

EUGENE WILL EXPAND

Branch Railroad Up the Mohawk Assured.

WORK TO COMMENCE AT ONCE

This Enterprise Made Possible by the Booth-Kelly Co. Interests.

OFFICES TO BE LOCATED IN EUGENE

MILL CAPACITY.

	Feet.
Coburg, each 24 h's	100,000
Saginaw, each 24 h's	100,000
Mohawk, each 24 h's	240,000
Annual combined capacity	137,720,000

Pay roll per month, \$25,000

The branch railroad of the Southern Pacific from Eugene, through Springfield and up the Mohawk to Isabel, is now assured, and the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, prime movers in the enterprise, will by this means secure rapid transportation for the marketing of their mill product.

Officers of the company are: Jno F Kelly, president; R S Booth, vice president; Geo Kelly, secretary; Z S Calher, manager and treasurer. They are all Oregon men, and their past success and present enterprises indicate conservative business judgment and ability to successfully handle a business of this dimension. Their estimated monthly pay roll is \$25,000 for the three mills.

This corporation is the heaviest exporter of lumber on the coast, and ship as far east as Denver, and as far south as the City of Mexico, in each of which places they maintain regularly established agencies. During the past year the Booth-Kelly Co. purchased from the O & C R R, one block of 20,000 acres of fine timber land on Mill Creek and Mohawk, afterward 10,000 acres, and other smaller lots, aggregating nearly 40,000 acres of land, in this section. To place this timber on the market it was necessary to have a railroad running to their mills. Accordingly a proposition was made to the Southern Pacific to build a branch road from Eugene to Isabel, the Booth-Kelly Co. agreeing to secure right of way, furnish ties and provide 2,500 cars of freight annually for five years. The railroad accepted the offer, and after two months attention to details the Booth-Kelly Co. is able to announce that the right of way is practically assured. Chief Engineer Hood, of the Southern Pacific, located at San Francisco, was officially notified of this fact on August 20, and a request made that construction commence at once. In replying Mr Hood accepted all conditions and notified the lumbermen that he would immediately issue a call for bids for grading and bridges, to be handed in at his San Francisco office. Engineer Hollidge will have the work under his immediate control and states that preference will be given local bidders on both bridges and grading. It is understood a number of our contractors will furnish estimates. On its part, the Southern Pacific states the road will be very substantially built, but few treaties being contemplated, all grades and fills. This is in accordance with the surveys already made by the railroad engineers.

PLAN OF LOCATION. With possibly few minor exceptions, the route of the road will be as follows: From Eugene to Henderson station on S P main line, thence across the Willamette river, either above or below steel bridge, to be determined in a few days upon engineers report of foundation for piers; thence to Natron track and along same three miles to Gorrie's farm, where new track will again be built; thence across the farms of Messrs Henning, Beard, Comegys, Ebbert and Vitus to a point where the McKenzie river will be spanned 50 feet below the Hayden bridge; thence along the Mohawk to the Spores farm where a bridge will be erected across said stream 850 feet below the wagon bridge; the next crossing will be just below the mouth of Mill creek, which stream will be ascended to the old mill site, the present terminus of the road, the

branch will be about 18 1/2 miles long. It may interest many to know that the right of way and ties will cost the Booth-Kelly Co approximately \$93,000, the cost of the former alone exceeding \$12,000.

Several sections of land have been secured at the terminus, Isabel, and here the company's mill, store, hotel and other buildings will form the nucleus for a thriving village, having as its start a steady pay roll for 300 men in regular employment.

The Booth-Kelly Co mill at Saginaw has already commenced sawing ties for the new line, and the bridge timbers will likely be furnished from this point.

WORK WILL BE RESUMED.

Work on the railroad and the new mill and buildings will be carried on with all possible speed. It is expected that trains will be running to the mill, and that the mill will be in operation by February 1, 1900.

The Booth-Kelly Co, recently purchased the Berry mill, formerly located at Broderick Creek, on the O & C R R, and the same is now ready to be transferred to its new location. It will be shipped to Springfield, and hauled from there to Isabel on heavy logging trucks. The capacity of this mill will be 125,000 feet each 11 hours and it will be run to its full capacity.

The work of erecting the buildings at the mill site will be in charge of Geo Kelly of the firm. They will include the main mill, store, hotels, dry kilns, planing mills, bunk houses, cottages, etc, and is of itself a task of no small importance. For this work about 75 mechanics will be required for several months. The mill at Isabel owned by C Cole is getting out the lumber for these buildings.

