

PALOUSE FARMERS BUYING "TIMBER"

Southern Oregon Agents Do Land Office Business in Inland Empire.

SCHEME LATER EXPOSED

Portland Postoffice Inspector Makes Investigation—Informs Investors They Are Likely to Lose Money on Southern Pacific Claims.

FALOUSE, Wash., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—The publicity recently given the proposition of the sale of the Southern Pacific timber lands in Southern Oregon to settlers has resulted in an investigation here on the part of the United States Government through the Postoffice Department.

O. C. Riches, of Portland, a postoffice inspector, spent Thursday and yesterday in this city and Potlatch gathering evidence, and found 45 persons who had made application for land and paid the original fee of \$3 to the locator. Agents have worked almost every town and hamlet in this section of the Inland Empire.

Agents of C. I. Leavenworth, of Roseburg, Or., in this vicinity, laid the proposition before the prospective investor in a manner which made him believe he was to get title to a quarter section of timber land for about \$400.

People were eager to take advantage of the proposition, and the agents in this vicinity did not mind the fact that it was noised about that it was doubtful if the company could be compelled to deed the land.

Mr. Riches states that in his estimation the investor has no opportunity to realize on his \$3, for the land, if the Government should win out in the court, would go back into the Government domain, and the application of the purchaser to the railroad company would give him no prior right over any other settler.

FRESHMEN FLEET IN RELAY

Make Fast Time in Inter-Class Contest at University of Oregon.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—In one of the most spectacular athletic contests ever witnessed on Kincaid field the freshman team won the five-mile interclass relay this afternoon in 34 minutes and 36 seconds. Though the race was long, there were no dull moments during its entire course, and every lap was made interesting by startling finishes and sprints to regain lost ground.

The sophomores led for the first two miles, with the juniors second and the freshmen trailing in the rear. In the third mile Sam May, freshman, overtook the junior runner, and in the fourth mile Downs, freshman, went ahead of the junior representative and caught up with the sophomore.

The last mile was a fighting finish between Slivers, freshman, and Lowell, sophomore. Slivers set a terrific pace, running the first quarter in 8 seconds and the mile in 4 minutes 47 seconds. Lowell, the man who ran Davolt, of O. A. C., such a terrific mile at Salem in 1906, C. and the majority of the sophomore team was in poor shape, being beaten out by Slivers over 30 yards. The showing made in today's race signifies Oregon will have a remarkably strong team in the distances this year, as eight men finished their mile in time better than 4 minutes 40 seconds.

Manager O. R. Bean presented the members of the winning team with handsome gold medals and gave a silver cup to the team, which is to be kept for three successive years. The members of the winning team, named in the order in which they ran, are: Moon, Hoover, May, Captain Downs, and Slivers.

ACCEPT MILLMEN'S BONDS

Railroads Make Concession, and Lumber Industry Will Revive.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—As the result of an agreement entered into today between lawyers for the Great Northern and Northern Pacific and the representatives of the Chambers of Commerce of the Northwest, individual bonds from shingle and lumber manufacturers accepted by Federal Judge Hanford and by the lawyers for the railroads, will be accepted by the transportation company in lieu of surety bonds, or to guarantee the difference between the new and the old tariff in case the new rate is declared legal. This means a renewed activity in the lumber and shingle industry, and also that the mills will not have to be responsible for the smaller.

POPULAR MERCHANT FAILS

Lee Teutsch, of Pendleton, Has Liabilities Close to \$46,000.

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—Lee Teutsch, who was declared a bankrupt in the Federal Court at Portland Friday, is one of the prominent and popular merchants of Pendleton. His liabilities include the Teutsch department store, of this city, the Fair store, of Prescott, Idaho, and a small store in Illinois. His liabilities are approximately \$46,000 and his assets are roughly estimated as about the same amount. T. C. Taylor has been appointed receiver until a trustee can be regularly elected. The store here is now running under the direction of the receiver.

