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MAY EXTEND ALSEA ROAD

From That Place to the
Coos Bay Country

HOPE FOR TRANSPORTATION

Tired of Looking for Help—An Effort
Will be Made by the Citizens of
That Section.

A prominent citizen of the lower Siuslaw country, who has been a resident there for the past twenty years, recently informed the Eugene Guard that there is talk of starting an organized movement to secure the extension of the Carver railroad, now building from Corvallis to the Alsea country, to the mouth of the Siuslaw and thence on down the coast to the Umpqua and Coos Bay. This, the citizens of that country think, is about the only hope they see at present of securing transportation of their products to market. They complain that the county court is very negligent of the roads that lead from that country to Eugene, the natural trading point and if something is not done to keep the thoroughfares in good condition all the year around, or if there is no immediate prospect of a railroad being built from Eugene to the mouth of the Siuslaw, the people will look to some other locality for relief, and they think the Carver railroad can be secured as a means of transportation of their products to Corvallis, where they can either be shipped by water to Portland or by the Southern Pacific lines to any other point on the Pacific coast.

The Siuslaw country raises some of the finest apples and vegetables in the world, but on account of the lack of transportation facilities there is no encouragement for the farmers to raise more than they need for their own use. Apples that equal those grown in the famous Hood river and Rogue river valleys are shaken off the trees and led to the hogs, and the same is done with the surplus potatoes, corn and other vegetables which grow to enormous size in that fertile valley.

It appears to be up to the county court to improve the roads from here to Mapleton and up to the citizens to see that a railroad is built to that country before Mr. Carver reaches there with his road, in order that Eugene may retain the trade of that rich and prosperous section of Lane county.

Branch to Corvallis.

The best news heard in Corvallis this week is that we are to have a real electric railway, a branch of the great new system from Portland to Eugene, says the Republican. A Republican reporter had the opportunity Monday of an interview with the gang of surveyors at work near Oakville, in Linn county, and from them he learned some news that will be of interest to Corvallis people. These surveyors are now going forward as rapidly as possible on the line from Albany to Eugene, which will go through Oakville and then on to Peoria, passing thence through Harrisburg and Junction City on the way to Eugene. As soon as the survey to Eugene is completed a branch line to Corvallis will be surveyed from a point two miles south of Albany on the main line survey straight to Corvallis.

Against Referendum.

At a dinner given by the Commercial Club of Portland in that city, Oct. 15, speeches were made denouncing the unrepresentative, unrepresentative, socialistic fad called the referendum and supporting the annual appropriation of \$125,000 for the support of the University of Oregon. President Campbell made a fine speech in favor of the University appropriation without criticising the law.

Hon. Wm. D. Fenton said:

"Now an assault is tried against our leading educational institution. In the desire to support the governor, the Senator from the county or some other person whom they might admire, knowing nothing of the merits of the proposition, our new legislature of 100,000 people is apt to fall into abuses and pervert what might otherwise be a meritorious system. I think the system is fatally faulty. At the last election we came dangerously near to buying a toll road that nobody wanted, because the voters were not informed on the subject.

"I am satisfied that the grange is not responsible for this movement in regard to the university appropriation. I believe the farmers of Oregon are in favor of the State University, as they are in favor of the Oregon Agricultural College. Inspired largely by the example of Professor Withycombe and men of his class diversified farming has taken the place of wheat oats and barley growing of the old days.

"I intend to do what I can to right the wrong done by our friends of Linn county, and I think that this voice of yours will have its effect and will be far-reaching."

Hon. H. W. Scott, among other things said:

"When acts of the Legislature carry appropriations for important measures which undoubtedly a majority of the people want and will support, it is unfortunate that this state of things arises. For then the appropriation is held up until after the people vote upon it in the next regular election. While I do not wish to declare against the initiative and referendum in toto, yet I feel it necessary to say that I deplore such use of them. So, I think, do most citizens; yet there has not yet been sufficient trial of the initiative and referendum in this state to justify us as I think in pronouncing against them. What it is necessary to do is to teach our people not to invoke them lightly or foolishly, but to treat them at least to consider that the institutions of the state which the people deem necessary must be decently sustained. I do not doubt that the appeal to the referendum against the appropriation for our state educational institutions will be dismissed by an emphatic popular vote. But meantime much embarrassment is the result of the delay.

"Let us urge our people to be more sparing in the use of the initiative, and in their invocation of the referendum, and to put their appeals to them always on wide and well considered grounds."

Bring Fancy Prices.

Jacksonville, Ore., Oct. 25.—Jacksonville apples sold this week for \$7.50 a box. Ten boxes of Newton Pippins and Spitzenberg apples were sent from here to Michigan, New York, and Pennsylvania, each box bringing \$7.50. The apples were picked from the Fletcher Linn and W. L. McIntyre orchards, both farms being almost in the city limits. The order was for the finest apples in the Rogue river valley, and the order was filled at this point. Four boxes were shipped to Manistique, Mich., four to Porterville, New York, and two to Endeavor, Forest county, Pa.

The apple crop in this vicinity is better than ever before.

