

RAILROAD PROJECT AND RECLAMATION MUST GO TOGETHER

Arid Land Must Be Developed to Induce New Railroad Investments.



Robert E. Strahorn.

Oregon looks to the building of the Central Oregon railroad as a powerful aid to state development.

Robert E. Strahorn, who has undertaken to finance and build the new railway system in the central part of the state, says that without reclamation of the lands by irrigation...

In recognition of Mr. Strahorn's experience as a practical irrigation man and railroad builder Mr. Strahorn was named yesterday as one of the five men who will represent the Portland Chamber of Commerce at the state irrigation, drainage and rural credit conference next month.

State Guarantee Advocated. In an interview yesterday Mr. Strahorn vividly showed the great importance to all industrial and constructive enterprise that the state get back of and show faith in the reclamation of its semi-arid lands.

And the method that should be used, he is convinced, should be by state guaranty of irrigation and drainage district bonds. He considers the conference to be held here during February of the utmost importance. At that time legislation will be drafted and a campaign organized to secure favorable action by the people at the next general state election.

In stating my opinion of the most important matter ahead of the convention of the Central Oregon Development League at Bend in November to insure railway development, said Mr. Strahorn, "I used these words: Immediate aggressive and continuous effort of all of you and your committees to work out all this irrigation, drainage, subdivision and colonization of lands without which the railroads cannot be built, and would not pay if they were built."

"Central Oregon in its present condition would not justify the large investment for this railway development. I would not have the courage to attempt anything of the sort but for my confidence in the early working of these matters."

Must Go Hand-in-Hand. "But we cannot let it rest at this. As I have frequently stated, the solution of these irrigation and drainage problems must precede or go hand in hand with the railway development."

"Having had almost continuous opportunity for observation and with the matter on my mind much of the time ever since, I am more than ever convinced that this is the biggest development question we have before us in this state today."

"The serious complications and almost hopeless confusion into which our irrigation and drainage matters in central Oregon have slipped, and the vast importance of the drainage problem in the Willamette valley, cry aloud for immediate and supreme effort on the part of our best men that they should be unanimously and strongly backed up by their constituents everywhere goes without saying."

"It is therefore my profound conviction that the state conference called here for February to lay a proper foundation for the working out of these great problems is the one big thing now immediately ahead of us. Nothing should be left undone to make it a success."

Washington Custom Receipts Are Record

Imports and Exports Larger During the Month of December Than Ever Before in History; Seattle Led District.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 19.—(P. N. S.)—Imports and exports of the custom district of Washington were larger during the month of December than in any previous month in the history of the district, according to the monthly report of Collector Roscoe M. Drumheller. The combined import and export total for the month was \$25,370,064. Imports totaled \$10,225,429 and exports \$15,144,635.

Seattle led the cities of the district in both imports and exports. Imports handled through this port were valued at \$4,197,795 and exports at \$4,377,456. In the matter of exports Tacoma is a close second with \$4,001,870 to her credit. Tacoma also is second in imports with a valuation of \$1,335,554.

Tacoma Leads for Year. Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 19.—(P. N. S.)—In the foreign export trade for 1915 Tacoma led all other ports of this district, according to the official report of Collector Roscoe M. Drumheller. Tacoma leads Seattle by \$3,065,557 and beat the Tacoma record of 1914 by \$12,329,945.

Shippers say the increase would have been larger had the wheat export business from here been up to the average of 1914, when the larger part of the grain business from the northwest passed through this port.

Appeal Is Made to Feed Pheasants in The Oaks Vicinity

Sam Riley, chief of police of Milwaukie, and J. A. Van Ham, deputy sheriff, united yesterday in an appeal to people living in the vicinity of The Oaks park to feed the China pheasants that have gathered in the lowlands.

"We see them lying by the side of the track as we pass by and they are seemingly exhausted," said Mr. Van Ham. "They will die in large numbers unless they are fed. Without doubt those who travel on the Oregon City lines would find it possible to drop food from the cars as they pass the district near The Oaks."

THIN SHEET ICE NOW COVERS WILLAMETTE; MAY GROW THICKER

Temperature Remains Below Freezing Point but the Wind Is Light.

Over the surface of the Willamette this morning was spread a skin of ice. Many people had not realized the fact, but last night was one of the coldest nights of the year. Prospects are for continued cold, with fair weather and variable winds.

The wind blew from the south this morning, for the first time since the big snow came last week. Whether it will stay there long enough to drive away the cold and bring back the rain is a matter weather forecasters are speculating about.

The lowest temperature for the 24 hour period was reached at 6 o'clock this morning, when the mercury dropped to above zero. It had risen a degree. At noon it registered 21, and at 2 o'clock this afternoon 22 1/2.

Yesterday's thaw had encouraged people to believe the whole winter was over, but many were the disappointed ones when broken water pipes were found. Snow troubles have about ended, so far as the street-cleaning company and the railroads are concerned. Most people have shoveled the drifts off their walks, though some yet remain in front of unoccupied property.

