

EUGENE LINE BEING RUSHED

C. H. Marsh Returns Today—
J. P. Morris of Mapleton Talks of Projects.

Joe Morris, Jr., of Mapleton was in Marshfield today and reports that the Southern Pacific is rapidly pushing the work on that end of the line. A right of way agent for the company who has been making his headquarters at the Morris home is now securing right of way south from the Sluslaw to the Umpqua.

Mr. Morris says that the Southern Pacific will not reach Mapleton with its main line at least, the survey turning south from the Sluslaw about four miles east of Florence.

Mr. Morris says the understanding there is that the Sumner projects, including the Pacific Great Western, have been sold to the Southern Pacific and dropped. He stated that a prominent Eugene man had written a few days ago that Messrs. Hunt and Bingham were now out of it and that all of the suits the Pacific Great Western had instituted had been marked "dismissed" on the court calendar.

Mr. Morris came down on the tug Roberts which came to get general merchandise. When they got here, they found that the Wilhelmina had just sailed with the cargo intended for them, so their trip was in vain.

C. H. MARSH RETURNS.

Southern Pacific Right of Way Agent Optimistic Over Prospects.

C. H. Marsh, right of way agent of the Southern Pacific on the Coos Bay end of the Eugene-Coos Bay line, returned today from a trip to Portland, Eugene and other points. He reports that the construction of the line is being pushed just as rapidly as possible. He is optimistic over the prospects of an early completion of the road.

Mr. Marsh had no advice relative to the possibility of the starting of construction on this end of the line this spring, but he is hopeful that it will be started as soon as the weather will permit.

Mr. Marsh will immediately take up the matter of closing contracts for the purchase of the right of way in North Bend, which the Southern Pacific desires to connect up with the proposed route of the Terminal railway.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING.

All subscribers and members of committees of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce are requested to be present at the regular monthly meeting, which will be held Friday evening, March 1, at 8 o'clock. Reports of committees and business of importance to come up.

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the pay Mr. Tribbey had been drawing for many months would not average \$60 per month. Mr. Tribbey said that the highest month's pay he had ever drawn was \$183 and the least was \$23. He said that he was expecting a building boom here some day and then the job would make up for the "lean" months.

Someone suggested that the inspector have an office and remain in it so that he could be found, but Mr. Copple said that he could not understand why the inspector when on a fee basis should not have an office but should have when on a flat salary.

It was argued that to put the inspector on a flat salary would eliminate the charges of graft against him.

Mr. Copple said that as Street Commissioner Lawhorne was drawing only \$3 per day, he couldn't see why the building inspector should be paid more.

Finally the matter was left over until the next meeting.

Reduce Licenses.

J. M. Upton appeared before the council and asked them to again consider the request he made some time ago to have the licenses on moving picture shows and theaters reduced. The old license was \$100 per year or \$35 for three months. Councilman Powers said that he did not think the moving picture shows were being overcharged as he was confident that he alone paid more than the license for one of them. Councilman Allen said that \$40 was too much of a difference to make where they paid it quarterly instead of annually. A. J. Savage said that the Masons felt that \$35 per quarter was too much to pay and had asked him to try to get it reduced. He said that the Masons found it hard to keep the theater open and had seriously considered changing it into store rooms.

Someone suggested that the yearly license be raised some and the quarterly license be left the same, but it was finally decided to leave the yearly license at \$100 and reduce the quarterly license to \$30.

Routine Proceedings.

In compliance with a request from Captain Alex Hall of the Ferry Transit, the water front committee was instructed to have the ferry slip dredged out next week. It is now filled up so badly that the Transit cannot land there during low tides. The county will have the slip at the Eastside end dredged out.

An ordinance providing for the submission of a charter amendment so that the city recorder can purchase abstracts of ownership from regular abstract firms as well as the county clerk was adopted.

Amend Election Law.

An ordinance providing that the Marshfield city charter be amended so that city elections in the future be governed by the state laws was adopted. The new plan provides for nominations to be made at regular primaries instead of a caucus, empowers the city council to enact ordinances dividing the city into wards and governing the details of election, etc. It also changed the city charter requirement of 90 days residence in the city for voting to 30 days, the time required by the state law governing municipal elections. Councilman Copple thought the 90-day provision should be retained, but City Attorney Goss explained that he did not think the 90-day requirement by the city could be legally enforced. Councilman Ferguson and others thought that everything should be made to conform with the state law so that there would be no further doubt about it. Mr. Copple said that the elections in the past had been too lax and he wanted the purity of the ballot maintained. He said it wasn't right to have the regulations so lax that people living at Coquille or North Bend could come here and vote. After more or less discussion, the ordinance providing for the adoption of the state election laws was adopted. It will be submitted to a vote of the people at the next city election, special or otherwise.

TOPPING TELLS OF OIL WELL

Bandon Man Deplores Circulation of Exaggerated Accounts of It.

(Special to The Times.)

BANDON, Ore., Feb. 29.—George F. Topping, who is heavily interested in the Miocene Oil Company, which is drilling for oil on Bear creek, stated today that the reports of the oil strike were greatly overdrawn. He said that they had not struck any bed of oil, but had struck a bed of sand which had strong indications of oil. Immediately after the drill struck it, the strong gas pressure caused the sand to rise in the bottom of the well about 120 feet. He said there had been a considerable oily seepage through this to the top. Two efforts made to get down through this impediment in the bottom of the well have failed so far.

They are elated over the prospects of a big oil strike and hope to get it soon, but they do not want any false reports circulated about the matter, Mr. Topping said.

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