

RAILWAY NEWS OF COOS BAY

Two Outfits at Work on the South Fork of the Coquille—Coast Line.

D. A. Curry, who recently returned from a hunting trip to the Upper Coquille valley and Curry county, encountered two surveying outfits at work on the route of the railway from Gold Hill or Grants Pass to the Coast. He met one of the employes of the outfit and from him learned something about the route.

When he saw them, one of the parties was stationed near Eden. They were surveying the line from Myrtle Point. The second outfit was going up the South Fork and planned to swing off at Johnson's Crossing to Rock Creek and thence proceed to the Upper Rogue River Valley. He was informed that they were getting a good tunnel and that only two short tunnels would be necessary. He was unable to learn much about who was backing the project. However, he was informed that projectors were figuring with the Smith-Powers Company about buying that company's new extension and utilizing it in the new road to the Coast.

Plan for Coast Line.

J. R. Smith, formerly of North Bend, but now with his brother, who is head of the Western Fuel Company in San Francisco, and who is now visiting friends on the Bay, expects that the Southern Pacific Coast route from Coos Bay to San Francisco will be a realization much earlier than is generally expected. He was informed by a banker friend in San Francisco just before coming to the Bay that the MacArthur-Perks Co., the contractors of the Eugene-Coos Bay line, had just made arrangements for doing their western banking at San Francisco. The scope of these arrangements indicate a much bigger project than the few miles of road on Coos Bay for which they retained the contract, after they sublet the project from Nottl tunnel to the southern end of Schofield Creek—Ten Mile tunnel to Porter Bros.

This is taken as an indication that they expect to go ahead with the contract for building south to connect with the Southern Pacific near Eureka in the near future. By some it is believed that arrangements for this plan were nearly perfected when they threw their advance men in here last summer, but that an unexpected hitch in the coast line to the Eureka connection was the real cause for the ceasing of operations on the Bay temporarily.

Summer in Portland.

H. A. Sumner, the head of the Pacific Great Western and North Coast Line which the Southern Pacific took over for the Eugene-Coos Bay extension, is now in Portland. He was in San Francisco a few weeks ago and in conversation with a Marshfield man said that he intended to spend the winter in Portland. He was rather reticent about his plans and did not mention the offer he had some time ago to go to Turkey to do some railroad construction. He said that his son, L. A. Sumner, was now working on a Canadian line. He planned to return to Portland the week before last.

Some think that H. A. Sumner is now really working with Wilsey, who was associated in the Pacific Great Western and North Coast Line projects, on the new project which Wilsey has been conferring with European capitalists about. Wilsey was expected in Portland a few days ago from the east.

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LITTLE TALKS ON TIMELY TOPICS

By
W. A. REID.

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BENNETT IS BIG BOOSTER

Special Feature Writer Leaves For Coquille Valley Today.

Addison Bennett, the special representative of the Portland Oregonian, and one of the best newspaper and feature writers in the Northwest, left today with his photographer, Mr. Tuttle, for Bandon to get data and special views of that section for the writup of Coos county. The special writup is to be made a feature of an early edition of the Oregonian.

Mr. Bennett aside from his present mission in here is a great believer in the future of Coos Bay and a great booster for it. Three years ago, he had quite a visit here and then became greatly impressed, so that aside from the business he has here now, he is greatly elated over his visit. He is impressed with the developments that have taken place in the three years and says that it is but a mere indication of the great transformation that will follow the coming of the railroad and better transportation facilities.

Mr. Bennett is also a great booster for the great undeveloped empire of central and eastern Oregon and believes that that territory will in the not distant future be a great contributor to the growth of Coos Bay as a port and commercial center.

Mr. Bennett will spend several days with his photographer in this section collecting data and getting pictures for his writup.

TALKS AGAINST SINGLE TAX

Walter M. Pierce of Hot Lake Sent to Coos County to Campaign.

(Special to The Times.)

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 29.—Walter M. Pierce of Hot Lake today decided that he would make a whirlwind campaign against single tax in Coos county and accompanied by T. S. Alexander of Portland left tonight for Roseburg enroute for Marshfield. Mr. Pierce, who ran against Harry Lane for the Democratic nomination for United States senator, is known as an orator all over Oregon, and his decision to campaign in Coos county was made at a moment's notice. "I am a Democrat first and last," said Mr. Pierce. "I am certain that Wilson will be our next president. I have been campaigning for him, but in this single tax issue we have a matter that is above politics. Headed by a tricky lawyer and a self-advertising soap-naginate, propaganda work has been changed on in Oregon to deliver over every bit of real estate to the state. It is but two years ago since one of the leading single taxers came to me at Hot Lake and advised me to sell every scrap of property I own and convert it into bonds. I told him my faith in Oregon was too great. I am not a tax dodger and I am always willing to pay my share of the taxes. If a few plain words from me will swing a few votes so that the U'Ren crowd of paid workers and their pernicious measures can be swung forever on the junk heap, I am ready."

Mr. Pierce will reach Marshfield tomorrow night. He will campaign for two days and hopes to reach Portland for another engagement Saturday night.

COMMON USER IS UP AGAIN

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struck. It was referred to the street committee. The bridge is near the P. M. Wilbur and Glen Alken homes.

Charter Amendment.

Mayor Straw inquired of City Attorney Goss if there was still time in which to submit a charter amendment or question to the voters at the coming city election. Mr. Goss looked it up and said that he found it required the introduction of the measure 90 days before the election. This shuts off anything being submitted at the December election. Mayor Straw did not state what question or amendment he thought of submitting, but said that several had asked him about it.

