising his 38 automatic Colt's revolver fell from his coat pocket and exploded, shot him while in a stooping position through the left lung, the bullet passing through the body and coming out below the shoulder blade.

He was found about 10 o'clock in a very weak condition, but able to relate the story, by E. W. Tryer. Dr. Pickett was sent for, and he was taken to the Hotel Nash, where his wound was dressed. The wound is quite serious and may prove fatal. He has no relatives here.

A VISITATION OF BIRDS.

Thousands of Strange Little Feathered Creatures in Aberdeen.

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 30.—(Special.)—Aberdeen was visited last night by something of a phenomenon. The air, trees, telephone poles, wires, and tops of buildings were all inhabited by myriads of small birds. The chirping, a soft, whistling sound, of little volume, was heard everywhere, and a number of the birds were stunned by flying against window panes.

They are a small bird, a little larger than a sparrow, and are said to be a species of the bluebird. Others said they were "mosquito" birds. It is thought that they have been driven from their regular place of abode by some climatic disturbance. The appearance of these thousands of birds, singing softly, at midnight, was a singular incident.

LINE TOWARD KLAMATH FALLS.

Logging Road That Will Help Klamath Transportation.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., April 30.—Trains will begin running regularly on the new railway from Laird, on the Southern Pacific, to Pokesama, in Klamath County, tomorrow. The terminus is about 27 miles from Klamath Falls, and teams can make that distance in five hours, the road being comparatively level. Stage proprietors and freighters are now preparing to quit their regular trips to Ager and Ashland and connect with the new railroad.

The terminus is in the heart of the timber belt of Klamath County, and promises to develop a lively town, supported by the lumbering industry. Three large sawmills are now in sight for that section. It is reported, and generally believed, that the line will build on to Klamath Falls this year.

BOY KILLED AT AIRLIE.

Son of George Blake Meets Instant Death—Man Injured.

AIRLIE, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—Johnny, the 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Blake, was thrown from a wagon, and instantly killed near here yesterday. The parents live in Dallas. A. C. Guyer, who lives near here, met with a serious accident last Monday. He was framing a barn when one of the heavy sills rolled on his ankle, breaking both bones.

ELECTRIC LINE IN BAKER.

Road Projected Between Prairie City and Baker City.

UNION, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—G. E. Howe, an experienced railroad engineer, who has been in Union for some time, has just left for Prairie City, where he goes to take charge of an engineering corps for the purpose of locating an elec-

tric railway line from that section to a connection with the O. R. & N. at or near Baker City, a distance of 30 miles. Before leaving here Mr. Howe stated that he was employed by a Mr. Bonita, from the East, who represented a large amount of capital and who was interested in many of the best mining properties in Grant County, and that all arrangements had been completed for pushing the road to completion. He also stated that the iron and rolling stock for the new road had been ordered and that the work of grading the line would be commenced within three months and the line pushed to an early completion.

BREWERY WORKERS' DEMANDS.

Increase of Wages Is Asked From Puget Sound Brewers.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 30.—(Special.)—The union brewers on Puget Sound have made a general demand for a raise in wages to take effect after May 1. The contract between the employers and employees in effect expires at midnight tonight. Brewerymen's wages at present are \$18 per week and upwards at every place except Olympia, where \$19 is paid. The new demand is for \$21, giving a unit form scale all over the Sound. The brewerymen also want complete recognition of the union.

The Brewers' Association, comprising practically all the proprietors of the breweries on the Sound, will meet in Tacoma tomorrow morning to consider the demands. Tomorrow being May 1, and a holiday among the brewers, the question will not reach an issue until Monday morning. If the brewers should refuse to comply with the demands, there are ten breweries on the Sound employing approximately 100 men.

JUNIOR DAY AT EUGENE.

Second Class Men Expect to Hoist Their Flag.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, April 30.—(Special.)—Tomorrow is Junior day and the class of '04 is making great preparations for its coming-out exercises. The juniors will hoist their flag, provided the sophomore class will not interfere. The freshman class, which, in accordance with the traditions of the local institution, should aid the juniors today announced that they would remain neutral on Junior day, when they issued the following edict:

"The freshman class of the University of Oregon shall not participate in college affairs on Junior day, provided that the coming graduates shall not enter the struggle. Should the class of '04 take part in the annual rush, the freshman class will then consider it to be their duty to act as they choose."

The members of the class of 1904 will deliver their junior orations in Villard Hall tomorrow evening.

CHURCH OBJECTING TO CHIEF.

Confirmation by Council Declared to Be Illegal.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, April 30.—The State Supreme Court this afternoon handed down a decision in the case of Chief of Police George Sheets, of Salt Lake, deciding that his confirmation in office by the City Council was illegal. Sheets' nomination, which had been bitterly fought by the so-called church element in the Council, was accomplished during the absence of several members.

