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Report Shows That S. P. Leaves More Than it Takes

BUYS LUMBER AND TIES

Price of Lumber is Advancing and Mill Men are Hopeful

Gross business of the Southern Pacific Co. in Oregon aggregated \$20,500,000 in 1921, of which \$18,500,000 was expended as taxes and operating expenses mostly in Oregon, leaving a net return of \$2,000,000 or net return of 1.9 per cent on the \$99,000,000 capital investment of the system in Oregon. As against this \$1,500,000 taken from the state for bondholders and stockholders of the company, the system expended approximately \$5,000,000 for ties, timber and other supplies aside from the \$18,500,000 operating expenses. On the whole it may be said that the railroads leave all their Oregon revenues in Oregon and spend money far above their revenue return. The wage expense of Southern Pacific alone in Oregon is over \$10,000,000 a year.

Reedport to have sawmill to cut alder, maple and myrtle.

Albany has new hop basket factory.

Milton box factory operating with 2 shifts.

Garibaldi—Whitney Co. planning to build ships to carry lumber.

Eugene—Ajax Lumber Co. to build two more sawmills.

Port Orford—Eastern capital may decide to build mill and harbor here.

Port of Astoria ships 69,184,925 ft. lumber during July.

Wallowa — Nibley-Minnugh Lumber company building new dry lumber shed.

Eugene—Penn sawmill, recently destroyed by fire, to be rebuilt.

Toledo—Huge spruce plant begins operations.

Salem—Carload of 56,000 lbs dried loganberries shipped.

Chadwell district, Clatsop county, gets \$6000 school.

Freewater to build \$30,000 Federated church.

Coos Bay harbor to get \$150,000 for improvements. Lower Columbia and Willamette rivers, \$850,000.

Eugene—U. of O. to erect \$60,000 needed buildings.

Astoria—Liberty theatre to be replaced by \$100,000 structure this fall.

Portland—S. P. Co. to spend \$6,000,000 on elevated tracks and tunnel to get off city streets.

Industrial Accident Commission has nearly five million surplus.

Winchester—\$125,000 concrete bridge to be built across North Umpqua river.

La Pine—\$16,081 contract let for new school.

Portland—State to erect \$175,000 building to be used as State Employment Institution for the Adult Blind.

Eugene to get \$4,000 concrete warehouse.

Roseburg—Wilbur pavement is completed.

Gresham—Union high school to get \$20,000 improvements, including gymnasium.

Eugene—S. P. completes \$10,000 improvements.

The Dalles to get \$100,000 tie-treating plant.

State to let contracts approximating \$500,000 for 65 miles of highway.

Eugene planning new city reservoir to cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

Portland—\$55,000 apartment house to be constructed in Nob Hill district.

Astoria—Work starts on new \$300,000 hotel.

Contracts for \$103,794 let for Lostine-Enterprise highway.

Roseburg—Livestock industry in Umpqua Valley soon to be big resource.

Linn county planning to work prisoners at stone crusher.

Myrtle Point—Plans completed for fine business building.

Gresham—Cannery completed.

Taken Up—Black and white heifer, yearling. Owner prove property, pay cost of care and feed, and this adv. and take same away.—J. H. Hankinson, Beaver-

ton, Ore., R. 2, Box 179. Mile north of Huber, on the rock road. 23-25

PIONEER WOMAN

Sarah Jane Findley, daughter of Lenoir and Mourning Reeves, was born in Carroll county, Missouri, October 20, 1842. The first ten years of her life were spent in Missouri. In 1852 she crossed the plains with her parents. This journey was made with ox teams and took from early Spring until the late Fall. This was the year that Asiatic Cholera took the lives of so many immigrants and among many others who were victims of that

disease, her mother was left in a lonely grave along the route.

The first winter in the Oregon country was spent in what is now Lane county. The next year they moved to Josephine county, and during 5 or 6 years spent in Josephine county, the Rogue River Indian war took place. Her father and two brothers served as volunteers during this war, and Mrs. Findley also assisted during attacks on the fort by moulding bullets and loading the guns and doing other work so often done by pioneer women at such times. After leaving Josephine county, until the time of her marriage, she stayed at William Reeves' home, in Hillsboro, and attended school.

February 14, 1859, she was united in marriage to Alexander B. Findley, at St. Louis, Oregon, and after four years in the Willamette Valley and the Cascade Locks country, she and her husband joined an immigrant movement into what is now Union county.

They were among the first white people to make their homes in what is known as the Grand Ronde valley. They located near what is now the town of Summer-ville, and after making their home there for about ten years, they sold their home and again joined the immigrant movement into what later became Wallowa county.

While stockmen and others were taking their household goods and supplies into the new country by pack horses, Mr. Findley believed that a wagon could be taken along and after some difficulty succeeded in crossing the Minam River. Here a high mountain blocked the way, but Mr. Findley, assisted by his wife and

children, took the wagon to pieces and dragged it up the mountain, piece by piece. This was the first wagon in the Wallowa country. A few years later, Mrs. Findley assisted her husband in taking in a threshing machine over the same route, and by the same method. Mrs. Findley was also the first white woman to reach the Wallowa valley. The first ten years in Wallowa county was spent in Middle Valley, near where the town of Wallowa is now located. While living here, the Joseph and Bannock Indian wars took place. Mr. Findley served as a volunteer during these wars, and during the Bannock war Mrs. Findley passed through the greatest trial of her life. Her family at that time consisted of seven children, four boys and three girls, and while the war was in progress, diphtheria was taking the lives of the children. In Mrs. Findley's family six were taken in a few days' time. Only one, the oldest girl, Florence, was left. The youngest, Ross, was not born until a year later.

After the death of their children, Mr. and Mrs. Findley sold their property in the Middle Valley and took up a homestead on the Innaha River, where they lived for eighteen years, and then moved back to the Willamette Valley, locating near Cedar Mill, where Mrs. Findley lived until the time of her death. Mr. Findley passed away ten years ago.

Of her immediate family she leaves two children to mourn her loss, the oldest, Mrs. Florence Johnson, of Innaha, Oregon, and the youngest, Henry Ross Findley, of Cedar Mill, Oregon.

With the exception of the last twenty-four years, her life was

spent on the frontier. She was three times a pioneer, first of the Oregon country, then of Union county and then of Wallowa county. She was a loving mother and a kind, true friend and neighbor, ever ready to go to the assistance of those who were sick or in distress. Many times during her pioneer days has she been called to help care for the sick, often riding horseback ten or more miles, over dangerous mountain roads or trails to the home of a friend or neighbor who was sick or in need. She was a lifelong Christian, a member of the church for over fifty years. She and her husband

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united with the M. E. Church South, at Summerville, in 1869, and continued as members of this church until 1898, when they transferred to the little church at Cedar Mill.

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