

ROAD WORK IS IN FULL SWING

Gravel Plants Being Used to Supply Demands in North End of County

Road building in the northern part of the county around Woodburn district, will keep three gravel plants jumping "a mile a minute" next week to supply the demand for crushed rock, reported Commissioner Jim Smith yesterday afternoon after a visit to the sites. He was accompanied by Frank Johnson, county roadmaster.

Work of grading on the Woodburn-Hubbard county road has just been finished and Lee Wells is moving his machinery preparatory to starting work today on the three and a quarter mile road out from Monitor, to join with the pavement leading from Mt. Angel to Scotts Mills.

Gravel is still being hauled on the Checkerboard road out from Woodburn. Smith reports, a "line" of one width of gravel being dumped the entire length so traffic may use the road, and at the same time the grading be damaged as little as possible. The same process of grading the Woodburn-Hubbard road will be used.

Wells to Work 3 Plants

Next week Wells will have three gravel plants operating for the roads he is in charge of, which means covering will be done as speedily as possible, with a plant furnishing rock to each of the three projects in that territory. The Rigdon plant at Canby, better known as the Barlow plant, will be opened up next week to supply the Boone's Ferry grade; the Rigdon plant at Monitor plant will be furnishing gravel to the Woodburn-Hubbard road today and the Oregon gravel company plant at Fairview, pouring out rock for the Checkerboard-West Woodburn road.

All present road construction in the county, a check made yesterday shows, is taking as much gravel as can be turned out from nine plants in the county. Of these plants, the county owns but two, the one at Stayton and one just set up on the North Santiam. Whether the plant is county owned or not, the cost of gravel to the county runs about the same price per yard.

DEPRESSION NEARS END SAY STEEL MEN

NEW YORK, July 30—(AP)—United States Steel corporation believes the turning point in its business has been reached and anticipates an upturn during the balance of the year.

That was the substance of a brief statement from the finance committee today which accompanied the second quarterly statement showing net profit equal to \$3.02 a share of common compared to \$2.44 in previous quarter and \$2.61 share in the June quarter of 1929 when a peace time record was made.

Net income of \$32,126,717, a decrease of \$3,651,090 from the opening quarter of the year confirmed expectations in financial circles, where the consensus was earnings would approximate \$3 a share.

The terse statement of the committee on the outlook read: "At this date the manufacturing plants are operating 63 per cent of capacity. Indications in the industry point to an increase in this rate of operations during the balance of this quarter, with an improvement in volume during the last quarter."

INSTALLATION OF TELEPHONES GAINS

Telephone installations here show a net gain of \$8 for the first six months of 1930, reports C. C. Aller, manager of the Pacific Telephone company here.

While the gain is not as large as in some years, Aller points out that there has been a gain and that the heavy increase each year comes in the fall while the month of June, included in the first six months' report, always causes a considerable drop with people having their phones cut off during the summer season.

Pinnell Rites Held Saturday

Funeral services for James Pinnell, 64, who died in San Diego, will be held from the Clough-Taylor chapel Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Rev. W. C. Kantner officiating. Interment will be in City View cemetery, beside the remains of his wife.

Pinnell, not four years ago, was a Salem man, working in the contracting business for over 20 years. His wife, was the former Julia Bros, a music teacher of Salem.

He is survived by the following brothers and sisters, I. H. of Salem; Amanda Pinnell of Milton, Iowa; A. J. Boyer of Cantrill, Iowa; A. J. Pinnell of Milton, Iowa; and E. S. Pinnell, of Oklahoma.

ROCKABYE BABY IN THE TREETOP!



The call of the treetops has now been heard by Mrs. J. E. Bell (above), 40-year-old mother, who is the latest to shunny up a tree trunk and take her place among the leafy bows. Roosting on the same perch with Mrs. Bell, who weighs 180

Here, There And Yon Bits of Personal News Gleaned About Interesting People

It's no fun trying to travel over the North Santiam road now, according to Joseph Rudolph, who with Mrs. Rudolph spent several days here visiting relatives. They are from Fossil, eastern Oregon, and made the trip to Salem over that road, which is in poor condition and hard to travel, they say. He says crops in eastern Oregon are great. They left Salem yesterday.

"Oregon is too modest," said Col. W. B. Bartram in speaking of the possibilities of future development of the state. Oregon has wonderful possibilities in so far as natural advantages are concerned and the state needs to be more widely advertised so that the world will know of its possibilities, according to Col. Bartram.

"California was too hot for us," declared Mr. and Mrs. George Baduke, of Potlatch, Idaho, who have been touring Oregon and California on a honeymoon trip. They arrived in Salem yesterday morning and are visiting relatives here until this morning, when they will start back to Idaho. The region around Potlatch has one of the finest wheat crops in history this year, or at least so the stand looked when they left late in June.

Rev. Thomas Hardy of McMinnville, pastor of the Methodist church there, was in Salem on Wednesday in quest of a job for a cousin who is coming from Montana this fall to enter Willamette university. Rev. Hardy is planning to organize an "Inquiry club" at McMinnville, similar to one he conducted at Silverton where he has been Methodist minister for the last three years. Current books are read and discussed and such topics debated as whether modern civilization constitutes progress.

Woman Must Go North to Face Theft Charges

Mrs. Don Washburn, alias Jane Doe, Della Frank and Mrs. J. F. Frank, must return to Seattle to face a charge of aiding and abetting her husband in the appropriation of \$5460, while in the employ of the Pacific Coast Oil and Gas company. This was decided by Governor Norblad at an extradition hearing at the capitol Tuesday. Mrs. Washburn denied implication in the crime. She was arrested recently in Portland.