LOGGING OPERATIONS.

The Booth-Kelly Co was recently granted a franchise on Mill Creek, and will use it for logging purposes. The logging will be operated by flash dams, and on account of the extent of the industry the stream will be locked most of the time.

As the timber is consumed it is the intention to extend the road farther along the Mohawk. The company estimates that they have enough timber on hand to operate the mills for at least 50 years.

Offices will be established in Eugene and all trains will be made up from railroad yards in this city, sawed at the Mohawk mill. The offices in this city will be connected with the three mills by a private telephone line for the facilitating of business, and this work will also soon be begun.

Trains will run on the branch daily except Sunday.

The operation of this large enterprise means the development, on a gigantic scale, of an enterprise destined to be one of the most important in Lane county. Eugene in particular, and Western Oregon in general, are to be congratulated on the acquisition of so much capital in active business affairs. Its influence will bring other thousands of dollars to this section.

Members of the company have been in close conference in this city today and sent out an order for new machinery, which is expected to arrive soon. The order included six boilers for the mill, having a capacity of 500 horsepower, and two boilers for the planing mill having a capacity of 250 horsepower; also four planers capable of smoothing down a stick 24x30 inches, 100 feet long, or working an inch moulding. Machinery for the dry kiln will guarantee the drying of 50,000 feet of lumber in 12 hours.

ANOTHER PROSPECT FOR EUGENE.

When the road is completed to connection with the Natron branch it is considered to be a feasible project which is virtually assured, if Eugene desires it, that the Natron branch will have terminal headquarters here.

SOUTH DAKOTA LEGISLATURE.

May Meet in Special Session to Raise Soldiers' Transportation Fund.

Chicago, Aug. 25.—A special to the Times-Herald from Yankton, S. D., says: More than 90 members of the legislature have responded to the Gazette's inquiry if they would meet in special session for their actual expenses to appropriate funds to bring home the soldiers. All but five answered in the affirmative, and 42 are yet to be heard from.

The committee having in charge the raising of money visited Governor Lee at Vermillion and laid the matter before him. He is in favor of raising the money by popular subscription, but did not refuse to call a special session, promising to give a final answer Saturday morning.

Circus, Thursday, September 7th. It is the largest one that ever visited Oregon, exceeding the Ringling's.

Large quantities of wood are stacked in Eugene this year. Low prices are assured this winter.

A LEAN DOG.

A lady living on Park avenue, Walnut hills, was recently presented with a full blooded imported dachshund, a living exemplification of the saying, "Man wants but little here below, but he wants that little long." This dog in particular has all the fine points of a true dachshund. Its length is at least four times its height, and its legs are stumpy and have the conventional crook of a golf stick at the foot. The lady has several other dogs and is quite a fancier of canines. The other evening a gentleman called who had heard a great deal of the celebrated animal. As he entered the darkened parlor a small yellow dog of no particular breed arose from a rug in front of the grate and, unnoticed by the gentleman, slowly walked toward the door. The dog crossed half way over the threshold and stood in such a position that a person in the parlor could just see its hind legs and tail. At that moment the maid lighted the gas, and the dachshund peered at him from one doorway and the hindquarters of another dog visible in the other doorway, and then in the hearing of the servant ejaculated: "Lord-a-mighty! I heard that this dachshund of hers was a long one, but this animal certainly beats my time!"—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Drawn at Night.

The architect and his friend the builder were driving back to the former's office. They had been out to the edge of the city to look at some work on which they were engaged. As they drove by a certain house the builder looked up at it proudly, saying: "There is a house that I built myself. I not only built it, but I drew all the plans. Every bit of work in it is mine." The architect looked at the house and smiled in a provoking way.

The builder noticed the smile and looked at the house in a new light. "How hard I worked on that!" he said. "In the daytime I had to do something else, but every night I would sit up late drawing on those plans. I drew on 'em every night for a month."

The architect looked at the house again and smiled once more, and the builder saw him.

Again he turned his eyes toward the product of his brain, twisted his neck to squint at it after the carriage had passed it. Then he looked at the architect with humility. "It looks as if those plans were drawn at night, doesn't it?" he said, and there was pathos in his voice.—Worcester Gazette.

Pools on Murder Cases.

