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AN OLD GRAFT IN NEW FORM!

On Monday, June 15, the honorable Commissioners Court of Douglas county convened for the purpose of hearing the argument put up by Dexter Rice, the attorney for the Oregon Boom and Timber company, asking for a franchise for thirty years to boom and float logs in the North Umpqua River in this county. The said boom and timber company through its attorney intimated that it would expend \$150,000 in improving the river and constructing a dam at Winchester. The improvements in the river are to be made between the mouth of Rock Creek and Winchester, a distance of 25 or 30 miles. As a consideration for such improvements the Boom company asks for a lease of the river for 30 years with the privilege of charging the timber owners a toll of 50c per thousand for logs floated down the river when improved. The evils resulting from such a grant are several. The part of the river proposed to be improved does not require much improvement. The North Umpqua, from the mouth of Rock Creek to Winchester, is a stream flowing a large volume of water. The current is strong, yet not swift enough during the greater portion of the year, to require any considerable expense in driving logs. In short, the portion of the river which the Boom Co. proposes to improve does not require improvement for driving logs and that portion of the river and its tributaries which does require improvement they don't propose to improve. Another matter to be considered is the fact that the timber which the company proposes to float and boom, is not growing along or adjacent to the portion of the river proposed to be improved, but is situated far above on the tributaries of the river, such as Cavitt Creek, Little River and numerous other tributaries. The improvement of these tributaries would require the expenditure of some money, and that is to be avoided by the Oregon Boom and Timber Co. The proposition is merely to hold the key to the situation on the lower river, where every timberman on the North Umpqua would be compelled to pay a tribute to them of 50 cents per thousand for driving his own logs down the common highway. But that is a mere trifle, 50 cents per M. for logs. Let us figure a little. A conservative estimate of the timber to be floated down the North Umpqua is 8,000,000,000 feet of logs. The Boom Co. wants a toll of 50 cents per M. for floating and sorting, which only amounts to \$4,000,000. But they propose to put up a bond of \$500,000 as an evidence that they will expend \$150,000. That is certainly good business. A bond of the enormous sum of \$500,000, as a guarantee of \$150,000 transaction, carrying a corresponding profit to the guarantor of \$3,000,000. The most remarkable feature of the whole deal is, how our commissioners court was ever induced to consider such a proposition to say nothing of entertaining the proposition, at a called meeting for they are a very cautious, wise and sincere body of men who can be trusted to look out for the interest of everybody having business before the court. After hearing all that could be brought in favor of this gigantic scheme; this monumental attempted steal of the property rights of individuals; this attempted direct graft of four millions to be taken from the railroads and individuals for the timber on their land, and from every man who owns a foot of timber tributary to the North Umpqua River, the Commissioners began to get their eyes open to the magnitude of the job and over protest put off their action to the July term.

And now we want to say a few words to the citizens of Douglas county and persons, firms and corporations owning land along, or tributary to, the North Umpqua River. Whenever there is a scheme on foot that will not bear the closest scrutiny of the press, or secrecy is sought so that no information can leak out, there is a steal or a graft under the proposition, and if there ever was a graft it is this North Umpqua river log franchise graft. Parties who could control such a scheme could go to New York and sell out the franchise, on the showing to be made, for \$1,000,000. Why should the rights and property of other men be franchised away for nothing? The parties who are pushing this measure before the County Commissioners are the same who were defeated at Salem in the attempted graft last February. The Senate saw the cloven hoof underneath the proposed bill and it died in committee just the same as the present attempted graft should do.

The PLAINDEALER knows a great deal more about this attempted gigantic steal of the property rights of other people, and before the next meeting of the court may have a more to say on the subject, and while we advocate enterprise and development of the country it does not intend to stand by and see exceedingly valuable franchises being handed around—thousand franchises being virtually being nothing more nor less than shackles and bondage criveted on future industrial activities.

THE PRUNE CROP.