Some difficulty with the fuel problem has been felt, particularly among the schools. Washington high was closed at noon yesterday for lack of fuel oil, but deliveries were made late in the afternoon so that classes could be resumed this morning.

Guard ropes placed about the base of tall buildings yesterday prevented many an accident from falling icicles.

Directors Elected By United Veterans

New Constitution Adopted; Purpose of Organization Is to Promote Welfare of Its Members.

At the first regular meeting of the recently organized United Veterans' Association of Oregon, held Friday, January 14, in the Veterans' hall in the court house, a constitution and by-laws was adopted and four directors of six to be, and a secretary and treasurer were elected.

The purpose of the new association is to promote the general welfare of its members. The directors elected are M. L. Pratt, E. J. Hyde, A. L. Clark and T. H. Stevens. O. R. Staron was elected secretary and treasurer. Two additional women directors will be elected at a meeting to be held on January 28.

Any member and close relation of the Indian, Mexican and United Spanish War Veterans and the G. A. R., is eligible to membership in the new association.

Joseph Andrews, a Native Indian, Dead

Oregon City, Or., Jan. 19.—Joseph Andrews, who was better known by Joe Sulsap, a member of the Klickitat tribe of Indians, was found dead in the Barclay building wood room last night by Dr. Meissner. Sulsap had been carrying in wood for Dr. Meissner and Coroner W. E. Hemstead, who have offices there. Death is believed to have been due to over exertion. Sulsap was born here 51 years ago. He is survived by one sister on the Warm Springs reservation. His wife died 19 years ago.

In his younger days Sulsap was a baseball player and played in the field for the Oregon City town team in 1871 and 1872 when it held the championship of the state. Among those who played with him were H. E. Cross, William Pratt, Ed Carter and Ed Weisler. Sulsap adopted his living by going odd jobs and when the town was wet by working in the saloons.

The body is at the Myers & Brady undertaking establishment. Information has been received from the sister that she will not assist in defraying funeral expenses, but a collection will be taken in an effort to provide Andrews with a suitable burial. The undertakers announce that they will do their share.

Left His Effects to Pay His Hotel Bill

Salem, Or., Jan. 19.—Using a small hand grip as a head rest, T. J. Lewis, a member of the Marshfield Eagles lodge, lay down behind Webb & Clough's undertaking parlors about midnight, and committed suicide by swallowing potassium cyanide.

Lewis was about 60 years old, and according to a note he left, has a daughter, Mrs. M. H. Forbes, residing at Kirkland, King county, Washington. He gave no reason for his action, but said his effects were at the Depot hotel, where he owed a week's board, and that if his relatives did not want them, the hotel could have them.

"THE COLUMBIA—AMERICA'S GREAT HIGHWAY"—BY LANCASTER—BOOKSTORE, BASEMENT BALCONY

—Now in Preparation—Exhibition of Industrial Departments of Portland Public Schools.—Sixth Floor, Fifth Street.

—Skirts cut to measure free when materials are purchased here. Skirts knife or accordion pleated, ready to fit on hand, \$1—Second Floor, Fifth Street.



—Exclusive Agents for Rookwood Pottery, Carpenters' tools, builders' hardware, artists' materials and many added lines in our Basement Store.

—Fur repairing and remodeling at very special prices. Our expert furriers make old furs look like new.—Fourth Floor, Fifth Street.—Marshall 4600, A-6101.

Splendid Economies-THURSDAY-at Meier & Frank's First Annual Sale of Odds and Ends and Surplus Stock Sale

Women's Fine Novelty NECKWEAR \$1.75 to \$5 Pieces 98c

—The prettiest neck "fixins" the markets afford are offered you in this collection.

Vestees Fichus Collars Guimpes Sets Jabots

—Of voiles, organdies, crepes, batistes, shadow and silk nets—in myriads of lovely effects, high and low neck, many hand-embroidered and daintily trimmed, uniquely designed pieces.

—All taken from our regular stocks—\$1.75 to \$5 qualities 98c.

Real Ostrich and Iceland Fox Neckpieces \$1.69

\$3, \$3.50 and \$4 Kinds —The White Iceland Fox neckpieces are very fashionable this season—and practical as well for wear these unusually cold days.

—The fluffy real ostrich pieces at this very low price are all black, pretty white and color combinations, finished with silk tassels.

—Only 50 in the lot tomorrow at \$1.69.

Fur-Trimmed Neckwear 35c for \$1 Kinds

—Assuredly this is a "fur season" and fur-trimmed neckwear has been extremely popular. Several dainty styles are included—a good assortment of colors, trimmed in soft brown fur.

—Main Floor, Fifth Street



3000 Men's Shirts

For Absolute "Cleanup"—Every One \$1.50-\$2 Quality

EVERY SHIRT PERFECT. Every one guaranteed fast color. Fit and workmanship such as you will find only in higher-priced shirts. Patterns are all desirable and include those now enjoying greatest popularity—black and white in broad and narrow stripes, blue and lavender stripes and effective combinations. Starched and soft cuffs. Shirts that any man would be proud to wear and would cheerfully pay \$1.50 and \$2.00 for regularly. All sizes, 14 to 18, in this sale—not all sizes in each make.

