

NEWPORT TO TAKE OVER LOGGING ROAD

Commission Acts to Open Big Timber Area.

SPRUCE BOARD OWNS LINE

Contract Provides Rent for 20 Years With Privilege of Purchase for \$100,000.

NEWPORT, Or., March 29.—(Special.)—The Newport port commission adopted a resolution today providing for the taking over of the Yaquina Northern Logging railroad of the United States Spruce Production corporation which skirts the north side of Yaquina bay running from Yaquina through Newport to Spencer creek, comprising 18 miles of main line and spur and having 15,000,000 feet of timber tributary.

The building of the jetties is now in process, and even now ships carry 1,000,000 feet of timber can pass over the bar.

The railroad was constructed by the government to obtain alpine spruce and was just completed at the close of the war. The contract offered by the corporation to the port commission calls for a rental of 1 per cent the first year, 2 per cent the second, increasing 1 per cent annually until 5 per cent is reached which will continue until the lease for 20 years expires on assessed valuation of \$400,000.

Purchase at Any Time Possible.

The port commission may purchase the railroad for that sum at any time. The port commission now has something to offer prospective sawmill men and has shown the government that it was sincere when it asked for harbor improvements, receiving \$48,000 from the government to match an equal amount raised by taxation to continue work started in the nineties when three-quarters of a million dollars was spent.

The resolution was introduced by Benjamin F. Jones, secretary, the other members being O. F. Jacobson, chairman, M. H. Abbey, Frank Priest and F. M. Wilkins. Abbey and Jacobson voted in the negative, taking the stand that timber owners may advance the price of their timber when they learned what had been done. To offset this the assessment on timber will be raised until it will force the owners to sell.

When the board of equalization reduced the assessment on certain large holdings 10 per cent two years ago dissatisfaction was manifested among the residents of Lincoln county. The board, consisting of County Judge Miller, County Clerk Howell and County Assessor Schwartz, probably will be replaced at the next election. Miller has not announced his candidacy for re-election, but says he is willing to give up his office to anybody who will take it. Howell is candidate for county judge, John Fogarty, former county judge, probably will run for the same office, as his friends are demanding that he do. Schwartz says that he will raise timber assessments 20 per cent if elected.

Higher Assessment Wanted.

The people want 100 per cent assessment of timber, as their assessment on city and farm property has been 92 per cent, and will vote for whoever promises to give them such, as much may be purchased below its assessed valuation. Timber options frequently have been given for \$150 per 1000 feet stumpage and now \$2 is being asked and it is expected to advance to \$2.50.

A committee composed of M. H. Abbey, B. F. Jones and Chauncey Hawkins, Newport bankers, was appointed to go to Portland and confer with the United States spruce production corporation regarding taking over the line. Already timber promoters are telegraphing or sending men to look over the prospect of putting sawmills on Yaquina bay.

avored the Sumpter Valley Railway company in a recent order granting increased rates, the company officials announce an improvement in both passenger and freight service, effective April 1.

A passenger train will leave Laker daily at 8 A. M. and reach Prairie City at about 2 P. M. Instead of returning to Baker the same evening, arriving after dark, a new train will be scheduled to replace the late service, leaving Prairie City at 10:20 A. M. and arriving in Baker about 4 P. M., thereby making it possible for passengers to transfer to the 5 o'clock westbound pony train on the O.W. & N. line.

An additional freight train will operate in place of the afternoon passenger train, which at present leaves Prairie at 1:30 P. M. The crews will change at Austin.

COOS COUNTY MEN DINE

ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS FOR CURRENT YEAR.

Many Topics of Local Interest Discussed and Plans for Convention Next February Laid.

MARSHFIELD, Or., March 29.—(Special.)—Coos County Business Men's Association, has named new officials for the ensuing year and at the annual banquet and election over 100 participated in the event. The new officers are: E. P. Lewis, Marshfield, president; Roscoe Hazer, North Bend, vice-president; J. E. Montgomery, treasurer. The directors are J. S. Lyons, E. P. Lewis, Roscoe Hazer, W. N. Ekblad, Charles E. Powers, L. L. Thomas, M. C. Maloney, E. C. Mather, J. E. Montgomery and Matt L. May.

