

SENDS MEN TO START WORK

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of the Willamette Valley and up the McKenzie River to the low pass through the Cascades, thence along the high plateau and debouching into the Sacramento Valley through the Pitt River Pass, making the connection with the Western Pacific a short distance north of Sacramento, sweeping the entire length of the Sacramento Valley from somewhere in the vicinity of Red Bluff southward.

"In Oregon this would probably indicate that the announcement made to Eugene people by an official of the Hill lines that the tracks extending to that city would not stop there, had a pretty definite translation in plans of the system. It would open up a great timber district on the McKenzie and reaching the east side of the range would tap additional timber in the corners of Douglas and Crook counties and form a junction with the Hill lines south of Bend, where a contract has recently been announced for its extension.

PLAN MILL ON UMPQUA RIVER

Report That Starr Lumber Co. Will Put in Fine Plant Near Reedsport.

According to reports reaching here from Gardiner, the Starr Lumber Company of St. Paul is making arrangements to put in a big mill at Reedsport on the Umpqua. It is stated that the mill will be started soon and between a \$230,000 and \$500,000 plant will be installed.

According to the report, the company owns about 500,000,000 feet of stumpage along the Umpqua and Smith Rivers.

It is stated that some of the principal stockholders in the Starr Lumber Company are closely identified with the First National Bank of St. Paul, which is controlled by J. J. Hill of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific. Whether there is any railroad significance in the move is not known here.

Arrive Today—The Nann Smith arrived in this afternoon with C. A. Smith, Arno Merveen and J. F. aboard.

CARD OF THANKS.

To the firemen and friends who rendered us such noble assistance in this morning's fire we extend our heartfelt thanks.

LEWIS' CONFECTIONERY.

EXPRESSES THANKS.

In behalf of Mr. Sullivan and myself and also of the roomers in the Lloyd hotel, I wish to thank the members of the Marshfield Department for their excellent work at the fire and also to the public generally for their quick assistance in arranging for the removal of articles from danger of the fire.

MRS. E. W. SULLIVAN.

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NOTED GERMAN DEAD.

Former German Ambassador to Washington Succumbs.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
BERLIN, Feb. 3.—Dr. Theodore Von Hollbeck, formerly German Ambassador to Washington, died here in his seventy-fifth year. He had been seriously ill for several weeks.

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ARRIVE TODAY ON WASHINGTON

Steamer in Today from San Francisco; Will Sail Friday—New Master.

The steamer Washington arrived in today from San Francisco with about two hundred tons of freight and a fair passenger list.

Among the incoming passengers was Captain Oleson, who will take command of the Gardner Mill Company's schooner, Lily, in place of Captain Boettger, who died suddenly at Gardiner last week.

The Washington will sail from here for San Francisco Friday morning.

Among those who arrived on the Washington were the following:

Captain Oleson, J. Hansen, B. Westhall, N. Jensen, E. Rowe, F. Zeck, C. O. Bowen, E. Carlson, Miss Adah Clarke, Dr. B. C. Pfallman, Lloyd Rose, Mrs. L. Rose, Mrs. A. Rose, W. Darling.

STRANG GIVEN \$300 VERDICT

First Personal Injury Case Tried Under New Employers' Liability Law.

The jury in circuit court at Coquille in the case of J. W. Strang vs. the McDonald & Vaughan Logging Company, late Saturday night brought in a verdict for the plaintiff for \$300. Mr. Strang was suing for \$12,000 damages. He lost a finger, while coupling cars on the logging company's railroad, the injury badly affecting his hand.

The case was of special interest because it was the first one tried here under the 1911 Employers' Liability law, a matter on which the Oregon supreme court has not yet passed. Consequently the attorneys in the case and Judge Coke had to, so to speak, do considerable pioneering.

Strang maintained that the company had not equipped their cars with the new automatic safety coupler, but were using the old Lincoln pin coupler, and that consequently the accident was due to the negligence of the company. The defense set up that the pin coupler was better for logging trains than the automatic coupler and that Strang had been instructed to use a stick instead of his hand in placing the links.

Judge Coke in his instructions to the jury held that under the new law the companies had discretion in the matter but must furnish the safer and efficient equipment although it might not be as efficient as other equipment they desired. He also ruled that contributory negligence on the part of the employee was not a defense and could only be taken into consideration by the jury in fixing the amount of damages. Heretofore, contributory negligence has been a defense in personal injury cases.

The new law places the burden on the employer and consequently the outcome of the Strang case was closely watched. The \$300 damages allowed is about the wages Strang would have ordinarily earned during the time he was laid up by the accident.

Owing to the small damages allowed, it is possible that the case may not be appealed.

Today, the case of Randall vs. the C. A. Smith Interurban Railway Company, owners of the tramway from the Smith mill to the retail yards, was taken up. Randall lost a leg in an accident on the road sometime ago, and is suing for \$20,000 damages.