CATHEDRAL IN POOR SHAPE

Extensive Repairs Needed to Improve Acoustic Properties.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—It has just become public that extensive repairs will be necessary on the new Catholic cathedral, completed a month or so ago at an expense of nearly \$500,000, because of the acoustic. It is possible that the big dome will have to be closed on the inside, for at present it is hardly possible to hear a speaker half way back from the pulpit. A temporary expedient will be adopted by Eastern architects who have been sent for.

MAPLE DAY AT BAKER CITY

Eastern Oregon City Will Plant Trees to Beautify Town.

BAKER CITY, Or., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—This city is preparing to observe a day early in April which shall be known as Maple Day, when 1000 maple trees will be planted. Interest was

first aroused by Professor J. A. Churchill, who took the matter before the school board, which voted to purchase 300 trees to be placed on the public school grounds.

The matter has been brought to the attention of the citizens through the school children. It is estimated that between 700 and 1200 trees will be purchased by private individuals to be set out this Spring in beautifying homes.

Colfax Debaters Win Place.

COLFAX, Wash., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—Colfax High School debating team won a place in the semi-finals of the State Debating League Friday night by defeating Walla Walla by a unanimous decision, taking the affirmative of the initiative and referendum question. Colfax debaters were Katherine Ryan and Walter Strickler; Walla Walla, Henry Rehorn and Phil O. Rounds.

Accused of "Rolling" Portland Man

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—Oscar Mattson was arrested by the police today on a charge of "rolling" a man named John Anderson, who recently arrived here from Portland. Anderson claims to have been robbed of \$135. Mattson will be arraigned in the Justice Court on Monday on a charge of larceny.

Mailcarriers in Session.

BELLINGHAM, Feb. 22.—One hundred and forty delegates are in attendance at the eighth annual conven-

NEW BRIDGE PLANS

Steel Structure to Be Removed to Oswego.

REPLACE BY DOUBLE DECK

Railroads to Build About 200 Feet South of Present Span and Will Provide Easier East Side Curves.

Rebuilding of the carline crossing the steel bridge is promised with the rebuilding of the bridge, plans for which are said to be well along. Instead of the east approach of the bridge rising from the foot of Holladay avenue, as at present, it is said the east end of the bridge will be placed at the south end of the Southern Pacific warehouse. This will be about 200 feet south of the present location of the east end of the structure.

This change in the location of the bridge will be made to provide easier curves for both the O. R. & N. and Southern Pacific lines entering the

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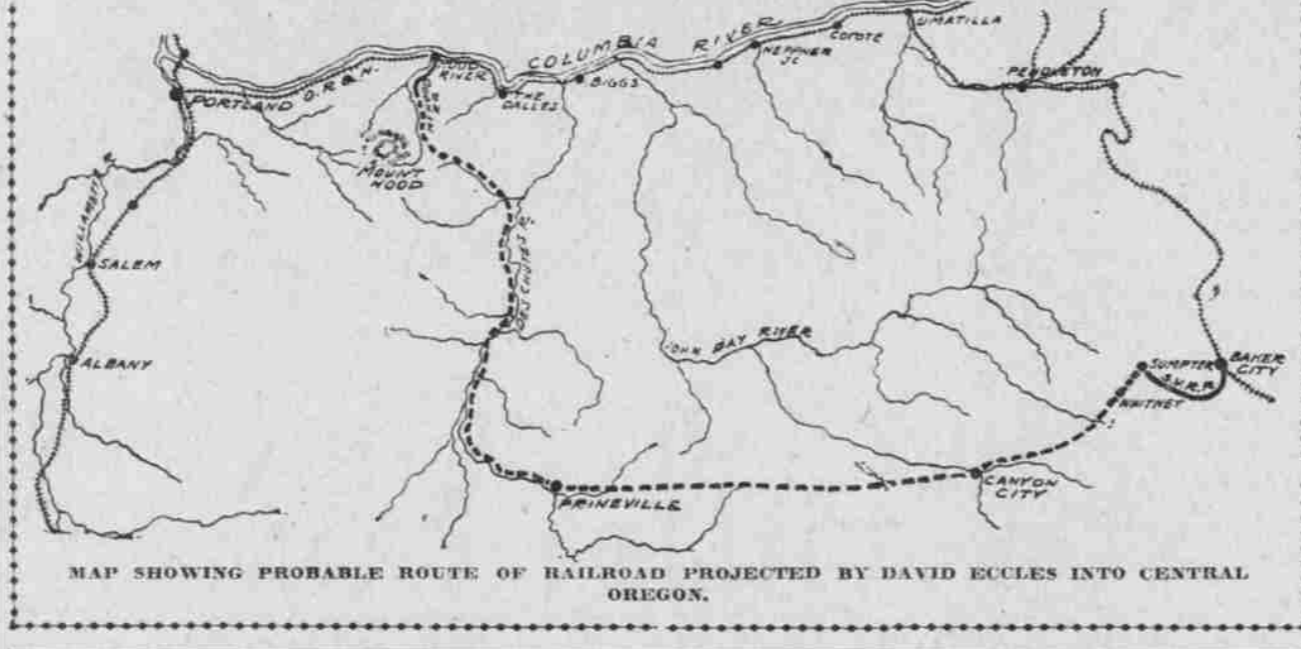


