

GREAT PROGRESS IN RIVER WORK

Improvement of Snake and Columbia Rivers Reaches Large Proportions.

RIPARIA RAPIDS TO BE REDUCED

Engineers Have Advanced Work Much Further Than Is Generally Known—Sand Bars and Boulders Are Being Removed Rapidly.

R. M. Gray, a prominent resident of Pasco, Washington, has written a communication, which was recently printed in the Spokane Spokesman-Review, giving a complete and accurate account of the work being done by the states of Oregon and Washington in improving the Columbia and the Snake rivers. The following is Mr. Gray's article in full:

Pasco, Wash., Nov. 1.—As a matter of interest to everyone interested in the improvement of the Columbia and Snake rivers and especially the Open River Transportation company, and the states of Oregon and Washington, which have expended and are now expending money in opening the Columbia and Snake rivers, I would ask space to acquaint them with what is being done towards the improvement of the rivers.

Work Is Advancing.
I have just returned from Riparia, where I went at the request of Mr. David B. Ogden, assistant to Colonel Reesler, United States engineer, to examine the work now being done on the "Texas" and "Palouse" rapids, and to advise as to the improvement of the rapids further down the Snake River.

I found the work further advanced than I had expected. The policy adopted is to improve the rapids from Riparia down, so that the base of supplies at Riparia can be reached by the steamer Wallowa, which acts as a tender for the crews and supplies on the drill scoops that are used to remove reefs or ledges obstructing the channels.

The Wallowa is equipped with drilling apparatus as well as raikes for dragging gravel off from shoal bars and chains and cranes or derricks for lifting boulders, and will do good work in deepening the bars and moving boulders.

Other Crews at Work.
There are three crews with full crews now at work, each crew equipped with a small steam boiler and engine, steam capstans and Burtleigh drills. The one at Texas rapids has done good work in straightening and deepening the channel, and in a few weeks skillful pilots can without danger or difficulty, run steamboats across narrow rapids at any time the river is high enough to navigate between Riparia and Lewiston.

Another crew and crew are at Palouse rapids widening the channel, making it possible for steamboats and bargons to pass through at a medium stage of water when it is the most swift and dangerous. Another crew and crew are at the upper riffle of the Umatilla rapids in the Columbia river where, on October 11, I located them on a reef to be removed and I

understand they are having good success with their work.

Make Examination of Rapids.
Colonel Reesler has also had built a gasoline despatch boat about four feet wide and 36 feet long that draws 27 inches and is a complete success in climbing swift water. Mr. Ogden, Mr. Williams, the engineer in immediate charge of the river improvements, Captain Winlow, master of the Wallowa, Mr. Graves, the mechanic and agent for the machinery in the boat, Mr. Graves' assistant, and myself, on October 30, on the despatch boat, Palouse, went through Texas rapids, examined the work being done there, and to Palouse rapids and inspected the work done there.

As the other members of the party had never been on that part of the river in low water, we proceeded on down and located some boulders to be removed at Gore's Dred; a gravel bar to be scraped at Monumental rapids, also one at Haunted House bar, and on through Pine Tree rapids, 12 miles below Riparia. At Pine Tree rapids considerable work must be done to widen and straighten the channel.

Easy Return Trip.
The return trip was made in less than four hours, and to one who has been used to the slow plodding flat-bottomed stern wheeled steamboats, that puff, snort and struggle to make the trip in seven or eight hours, the swift, birdlike motion of the Palouse was a delightful experience, as she glided over the smooth stretches of the river and dodged, ducked and cavorted through the swirls and eddies on the rapids.

In regard to the Hummely rapids on the Columbia, between Wallula and Pasco, will say, the water in the Columbia is about two feet above the normal stage at this time of the year, and satisfactory improvements can only be made in extremely low water, which is usually in December, January and February; and Mr. Ogden assures me that as soon as the water is low enough the Wallowa and a drill scoop will be put to work on the channel thoroughly improved.

Nancy Donaldson Mine.