DETAILS OF TODAY'S FIRE

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field and North Bend are unable to secure a regular fire boat to protect the water fronts of the cities on the Bay, that arrangements be made so that the city could install a large pump on the Powers or some similar craft. It was once suggested that the Ferry Transit be so equipped but nothing was done about it.

No Wind Today.

The firemen were helped considerably today by the fact that there was very little wind blowing. Within an hour or so after the fire had been extinguished, the wind increased in velocity. It caused many to recall that when the Sengstacken building burned, the fact that the wind died down after the fire broke out was probably the chief influence that enabled the firemen to keep it from spreading then. At the time of the former fire, Capt. B. W. Olson of the Nann Smith aided the department greatly and the value of the salt water in fighting fire was demonstrated.

Planned to Remove Tree.

F. W. Bertram today stated that the Christmas tree which caused the disaster this morning would have been removed today or tomorrow. Yesterday he and his wife had planned to have it taken away. They left it up for so long because their little son got so much enjoyment out of it, but yesterday they decided it was in the way and that they would remove it today or tomorrow.

A few weeks ago another Christmas tree almost caused a bad fire in Marshfield. L. M. Nouble was burning the remnants of their Christmas tree in the fireplace of his home when the flames suddenly shot upward and spread to the curtains and draperies. It was extinguished in a few minutes by a half dozen men who responded promptly to the call.

Pressure Better.

Fire Chief Dan Keating says that the pressure from the water mains today was sixty or sixty-five pounds, much better than they have had in a long time.

Mr. Keating is opposed to the repair of the damaged building and will oppose it officially.

He will investigate the delay in turning in the alarm today.

Manager Green of the Oregon Power Company had the gas and electric current shut off while the fire was in progress to eliminate danger to the firemen and others.

Many Moved Out.

The crowd which congregated about the fire when it was most threatening united in an effort to save as much as possible. As soon as all the goods has been carried out of the stores in the building directly affected, plans were made to remove goods in a hurry if need be from the Lloyd hotel and other buildings in the immediate vicinity.

Money for Firemen.

E. Bandel, proprietor of the Marshfield Cycleery, this afternoon sent a check for \$10 to the Marshfield Fire Department as a little token of his appreciation of the excellent work they did this morning in preventing the fire spreading to other buildings in the vicinity.

FIRMS GIVEN NEW LOCATION

Stores Rendered Homeless Quickly Furnished New Quarters Today.

Within a few hours after the fire this morning, the business houses which were rendered homeless by it had been provided temporary quarters, other business men and owners of buildings promptly rendering all the assistance they could. The firms are now located as follows:

E. W. Kammerer has moved the Toggery into half of the store room on Central avenue occupied by W. R. Haines Music Company.

Mrs. Nellie Owen has located the Ladies' Emporium in the Johnson building, on Second street, north of Central, formerly occupied by the Coos Bay Paint and Wall Paper Company.

E. Don McCrary has moved his Ideal Pharmacy into the Gow Why building on Broadway, opposite The Times office.

August Prizeen has moved his newstand and business into the room on Front street, just north of Ekblad's Hardware, which was formerly occupied by the Antiseptic barber shop.

A. H. Lewis moved practically all of his confectionery store fixtures and equipment out when the Sengstacken Building was threatened, but moved back in immediately.

The Bertram jewelry stock and the shoe store which occupied part of the Sengstacken building on Broadway and which were moved out, will occupy their old places.

All of the firms are either doing business in their new quarters this afternoon or will be tomorrow.

CARD OF THANKS.

I desire to publicly express my deepest appreciation of the excellent work of the Marshfield Fire Department this morning and of the kindness of all who so valiantly aided in removing the stock of the Ideal Pharmacy from the burning building.

E. DON MCCRARY.

ROGUE RIVER BILL IS UP

Expect That Effort May Be Made to Have Fishing Law Submitted Again.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 3.—Should Reames' bill opening Rogue River to commercial fishing, despite the initiative measure closing the stream to all but anglers, pass the house—and it is generally expected that it will—it is likely to strike a rocky road in the senate. Through the powerful lobby now at the capital, with the accretions expected Monday, it is possible that the people's decision may be overridden in both branches of the Legislative Assembly, but there is no question that several members of the Upper House will fight the bill to the last ditch.

Those opposing the bill in the senate are not actuated particularly by a spirit of opposition to the bill, but by the fact that its proponents apply to the legislature for relief instead of laying their cause before the people. Four years have elapsed since the present law went into effect and in that time there have been two general elections at which the question of keeping the stream closed or opening it might have been laid before the people through the two general elections at which the initiative. At neither election has there been any effort to determine whether public opinion has changed.

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