

# SURVEYORS MOVE IN "SPACE LEAD" Dozen Sturdy "Prospectors" Come to Bend and Make Off Toward Southeast.

## SPECULATION AGAIN RIFE

Possibility Pointed Out of Route Being Selected Other Than the One Supposed to Have Been Chosen for Coos Bay Road.

BY GEORGE PALMER PUTNAM.  
BEND, O., April 9.—(Special.)—The latest move in the Central Oregon railroad game might well be styled a "space lead." For the first time in the history of the road, a dozen sturdy prospectors put in their appearance at Bend yesterday. At their head was F. C. Gentry, who, it is understood, is in the employ of the Oregon Trunk line, but what their occupation, past, present or future, remains one of the multitudinous unvoiced questions of the local railroad guessing world. However, inasmuch as it is known that the party of laborers under the leadership of the engineer have been over the ground of the survey between Bend and Madras, it is generally believed that the purpose of the expedition had to do with investigating the exact character of the construction work encountered in this stretch. Substantial foundation for this belief rests in the announcement made last week in the columns of The Oregonian to the effect that contracts will be let immediately on the work from Madras to Bend. And while the prospecting party is chary of any discussion of their intentions, with the usual reticence of railroaders, still further indication that this new move has to do with the coming contract letting is the recent presence in Bend of strangers much interested in ascertaining the price of hay and the other necessities of camp life and construction work. These inquiries, it is said, are the skirmishes for the contractors, if not for the railroad people, intent on "blinking up" the situation before taking up the work.

## Surveyors Off to Southwest.

The survey party under K. K. Kuey, who arrived in Bend was reported in Monday's Oregonian, left yesterday for the southwest. While no announcement of their destination was forthcoming, it is understood that they will proceed directly to the mouth of Burns, in Harney County. Thence, it is said, they will locate the much-disputed east and west line back to the Columbia-Klamath line, joining it at Bend.

## Feasible Routes Found.

While the widespread speculation regarding the possibility of a continuation of such a line to Coos Bay seems chiefly centered upon a crossing of the Cascades in the vicinity of the Harri-man-Natron-Klamath cutoff, considerable attention is being directed to the possibility of such a move being accomplished at a point further north. It is understood that several feasible routes for getting over into the Willamette are to be found near the Three Sisters peaks, west of Bend. The old Corvallis & Eastern survey crosses slightly to the north of these mountains. Another route, said to be feasible, and offering close connection with the Oregon Electric, is the access to the headwaters of the Kenzie River. In connection with the possibility of a trans-cascade route along the line of the K. E. survey, it is interesting to note that the Hill survey in southeastern Central Oregon has followed practically the identical route chosen by the old railroading road.

## Vast Virgin Area Tapped.

It is said that should this southeastern road be built from Bend it would pass through the greatest stretch of untaken land left in the United States. The great homestead rush of the last six months, however, is rapidly changing the condition. Now probably in the neighborhood of 300,000 acres of good scruboak and brushlands remain untaken in this district. The proposed road, should the building be undertaken, is believed that the greatest land rush ever seen in Oregon would result. These localities on this vast stretch of virgin land predict a marvelous future for it as a wheat-producing area. The soil is rich, it is said, and its isolation is due to its neglect. It is predicted by the experts, an enormous grain tonnage will be built up for this, the central town for the region, and for Portland. Flour millers in "figuring out" the situation on paper declare that the desolation of water power will handle the wheat, it leaving the country in finished form.

## KAPPA DELTA ENTERTAIN

Party Most Successful Event of Year at Pacific.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—The parlors and dining room of Herrick Hall were last night the scene of the most successful social event of the year, the Kappa Delta Society, entertaining their friends with "Forty-two." The decorations were beautiful, the society's colors, purple and white, predominating through the rooms, while a profusion of flowers and palms added greatly to the general effect. During the evening Mrs. E. T. Chapman, of Portland, the well-known mezzo-soprano, and Dwinell Clark, violinist, furnished music. Those in charge were the Misses Lavinia, Mary, Stearns and West, Mr. and Mrs. T. Chapman and Mrs. and Mrs. W. B. Shively, of Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bain were the guests of honor.