The case was taken to the Supreme Court on the ground that it takes a majority of the Councilmen elected to confirm, and this view of the law the court sustained. The pay of the whole police force of Salt Lake has been held up for two months pending the decision.

NOW BOTH ARE INSANE.

Sweden Who Came to Help Brother Also Stricken.

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 30.—(Special.)—Carl Lofren, of Sweden, who went insane in Seattle, came to Aberdeen several weeks ago to secure the release of his brother, Lars J., from the asylum in Stettin, and his Swedish friends objected to the appointment of J. C. Cross, an attorney, as his guardian.

Carl came over, and the court released the brother from the asylum and turned over the property to a sister in Sweden, also said to be insane. The two men were on their way to their home in the old country.

RURAL ROUTES FROM SUNNYSIDE.

SUNNYSIDE, Wash., April 30.—(Special.)—M. De La Montanya, the rural route inspector, has passed favorably on two proposed rural routes to be established at Sunnyside, No. 1 going east and No. 2 west from this place. He waived the usual objection of starting rural routes from star points.

MILITIA INSPECTION AT EUGENE.

EUGENE, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—Major Chenoweth, detailed from Vancouver Barracks by the department, was in Eugene this afternoon and evening inspecting the headquarters, band and Com-

pany A and C of the Fourth Regiment, Oregon National Guard. The companies made their usual showing of strength and proficiency and the inspecting officer expressed much satisfaction at the showing made.

Major Chenoweth was accompanied by Colonel James Jackson, Inspector-General of the state, who made his annual inspection at the same time.

Preparing for Opening Game.

EUGENE, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—The Eugene baseball club is hurrying preparations for the opening of the league season here in a game with Roseburg, Saturday. The men are new and have not had much time to practice. The grounds have been put in excellent condition.

Diphtheria Rages at Montesano.

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 30.—(Special.)—Diphtheria, in a most virulent form, has broken out in Montesano, the county seat, and the schools are closed. Mrs. Ben Crane, prominent in society, is dead from the effects of the disease.

TRACHOMA IS GRANULATED EYE-LIDS.

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CLERK MUST BE DIRECTOR

UNDER SCHOOL CODE OF WASHINGTON SOON TO BE IN FORCE.

State Superintendent Advises Directors That Directors Must Choose One of Their Number.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 30.—(Special.)

The new school code, which becomes a law on June 1st, changes completely the method of electing school district clerks in this state, and in answer to many inquiries the State Superintendent has issued a circular in which he advises that in any district where the electors this year desire any particular person for clerk they should elect him or her a director.

The election this year will occur May 8, while the new law does not go into effect until June 1st, hence the electors have a right to elect a clerk if they desire to do so. But before the new clerk would go into office the directors must elect one of their own number clerk, to go into office on the first Monday in August, so that the newly elected clerk would have no term of office at all. This, in substance, is the opinion of the Attorney-General.

MAY DAY AT PENDLETON.

Queen Will Take Part in Parade of School Children.

PENDLETON, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—Miss Lavelle Florence was today elected Queen of the May by the pupils of the city schools, and will be crowned on the afternoon of May day at 2 o'clock on the south balcony of the Courthouse. At 1 o'clock Friday afternoon the pupils of the city schools will form in line of march at the High School building and, led by two bands, will proceed to the Courthouse square, where the May day exercises are to be held.

There will be at least 1000 pupils in this parade, and the costume will be elaborate. The May Queen will be seated on a handomely constructed float drawn by four white horses and accompanied by her four maids of honor. The seniors will follow robes in the High School colors and presenting a tableau representing Spring. The juniors will be on horseback, as also will the freshmen. The other divisions of the schools will follow in blue and orange. All the school pupils in the parade will be admitted to the ball game after the exercises have closed.

INTEREST RATE LOW.

Washington School Fund to Be Lent Only at Large Discounts.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 30.—(Special.)—The Board of State Land Commissioners decided today not to lend money from the permanent school fund at the minimum rate of interest specified in the law passed by the last Legislature, except in loans of large amounts. The permanent school fund may be invested in school district, municipal and county bonds by the board, but the minimum rate of interest has heretofore been 5 per cent. The last Legislature reduced this to 3 1/2 per cent. The board today adopted the following schedule for such investments:

In amounts under \$10,000, at 4 1/2 per cent; in amounts of \$10,000 and over, at 3 1/2 per cent.

About \$200,000 is available in the permanent school fund for such investments, but it is estimated that it will be necessary to lend over \$200,000 of this amount to the general fund this year, as the result of the increased appropriations by the last Legislature.

ELECTRIC POWER.

Various Sources for Development in Eastern Oregon.