Boulevard Up Again.

Mayor Straw brought up the boulevard question again last night by asking Councilman John Merchant what he would do about franchising a half mile right of way across the Merchant holdings, west of Elrod avenue. Mr. Merchant said he would make a proposition. Fred Gettins, who has been surveying the boulevard route, promised to have maps and profiles of the route ready in three weeks.

Need Drainage.

The question of draining the lowlands south of Broadway and west of Broadway came up. Some ditches were dug a year ago to drain this, but City Engineer Gidley stated that during the winter's high tides, the tract is too low to be drained and the only thing to do was to fill it up. The city health officer ordered the district filled three feet a year or so ago but the Dredge Oregon was unable to do it.

City Attorney Goss suggested that it would not be long until the C. A. Smith Company's new 12-inch suction dredge would be completed and it might be possible for the property owners to have it fill the area.

Mayor Straw said that something would have to be done. He blamed this area for the large number of mosquitoes which pestered the community last year and said that the stagnant water was a menace to the public health. He said that there would not be so much danger during the rainy season when there is lots of fresh water coming in, as during hot weather.

In this connection, Mr. Goss and Mr. Allen said that something ought to be done about D. A. Curry's duck yard. They said that many were complaining about the stench from it. Mr. Allen said that Curry had promised to get rid of the ducks by October 1 but had not done so.

City Improvements.

Phil Reichert and others on South Broadway near Hall avenue requested that something be done about affording them sewage facilities. There is no sewer there now. The matter will be investigated. The question of grading Eleventh street to afford street facilities for residents of South Marshfield was brought up again. The property owners are still unable to agree about the grade and City Engineer Gidley is unable to figure out any change that would benefit them.

Some of the property owners were present and suggested that Tenth street be planked as far as Ingersoll and then Ingersoll be opened to afford temporary service. City Recorder Butler said that as there were few houses along Tenth street, he thought there would be many protests.

Councilman Allen said that he had conferred with the directors of the Odd Fellows' cemetery about dedicating for street purposes the roadway, 26 feet wide, along the north side of the cemetery, thus making a street 35 feet wide. He had opposed it. He had offered to put in a cement wall and iron picket fence, the city to pay for it, but this did not bring results. Mayor Straw suggested that the city might pay for the cemetery's half of the paving. Mr. Merchant said he thought the cemetery owners wanted the city to maintain the street forever. City Attorney Goss said that the city should not bind itself to such a thing and that it would be cheaper for the city to condemn the roadway, since it would not molest any graves or plots and felt sure it would be secured very reasonable.

Finally, the street committee and City Attorney Goss were instructed to make an offer to the Cemetery directors and if they do not accept it, the understanding was that condemnation proceedings would be started. Meanwhile the property owners and city engineer will try to figure out a better grade for Eleventh street.

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ALBERTA CITED AS EXAMPLE

Chas. Shields Punctures W. S. U'Ren's Single Tax Argument in Debate.

(Special to The Times.)

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 29.—Sometimes applause tells the story of a meeting, sometimes it does not. Anyway this was what happened at the big Shields-U'Ren debate in the armory here last night, when Attorney General Crawford took the chair. W. S. U'Ren opened his chat on why Oregon should vote for single tax. He was applauded four times. That took a number of seconds totalling 65. Charles H. Shields told the opposite story from U'Ren and the honey-handed Salemites greeted him to the extent of three minutes and three seconds, the applause extending over six periods.

During the closing period U'Ren's friends smashed their palms together for a total of two minutes and seven seconds, while the followers of Shields clapped for just 11 seconds longer. The total score was, Shields, five minutes and 21 seconds, and U'Ren, three minutes and 12 seconds. And this really tells the whole story and the sentiment of the meeting.

U'Ren, to the surprise of all, was forced to cover. He sought resort in figures and Shields outfigured him. U'Ren's main argument was that single tax was good for the poor man. Shields urged that it would confiscate all the land to the state. Shields backed up his statement with the declaration that the tax situation in British Columbia was not luring farmers and instanced that 80 had left Hood River and 120 returned. He read a letter from an Albertan, J. Jealous, who declared that last year his taxes in an Alberta town of 2000 population were \$4 on three lots assessed at \$900. This year, he said, the assessments had been increased to \$2000 and the taxes to \$145.

"I can't even sell the three lots for \$800 or less than one-third of the assessed value," he concluded, "and I rather guess the state can have them as a gift." Mr. Shields showed that under a partial application of single tax in Alberta, the land taxes were 10 per cent, while school teachers and public officials could not obtain their salaries, while at least 20 cities went bankrupt. These cities, representatives met in Innisfail to protest against the government taxing them out of existence. That seemed to be enough for Salem.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

CHANDLER.—Frank Burkholder, Coquille; John Cavanaugh, Potluma; W. E. Hibbard, Portland; W. W. Brady, Portland; Joseph Jacobs, San Francisco; Henry Block, Portland; Frank H. Page, Portland; W. P. Reed, Gardiner; A. McAdams, Beaver Hill; Archie Phillips, North Bend; Nellie Dement, Myrtle Point; L. J. Cody and John Cody, Bandon; M. J. McKenna and wife, Bandon; C. R. Wade, Bandon; Ed. Anderson, Beaver Hill.

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