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THE COOS BAY AND ROSEBURG ELECTRIC.

The proposed electric line between Roseburg and Coos Bay is one of the sanest railroad propositions which the people of this locality can consider. The truth in this statement is recognized with a unanimity which is unusual in any locality. At Roseburg the people are enthusiastic in favor of undertaking the construction at once, and so important do they regard the project that Friday was made a holiday devoted to that alone. At Myrtle Point and Coquille the enthusiasm is as great as at Coos Bay and Roseburg, and the prospects are exceedingly encouraging for the success of the plan.

The undertaking is fully justified by business conditions and the instant demands of trade. This electric road will be about sixty miles in length and will be used for passenger and freight traffic. It is usual in the east for electrical companies to demand that the population tributary to the road shall be 1,000 to the mile, where the company has in contemplation the passenger traffic only. The present population of Coos county may be fairly estimated at 15,000 and that of Douglas—rather, that portion of Douglas directly tributary to the road—is about 26,000. But the conditions are unusual in these two counties.

The people are not only inclined to make frequent trips, but there is always a much larger transient population than in eastern counties or communities. In fact, the transient population in the two counties is fully five or six thousand and the passenger traffic of the road may well rely on 40,000 people to draw from.

But it is proposed to carry freight and this feature of the road's business will far exceed in profit the passenger traffic. Cheap water transportation will make it possible for Coos Bay to send nearly all kinds of goods to the interior at prices which will give Roseburg a distinct advantage over present long hauls by rail. Then again, Roseburg will be able to find an outlet by way of Coos Bay for the products of a very fruitful country.

But better than all this, the new electric road will probably not be equal to the demands which will be made upon it for the shipment of coal, lumber and dairy products. Coos Bay coal is greatly needed east of the Cascade mountains and at Roseburg. As a coal road alone it would pay. Then again, as a logging road it would pay.

Another asset of the new electric road should not be overlooked and it ought to be productive of no little constructive capital. That is to say, several good investments may well be selected and lots sold to increase the construction fund. Indeed, it is fortunate for Coos Bay that electric traction is possible in this district, and it is a reasonable prophecy that Coos Bay's future greatness will receive its largest contribution from this source. The time will come when electric lines will extend the full length of every inlet which enters Coos Bay. Signed X.

BURN ASHES.

It has remained for John Ellsworth, a resident of Alabama, Pa., to discover the secret of burning coal with ashes. The remarkable discovery has been put to numberless tests and has been found practical in every way. It is claimed that three-fourths of the coal over the ordinary amount is saved by the process. The formula used is: Common salt, one pound; sulfuric acid, two ounces; water, one gallon. Mix and maintain one part coal and three parts ashes, and it is claimed a better fuel than pure coal is obtained.

The ashes of anthracite coal burn as readily as do those of bituminous. It is claimed that the mixture, when

deposited upon a burning fire, will fuse into a coke-like mass and give out intense heat while depositing hardly any residue.

The chemical action is explained in this way. When an aqueous solution of an alkaline salt, such as common salt, is mixed with coal ash the result is that a mild lye is formed which, when mixed with any combustible material, such as coal, and upon the application of heat, gives off oxygen gas, thus enabling rapid combustion. It might be advisable for Coos Bay people to experiment with the above process.

Superintendent Park of the Union Pacific railroad is quoted as making the statement that this country will experience a worse coal famine this coming winter than last year. The Coos Bay country can sympathize with the rest of the United States though it cannot share its ill luck.

Convicted of Murder.
 London, May 11.—A verdict of murder was returned in the Croydon police court today against Pedlar Palmer, the English pugilist who killed Robert Choeat April 24, by beating him while they were returning from the races in a railroad car. When Palmer heard the decision he shrieked and fell down in a faint on the deck.

OBSTACLES ARE NOTHING TO HIM

G. A. Gould, of Elkhorn Ranch
 Transports Equipment of Saw Mill
 Through Pathless Forests.

ALSO BUILDS HOUSE

And Has Constructed Telephone Line
 to Alleghany, Fourteen
 Miles Away.

G. A. Gould, owner of the Elkhorn ranch near Alleghany, who also owns a ranch at Alleghany, has shown that obstacles in this world amount to but little when one is determined to do a thing. He has had a private telephone line constructed from his home on the ranch at Alleghany, fourteen miles distant to the Elkhorn ranch, which was put in under trying conditions owing to the fact that there is no road of any kind between the two places, making it necessary to do all transporting of material by pack horse. Mr. Gould has not been able to get telephone connection with the outside world, but hopes to see a telephone line established to Alleghany in the near future.

Mr. Gould also transported the entire equipment of a saw mill to his

ranch. The trip through the roadless forests and hills was made with a pack horse. With almost every possible obstacle to overcome he has built a residence on his secluded ranch that would be a credit to Coos Bay.

Mr. Gould is a true sportsman and when he took up his ranch thirty years ago he made a vow never to kill a doe. As a result he now has abundant deer running through the forests adjacent to his ranch. The vow did not apply to panther and bear, consequently there is a marked scarcity of these animals.

COOS BAY MAN LANDS HONOR AT STANFORD

Only Student From That College to
 Win In Chess Contest With
 Berkeley.

J. W. Bennett has received word that his son Tom, who is attending Stanford university, in a recent intercollegiate chess contest between Berkeley and Stanford, won against his opponent, being the only Stanford man to win his series of games. There were three representatives of each college, the tournament going to Berkeley.

The Chamber club will give its second annual concert at the Opera House Wednesday evening, June 5.

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