Bookmaking in murder cases is one of the forms of gambling here, which has opened a new field to the men who are willing to lay odds. The suggestion smacks of the ridiculous, but a gaudily dressed young man, with a few "notes" in his left hand and \$40 in money in his right, appeared in the criminal branch of the supreme court here a few days ago. "Who's on trial?" he asked an officer. Being told, he consulted his notes and said:

"Let's see. Lawyer Blank; defense, insanity; charge, murder." And then, turning to the doorman again, "I'll bet you 1 to 10 he's acquitted."

The court officer looked puzzled, but was astounded when the gaudily dressed informed him he was making "book." The court officer saw that he made tracks, but not before over \$900 in bets had been placed on the outcome of the case. An investigation showed that there are a large number of these bookmakers doing business around the New York courts, and their profits are said to be very large.—New York Letter in Pittsburg Dispatch.

Lauder's Cravat.

At a friendly dinner at Gore House, when it was the most delightful of houses, his dress—say, his cravat or shirt collar—had become slightly disarranged on a hot evening, and Count d'Orsay laughingly called his attention to the circumstance as we rose from table. Lauder became flushed and greatly agitated. "My dear Count d'Orsay, I thank you for my seat for pointing out to me the abominable condition to which I am reduced! If I had entered the drawing room and presented myself before Lady Blessington in so absurd a light, I would instantly have gone home, put a pistol to my head and blown my brains out."—"Lauder's Letters."

Selwyn's Curious Trance.

George Selwyn had a strange but not uncommon passion for seeing strange bodies, especially those of his friends. He would go any distance to gratify this pursuit. Lord Holland was laid up very ill at Holland House shortly before his death. George Selwyn sent to ask how he was, and whether he would like to see him. Lord Holland answered: "Oh, by all means! If I'm alive tomorrow I shall be delighted to see George, and I know that if I am dead he will be delighted to see me!"—Letter of General Fox.

An Inference.

"Such are the delusions to which the human senses and understanding are susceptible," remarked the man who doesn't care whether you comprehend him or not, "that, logically speaking, it is absolutely impossible to be absolutely sure of anything."

"Dear me!" exclaimed Miss Cayenne. "I didn't know you were one."

"What?"

"A weather prophet."—Washington Star.

The Difference.

"Pa, what's the difference between talent and genius?"

"A man with talent is able to build for himself the finest monument in the country. The public usually has to provide the monument for a genius."—Boston Journal.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Encouraging Prospects for the Coming Year.

SESSIONS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 18.

Daily Guard, Aug. 26.

All indications point to a very large attendance in the public schools this year. Nearly every house in town is either occupied already, or engaged, and suitable accommodations are hard to find. People are beginning to act on the belief they have long had, that Eugene is a good place in which to educate their children, and are moving to the city daily to take advantage of the varied opportunities offered for that purpose.

The board of education is responding to these demands to the extent of its resources. The Geary building is being painted and thoroughly renovated. The new seats for the Central building are to be placed next week, and sewer connection and other needed work will be undertaken soon. The quarters for the high school are being put in shape. The old court house has been swept and dusted and scrubbed as never before in its long and useful life, and will be sweet and clean for its fastidious occupants when the 18th of September arrives. One feature that will commend itself, is the assembly hall, which will be made of the old circuit court room. Here, several times a week will be collected the entire high school for lectures and other general exercises, which will do much to develop and strengthen school spirit and loyalty.

The present outlook indicates an enrollment of 150 in the high school grades alone. Such a student body will inspire the teachers to their best efforts, and it is to be hoped that our teachers will "rise to the occasion." The influence of high school may be much or little in a community, and there are two parties involved, the school, and the community. The school, through its teachers and pupils must show itself worthy, and the community must furnish sympathetic encouragement and co-operation. Let us hope that neither may be lacking.

The eleventh grade, to be added this year, will be the senior class and the first class to graduate from the Eugene high school. The number that will finally present themselves next June for diplomas is problematical. There were about 25 who completed the tenth grade satisfactorily. To these may be added some who come from other schools, and others may not return.

It will be quite an honor to belong to this first class to graduate. They will be the pioneers, the first alumni, the guides who blaze the trail, the leaders where others must follow. In after years when the annual reunions and banquets of the high school alumni occur, and the happy school days are recalled, those who fell by the wayside and failed to persevere to the end, will wish they had kept up their work, and could join in the festive celebrations. Young people too often fail to appreciate their golden opportunities until it is too late.

