TANANA BRIDGE IS GREAT UNDERTAKING

H. A. Rands, Oregon City Engineer, Returns From Arduous Alaskan Trip.

PLANS FOR BIG SPAN MADE

Conditions in Northern District Reported to Be Good, With Wages High and Business at Its Height.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 5.—H. A. Rands, engineer of this city, who left here on New Year's day for Alaska, where he was summoned by the Railroad Commission to make test borings for the Government railroad bridge spanning the Tanana River, returned to Oregon City Thursday night, after making the necessary tests.

The bridge, which is to be constructed of steel, will be located at Nenana, about 60 miles from Fairbanks. Great care must be made in designing and constructing this bridge, owing to the condition of the river in the early Spring when the ice commences to melt. During the making of the borings the river was frozen, the thermometer ranging at that place during part of January and up to February from 40 to 50 degrees below zero. The bridge will span the river for about 1000 feet.

Last year there were 700 men employed in constructing the railroad on the Nenana division, and the number for the coming Summer will no doubt double that number. The railroad now under construction is to extend from Seward to Fairbanks, a distance of 450 miles.

Trip Made By Sled.

Sailing from Seattle, Wash., January 1, on the steamer Spokane, Mr. Rands started for Cordova, a distance of 1500 miles. Arriving at that point he took the inland trip along the Copper River & Northwestern Railroad to Chitina, a distance of 130 miles. From Chitina he made the trip to Fairbanks, a distance of 329 miles, by horse and sleigh, the horses being changed twice daily while en route to Fairbanks. Much of this trip was through a wild and unsettled country, but Mr. Rands enjoyed the novelty of such a trip. Roadhouses are built along the road leading to Fairbanks, averaging one to every 15 miles. This stage line is operated by the Northern Commercial Company.

From Fairbanks to Nenana the trip was made by dogsleds. This was a distance of 60 miles. The driver and Mr. Rands "took turns" in driving the dogs. Mr. Rands says that although they made excellent time the team taking his sled was not as active as some of the teams in that section of the country, but the animals were well trained.

The Government has purchased the railroad line at Seward, this railroad line having been constructed several years ago, and this road is to be rebuilt in many places and greatly improved and extended to Nenana and on to Fairbanks, the terminus.

Anchorage Drawing Many.

Anchorage is the new town of Alaska that is drawing many people to that country, this being located about 110 miles nearer the coal fields than Seward, and promises to be the great shipping point for that product about eight months of the year. The remaining months this port will be closed by ice, and the coal will have to be transferred by train to be shipped from Seward. Anchorage at the present time is the liveliest town in Alaska.

Everywhere Mr. Rands visited in Alaska he was known as "The man from the city where they make the good woolen clothing." Many of the prospectors are wearing the clothing manufactured here by the Oregon City Manufacturing Company, and among those priding himself on wearing Oregon City mackinaws is Commissioner Thomas Riggs, Jr., of the Government railroad of Alaska.

Mr. Rands says that there is plenty of work for men in Alaska this Summer, and that the wages are good. New headquarters are being erected by the Railroad Commission for the comfort of the employes and board may be secured from $1.25 per day.

3 FIRE TOWERS ORDERED

Forest Reserve Stations to Be Put on Southern Oregon Heights.

MEDFORD, Or., May 5.—(Special.)—A forest fire observation post 10,000 feet above the sea will be a new feature of the fire-fighting department of the United States Forest Service in Southern Oregon this year. Forest Supervisor Martin Erickson announced Thursday that the Government would establish three new observation towers, one on the peak of Mount McLoughlin, one on Rustler Peak and one on Windy Peak. The towers will be built by the Government and shipped to Medford knocked down, each tower weighing 7000 pounds.

From the summit of Mount McLoughlin, the highest peak in Southern Oregon, it is estimated that a fire 75 miles away may be detected.

50 JUNIORS WELL DRILLED

Hood River Lads Take Long Hikes and Attend Church.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 5.—(Special.)—Captained by Teddy Hackett, a young Hood River High School lad, the 50 Junior Home Guard boys of this city are developing into a well-drilled unit. Some of the boys, who meet every Thursday night for instruction, are just entering their teens. Local National Guard officers have taken an interest in helping the boys out with the manual of arms.

Each Saturday, from 10 until 2 o'clock, the boys make a long and arduous hike, taking their luncheons with them. At 3 o'clock each Sunday afternoon the boys attend chapel at the First Baptist Church.