La Grande Chronicle. The establishment of the big electric plant, Eagle Creek, is but a beginning of many similar enterprises for which the mountain streams of Eastern Oregon are specially adapted. The physical energy of the waters descending from the mountain regions is immeasurable. All over the country there is natural water power that will some day be extensively utilized. It is no dream that some day there will be electric lights all over this valley and manufacturing plants innumerable, supplied with power from the near-by mountain streams.

The Eagle Falls proposition seems to have passed beyond the formative stage and the assurance is given that a power current will be supplied to Baker City and Union within six months. But Eagle Creek is only one of the fine

WHICH ONE WILL BE QUEEN OF THE MAY?

Monmouth, Or., April 28.—(Special.)—Each year the good, old English custom of observing May day is remembered by the citizens of this place. Games and songs and other exercises occur, and, over all things the Queen of the May rules. There are three candidates this year for the honor, and from the photographs it is hard to choose the gentle ruler of a day.

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PLAY LEFT UNFINISHED

ACTOR GRIFFITH DISAGREES WITH THEATER MANAGER.

Curtain Does Not Rise After Third Act and Audience Has to Scramble for Its Money.

BAKER CITY, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—John Griffith and his company were billed to play "Macbeth" at the Baker City Opera-house tonight and a large and appreciative audience assembled to witness the performance. After the close of the third act there was rather a long wait and the audience began to show signs of restlessness, when Mr. Griffith appeared before the curtain and announced that Mr. McCord, the manager of the Opera-house, had refused to settle according to contract, which specified that the money should be paid over at the end of the first act.

Mr. Griffith stated that Mr. McCord gave as a reason for disregarding the contract that he had been flummoxed by "an actor" last week, because he cut the performance to catch the 10:30 P. M. train for the East, and he was afraid that Griffith would do the same thing.

Mr. Griffith called attention to the fact that it was then 10:30 o'clock and there was still three acts to play; he also said that if the management would settle then he would go on with the play and would guarantee that it would not be cut in any particular; otherwise the play would stop there and the people could get their money back. A few minutes later Mr. Griffith reappeared before the curtain and stated that Mr. McCord refused to settle on any terms until after the performance, therefore the play would cease and the audience was dismissed.

Great excitement prevailed in the theater at this time. There was a mad rush for the box office, which was closed.

FISHWAY AT THE FALLS.

Master Fish Warden Looks Over Grounds at Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—Master Fish Warden H. G. Van Dusen was in Oregon City today looking over the ground to be used in the construction of a fishway at Willamette Falls, for which an appropriation was made at the last Legislature. A trench will be dug across the falls, and will be about 100 feet long, and wide enough for the salmon to ascend without difficulty.

Mr. Van Dusen expects to have the fishway in operation by next fall. Two fishways have already been constructed at the falls. The first was unsuccessful and the last one, constructed while Penney was governor, was washed out by the big freshet.

Mr. Davey Replies to a Rumor.

SALEM, Or., April 30.—(To the Editor.)—In this morning's Oregonian I find the following:

"From Marion County come rumors that Gatch and Davey and their followers will put on a pretense of working for Hermann, and that they will passively oppose him by inactively supporting him."

Such a rumor in that form is as false as political enemies could make it. There is not a Republican in this county who will connect my name with such a "rumor." They all know that my work never has any "pretense" to it, and, besides, there is no reason whatever to prevent my active, zealous and earnest support of Mr. Hermann in this campaign. There never has been a time when Oregon needed an industrious, experienced man and a Republican in the halls of Congress more urgently than at present, and if I have a friend, personal or political, in this county, I would not hesitate to do anything for or throughout the district, he cannot please me better than by giving his faithful and active efforts toward the election of Mr. Hermann.

I hope this is sufficiently precise to answer that "rumor," but if not, you will find me giving it several vigorous answers between now and election day.

FRANK DAVEY.

Voting for Carnival Queen.

DALLAS, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—Voting on candidates for queen of the Woodmen Street Fair and Carnival, to be held in this city on June 2, 4, 5 and 6, is now becoming exciting. Miss Pearl Perivall, of Independence, now heads the list with 811 votes, having jumped from 23 last week. Miss Laura Brown, of Dallas, is a close second with 716.

Many votes are being held out by friends of the several candidates, and a warm finish is looked for at the time the voting is closed. From present indications it looks as if Independence intends to back Miss Perivall against the "field," and if so, then Dallas will respond in a lively manner. The vote at this date stands as follows: Miss Perivall, 811; Miss Brown, 716; Miss Anna Dunn, 581; Mrs. G. N. Cherrington, 221, and Miss Nannie Starr, 168.

Miner's Body Found.

BOISE, Idaho, April 30.—News has just reached here that the remains of W. E. Smith, the miner who disappeared from his cabin near Roosevelt on February 27, were found on April 17 about a mile from that place. The body bore no marks of violence, and was buried in Roosevelt on April 28.

Imported Unmoral Women.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 30.—Leon and Lucy Carvon, charged with importing women for immoral purposes, pleaded

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