## DALLAS SCHOOL GETS FUND

Announcement of Anniversary Made at Evangelical Conference.

DAYTON, O., April 9.—(Special.)—The United Evangelical conference is progressing with increasing interest. In an address delivered by Bishop Harstler, he touched on the need of more ministers to meet the needs of the ever-widening field of the church. Ex-Bishop Dubs has manifested his interest in Oregon by announcing through letters that he has planned an annuity fund of \$500 for the benefit of Dallas College.

been organized in Eugene. The report shows much advancement in all lines of the work during the year. A temperance rally was held at 8 P. M. with "Oregon Dry 1910" as the theme. Virgil G. Hinshaw, president of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association, addressed a large audience, speaking particularly of individual and collective responsibility in the issue of state and national prohibition. Walter Critchman made an extemporaneous speech which was well received. At the close a reception was given by the local church to the conference.

The session yesterday morning was devoted to the consideration of reports by various committees and the transaction of routine business. Rev. Albert E. Ayers addressed the conference in behalf of the American Bible Society. He stated that the demand for Bibles in China is already almost three times as great as in America. The address showed that extensive work had been done by the society at remarkably small cost. The next annual conference will be

## FRIENDS' CHURCH PASTOR BECOMES BAPTIST.



Rev. Herbert T. Cash.  
OREGON CITY, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—Rev. Herbert T. Cash was tonight ordained a minister of the Baptist Church, the services of ordination being held at the First Baptist Church of this city. Rev. S. A. Hayworth preached the ordination sermon, and Rev. F. C. W. Parker officiated at the altar. An old personal friend of the candidate, gave the charge, and Rev. E. C. Stannard, of Newberg, delivered an address, extending the right hand of fellowship. Mr. Cash was born in England 37 years ago, and came to America when 20 years of age. Soon after his arrival he entered the ministry and labored with the Friends' Church for 17 years. Mr. Cash has held some of the important pastorates of the Friends' Church. Last February he resigned his pastorate at Tualuma, Cal., where the Board of Trustees unanimously petitioned him to reconsider his resignation. He refused to do this because of the fact that his convictions on the subject of the place and function of the Christian ordinances were such as to make it impossible for him to remain longer in the Friends' Church.

held at Portland, commencing the first Thursday in April, 1911.

## Man Falls in Death Attempt.

ASHLAND, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—Morris Costel, a laundry maker, who is believed to have acted while in a fit of insanity, slashed his throat with a razor at the home of his brother in this city last evening. The cuts were not deep enough to touch the jugular vein, however, and the injuries did not prove serious. Today he was examined by the authorities as to his sanity. Costel formerly lived in Ashland and returned only a few days ago.

