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Notes of Progress in Various Lines of Endeavor in Oregon and Washington.



ONE ACRE OF RHUBARB ON THE PLACE OF WILLIAM PEACOCK, AT ALBANY



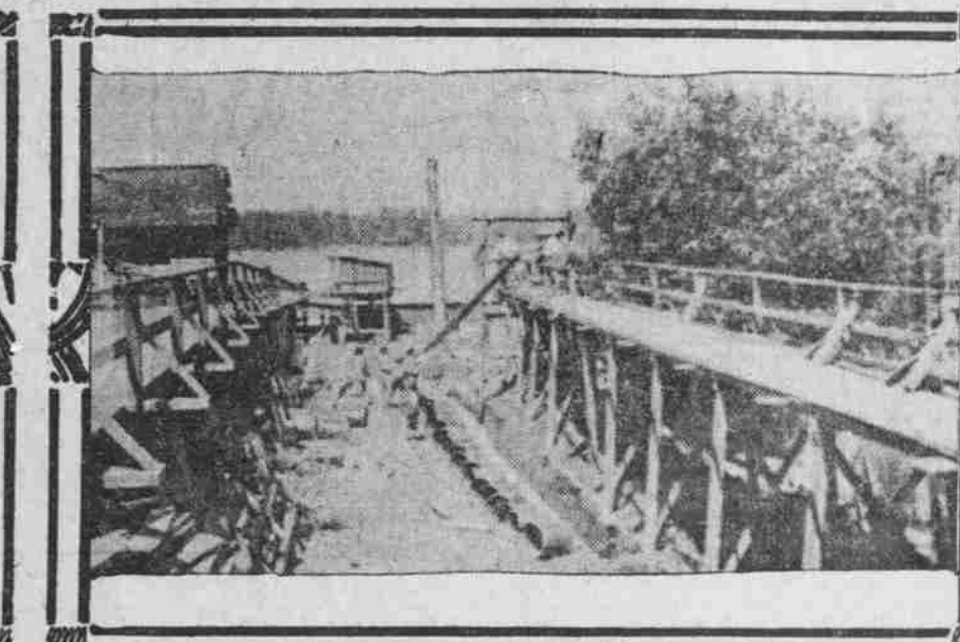
NEW BRIDGE ACROSS ROGUE RIVER AT GRANT'S PASS COST \$30,000



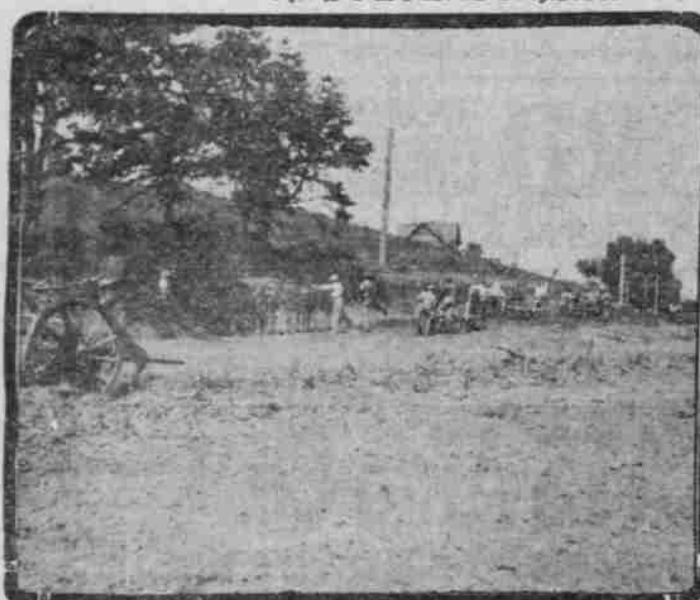
UPPER FALLS ROCK CREEK AT STEVENSON, SKAMANIA CO WASH



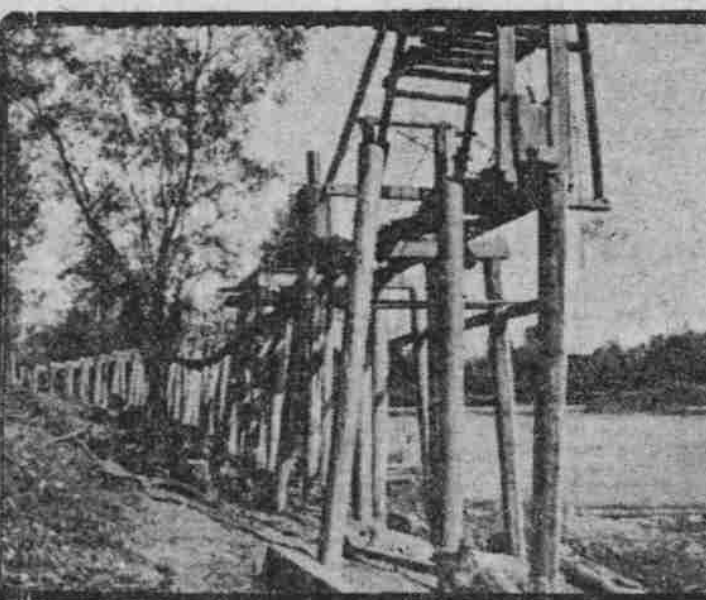
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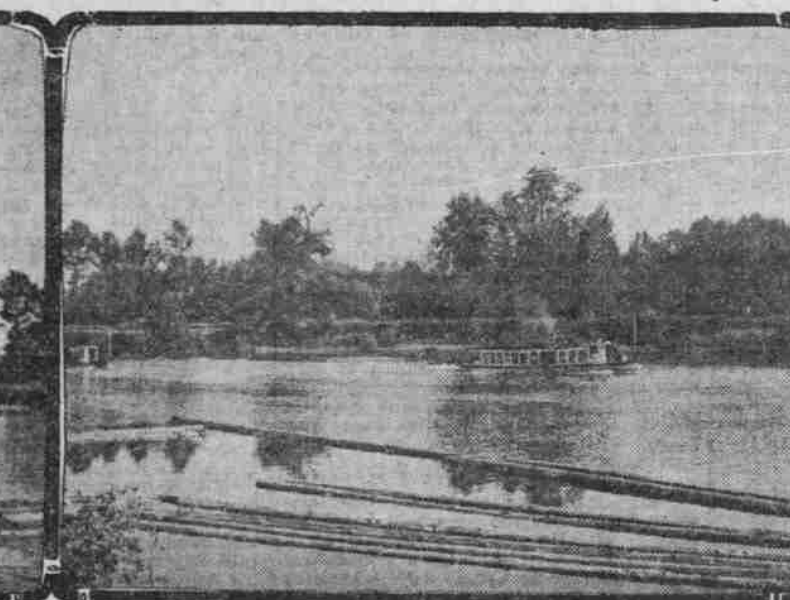
SEWER EMPTYING INTO RIVER AT FOOT OF NEW BEDFORD STREET, RAINIER ORE



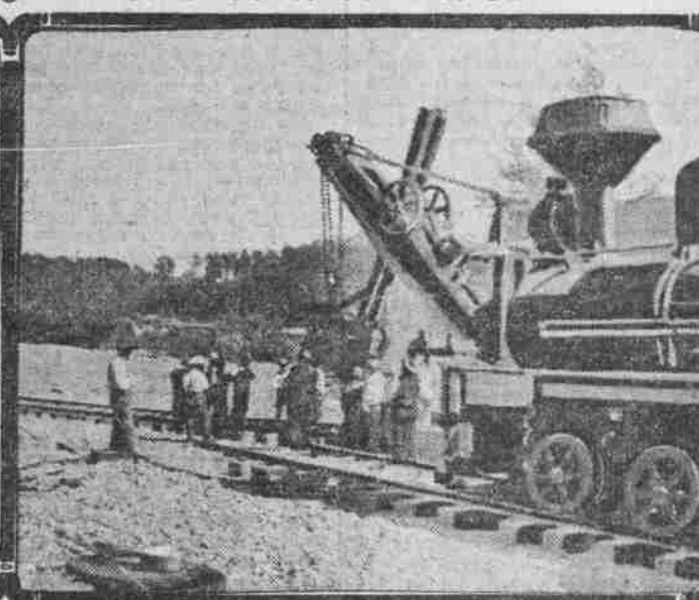
WORKING AT J.E. ROSS' HILL



LOG CHUTE NEAR WEST SALEM



LAUNCHES WILL FERRY ACROSS THE WILLAMETTE



STEAM SHOVEL AT WORK

SALEM FALLS & WESTERN RAILWAY

FLLOWING are more evidences of industrial progress in Oregon and Washington as furnished by correspondents of The Oregonian:

BEGINNING OF GREAT THINGS

Development of Skamania County in Fruit and Lumber Industry.

STEVENSON, Wash., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—It is not the hen that cackles the loudest that lays the most eggs. Wealth lies cunningly concealed all over the world, and sometimes it is discovered by the tenderfoot prospector, as well as by the experienced and expert miner. The world is pretty well informed as to the glories and abundance of North Yakima, Hood River and Rogue River, but there is a section of the great Northwest, just as rich, just as promising, which has escaped attention because, while the eggs are being laid, our cackles has not been loud enough.