—Such makes as Manchester, Nofade, Standard, Gothic, M. & F.—Woven Madras, Crepe Cloths, Mercerized Poplins, Soisettes, Percales, Crystal Cloths, Repps, Oxfords, Silk Fronts.—Main Floor.

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"Estelle" Corsets 79c. Our Regular \$1 and \$2 Models. White and pink corsets of fine batiste and coutil. Six or seven different styles in short and long models with medium and low busts. While the lot lasts—at 79c. White Sale Undermuslins For Every Woman. Whether she wants simple, practical underwear or elaborately embroidered hand-made garments. They're all here—at lowest prices! At 98c Gowns, Combinations, Envelope Chemise, Corset Covers to match. At \$1.59 Gowns to match. Envelope Chemise and Combinations, in sets. Outing Flannel Gown, 69c. Made full and wide, in popular yoked styles, both white and striped. —Third Floor, Sixth Street

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR LINENS. OUR GREAT WHITE SALE GOING ON. EMBROIDERIES AND LACES.

Embroideries and Laces. In this wonderful White Sale! Not only women who are making their gowns at home—but dressmakers are buying these beautiful laces and embroideries—they're so far underpriced! At 18c a yard. At 98c a yard. At \$1.98 a yard. —Main Floor, Fifth Street

Odds and Ends of Wool Blankets! Note the Very Moderate Prices. 60 Pairs White Wool Blankets, good heavy weight, with pretty colored borders, priced tomorrow \$4.00. 40 Pairs White Wool Blankets, with pretty pink and blue borders, priced \$5.00. 80 Pairs White Wool Blankets, soft wool, pink and blue bordered, priced \$6.00. 25 Pairs White Wool Blankets, splendid grade, pink and blue borders, at \$7.00. 20 Pairs Lambs' Wool Blankets, fine quality, full-bed size, colored borders \$9.00. Lambs' Wool Comforters Silk Covered—Warm and Light. \$10.00, \$7.50 and \$9.00. —Second Floor, Fifth Street

"Welworth" Blouses \$2.00. —\$2 does not represent the true worth of a "Welworth" but does represent the wonderful value you may obtain for this small amount. Good materials, style and perfect workmanship. Here exclusively. New models tomorrow. —Fourth Floor, Central

The Remarkable Values In This Greatest Sale of SUITS. Will Make Thursday Shopping Lively in the Suit Salons. —Style? Why, there's every style represented that you would want to wear! —Box Russian blouses, tailored and lovely trimmed, semi-tailored models. —Corluroys, velvets, serges, whipcords, gabardines, mixtures—every one a late Winter mode that will be good for Spring wear! \$12.50 to \$8.88. \$15.00 Suits \$10.85. \$17.50 to \$12.95. \$20.00 Suits \$14.85. \$22.50 to \$17.45. \$25.00 Suits \$12.95. \$29.50 Suits \$17.45. \$35.00 Suits \$12.95. \$24.85 for \$39.50 to \$45.00 Suits. \$47.50 to \$52.50 Smart Suits at \$26.45. —Just two examples of the wonderful clearaway of 350 women's high-grade suits now in progress! Included are many of our splendid Max M. Schwarz models. \$58.50 Model Suits \$29.25. \$65.00 Model Suits \$32.50. \$70.00 Model Suits \$35.00. \$78.50 Model Suits \$39.25. \$80.00 Model Suits \$40.00. \$85.00 Model Suits \$42.50. —Fourth Floor, Fifth Street

Larrowe's Buckwheat, 55c. Fresh From New York—No. 9 Sacks. Log Cabin Syrup, gallon cans \$1.29, 1/2 gallon cans for 65c only. Cut Asparagus, Oregon No. 2 1/2 round cans 15c. Apex Peas, Empson's No. 2 cans, dozen \$1.40, the 12 1/2c. Asparagus Tips, Hatchet, green, dozen \$1.40, the can 12 1/2c. Small Peas, R. R. extra small, the dozen for \$2.00, 17 1/2c. Fancy Peaches, R. R. Lemon Cling, the dozen for \$2.00, the can 17 1/2c. Cut Beans, Oregon pack, No. 2 1/2 cans, the dozen for \$1.40, can 12 1/2c. White Beans, California, small, 5-lb. cloth sack 37c. —Ninth Floor, Fifth Street

Meier & Frank Co. THE QUALITY STORE OF PORTLAND. Fifth, Sixth, Morrison, Alder Sts.

4 Blue-Banded Bowls SET \$1.29. \$1.29 Mixing Sets Were \$1.85. —No kitchen is complete without a set of these white mixing bowls, attractively blue banded. One 14-inch, one 10-inch, one 9-inch and one 8-inch, fitting one within the other. Take up little room on the pantry shelf and serve dozens of purposes in the kitchen. —Basement, Fifth Street

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