The following is from the Goldfield Review of November 2: A bit of news heard upon the street, which is of more than ordinary importance, is the report that the Nancy Donaldson property at Red Mountain will soon be opened up on an extensive scale. This property has one of the strongest formations in the Goldfield district, perhaps equal to that of the Jumbo, and is known to contain bodies of rich ore. Considerable of the high grade ore was taken out by leasers, and it is the reported intention of the company to put down a deep shaft and open up these bodies at greater depth. Some of the most successful mining men in the camp are behind the enterprise.

There is probably no doubt but that some of the big mines which will be developed in the next few months will be in the eastern section of the district, and even E. Spurr, the noted government geologist, in a preliminary report on the district, stated as his opinion that the mines would be found a number of miles east of the present zone of greatest activity.

RASPBERRY VINES GIVE NOVEMBER CROP

Mrs. J. Mays of Tenth and Hawthorne has reason to believe in Oregon as the fruit country. In November her raspberry vines are bearing a fuller crop than at the first bearing in season. The fruit is large and luscious and the vines are laden with the berries that ripen, sun or no sun.

A Narrow Escape.
G. W. Cloyd, a merchant of Plunk, Missouri, had a narrow escape four years ago when he ran a Jimson burr into his thumb. He says: "The doctor wanted to amputate it but I would not consent. I bought a box of Buck's Arnica Salve and that cured the dangerous wound." 25 cents at Red Cross Pharmacy.

Letters Opened By Grindstone

Receives More Mail Than Any Other Woman in the State.

How would you like to receive so much mail that it would be necessary to use a grindstone in order to open the letters east as they come in? This is the way a woman in Indiana opens her mail. Mrs. Cora B. Miller of Kokomo gets tons of mail and to save time has them opened by a large grindstone which occupies a conspicuous place in her office. No other person in Indiana receives so much mail as she.

To give an idea of how vast her correspondence is, you need only to be told that she spends in one year \$25,000 for postage stamps. How many letters will this send out? It is first class postage for 125,000 letters. Mrs. Miller's correspondence is not confined to the state of one country, but women from all parts of the world write her and it certainly is a pleasure to receive so many letters so full of love and gratitude. The reason Mrs. Miller receives so many kind, grateful and assuring letters is because she gives treatment of the disease to suffering women. A few months ago she sent by mail absolutely free of cost \$10,000 worth of medicine to women who were afflicted with female diseases or piles. She is still receiving thousands of requests from ladies who have never used the remedy, and has decided to give another lot of \$20,000 worth away to those in need of treatment.

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Every woman who is a sufferer, unable to find relief, should write Mrs. Miller, with explanation of her ailment, and she will send her a box of charge a 50-cent box of her simple home remedy, also her book, with explanatory illustrations, showing why women suffer and how they can cure themselves at home. Don't suffer another day, but write at once to Mrs. Cora B. Miller, Box 3295, Kokomo, Indiana.

EVERYTHING IN APPLE PIE ORDER

Committee Inspects County Poor Farm—Few Corrections Needed.

The committee of four named by the taxpayers' league to investigate the condition of the county hospital and poor farm has made its report, declaring that these institutions are well equipped and that excellent care is given the patients. Reference is made to the suggestion for building a new hospital, but it is asserted that the county would not be justified in building at this time. To be of the greatest service, the report says, the hospital should be nearer the center of the city. The report in full follows:

Portland, Or., Nov. 5, 1907.—To the Executive Committee of the Taxpayers' League, city Gentlemen—On October 11, 1907, the undersigned were appointed a committee to visit and inspect the county poor farm and county hospital. Saturday, the nineteenth day of October, 1907, the committee went to the poor farm and made a complete examination of its physical condition as possible within the time at their disposal. The farm has an area of about 320 acres of land, situated on the Canyon road, about three miles from the courthouse. There are quite a number of buildings, consisting of the poor farm proper, county hospital and superintendent's dwelling, a small detached building for tuberculous patients, barns, etc., etc. A close inspection of all of the premises was made and they were found in excellent order and very clean. Lighting by electricity has been recently installed.

They have a fire department for the protection of the property.

Need Woman Attendant.
"The hospital was not crowded, and has had considerable money spent on it in the last year, and the patients appeared to have careful attendance. However, we believe a change should be made in the night attendance in the women's department, and that a woman attendant or nurse should render the necessary service rather than a man, which we are advised is the case at the present time.