The following has been forwarded to the PLAINDEALER with a request that it be published to give information to the prune growers of Douglas county: "The directors of the Willamette Valley Prune Association held an interesting and important meeting Saturday afternoon. A considerable amount of business was transacted, and the general outlook of crops and conditions was discussed at length. The substance of the conclusions was that there will, if present conditions are not disturbed, be an extraordinary yield of prunes in this vicinity this year. Especially is this so with the French, or petite variety, and, according to the latest advices from France, where the crop has again made an almost complete failure, as was the case last year, there will be an ample market for all that the Valley can produce. Last year the Willamette Valley Prune Association sold and shipped to France 13 carloads of the smaller sizes of the French variety of prunes, the quality of which gave such great satisfaction that scores of inquiries have been received from this source since. The large packing plant belonging to the association has been found inadequate to meet the growing needs, and it has been ordered enlarged before the coming crop is harvested. A large sterilizing machine has been ordered, with a capacity of three carloads per ten hours, which is about twice the capacity of the old one. These machines wash the prunes, subjecting them to a high steam pressure, thoroughly cleaning them and killing any microbe which may exist. The entire basement of the building will be divided into large bins, and a bucket elevator will be put in to carry the fruit from the bins to the huge grading machine on third floor. The manager of the association has already received many urgent requests from all parts of the Eastern states, England, Germany, France, Canada and British Columbia for prunes on the 1903 crop, and will, as soon as possible, arrange and send out a scale. Large shipments of strawberries are being made from this city, and orders are being received from many points in the interior, British Columbia and the East, and there are many orders on hand that it will be impossible to fill. The abundant and warm rain of the past few days have improved the crops wonderfully. Prices have ranged from \$1.25 to \$1.85 per crate, net, to the grower up to the present time, and the Fruitgrowers' Union yesterday received an offer of \$2.75 to \$3 per crate for a carload of berries, from a prominent fruit-dealer of Omaha, Neb., but, under the present conditions, it will be impossible to fill this order this year."

REDUCED SUMMER EXCURSION RATES

The Denver and Rio Grande, popularly known as the "Scenic Line of the World" has announced greatly reduced round-trip rates from the Pacific Coast points for the benefit of teachers who will spend their vacation in the East, and of delegates to all the prominent Conventions—N. E. A., at Boston; A. O. U. W., at St. Paul; B. P. O. E., at Baltimore; Woodmen of America at Indianapolis; Eagle at New York; Mystic Shrine, at Saratoga Springs; K. of P., at Louisville, and T. P. A., at Indianapolis. Tickets at the reduced rates will be based upon one fare for the round trip, but will be sold only on certain days. These tickets will carry step-over privileges on the going trip, giving passengers an opportunity to visit Salt Lake City, Glenwood Springs, Colorado Springs and Denver; and will be good to return any time within ninety (90) days. Passengers going via the Denver and Rio Grande are given the privilege of returning via a different route. For the rate to the point you wish to go, and for rates of sale and other particulars, as well as for illustrated pamphlets, write W. C. McBRIDE, General Agent, 124 Third St., Portland, Or.

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THE NEW KING OF SERBIA.

"Peter" the First, and from all appearances, (if we may judge the moves on the political chess board) Peter the Last, has ascended the throne of Serbia and received the congratulations of a score of the little monarchies of Europe. Now this same Peter who has been residing in enforced exile in Switzerland, because it was not safe for him to remain in Serbia and plot against the recently murdered King Alexander and his Queen, has been elevated to the

CLOUDBURST AT HEPPNER

The Mayor Telegraphs that He Estimates the Death Toll to Be 300.

Heppner, June 17.—Mayor Frank Gillam makes the following statement for the Telegram: "From results of investigations of the past 24 hours, I estimate that 300 lives were lost in the waterspout catastrophe. The searching parties have been working with might and main to get out the dead, and care for the bodies before it is too late to identify them. 'We need 100 more laborers and I will have them on the way within another day. Our principal need now is to get the streets cleaned up before the heat breeds pestilence. Provisions have been coming in with commendable promptness and we will be able to provide for the army of workers. A house-mover from Pendleton has sent for paraphernalia to clear Main street of the buildings wrecked in it.'"

Heppner, June 17.—Just how many perished in Sunday's flood may never be known. It is probable the number does not exceed 350. It is believed many bodies have been buried in the mud deposited in the valley and may never be found. Reports from lone this morning state that crops in the valley between that town and Heppner are practically ruined. This, with the damage to the railway, may bring the total property loss up to \$1,000,000. The railway is badly wrecked and may not be opened to Heppner for a week, though a train reached Lexington this morning. At Heppner it is stated there are now plenty of doctors and even more men than are needed to do the work, it being estimated that nearly 1000 people have rushed into the little town since the disaster. More money is said to be wanted and a temporary shelter for the homeless is desired. The town will be rebuilt, except the district along the creek. One drowning is reported between Lexington and Heppner, the victim being Mrs. Frey, who lived on a farm.