Cowlitz Papers Change Hands.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., May 6.—(Special.)—Three of Cowlitz County's newspapers have changed hands within a week. The Cowlitz County Advocate for many years owned by the late G. F. McClane and later by Mrs. Nellie P. McClane, was sold this week to John W. Phillips, of Kelso, for many years a successful newspaper man. The Independent, also of this city, formerly owned by Mrs. Ella W. Fletcher, has been taken over by D. D. Imus, formerly connected with the Kalama Bulletin. Hite Imus last week sold the Kalama Bulletin, which was founded by him 28 years ago, to a company headed by Millard Gore, an attorney of Kalama.

WILLAMINA TEACHERS AND PUPILS PARTICIPATE IN MAY DAY EXERCISES.

Miss Bonnie Turnidge, Miss Edith Fowler, (May Queen), Miss Veda Wright.

A. L. Applewhite.

WILLAMINA, Or., May 5.—(Special.)—Students and teachers of the Willamina school participated in May-day exercises that included an interesting programme in the classrooms and dances out-of-doors. Several hundred persons watched the performances of the children. Nearly the entire afternoon was devoted to the festivities.

INDIANS SEEK FUNDS

Coast Tribes Claim $12,000,000 From Government.

TREATY OF 1855 REVIVED

New Chief Is Elected and Agent Is Empowered to Present Subject to Congress—Meeting Held at Scene of Original Pact.

MARSHFIELD, Or., May 5.—(Special.)—On the same spot where the Treaty of Empire was signed and sealed August 30, 1855, between the United States Government and the Coast Indians, including the Coos, Umpqua and Siuslaw tribes, the remnants of those aborigines met at Empire in the old Pioneer Hotel, a relic of better days, last Monday night and sat in council to consider affairs of vital interest to the large gathering of surviving full-blood and mixed-blood descendants.

The council of last Monday was called to provide a chief for the Indians of the tribes mentioned, the last recognized chief, Bob Burns, who was a Coos, having died five or six years ago. Until the attempt by George Wasson, a Coos descendant and a graduate of Carlisle, to secure for the coastal tribes a settlement of their claims, there had been no apparent reason for a chief, for the tribes were scattered, dead and without concentration. When the Treaty of Empire was dug from the dusty tomes of the Congressional Library and Department of the Interior, Congressmen who were fair-minded toward Indian claims, recognized the justness of the appeal and ordered an investigation, which, to be presented in legal form, demanded the election of a chief and credentials from the three tribes who were signatories to the treaty.

Tribes Are Represented.

The attendance at the council was about 75, and they came from nearby and isolated districts, where, under the necessity of making a living, the men and women without a country had drifted. The gathering was fully representative and members from the three tribes were at the council. Although the main point at issue was the question of providing funds for continuing the quest in Congress, the Indians, though poor and hard pressed, showed the spirit of their forefathers when the Government, after 20 years of neglect of the tribes, sent a special agent to their last Government "corral" at Yachats to sign another treaty and again stood for what they believed was right. They guaranteed money for the work and for the best Indian claim attorney to be procured.

The organization was completed at the council of this week by the selection of Jimmy Johnson, of Reedsport, a Coos and Umpqua, as chief of the tribesmen. George Wasson was requested to become the leader, but, being only a half-blood descendant, declined, believing a true Indian should hold the honor.

Power of Attorney Given.

A committee was appointed for the purpose of drafting a contract with Mr. Wasson, however, proclaiming him attorney in fact of the tribes and giving him full power to represent the descendants at Washington. The committee who conferred the powers are all of full blood save one exception—Thomas Wasson, of Marshfield. The others are Charles Macey, Reedsport, an Umpqua; Frank Drew, of Florence, a Coos; William Dick, of Florence, a Siuslaw; Peter Jordan, of Lakeside, a Coos.

Among the pure-blood representatives at the council were: Jimmy Johnson, Reedsport; Lottie Jackson, North Bend; Charles Macey, Reedsport; Lottie Miller, Reedsport; Richard John, North Bend; William Dick, Florence; Alice Johnson, North Bend; Harry Reed, Florence; Annie Baker, Jim Burns, George Burns, Empire; William Moody, Haynes Inlet; Jim Buchanan, Siuslaw River.

Among the most influential Indians who is interested in seeing his relatives and old-time neighbors obtain their rights is Jeff Harney, of the Siuslaw district, a man with means and a true hope for success of the attempt to gain the Indians' rights. He was ill and unable to attend the council, but sent assurances of his approval of the proceedings.

The claims set up by the three tribes represent something over $12,000,000 and the preliminaries have been so well forwarded that there is a good prospect of settlement within the next two years.

WILLIAM HUGHES IS DEAD

Funeral of Stockman Will Be Held Tomorrow at Heppner.

William Hughes, prominent stockman of Heppner, Or., died at his home in Portland, 474 Tillamok street, yesterday morning at 8 o'clock following an illness of several months. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at Heppner.

