

NEW WATER SYSTEM NEARS COMPLETION

MAINS AT HERMISTON ARE READY FOR TESTS.

Well Digging Progressing Rapidly and Sufficient Supply Flow Is Expected Soon—Ladies to Give Chinese Tea—Maccabees Organize.

(Special Correspondence.) Hermiston, Ore., March 18.—The Newport Land and Construction company has laid all of the water mains for the new city system and water has been in the pipes for a week, allowing them to become thoroughly wet. Pumps have been installed and the mains will soon be put under high pressure to make tests. The work on the butte is nearly finished and they will soon start the concrete work. The water for this work will be pumped on the butte from the system. The well digging has been making good progress. Mr. Beebe has reached a depth of 50 feet and the drill is in solid rock. It is possible that the well will have to go down 100 feet before a satisfactory amount of water can be secured.

The ladies of the Baptist church will give a Chinese tea in the church parlors Tuesday evening. This will be something new for the people of Hermiston and a large crowd is expected to attend.

Miss Gladys Scroggs, music and drawing instructor of the public schools, has arranged for an exhibition of music and drawing for next Friday afternoon. This is intended to give the parents and friends some idea of what the pupils are doing in this department. Miss Scroggs has been with the schools only a short time but work under her supervision has received the highest praise.

A. S. Johnson and Charles A. Hood, special representatives of the Maxwell Land and Irrigation company have returned from the east where they have been in the interest of their company.

Maccabees Organize. This week the Maccabee lodge organized at Hermiston. G. G. Piel, the organizer for the order, was here and had charge of the work. J. M. Hays assisted him. The new lodge starts officers that were elected at this meeting with a membership of 29. The officers are: F. R. Reeves, P. C.; M. W. Sharrard, C. S.; Whipple, L. C.; C. F. Morrow, R. K.; and F. K.; J. L. Thompson, chaplain; C. M. Jensen, M. G.; R. L. Emery and C. J. Hahn, M. G.; W. Whipple, sentinel; Dale Hinkle, picket; J. H. Ried, J. T. Hin-

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PARDON OF MORRIS ASKED BY CAMERON

Acquittal of Louis J. Wilde is Basis of His Argument; Morris Should Not be the Goat; He Says. Salem, Ore.—W. Cooper Morris, the convicted Portland banker, serving sentence in the penitentiary, is reported to be ill and confined in the prison hospital. In connection with this information it is learned that application for Morris' pardon has been made to Governor West by District Attorney Cameron. The application is dated February 16.

The district attorney points out that since Wilde was acquitted on the charge against him, and since he, in his opinion, is the more guilty of the two, Morris should not be made to suffer alone for the sins of others as well as his own.

The pardon board has not considered the matter.

MOTORMAN STOLE \$8000 FROM WELLS-FARGO CO.

Most of the Money Is Recovered, Including \$600 Taken from His Wife's Stocking.

Philadelphia.—By the arrest here of Kenneth H. Morton and in Pittsburgh of Joseph J. Jackson the mystery of the \$8000 Wells-Fargo express robbery in Pittsburgh on January 23 is cleared up. The men were employed as motorman and conductor by the Pittsburgh Newcastle and Butler Traction company.

Morton was arrested while with his wife in an Arch street apartment. The police recovered \$3715, of which \$600 was found in Mrs. Morton's stocking. Besides a considerable amount of jewelry, bought with the proceeds of the robbery, was found.

Morton confessed and told of dividing the stolen money with Jackson, who got \$3000. Jackson was thereupon arrested in Pittsburgh and he also confessed.

Morton, while in the Wells-Fargo office saw the money package lying on a counter and slipped it under his coat. Jackson buried his share of the loot in the rear of his house in Harmony, and the police have gone there to recover it.

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MURAL ARTIST A MYSTERY.

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The pictures first appeared about two weeks ago. Assemblyman Charles M. Egan entered his office on the third floor and on the white plastered wall saw, to his surprise, a copy of perfectly formed nymphs, drawn in crayon, sporting in sylvan glade. The following morning a Madonna appeared upon the wall of another office in the building and the day after that a sketch left one of Van Dyke's masterpieces held a place on still another wall.

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Extension of the lines of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway from Kamloops to Vernon and thence to Lumby, and a line from Vernon to Kelowna, and a line from Vernon to the east arm of Okanagan Lake opposite Okanagan Landing; a line 150 miles in length on Vancouver Island, extending from the 100-mile post on the company's Island line to a point at or near Hardy Bay on the east coast of the island. On these extensions the guarantee will be up to \$35,000 per mile. Construction to start within six months and finish within three years.

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The province to purchase the unsold portion of the B. C. Southern and Columbia & Western Railway land grants at the rate of 40 cents per acre, the total sum involved being approximately \$1,000,000. The C. P. R. to take over, standardize and operate the Kaslo & Slocan Railway, now owned by the Great Northern Railway. The province gives a bonus of \$100,000 for this purpose.

Altogether the policy of the government provides for the construction of approximately 860 miles of railway on the mainland and on Vancouver Island. Of this, 450 miles will be built by Foley, Welch & Stewart, Vancouver to Fort George; 145 miles by the C. N. R., Kamloops to Okanagan; 150 miles by the C. N. R. on Vancouver Island; 50 miles by Kettle Valley Railway, Hope Summit to Fraser River, and the balance by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway, between Parksville and Courtenay, Vancouver Island.

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"getaway," marched them a mile to a call box, bundled them into the patrol wagon and landed booty and all in the police station singlehanded. He was commended by Chief O'Neil, who said that the feat was unsurpassed in the annals of the East Orange force. The men had ransacked the home of Mrs. A. E. Disbrow at 25 East Highland avenue. One had a grip full of silverware and cut glass and the other a number of paper boxes with valuable silk dresses in them. The plucky "cop" made them walk the full mile, each carrying his heavy burden, and not once did he let either of them set it down.

KINDLY SNAKES POST HIM.

Give Farmer His Coveted Hint of Earliest Springtime. Allentown, Pa.—James Hawk, a farmer near Rising Sun, Lehigh county, started to dig out a cache of winter apples and cabbages, such as many rural dwellers are in the habit of making in the fall, so as to have fresh fruit and greens in the spring. In the straw covering the provisions he came across a wriggling mass, which proved to be a pair of lively copperheads, which he quickly dispatched with his shovel.

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