

HITCHCOCK IS NOW AT EUGENE

General Manager of MacArthur Perks Company Inspecting Coos Bay Line.

EUGENE, Or., July 30.—H. C. Hitchcock, general manager of MacArthur, Perks & Co., general contractors on the Eugene-Coos Bay railway, was in the city accompanied by C. C. Tinker, of San Francisco. Mr. Hitchcock says that the company expects to run trains into Marshfield next year if the work progresses as rapidly as it is now.

Ballasting operations on the Willamette Pacific will commence again this week and will probably be continued until the rails reach Mapleton, at the head of tide water, according to the announcement made by railroad officials today. Gravel trains will be operated from a gravel pit near Natron, through Springfield and Eugene, to the end of the present ballasted line, thirty miles west of Eugene.

It is the plan to maintain an operator and dispatcher at the end of the line, and keep him as near the front as possible. To do this it is probable that the Western Union Telegraph Company will re-establish their telegraph construction crew, but with only a few men. Instead of the large construction outfit, that was able to catch up with track-laying so quickly, about a month ago. It will not be long before Mapleton has its first telegraphic communication with Eugene.

The ballasting operations have been delayed until a continuous run could be made for several weeks at a time. At present there are ten miles of unballasted track, and while this is being ballasted the railroad company expects to extend its rails across a string of six bridges toward Mapleton, and when this is done ballasting will continue and trains will soon be running to tide water.

Wreck on Line.
Two brakemen, riding on top of a water car being shoved ahead of three box cars and an engine on the Willamette Pacific Sunday narrowly escaped death when the car which they were riding jumped the track on the bridge of the first crossing of the Siuslaw and plunged eighteen feet to the bottom of the ravine. One of the men, J. C. Taylor, attempted to jump, and striking a tree, severely injured his back. His companion, Charles Earls, leaped, spraining his right ankle at the bottom of the ravine. Both men were immediately hurried to the Mercy hospital in Eugene, where they are now confined in bed.

Rushing Rails.
W. K. Wise, of Wise Villa, who is in the city for a few days, predicts that the Willamette Pacific rails will be laid to Mapleton by the middle of September or the first of October. The track is now laid as far as Beecher Rock and the pile-driving crew for the bridges has reached the fifth crossing of the Siuslaw. The decking crew keeps up with the pile-drivers and the bridge steel crew is also right behind the rail crew and is now working at Beecher Rock. The piers for the bridge across Lake Creek, which is the last one this side of Mapleton, are finished, and Mr. Wise says that Contractor Long, who has charge of this work, has made very rapid headway.

THE SOREHEAD.

When Grouch goes home, at close of day, from sawing wood or shocking, he's in a frame of mind; he roasts the work he has to do, he roasts the housewife, good and true, and says things most unkind. He roasts the grub he has to eat, he roasts the milk for being sweet, the slaw for being sour; and when the meal is done he sits in gloomy state, and throws some fits, and growsl' hour after hour. The children hush their laughter glad, for if they worry poor old dad, he knows where there's a club; the wife goes round with weary tread, and wishes she had never wed that sort of dismal dub. A wiser man is William Bunn, who, when the long day's work is done, goes home in cheery mood; he chortles, and he cries: "Gee whizz! How good this nifty supper is!" as he throws in the food. The children greet him with a yell; they love their daddy passing well, and he loves them some more; his wife's been waiting for awhile to give him welcome, and her smile is wider than the door. The humble home where gladness dwells, where kind eyes smile and laughter swells, is heaven, slumbered down; but home is like the other place if on disgruntled father's face there hangs a chronic frown.—Walt Mason.

CULLINGS OF COQUILLE.

Coos County Seat News As Told by The Herald.

The electric pumping plant put in by the Oregon Power Company for the city waterworks is being given a preliminary test. It is not expected that the water can be forced to the reservoir until the pumping has been continued for some time, as the long line of new wooden pipe will undoubtedly leak considerably until the water has swelled it to tight connections.