While the high school will necessarily receive much of the superintendent's attention on account of its formative stage, other interests will not be neglected. The savings bank is no longer an experiment. It has proven a success, and will be a fixed institution. The newness of the bank caused many withdrawals to be made at the beginning of the vacation, but a number of pupils kept depositing money all summer, so that the last report, August 21st, showed \$187.18 to the credit of 78 customers.

The school paper will probably be turned over to the high school students to conduct, and be made largely a student's paper, though Mr Ressler will be an advisory member of the editorial staff.

The usual patriotic and benevolent celebrations will be observed, and every effort made to impress the lesson that should result from such exercise. These programs to be of the greatest benefit should not only enlist every pupil, but should also arouse the intelligent and sympathetic interest of the community. They should not be a mere display of "furs and feathers," but accomplish some rational end.

Another matter that will receive attention is the physical being of the children. A good beginning has been made by resuming one building. Systematic exercises will be inaugurated, and teachers will keep a sharp lookout for physical defects and means of removing them when possible, as well as the forming of correct habits.

Both in the grades and in the high school, more effort will be made to bring about practical results. The more or less intelligent criticism on the theoretical and impractical methods prevailing in our public schools has a basis in fact. Nothing radical will be attempted, but teachers will endeavor to keep in mind just what knowledge

and what discipline are most needed in our practical, every-day life, and just how the school may best supply that need.

Teachers and pupils have been much refreshed by the long vacation and are eager for the term to begin. Some have spent the time principally in recreation; some have studied considerably; others have traveled; still others have engaged in manual labor. But by the law of change of occupation, all must be well rested, and ready for the resumption of school work.

We predict a most successful year for the Eugene Public Schools.

E. D. RESSLER,
City Superintendent.

A Case For Sweet Charity.

Junction Times, August 26.

The loss of Charles Goede's residence on Fern Ridge by fire a short time ago, left the family in almost destitute circumstances. They lost everything. Mrs Goede and the children were out in the garden when the house was discovered in flames. Two guns and a number of shells were suspended in the house. These commenced to discharge and the women folks were afraid to enter for fear of being shot.

Neighbors have contributed quite a number of things in the way of household supplies to equip them for work in the hop yards. E Van Vranken took them out a load which the generous people of this place contributed. Household goods and supplies of any kind are needed and contributions would be worthily bestowed.

PERSONAL.

Daily Guard, August 26.

R F Baker visited Junction City today.

Mrs F L Poindexter, of Junction, is visiting in Eugene.

E C Willoughby, of Seattle, is visiting Eugene relatives.

Miss Belle Brown returned from Newport this afternoon.

Walter Griffin came down from Cottage Grove this forenoon.

J I Jones and R J Jennings, of Bohemia, were in Eugene today.

Charles Wilson the old time S P conductor, stopped off here today.

Chloe Woodware and two children, of Mitchell, were in Eugene today.

Hon H B Miller and family are home from a trip up the McKenzie.

J E Holt will leave for his home at San Jose, Calif, on the overland tonight.

Mrs Inman, of Long Tom, is in the city, suffering severely from rheumatism.

Mr and Mrs W Mayer have arrived home from a fortnight's visit to Foley Springs.

Z S Cather, manager of the Booth-Kelly Lumber mills at Saginaw, is in the city.

E P Dorris and family, of Lewiston, Idaho, are visiting relatives in Eugene and vicinity.

Mrs L L White left on this morning's 12:49 overland for her home in San Francisco.

Mr Schwering, the 9th street barber, is confined to his room with typhoid malarial fever.

Lester Lucey will go to Salem in the morning to accept a situation in the insane asylum.

Henry E Ankeny and family, excepting Miss Dee, went to Newport this forenoon to spend a few days.

H L Eilers, coast manager for the Kimball Piano Co, spent yesterday in Eugene with his agent, F A Rankin.

J S White, of the Blue River mines, is in Eugene. He is the gentleman that has made the rich strike in these mines.

Assistant Cashier W W Brown, of the Eugene Loan & Savings bank is home from a week's stroll by the sad sea waves at Newport.

Professor Thomas Condon and family, of Eugene and Professor and Mrs H T Condon, of Moscow, Idaho, arrived here from Newport today.

Rev and Mrs J B Holmes, of Des Moines, Iowa, arrived this morning and are guests of Rev and Mrs D C Kellens. Rev Holmes has accepted the pastorate at the First Christian church at Albany.