The annual gathering was held in Marshfield. Ed Morris of Portland acted as toastmaster. Plans for entertaining the state business men's convention in Marshfield in February next year were discussed. Among the topics touched upon were: Fighting mail order business by educating the people to the better class of goods sold at home, by Thomas Harvey; conservatism by merchants, by James E. Montgomery; support of the local and state educational systems, by Professor F. A. Tiedgen; a tourist park, by Mrs. D. B. Brown; Postmaster Hugh McLain defended the sale of government goods on Coos bay. Charlie Hall said the county should pay more attention to highway needs.

ALLEGED DEFAULTER HELD

TELLER, WANTED ON CHARGE OF TAKING MONEY, CAUGHT.

Embezzlement of About \$7000 From Bank of California Is Alleged at Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 29.—(Special.)—Charged with embezzlement of approximately \$7000 from the Bank of California, National association, Seattle branch, while employed there as a teller between May and September, 1919, R. J. Hennessy was arrested shortly before noon today on a bench warrant issued last Saturday by Federal Judge Neterer. He had been indicted secretly by the federal grand jury last Friday afternoon.

The arrest was made by E. R. Tobey, deputy United States marshal, at the Charles H. Lilly company, where Hennessy has been employed, according to federal officers. He had been indicted secretly by the federal grand jury last Friday afternoon.

Officers of the bank said that they did not desire to comment on the arrest further than to say that partial restitution had been made by Hennessy. The indictment returned by the grand jury charges embezzlement of \$523.37 on September 10, 1919; \$838.48 on July 15, 1919; \$389.70 on August 19, 1919; \$202.28 on July 22; \$44.88 on September 2; \$27.92 on August 27, and \$600 on May 24.

ACCIDENT KILLS LOGGER

Frank Mulkey Loses Life Through Mishap Near Hillsboro.

CORVALLIS, Or., March 29.—(Special.)—Frank Mulkey, born in Lincoln county and who lived much of his life around Corvallis and Albany, died Wednesday as the result of an accident at a logging camp near Hillsboro. While working a cable broke and Mulkey jumped, but was caught by a log which the cable struck. He suffered a fractured skull, a broken hip and arm and was injured in the chest.

The injured man was rushed to Hillsboro, but died just as that city was reached. He was buried in Orleans cemetery Friday. His widow and two little daughters, Doris and Violet, survive.

ACCIDENTS KILL TWO

Engineer on Wild Locomotive and Deckhand on Steamer Victims.

MARSHFIELD, Or., March 29.—(Special.)—W. B. Boyer, engineer on a logging train at the Smith-Powers logging camp at Sumner, was instant-



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Uncle Zeke, Nellie and Jimmie passing the churchyard after the evening shades have fallen DO see the ghost that figured in the terrible ghost story the old negro had told them a few minutes before. And you will see it, too—but you'll know the truth, which they didn't. People roar with laughter at this scene in

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WIFE COMMITS SUICIDE

Husband Disagreeable Because Breakfast Was Late.

LEWISTON, Idaho, March 29.—(Special.)—Mrs. Herbert Reed, aged 29, shot herself through the heart early yesterday morning, following a quarrel with her husband caused by her failure to have breakfast ready on time.

Reed admitted the quarrel, but denied that he and his wife had ever had serious domestic difficulties. A year-old daughter survives.

NEW TRAINS ANNOUNCED

Baker to Get Better Service on Sumpter Valley Line.

BAKER, Or., March 29.—(Special.)—Owing to the fact that the Oregon public service commission has fa-

GOING!

"HER ELEPHANT MAN"

A delightful circus romance, with Shirley Mason.

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LAST TIMES TODAY

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