Charles Snodden, of Marshfield, was a county seat visitor Friday. Mr. Snodden is an old member of the Order of Odd Fellows, having joined in 1867, and he was feeling highly pleased at the honors accorded him at Marshfield on the recent visit of the Grand Master.

Miss Margaret Stambuck, who has been visiting Miss Mary Levar for a few days, has returned to her home.

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INDIAN TRIBES ARE SLOWLY PASSING

Passing of the Red Man Indicated as Certain—Cherokees Dissolved.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 30.—The passing of the Red Man and his slow but steady absorption into the body of American citizenship, was made evident by the recent order of the Indian Office, dissolving the Cherokee nation as a tribal entity on July 1 last and placing the members of the largest of the Five Civilized Tribes on the same footing as white residents of Oklahoma.

The Cherokees have figured in some of the notable stages of American history. Ethnologically they are said to be a branch of the Iroquois family, although never allied politically with the Iroquois nation. Originally they occupied the Appomattox Basin of Virginia, but were gradually driven south into Georgia and the Carolinas, with branches in Kentucky and Tennessee. Here they developed the wonderful confederacy which made treaties with the United States, and resisted the efforts of the states to dispossess them. This raised one of the first issues over the states being bound by Federal treaties. When the United States Supreme Court sustained the Cherokee treaties, Andrew Jackson, then President, made his famous remark: "Well, John Marshall has made his decision, now let him enforce it."

The Cherokees made rapid progress in education and civilization, abandoning the chase for agriculture, and finally developing an alphabet and language of their own. This was the production of one of their mixed-blood members, Sequoyia, or George Guss, who invented a syllabary of 78 signs forming the basis of the Cherokee language, since known as Sequoyia. About this time a newspaper, the Cherokee Phoenix, was started at New Echota, in Georgia, the capital of the nation. The office was a log house and the paper was printed in English and Cherokee. Publication was suspended after six years by the Georgia authorities.

At the height of the Cherokee's prosperity, gold was discovered within the territory and agitation for the removal of the Indians soon began. After a hopeless struggle lasting for years, under their great chief, John Ross, the Cherokees, on December 29, 1835, signed a treaty by which they agreed to sell their remaining territory and move out beyond the Mississippi to a country there to be set aside for them, in Indian Territory.

Objection to the migration developed among many of the Cherokees, and General Winfield Scott was finally sent to forcibly remove the 17-

000 Indians to their new home in the West. They suffered terrible hardships on the long journey by foot, and it is said nearly one-fourth of the number perished. Arriving in their new home, they formed a national government, with the capital at Tahlequah.

The task of converting the Cherokees from a tribal community into a body of individual land owners began in 1902, when they signed an agreement with the United States by which the government undertook to make complete rolls of all the tribesmen and divide the land and money among them. The Curtis Act, passed by Congress in 1898, provided for the valuation and allotment of the lands of the Five Civilized Tribes. In 1906 the legislative and judicial departments of the Cherokee nation passed out of existence, but the executive branch was kept up under Principal Chief W. C. Rogers. In 1907, when the state of Oklahoma was formed, all members of the tribe became citizens.

The task of dissolving the Cherokees, which might, in a general way, be compared with that of winding up the affairs of an immense estate, had, by July 1 last, progressed to such a degree that it only remained for the United States to execute a few deeds to small tracts of land. All community property had been converted into cash and each Cherokee has received his allotment. Commissioner of Indian Affairs Cato Sells, in the near future, will distribute the remaining cash on hand, \$500,000, or about \$15 per capita, to the 41,789 members of the tribe. The Principal Chief, W. C. Rogers, has been invited to send in his resignation.

Agreement similar to that with the Cherokees was made with the Chickasaws, Choctaws, Creeks and Seminoles, and the work of winding up their affairs is now in progress. At its completion these four tribes also will be dissolved. The Creek and Seminole nations will be the next to cease to exist as tribal entities, possibly within a year. Thus a considerable part of the remnant of American Indians is gradually merging into the body of American citizenship.

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