In common with much of the disintegrated volcanic soil mixed with the forest droppings of thousands of years, the earth of Skamania County, Wash., is peculiarly adapted to the production of fruit—fruit of the finest quality, of the most enticing appearance. Apples, plums, pears and cherries grow well, and small fruits are a source of prosperity to their cultivators. Within the numerous little basins, along the fertile hillsides, upon the ridges, fruit crowns with fulfillment the preparations of Mother Nature. The country is rich in timber. Billions of feet of standing timber are waiting for the woodmen's ax, conveniently situated near this thriving town and with transportation facilities by rail and water close at hand.

Stevenson is the county seat of this rich, but undeveloped subdivision of the state. Stevenson is a thriving little city, old in years, but new in development and growth. Five sawmills operate here, and ship from Stevenson seven to nine carloads of lumber each week.

The transportation facilities of Stevenson are hard to surpass. The greatest river of the West flows past here, wharves and docks, and shipping by water is convenient and easy. The North Bank road, one of the most perfectly constructed roads in the entire country, runs through the city, and rail transportation could not be better than it is today.

With a soil unequalled in productivity, with timber resources of great extent still untouched, with the markets close at hand and with every facility for shipping, it does not require the prophetic vision of the seer to recognize in Stevenson, the center of these advantages, a future city of considerable dimensions and prosperity.

Nor have the inhabitants been lax in endeavoring to develop the possibilities of the place, and, of late, the energy and persistence of a few men have brought Stevenson into greater degree of prominence than ever before.

under contemplation. Good schools, churches and other public institutions serve to bring the comforts of civilization to the citizens. Mercantile establishments of all kinds flourish here.

One of the finest sanatoriums in the West is established in the city. The building is a handsome structure 50x100 feet, three stories and a basement, occupying a commanding and beautiful site on the hill back of town. It contains 38 wards, ample dining-rooms, surgery, consulting-rooms, etc., all equipped with the most modern appliances of the surgical science. Sam Samson, who is the principal stockholder in the sanatorium, has invested heavily in this region. Mr. Samson went to Norms on the George W. Elbert in 1900, and company with others, struck the Third Beach mine. Later he sold his share and came to the Columbia River, seeking a good location for investment. After looking carefully along the river, he selected Skamania County as the best, and purchased 1800 acres of land between Butler and Stevenson. Some of this he has put in apple trees under his direction. After his purchase of the sanatorium stock, he secured a franchise from the City Council and established an electric lighting plant. Finally he secured a long-time lease on the best mineral springs, located just north of town, and has the water piped through the streets into the sanatorium, which will be in the new bathhouse lately added to the establishment. Boise, Idaho, and Stevenson, Wash., are the only cities in the United States which are so luxurious enough to have hot mineral water piped through their streets. This water has remarkable medicinal properties and is grateful to the taste, as well. It flows from a public fountain in the center of the town, and is free to the public. Mr. Samson contemplates the erection of a hotel soon, which will cost about \$50,000.

The sanatorium is under the direction and management of Dr. Frank S. Pratt, who has proved an exceptionally skilled physician, as well as a thoroughly competent and successful director, and the institution is gaining a reputation combined of natural advantages, healing mineral water, and all the skill and care and have appliances known to medical science today.

Skamania County offers singularly good opportunities for general farming and dairying, but even more for the small fruitgrower. Strawberries grow to perfection here, the climatic conditions are exceptionally good, with ripening earlier on account of the southern exposure. Government irrigation projects will be needed here, for springs of the finest water in the world are plentiful, and amply sufficient to furnish an abundance of water for every farm.

Water-power will be a source of wealth for the county in the future. Two magnificent falls are close at hand, and the opportunities for factory sites are not to be excelled. The Stevenson Board of Trade is offering inducements to manufacturers, and of which will be installed in the near future.

west, and on this they expect to establish a Summer and health resort. Situated as we are, but 56 miles to Portland, the New York of the Pacific Coast, where a market awaits all our products, nothing should prevent the name of Stevenson, Skamania County, from being emblazoned on the atlas of the world.

TO CARRY STATE FAIR TRAFFIC

Salem, Falls City and Western Railway Hurrying to Completion.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—President Louis Gerlinger, of the Salem, Falls City & Western Railway, made the statement today that the road will be completed in time to handle the business during the State Fair, to be held in this city September 13 to 15. If the McKean gasoline motor does not arrive in time for the fair traffic, regular passenger cars will be run with some of the company's steam locomotives.

The grading crew is now working on the Chester Murphy farm, just at the outskirts of West Salem. Another crew is at work laying the steel on the last mile at this end of the line. A large part of the ballasting of that portion of the line already completed has been done. The road will open for business in less than a month, in better condition at the outset than the great majority of new roads.