F. A. Shogren, staff photographer of the Telegram, went in Heppner with the first relief train, and reached the scene of the disaster at daylight yesterday morning. The ride during the night from lone, the arrival in the gray of the dawn, and the grim sights of yesterday are but partly told by the pictures he took up and down the valley of the Willow, and which are here presented. "We left lone late Monday night in a rig," said Mr. Shogren, "and drove as fast as we could up the creek. It was very dark and the air heavy. It was very hard to see in the darkness. As the railroad grade was torn and twisted past all imagining, and, in places the rails had been torn completely from the ties and thrown in twisted masses over the low hills. Here and there the remnant of some desolate farm glimmered in the darkness, but there were no signs of life. "We arrived in Heppner at daybreak. We went to the hotel and had a cup of coffee, and then the men who had come in scattered for their various duties." Mr. Shogren said that the thing that impressed him most was the terrific force of the flood as shown everywhere. "A cool-headed eye-witness told me that the water was inky black, and soiling which aided in demolishing ever thing that stood in the way. The water left no mud of any consequence in the streets of Heppner, only slime. This, taken with the tremendous devastation, shows how swift and low rising the flood must have been. It simply swept things clean. "Yesterday morning the work of clearing away the debris and digging out the bodies that was going along steadily. I saw few women and no children. But every man was working heartily away without any particular aspect of gloom, but without a great amount of noise. Still, there was much talking and discussion of this and that as they talked away. The scenes in the residence district were wonderful. Horses were tilted up on end, jammed into each other smashed into piles, kindling wood or stranded like wrecks across a street that looked like a river bar. "The dead showed many signs of bruising, though it would appear that in many cases the purple color of the bodies was due to exposure to the water rather than to much knocking about. Still, I could not tell, of course, with any degree of certainty. "As the dead were found they were

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NEWS NOTES.

Machen, the star performer in the Post office frauds at Washington, was today arrested for forgery.
 At Lakeview, yesterday, while James Petri was out hunting he accidentally killed his son Charles, aged 17. A cartridge stuck in the gun and while being extracted, exploded with the above result.
 At San Jose, Calif., yesterday a man who was sowing the seed of anarchism was forced to make a sudden departure. The members of the labor unions thought his gospel was to rank so they held a meeting and he left.
 In New York yesterday, the George Fuller construction company closed the works and 10,000 men are out of employment. In total, 150,000 men are on strike or idle because of fiction between them and the contractors.
 At Spokane, yesterday, the first case under the state's new gambling law came before Judge Richardson, in the Superior Court, Fritz Dietrick pleaded guilty to the charge of dealing stolen property. Judge Richardson sentenced Dietrick to one year in the penitentiary. Appeal was taken on the ground that the law is unconstitutional.
 In New York, Chicago, San Francisco and other cities, if labor unions continue much longer to boycott the hotels, and streetcars, all enterprises needing labor will be entirely controlled and operated by labor chiefs. In the end it will elevate theory to control capital and the man whose mind was strong enough to command and acquire capital will have to take a seat back of the man whose only strength lies in the fact that he can control labor.
 At a meeting of the Puget Sound Lumberman's Association, it was unanimously voted to suspend all work in every logging camp on the Sound controlled by the members until August 3. This means that more than 4000 men will be thrown out of employment. The shut-down was brought about by the tendency of weakness in the market for logs. The members assert that if operations were continued throughout this month and next that by August the price would be so low that there would be no profit in the sale of logs. Hence the order to shut down, which takes effect immediately. Fully 80 per cent of the single mills of the Sound are already closed for the same reason assigned by the loggers.

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Alpha Lodge Liberal.

At a regular meeting of Alpha Lodge, No. 47, K. of P. of this city last night the lodge contributed \$25 to the fund for the relief of the Heppner sufferers, and a committee of three, Knights Kimball, Strong and Templeton were appointed to receive contributions individually from the members of the lodge. This morning the committee forwarded \$82.50 to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, L. R. Stimpson, at Salem, for the purpose above stated. The committee are still at work and any knight who wishes to contribute can now do so. The members of the Knights of Pythias are to be commended upon their prompt action in responding to the plea for assistance.

Jennie Gabbert.

Jennie Gabbert, administratrix of the estate of F. M. Gabbert, deceased, has been authorized by the court to sell certain property belonging to said estate, at private sale.
 Ordered that Friday, the 17th day of July, 1903 be appointed as the day for hearing petition of Geo. E. Weller, guardian of Floyd Stevens, a minor, to sell certain property, belonging to said minor.

W. O. W. Monument Unveiling.

All members of the Woodmen of the World are requested to meet at their hall in Roseburg, next Sunday, June 21, at 1:30 o'clock p. m. sharp, to attend the unveiling of the monument of Mr. Moore in the Masonic cemetery. Applethorpe's Band will furnish music for the occasion.

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Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been by the County Court of Douglas County, state of Oregon, duly appointed administrator of the estate of Clark Richards, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate, are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified, to John Hamilton, at Roseburg, Douglas county, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.
 Dated at Roseburg, Oregon, this 17th day of June, 1903.
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