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MAP SHOWING PROBABLE ROUTE OF RAILROAD PROJECTED BY DAVID ECCLES INTO CENTRAL OREGON.

tion of the Washington State Association of Letter-carriers. The association was addressed this evening by J. J. Donovan, president of the Chamber of Commerce and local officials and the delegates banqueted. Resolutions concerning reforms in the postal service are being discussed. Tacoma will get the next convention. Sessions will be held tomorrow.

ELECT STATE OFFICERS

REV. C. T. HURD HEAD OF THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS.

A. Viola Charlson, of Portland, Secretary—President Makes Report of Year's Work.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—The State Christian Endeavor Convention to elect the following officers for two years: President, Rev. C. T. Hurd, Corvallis; first vice-president, Rev. D. A. Thompson, Portland; second vice-president, Rev. M. B. Bass, Roseburg; third vice-president, Homer Black, Milton; secretary, A. Viola Charlson, Portland; treasurer, F. A. Trippe, Eugene. Superintendents—Junior and Intermediate societies, Lullia Knapp, Portland; devotional, Rev. A. A. Winter, Portland; missions, Mrs. T. C. Gault, Clatsop City; temperance, Rev. H. C. Shaffer, Portland; press, W. A. Dill, Eugene.

Rev. C. T. Hurd, president of the Oregon Christian Endeavor Union, made his report. It was in part as follows: During the seven months that have elapsed, our efforts have been directed principally to three things: (1) To get into touch with the various district officers and their work; (2) To secure a correct and official register of all the societies in the state; and (3) To make arrangements for this convention.

Our state ought to share in the joys and privileges that will come to Endeavorers when the headquarters of the Christian Endeavor Society is erected in Boston. To bring this to completion the "Builders' Union" was organized during the international convention at Seattle last Summer and a superintendent has been appointed for Oregon. It has been asked to raise 1000 shares of \$5 each for its share, and I would be glad to see this convention appoint some one to be our superintendent for this work.

Then, too, our state ought to swing into line in the "Increase and Betterment" campaign. "The fields are white to harvest"—new societies ought to be organized, old ones ought to be rejuvenated, and each and every district line of Christian Endeavor ought to be strengthened.

Addresses were made today by President P. L. Campbell, of the University of Oregon; G. E. Baker, president of the Portland Union; Dr. C. A. Moore, of Dallas College, and Rev. J. R. Knodell. The group conferences were conducted by Mrs. Lullia Knapp, of Portland; Miss Bessie Luckey, of Portland, and Rev. D. A. Thompson.

There will be special services in the several Eugene churches tomorrow.

Richard Dealey, of Clatsop.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—Richard Dealey, who has been a resident of Clatsop County for many years, died at his home near Olney last evening after a long illness. The deceased was nearly 62 years of age. He was born in Cahir County Tipperary, Ireland, on May 29, 1846, and came to the United States in May, 1888, remaining in St. Louis, Mo., for about two months, and arriving in Oregon during the Summer of the same year. Since that time he had made his home in Astoria and Olney. The deceased was a brother of City Treasurer Thomas Dealey, of this city, and left a widow, one son and two daughters.