New Bridge Across Rogue River.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—A new steel bridge over Rogue River was recently completed, at a cost of about \$30,000. This structure is built of the best material available, and consists of three sections, supported by solid concrete foundations. Across this bridge there passes daily from 60 to 75 teams hauling lumber to this city. In a few days the Taklima smelter will blow in, and then there will be an addition of 20 heavy freighters carrying matte. The teams from the smelter carry a heavy tonnage, usually one wagon and two trailers, and from six to eight mules to pull the load. The new bridge was built strong enough to carry a train of cars. It will be a great benefit to the lumber industry of this portion of the county owing to the introduction of steam traction engines and heavy trucks that will carry from 10,000 to 12,000 feet of lumber on each truck. Just eight miles above this bridge Josephine and Jackson Counties are

erecting another one across Rogue River. The county court will probably take the old bridge, and use certain parts to construct a new bridge across Rogue River at Galice, which leads to the mining districts.

Rhubarb, \$200 an Acre.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—From one acre of rhubarb in his big garden just across the Willamette River from this city, William Peacock has averaged \$200 a year profit. He has had one acre devoted to rhubarb for several years, and last year devoted another acre to cultivation of this plant. This being the first year of its production, the yield on this second acre is comparatively light, but after the second year it will yield enough to produce \$200 annually. This year was not as good as usual for rhubarb, because of the unusually dry weather, and yet Mr. Peacock has a fairly good yield. Mr. Peacock supplies several Albany stores with rhubarb, and ships the surplus of his annual yield to Portland, where good prices are obtained. He raises all kinds of vegetables and small fruits, and he and several other gardeners on the rich bottom land in North Albany are making from \$150 to \$200 per acre annually from their gardens.

Civic Improvements at Rainier.

RAINIER, Or., Aug. 11.—(Special.)—Rainier is still after more improvements. A \$23,500 job for 26 blocks of graded and macadamized streets is now half completed. The \$15,000 contract for complete sewer system in districts Nos. 2 and 3 is also partly finished. Bids are to be opened on August 23 for three contracts of street work which will amount to \$15,000. The plans for the new Rainier firehouse are almost ready for bids. The building will cost about \$2000. City Engineer Orin Bacchus is now drawing up plans for a sewer system in districts Nos. 1 and 4, and plans for street improvements in Alder and Union streets, which will amount to nearly \$12,000. This will give Rainier, which four years ago had 300 inhabitants and now has 200, about \$40,000 worth of public improvements for the year 1909.

BALLINGER IS NO QUITTER

Friend of Secretary Expects to See Big Projects Completed.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—In a letter sent the Yakima Republic, H. M. Gilbert, of Toppenish, president of the Gilbert Fruit Company, tells of his experiences during several days he recently spent with Secretary Ballinger, inspecting the Yakima Valley projects. Aside from a vivid description of the strenuous life, Ballinger led, Gilbert praises his methods and says in part: "I am satisfied after a day's talk with Mr. Ballinger that the Secretary has been unduly criticized for being a slave to legal technicalities. Mr. Ballinger

is a lawyer, but he believes greater progress will be made within the law than without. He has a law and money to push irrigation work, he believes in getting both law and money legally. Twenty-nine million dollars is needed at once to complete the present projects. Eleven million dollars is available. Some Secretaries would lay down and quit; not so Ballinger. He is going at it to get money by law. He is getting in touch with every reclamation project. He is an enthusiast for the reclamation law. His courage and enthusiasm are inspiring the friends of irrigation. I shall be surprised if, with the assistance of the Senators and Congressmen from the irrigated states, Secretary Ballinger does not secure the funds necessary to complete the present reclamation projects, so that the funds can be started back to the Treasury. It would seem that anything so business-like, economical and beneficial to all would command support. "It is a rare honor for a citizen of

our state to have one of the most important positions in the President's Cabinet. For one, I am persuaded Ballinger will reflect great credit upon our state. It is due the Secretary, however, that the home state people understand his motives and support him rather than lend strength to those who criticize without understanding. If Secretary Ballinger ever had an idea of being a stickler and an over-technical lawyer, the big work on hand has banished it. Ballinger, as he gets in touch with the sagebrush and the free air of the plains and mountains, hears the call of the desert for water, the call of Americans everywhere for homes."

Poultry Show Date Set.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Calapoda Poultry Association here last night, officers were elected as follows: F. H. Rosenberg, president; W. C. Connor, Secretary; C. F. Walker, superintendent; H.

H. Collier, of Tacoma, Judge. The second week in January is the date set for the show. Indications point to a much larger display than last year. Exhibits from California and Washington will be in evidence, as well as many more extensive exhibits from different points in Oregon. The business men of Cottage Grove have responded in a generous manner by offering valuable and useful premiums. At the small admission fee of 10 cents, the expenses were all paid last year, and \$50 left in the treasury.

No Vacant Houses in Junction.

JUNCTION CITY, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—One month ago there were 10 vacant houses in Junction City. Today every house is rented and several families are looking for homes. Twenty-two new dwellings are proposed of which six are already nearing completion.

Miss Hilda Martindale has been made senior inspector of factories for Ireland.

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