Mr. Hughes was 67 years old, and had been a resident of Oregon since 1878, having come to the United States from Ireland. Besides his widow he leaves four children, Dr. W. G. Hughes, of Milton, Or.; Percy Hughes, of Heppner; Mrs. William Whitfield and Miss Helena Hughes, of Portland.

The body is in charge of Holman's Undertaking Company.

WAR SURGEON WILL LECTURE FOR BENEFIT OF RED CROSS.

Dr. K. A. J. Mackenzie Dr. Ralph Matson

The hospitals of the great war as he saw them in his ten months of research service on the western front will afford the theme of Dr. Ralph C. Matson's address at the Broadway Theater Monday night under the auspices of the American Red Cross, to which the proceeds will be devoted.

"Impressions of the War, Drawn From Observations Along the Western Front," the first-hand experiences of one who served in the Royal Army Medical Corps as a Lieutenant under Dr. Sir Almroth Wright, will be free from gruesome detail and will be illustrated with lantern slides.

Dr. K. A. J. Mackenzie is president of the Portland chapter of the American Red Cross.

The Portland chapter, estimates Dr. Mackenzie, will require at least $50,000 during the coming year for local service and for furnishing military and civil relief. The proceeds of Monday night's address will be devoted entirely to that cause.

LEGAL FUND SOUGHT

Governor Calls for Meeting of Emergency Board.

$3000 ALLOWANCE ASKED

Question of Further Prosecution of Alleged Fraud by Pacific Livestock Company Is Involved in Issue.

SALEM, Or., May 5.—(Special.)—Attorney-General Brown today made formal request that Secretary of State Olcott call together the Emergency Board, following the authorization of the State Land Board that such request be made, to ascertain whether a deficiency appropriation of more than $3000 will be granted to make further investigations into the proposition of continuing prosecution of the Pacific Livestock Company's land-fraud case.

The Attorney-General also asks Secretary Olcott to notify C. B. McConnell, of Burns, of the time of such meeting and supplement it with an invitation that he be present.

In filing the request at Attorney-General also filed a statement, identical with the statement which was filed with the Land Board at the request of the Governor and also identical with the statement of facts which the Attorney-General presented to the Legislature.

The Attorney-General says, in his letter to Mr. Olcott that "in 1915 the Legislature appropriated $10,000 'for the payment of the expenses of litigation and contingent expenses connected therewith, accruing in civil cases where not otherwise provided for and including the estimated expenses of witnesses, court costs, traveling, procuring evidence and expenses of every kind in the prosecution of the Hyde-Benson cases and in the prosecution of the litigation arising out of land frauds in Harney and Grant counties.' Of this amount, $3536.48 remain unexpended and I am asking that the emergency board authorize the expenditure of a sum of money equal to this unexpended balance."

The date of the emergency board meeting has been set for May 28, at which time, beside Mr. McConnell and the Attorney-General, it is expected that representatives of the Pacific Livestock Company will be present to give their side of the case.

CHAMPOEG ON CANVAS

FRENCH CANADIAN ARTIST BUSY ON HISTORIC SCENE.

Party of Mazamas Find Painter Who Has Been Working 18 Months on Picture.

Somewhere near Champoeg, Or., one Monsieur Gegoux, a French Canadian artist, is bending all his efforts toward the completion of a large painting depicting the famous convention of early settlers at Champoeg, when Oregon was saved to the United States. His retreat was discovered by a party of Mazamas, who unwittingly made a wrong turn in the road, with the result that they chanced upon the painter's little cottage where he had worked at the picture for 18 months, and where he expects to labor for three months more before he will be able to call it complete.

The picture represents a group of the leading men of Oregon at the time and, according to those who saw it, has been carefully worked out with reference to accurate treatment of detail. M. Gegoux has consulted Messrs. Himes and D'Arcy, of the Oregon Historical Society, in his efforts to get accurate representations of the costumes of the times.

Until the picture is finished the artist does not wish it to be seen, and it was only by the exercise of considerable diplomacy that the Mazamas were permitted to see it. At his request they have kept his exact whereabouts a secret.

CATHOLIC ORDER MEETS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO INITIATE 5 CANDIDATES TODAY.

Three Degree Will Be Conferred at Cathedral Hall—State Convention Opens Tomorrow.

Preliminary to the annual state convention of the Knights of Columbus, which convenes in Portland tomorrow, the local council will initiate a class of 75 candidates in the three degrees today at Cathedral Hall, Seventeenth and Couch streets. The members and council will attend mass at the Cathedral at 9:45 o'clock and at 11 o'clock the first degree will be exemplified. At -:30 o'clock the second degree will be put on and the third degree will follow.