"We went carefully through the kitchen and dining-room and examined the food furnished the patients and inmates and so far as we could see it was all quite satisfactory, and reflects credit upon the superintendent, I. D. Jackson, and the physician in charge, Dr. Genry.

"While on the ground we considered the necessity for building a new county hospital. It is true that the present hospital is built of wood, and if it were to be built today would not be of the general character that it is, at the same time we do not think the conditions or demands upon it are such as would justify the county at the time going to the expense of building a new hospital.

"Neither do we think if one were built it should be built at the county poor farm, but rather that the county and city should in some way unite, having a sick hospital, to cover not only general, but emergency cases. Such a hospital, to be of the greatest service, should be built much nearer the center of the city than the poor farm. We further recommend that under any circumstances tuberculous patients be strictly isolated, and if such is not the present condition, that arrangements be promptly made therefor.

"The number of patients in the hospital and poor farm, and the expenditures in both departments on October 1, and the county hospital and county poor farm expenditures for the year ending and for years 1907 from January to September, inclusive, are as set out below.

Sewage System Bad.
"It will be noted that the expenses have quite largely increased during the past year. Some of the expense is for the improvements, while the rest is in the salary account and normal increase in other directions.

"We do not approve the present sewerage system as it drains into Canyon creek, although it uses three large septic tanks. Under the circumstances it is perhaps the best temporary arrangement, but provision must eventually be made for proper sewerage connection.

EXPENDITURES, 1906.
County hospital, \$ 8,319.91
County poor farm, 13,628.72
JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER, 1907.
County hospital, \$15,829.76
County poor farm, 15,019.90
Number of patients in hospital
October 1, 1907, 47
Number of patients in hospital
October 1, 1907, 79
Number of regular employees in the hospital, 11
Number regular employees at the poor farm, 6
"Of the patients in the hospital eight are drawing a normal salary for work and labor done. Of the poor farm inmates 13 are drawing small salaries for various services rendered.

Respectfully submitted,
"A. J. GEISY, Chairman.
"H. B. FECHHEIMER,
"W. W. WILSON,
"JOSEPH N. TEAL,
"Committee."

PLAGUE WAR MUST NOT BECOME LAX

Health Officers Lay Great Stress Upon Ridding City of Rats.

Members of the City and County Medical society are fully alive to the grave danger of bubonic plague spreading to Portland from Seattle and San Francisco and at their meeting last night passed resolutions commending the work of City Health Officer Esther C. Pohl and the city health authorities, and asked the cooperation of citizens in ridding the city of the plague.

Great stress was laid upon the necessity of clearing the city of rats which are considered the most dangerous carriers of the disease. Citizens are asked to join in the city's crusade against the rodents and levy a general war against the plague.

Because of new cases appearing daily in Seattle and San Francisco, Dr. R. C. Coffey said Portlanders should bend every effort to make the crusade as vigorous as possible. Dr. Coffey moved the following resolution which was unanimously adopted by the society: "Whereas, The bubonic plague is becoming more firmly rooted in the cities of San Francisco, Oakland and Seattle, and

Whereas, The rat is the principal host and agent for conveying this disease, and

Whereas, There is great danger that Portland will sooner or later become infected; and

Resolved, That the City and County Medical society of Portland urges the public to consider this matter seriously and to aid in every possible way the extermination and destruction of the rat; and be it further

Resolved, That the work of the city health officer and the city board of health be to be encouraged and congratulated for the progress already made; and be it further

Resolved, That this society expresses its satisfaction and congratulations to the press for the splendid articles and editorials published in our daily papers concerning this very vital subject, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to them for publication.

CITY AND COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY, PORTLAND.

ALAN WELCH SMITH, Sec'y.

Monument to Explorers.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 7.—The Canadian club at its annual meeting has decided to erect a monument to George Vancouver and Captain Cook, the Pacific explorers.

ALBANY MINISTERS SELECT OFFICERS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Albany, Or., Nov. 7.—The annual meeting of the ministerial association was

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