Miss Minnie Fisher, a Eugene High school student, was a passenger on today's train for Cottage Grove, where she will spend the week visiting friends.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our sincere thanks to the friends and neighbors for the many expressions of their sympathy in the illness and death of our little daughter.

MR AND MRS H GONDOX.

Factional Rioting in Paris.

New York, Aug. 25.—A dispatch from Paris to the Evening Journal says there was serious rioting between anti-Dreyfusites and friends of Dreyfus on Rue LaFayette, St Dennis, in which 12 persons were badly hurt. The police charged upon the rioters and made many arrests.

CASE OF EXTORTION

Local Mills Raise the Price of Flour to \$3.50 Per Barrel.

NOT JUSTIFIED BY QUOTATIONS.

Daily Guard, Aug. 26.

The GUARD is a firm believer in sustaining home manufactures when it is possible, but when the home manufactures force the poor man who works for a dollar a day to pay outrageous prices for the greatest necessity of life, we feel it a duty we owe the public to expose their actions in plain words.

The greater portion of the grain crop is out in the rain, and the mills take advantage of this and place the price of flour at a price far above its real worth. Today they raised their already extortionate price from \$3 to \$3.50 per barrel, which compels the merchant to retail it at 95 cents per sack, or \$3.80 per barrel.

In Portland, yesterday, August 25, Allen & Lewis quoted outside brands of flour at \$2.75 per barrel, and one Lane county brand at \$2.90. The cost of getting a barrel of flour to Portland is not less than 25 cents, and the wholesaler makes 25 cents per barrel, hence they are willing to sell their product in that city at from \$2.50 to \$2.45 per barrel, while the retailer here is charged \$3.50. Again, they will not pay the farmer for first-class old (1898) wheat more than 50 cents per bushel.

There will be a future, and we do not believe any business that depends upon the people for support can afford to take advantage of public necessities, and with such a lame excuse place themselves in the role of extortioners.

CALIFORNIA BOYS LANDED

Fully 100,000 Friends From All Parts of the State Gave Them Welcome Home.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25.—The California regiment landed from the transport Sherman today and marched to the Presidio. As this was San Francisco's home regiment, the demonstration today exceeded in enthusiasm the reception accorded other regiments. People came from all parts of the state to see the show, and this morning there were fully 100,000 strangers in town.

The troops landed at 7 o'clock and were given breakfast at the ferry building. Then they marched to the Presidio, escorted by the Third artillery, Colorado regiment and the national guards. An immense crowd lined the streets for miles and gave the volunteers a royal welcome home.

Real Estate Transactions.

Elvira Renfrew to W N Jones, 153.4 acres in T 16 R 5 E; \$250.

Wm Odgers to Christopher Vincent, one-half interest in Golden Cup mining claim, Bohemia; \$1.

C C Behnke to Herman D Chamberlain, lot 2, block 1, Morse's addition to Florence; \$100.

William H Smith and wife to Colonel F Smith, 1/3 interest in all Fairmount, unsold, both lots and acreage property; \$1.

W W Withers, sheriff, to A C Jennings, 160 acres in T 16 R 5 E; \$120.

U S to Richard G Fowler, 120 acres in T 18 R 8 W; patent.

The Rough Riders.

So much has been said and written about the rough riders that went to Cuba, that Walter L Main has engaged Capt Hugh Thomson and his troop of dapper comrades to accompany his show and at every afternoon and evening performance give their thrilling exhibitions on horseback at Eugene, Oregon, Thursday, Sept 7th, such as mount and dismount at gallop; dismount, vault and mount at gallop. Trooper turns somersaults and lights astride his horse. Riding bareback, hurdle, jumping, sitting backwards and the Saber Drill Troop Charge, picking up handkerchiefs at gallop and many other daring feats that have never been equaled. All countries are proud of their brave soldiers, and especially are the citizens of the United States, and are ever ready to applaud their soldiers for their daring feats of horsemanship.

CLAIMS SOLD.—Cottage Grove Nugget: Last week J I Jones sold his group of mining claims joining the Musick Mining & Milling Co's property on the west, known as the Hazel group, to I H Bingham, manager of the Musick Mining & Milling Co, for \$8,000. This group of claims is highly spoken of, and at the price paid is considered a bargain.

CIRCUIT COURT CASE.—H O DeBeaumont has instituted suit in the Lane county circuit court against W F Martin, to recover money on two promissory notes. The complaint asks judgment for the sum of \$300, with interest at 10 per cent since Sept 1, 1894, and \$50 attorney fees and costs.