At 7 o'clock tonight a banquet will be served at the Portland Hotel, with knights and their ladies attending. Covers are being placed for 500. There will be a music programme by Miss Adel M. Barnickel, soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Bernice Warren; Walter A. Bacon, violinist, accompanied by Mrs. Warren; Mrs. Cathiren Frederich, soloist, accompanied by Miss Ethel Mahoney; Miss Alice Genevieve Smith, harpist; Hartridge Whipp, baritone soloist, accompanied by Leonora Fisher Whipp, and Dr. Emil Enman, pianist.

Addresses will be made by A. A. Smith, past grand knight, Baker Council, on "Citizenship"; Thomas Brown, grand knight, Cherry City Council, Salem, on "Knighthood in the Willamette Valley"; P. J. Gallagher, grand knight, Ontario Council, Ontario, on "Knighthood in Eastern Oregon"; A. G. Bagley, supreme agent, New Haven, Conn., on "Columbianism"; Frand J. Lonergan, district deputy, Portland, on "Fraternalism"; John G. Mullen, grand knight, Coos Council, North Bend, on "Knighthood in Coos Bay"; and W. A. Barrett, state deputy, Albany, on "The Good of the Order."

The programme will close with the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" by the assemblage, led by Mrs. Whipp.

THEODORE BUCKMAN DIES

Early Resident of Oregon Passed Later Years in Washington.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 5.—(Special.)—Theodore Buckman, who came to Oregon in 1868 from his former home in Indiana, crossing the Isthmus of Panama, died suddenly at the home of his daughter in Seattle last night. When he came to Oregon he settled at Canby. In 1874 he moved to Clarke County, securing a farm near this city on which he lived until recently.

He was 72 years of age. He leaves three daughters—Mrs. J. A. Roane, of Seattle, and Mrs. A. M. Condit and Mrs. Earl Carson, of this city.

The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The body will be laid to rest beside that of his wife, who died in 1911, in the Vancouver City Cemetery.

DEAD CHILD'S FATHER SUES

Astoria Auto Truck Owners Named in $10,000 Damage Case.

ASTORIA, Or., May 5.—(Special.)—Jehu Barnes filed a suit in the Circuit Court today against Edward Lundholm and Frank F. Seaborg, doing business as the Seaborg Transfer Company, to recover $10,000 damages for the death of the plaintiff's daughter, Lena May Barnes. The child was fatally injured on the evening of April 16 by being struck by a delivery car driven by the defendant Seaborg, while the child was at play on Bond street, near the corner of First.

Negligence on the part of the defendant is charged in that he "had no lights burning on his machine, was running at a reckless speed, unreasonably close to the curb of the sidewalk, and without a horn."

BODY IS ON WAY EAST

Late Mrs. Cordelia Martin to Be Buried at Minneapolis.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 5.—The body of Mrs. Cordelia Martin, widow of the late R. L. Martin, was sent today to Minneapolis, Minn., for burial and was accompanied by Mrs. Martin's son, A. L. Martin, of Long Beach, Cal., who arrived Tuesday evening. The funeral services were conducted on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. J. R. Landsborough, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, officiating.

Mrs. Martin died on Monday evening of last week, her death being due to a fall received two weeks previous. She was 85 years old and had been making her home with her granddaughter, Mrs. W. W. Munger, of this city.

CHEHALIS HOLSTEIN IS HIGH

Princess Buttercup Gives 2082 Pounds of Milk in April.

CHEHALIS, Wash., May 5.—(Special.)—B. C. Wright, tester for the Chehalis District Cow Testing Association, has just turned in the report of the association for April. The average production for the month was 731 pounds of milk and 26.8 pounds of butter fat, at a cost of $8.84, which is low, owing to inferior feed and cold weather.

Princess Buttercup, a Holstein owned by F. M. Svinth, ranked highest on the list with 2082 pounds of milk, 3.77 per cent fat and 78.491 butterfat. Only 51 cows produced over 40 pounds of butterfat in April.

Clatskanie Class to Give Play.

CLATSKANIE, Or., May 5.—(Special.)—The senior class of the local school will present "Farm Folks," a comedy-drama play to be given at the Columbia Theater, on May 19. The cast is made up from the best members of the Dramatic Society of the school.

Germans Report Captures, Too.

BERLIN, via London, May 5.—French troops penetrated German positions east of Neuville yesterday, but were subsequently driven out, the War Office announces. The Germans captured 500 French. The number of British prisoners, the statement says, has been increased to 1225.

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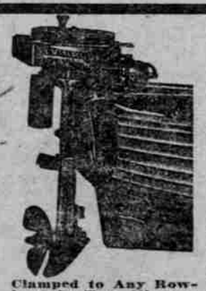

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