Last Link Soon To Be Built in Mt. Angel Road

Construction on the last link of the county market road from Brooks to Mt. Angel, which opens to quick travel the Lake Labish section, is at hand, reports County Roadmaster Frank Johnson. The roadmaster says Philip Fisher, builder of county bridges, was moving machinery to that territory Wednesday morning preparatory to starting work on the 1800 foot trestle over beaverdam lands at Pudding river.

888 EGGS IN YEAR SASKATOON, Sask.—(AP)—

By laying 353 eggs in 365 days a Barred Plymouth Rock pullet owned by the University of Saskatchewan has established herself as the present champion egg-layer of the world.

Of the American polo team that defended the Westchester cup against the British in 1927, only Tommy Hitchcock will play in this year's matches.

THIEVES LOOT STAYTON STORE

Goods Valued at \$600 Taken; Safe Blown; Robbers at Large

Word to the sheriff's office yesterday morning from Stayton that the safe in one office had been blown and another store robbed of nearly \$600 worth of goods, took Deputies Burkhead and Haskins to the scenes to investigate. The thieves had not been apprehended late last night.

The deputies found that the inner door of the safe in the Portland-Stayton-Scio truck line offices had been blown with powder. The safe yielded but \$17.50 in cash after all the yeggs' work.

Soap was used in cracks around the inner safe door, and a battery was used to set off the powder. The officers picked up wiring used on this job. The outside safe door was closed, and a blanket thrown over the safe to further muffle the report.

Robbery of the Charles Gehlan general merchandise store was discovered when the store employees reported for work yesterday morning. Gehlan, in his check-up made to the officers, says that \$591.52 worth of clothing and groceries were stolen.

Woman May Have Helped

Possibility that a woman may have helped with this job is seen in some of the articles taken, which ranged all the way from silk hose to whole hams and bacon.

Included in the list of missing articles furnished the deputies by Gehlan are the following: 80 pair silk hose, 20 dresses, four shirts, two pair shoes, nine hats, nine work shirts, handkerchiefs, one bolt sateen, sheeting, burlingie cloth, 12 pairs men's socks, 13 pair bloomers, eight sweaters, jewelry worth \$150; eight hams, 80 pounds of bacon, one fresh ham and three cases of eggs.

It is possible there is some connection between the robbery and a car which was heard by Stayton residents to tear about the town with the cut-out open late Tuesday night. The same car is believed to have been heard at nearby points.

Farrington, Dies in Eugene; Son Lived Here

E. A. Farrington, 68, resident of Eugene for 67 years, and father of the late Paul Farrington, Salem newspaper man who died here a year and a half ago, died in Eugene late Tuesday morning. The senior Farrington was a pioneer in the transfer and storage business in that city, having been in that business there for nearly 46 years.

Mr. Farrington married Bessie Payton, daughter of Dr. Daniel Payton, who founded the first hospital in Salem. She survives him. Funeral services were held in Eugene yesterday afternoon.

LOCARNO, Switzerland (AP)—

The European branch of the Tomarkin Foundation of New York has started to build a laboratory here for research and experimental therapeutics in tuberculosis. Dr. Leander Tomarkin gave \$40,000 to start the work.

UNUSUAL HISTORY BOOK AT U. O.



Here is what may prove to be one of the most valuable "histories" in any collection at the University of Oregon. Seated on the left is Prof. O. F. Stafford, chemistry department, and right, Eric W. Allen, dean of the school of journalism.

This is the bottom section from one of the submerged Clear Lake trees, recently rescued by men of the United States forest service. The trees were probably submerged at the last lava flow from the craters in the Three Sisters region. If other trees in the same region can be found which date back to corresponding growth rings, it is hoped that a "bridge" may be constructed which may give the exact year of the last volcanic action in this section.

'OVER OR UNDER?' TROUBLES ALBANY

There is a division of opinion among the citizens of Albany on the question of whether an undergrade or overhead crossing should be built to eliminate grade crossings of the Southern Pacific and Oregon Electric tracks, according to members of the public service commission who attended a public hearing there Wednesday. Another hearing will be held later.

Pending the next hearing, Roy Klein, state highway engineer; C. R. Lester, engineer for the public service commission, and the city engineer at Albany, will investigate the costs of undergrade and overhead crossings and gather other data in connection with the proposed improvement.

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WATER APPRAISAL DUE BY AUGUST 31

Inventory Now Completed and Check of Property in City Progressing

Completion of the city's appraisal of the Oregon and Washington Water company's plant here is assured by August 31 according to a statement made here Wednesday by Baar & Cunningham, engineers doing the work.

The inventory of the plant has been finished and the engineers are now busy making a thoroughgoing survey check of the entire plant here, using this material to check the data contained in the company's inventory as well as that of the engineering firm.

Preliminary to the survey here, the engineers went over all the records of the local company filed with the public service commission as well as the two appraisals of the Salem water plant made in recent years when the city was considering buying the property.

Full and friendly cooperation has been offered Baar & Cunningham by the water company officials, the engineers report. While some discrepancies in inventories have been checked, these have been due to errors customary in such tabulations.

Thus far no totals on the inventory made by the company or by the engineers has been arrived at and it will be several weeks before any accurate figures of the plant's valuation here can be secured.

2 Divorces Are Granted Here

Two divorce decrees were signed Wednesday by Circuit Judge McMahan.

Marion Young was granted divorce from Porter C. Young. Loreen Mathis' plea that bonds

of matrimony be severed between her and Roy Mathis was granted, and Mrs. Mathis was given custody of three minor children.

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