Life Sentence for Wasco Youth.

THE DALLES, Or., Feb. 22.—Edward Gosson, found guilty of killing Ernest Cahir, a farmer, living in the Mill Creek neighborhood, was sentenced yesterday by Circuit Judge W. L. Bradshaw to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary. While Judge Bradshaw was pronouncing the sentence, the accused man did not show the least sign of nervousness. Gosson is 27 years old, Bonomi, the man whom he killed, was about 36 years old and left a widow and two little girls.

bridge from the East Side. At present there are abrupt curves at the east end of the structure that make it difficult to bring heavy trains over. With the proposed change, this will be remedied while the moving of the west end of the bridge a short distance up the stream will not make any material difference in the convenience with which traffic can be handled.

The new structure will be a double-deck affair, as at present, but it will be about twice as wide as the old bridge, giving double railroad tracks on the lower level, and a wide, more room for streetcar, pedestrian and vehicle traffic on the upper deck.

The new bridge will be built alongside the old structure so that the construction will not hinder the operation of the old bridge. The Harriman interests own the land on both sides of the bridge at that point, so the approaches for the bridge, made by the Harriman interests, will be the best place for the crossing. Work on the new bridge will be begun, it is expected, during the coming Summer. It is reported that the present structure will be moved to Oswego and used by the Southern Pacific in building the bridge across the Willamette at that point to permit the crossing of the Beaverton-Willsburg cutoff, that will be built to take the West Side Southern Pacific trains off Fourth street.

MEANS NEW SALT LAKE LINE

Shippers See Chance of Competition in Eccles Road.

The announcement that has been made of the plans of David Eccles, the Salt Lake millionaire, to build a railroad into Central Oregon from connections with his Sumpter Valley Railroad as well as the Mount Hood Railroad, extending up the Hood River Valley from a connection with the O. R. & N. at Hood River, has caused considerable hope to be entertained by Portland business men in all lines. After waiting in vain for the Harriman interests in this territory to build a railroad into Central Oregon, the probability of an independent road being driven into that territory meets with general favor.

It is believed that the project will mean ultimately the construction of a new main trunk line from this state to Salt Lake City, where Mr. Eccles has very large interests. The first part of the line to be built and operated, it is understood, is into Central Oregon, opening up the remote parts of that long isolated territory.

Surveys have been run that warrant the belief that suitable routes far down the interior of the state from Sumpter have been found as well as for an extension part way across mid-Oregon to a connection with the Mount Hood Railway.

The map shows the probable routes a line into Central Oregon could take, as well as the connections with the O. R. & N., both at Baker City and Hood River.

Cotton Goes to Rate Cases.

W. W. Cotton, chief counsel for the Harriman lines in this territory, left last night for Washington, D. C., where he goes to defend the Harriman lines against the proposed change in lumber rates from this territory. He will appear before the Interstate Commerce Commission and argue the case of the railroads and will also submit a brief. The main lumber rate case will be argued before the commission March 4. However, what is known as the Potlatch case will come up before the commission February 28. This is the Spokane end of the lumber rate case and concerns a complaint to the commerce department by a ten-cent differential on lumber shipments in their favor as against manufacturers in the Willamette Valley.

Mr. Cotton will be away from the city for several weeks, as he will attend both hearings before returning. Chief Clerk Mulcahy, of the general freight department of the Harriman lines, will accompany Mr. Cotton to Washington to supply statistics on the lumber industry in this territory as they may be wanted.

FORM ESPERANTO STATE

NOVEL SCHEME TO CENTRALIZE NEW LANGUAGE.

Movement to Dedicate Strip of Land in Europe to Those Who Speak Modern Tongue.