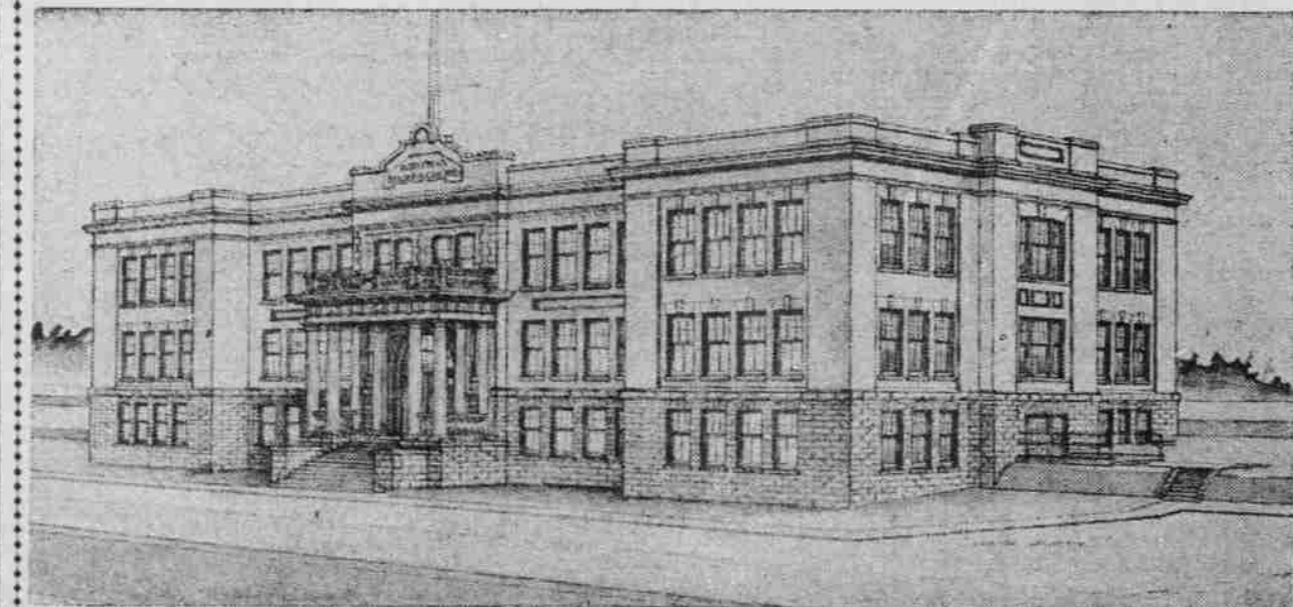
## Ashland Hospital Ready Soon.

ASHLAND, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—Ashland's new hospital, which has been under construction for several months past, and upon which more than \$25,000 has been expended, will soon be opened, the furniture and furnishings for the institution having just arrived from the East.

## High Schools Will Debate.

WALLOWA, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—Arrangements have been completed for a high school debate between pupils of this school and the Lostine school to take place early next month. The question will be, "Resolved that the United States Should Maintain a Career Navy."

## ASTORIA'S PROPOSED \$75,000 HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING WILL REPRESENT BEST IDEAS IN MODERN EQUIPMENT.



## TWO-STORY STRUCTURE WILL OCCUPY SIGHTLY SPOT.

ASTORIA, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—Astoria's proposed new high school building, bids for the construction of which are being asked, will be one of the handsomest and best-equipped structures of its kind in the state. Its estimated cost is in the neighborhood of \$75,000. It is to be located on a slightly spot at the corner of Sixteenth street and Jerome avenue. The plans were prepared by J. E. Wilks and are for a building 145x81 feet, facing on Jerome avenue, with arrangements for the addition later of a rear extension in the center for an assembly hall. The structure is to be two stories high with a basement. Especial care has been taken to provide for the best sanitary conditions and to arrange several stairways that may be utilized in case of fire. The basement will contain a gymnasium, with an entrance from the outside. It will also contain a manual training room, one class room, lunchroom and locker rooms, shower baths and lavatories. The first floor is to contain the principal office, teachers' room and a main corridor. On the second floor there are to be two class rooms, one recitation room, an art room, a commercial department with typewriting room adjoining, a chemical laboratory, physical laboratory with science or lecture room between them, and a main corridor extending the entire length of the building. The building is to be wired throughout for electric lights, electric clock and bell systems. The fan system will be used for ventilation and the heating is to be with steam. The architecture is substantial.

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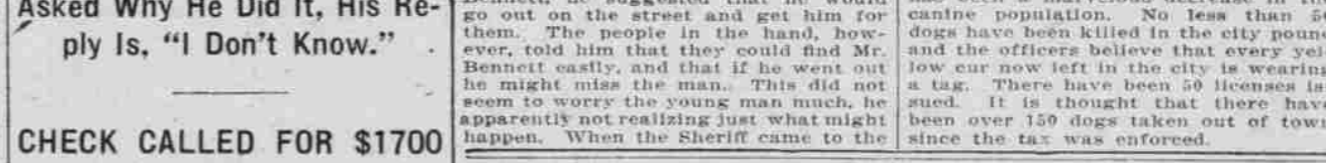
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