PARIS, Feb. 22.—(Special.)—If the scheme that has just been worked out by an enthusiastic body of French, German and Belgian Esperantists, can be realized, the next year or two, will see the birth of an independent Esperanto state in Europe. It is proposed to secure the good will and assent to the establishment of the new state, of the Governments of France, Germany, Belgium, and Holland. The site will be on a neutral strip of territory which lies on the frontier between Germany, Belgium and Holland, some five miles from Aix-la-Chapelle. This territory is known as Moresnet, is situated in a pleasant valley, possesses a small casino, has a neutral population, half German and half Belgian, of 2000 inhabitants, and is traversed by electric tramway-cars from Aix-la-Chapelle and from the Belgian side at the frontier.

The organizer and promoter of the new scheme is the well-known French Esperantist, Professor Roy, who says that the class of men most interested in the diffusion of an international language is the commercial traveler class. Mr. Roy and his associates have therefore proposed the formation of an international commercial traveler's syndicate, which shall have its headquarters in the new state.

It is proposed, if the assent of the German and Belgian Governments can be secured, to make the miniature state as attractive as possible as a holiday resort for the commercial travelers and for Esperantists generally. There is to be a first-class and completely equipped commercial club, and a chamber for the protection of Esperanto interests. An Esperanto college is to be founded, and Esperanto will be the official language of the place. No taxes will be levied, and the expenses of the state which will be borne by the subscriptions of Esperantists all the world over.

The scheme includes an Esperanto theater, a daily official "Esperanto Gazette," in the sort of Esperantist parliament, which will meet periodically to discuss the affairs of the little state. The head of the state, republican in constitution, will be the president of the time being of the suggested International Esperantist Academy.

Claims Record Jury Service.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—R. W. Fry, of Albany, will probably have more jury duty this year than any man in Oregon. He was on the Federal jury in Portland which convicted John H. Hall, serving 30 days, and he has now been drawn for jury duty in Linn County at the March term of court. There is a long docket for this term and Fry may do several more days to his present jury record for 1908.

Liquor Seller Pleads Guilty.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—William Robertson, carpenter, of Lebanon, pleaded guilty yesterday to violation of the local option law. He was arrested upon a complaint filed by Deputy District Attorney Gale E. His and entered the plea before Justice of the Peace J. M. Burtenshaw. Sentence will be imposed later.

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MANY DARK DEEDS

Berlin Has Series of Horrible Crimes.

FEW MURDERERS CAPTURED

Prussian Deputy Urges Corporal Punishment as Remedy, Protesting Against Testing Criminals Simply as Degenerates.

BERLIN, Feb. 22.—(Special.)—The police and the public are becoming alarmed at the increasing frequency of murders in Berlin. There have already been four horrible crimes in this city since the beginning of the year. A fifth came to light this week, when the battered corpse of a widow, named Rosa Wiesner, was discovered in her lodging, where it had lain for 11 days. The authors of the three murders perpetrated last month have not yet been traced, and there seems scant prospect of the police being able to lay hands on the murderer of Frau Wiesner.

This victim was a woman of 38 years, with a little money saved, which she lent out at interest, and she also took in lodgers. One morning one of these people, on returning at midday, found a note stating that Frau Wiesner had gone away for a few days to the funeral of her sister. The lodger was quite unassuming that anything wrong had occurred, and slept nightly in the room next to the chamber where his landlady lay murdered for a few days until a couple of days ago, when he discovered her body and notified the police. All the authorities have to go on is a note, which is evidently the work of the murderer, and a heavy ax wherewith the crime was committed.

In the debate on the estimates for the Ministry of Justice in the Prussian Diet the Conservative Deputy, Herr Stroemer, brought up the increasing frequency of crimes of violence in Berlin and other large towns in Prussia. He referred to the great number of attacks on women and children, and expressed regret that so many misdeeds remained unexplained. He declared that the Prussian detective force had the reputation of being the worst organized on the Continent.

In the further course of his remarks the speaker advocated the introduction of corporal punishment for actions of such brutal crimes, and protested against treating criminals as mental degenerates instead of regarding them simply as

criminals and giving them what they deserved.

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