IN FAVOR OF LUMBERMEN

Railroads Lose in Effort to
Advance Rates

BUT SPRINGS A SURPRISE

By Refusing all Further Lumber Shipments to the East Until Further Notice.

Lumbermen won a victory in the Federal Court Thursday when Judge C. F. Wolverson granted the injunction asked by the Oregon & Washington Lumber Manufacturers Association against the proposed new advance in lumber rates which the railroads had announced would take effect yesterday, Nov. 1. The association was ordered to deposit a bond of \$250,000 with which to pay any differences between the existing rate and the proposed rate should the railroads eventually win.

Bellingham, Wash., Oct. 31.—No more lumber shipments will be received by the Northern Pacific railroad in the northwest until further notice, according to an order sent out to all agents of the company tonight. This move, it is expected, will be followed by all roads operating in the northwest affected by the federal injunction issued Wednesday night at Seattle. The railroads have evidently found a new method of combatting the lumbermen. The roads figure they would be taking a great risk to allow excess freight to accumulate until the final decision on the rate question is made, as they say the litigation that will ensue will last after many of the lumber firms may have gone out of business.

School Board Convention.

Eugene, Oregon, Oct. 22, 1907. The chairman of the school boards of Lane county:—

Under authority granted me by the school laws of the State of Oregon, I have decided to hold an annual School Board Convention for Lane County, in the high school in Eugene, Oregon, November 9, 1907, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m.

The chairman of the board is delegate to the convention but if he is unable to attend he shall appoint some member of his board or the clerk to represent the district. Each delegate receives two dollars from the general fund of the county provided he attends the entire session. "Consolidation of Schools" "Union High Schools" and other subjects will be discussed by the convention.

State Superintendent Ackerman, President Campbell and Superintendent Alderman of Eugene will be present and assist in the discussion of the different subjects.

Lane county has more school districts than any other county in the state and I would like to see every district represented so that we may have the largest School Board Convention in the state.

Yours truly,

W. B. DILLARD, Co. Supt.

First Annual Portland Horse Show.

Portland, Oregon, November 7-8 and 9th 1907. For the above occasion, the Southern Pacific Co. will sell round trip tickets to Portland and return for one and one third fare for the round trip. Children half fare. Sale date November, 6th 1907. Final return limit November 10th 1907.

J. M. ISHAM, Agent.

STAGE WRECKED

Roseburg-Coos Bay Stage Goes Over Embankment—One Man Killed.

One of the most appalling accidents to be recorded in the history of the Roseburg-Coos Bay stage lines occurred at about seven o'clock last Saturday evening near Sheep Ranch, a stage station about seven miles east of Camas Valley on the Marshfield road, when the four horses hitched to the heavy Fenton stage conveyance became frightened and ran away, carrying its load of human freight at a rapid rate for some distance when the rig, horses and occupants were dashed over a steep embankment, landing in the river below, resulting in the killing of one man almost instantly while the remainder of those aboard suffered minor bruises and cuts. Three of the horses were killed outright and the fourth was so badly maimed that it had to be shot soon after.

University Notes.

University of Oregon, Eugene, October 30, 1907.—The Oregon State High School Debating League organized during the summer, is meeting with hearty cooperation from all parts of the state. Up to the present time fifteen of the larger schools have signified their intention of joining the league, including Pendleton, Baker City, La Grande, Ontario, The Dalles, Astoria, Salem, Eugene, Roseburg, Klamath Falls, Medford, Grants Pass, Bandon, Marshfield, North Bend, and a number of smaller ones. On account of the reorganization of its high schools Portland was not able to enter, but will do so next year. The state has been divided into four districts and a championship team will be chosen from each district. The final debate will be held at the University of Oregon. A handsome silver cup will be given to the winning team.

The next qualifying examinations for the Rhoads scholarships for this state will be held at the University of Oregon, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 21st and 22nd, 1908. The arrangements for conducting the examinations will follow closely those of last year, with the exception that an examination fee of \$5 will be charged all candidates. The examinations will be under the direction of the Oregon Committee of Selection, composed of President P. L. Campbell, of the University of Oregon, chairman, President Ferrin of Pacific University, President Coleman of Willamette University, President Crooks of Albany College and President Riley of McMinnville College.

Notice of Meeting of Board of Equalization.

Notice is hereby given that the board of equalization of Lane county, Oregon, will attend at the court house in said county, on Monday, the 18th day of November, 1907, and publicly examine the assessment rolls and correct all errors in valuation, description or quantities of lands, lots or other property assessed; and it shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed.

Dated this 28th day of October, 1907.

B. F. KEENEY,
Assessor of Lane County, Or.
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Wanted Local representative for Cottage Grove and vicinity to look after renewals and increase subscription list of a prominent monthly magazine, on a salary and commission basis. Experience desirable but not necessary. Good opportunity for right person. Address Publisher, Box 58, Station G, New York. N.&L2t

ROADS IN A COMBINE

Says J. N. Teal the Lumbermen's Attorney

CONSPIRES TO RAISE RATES

The Motion of the Railroads to Dismiss the Proceedings Overruled.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 30.—The argument for the lumbermen against the proposed increase of rates on lumber shipments by the railroads was presented in the federal court before Judges Hanford and Wolverson this morning. The chief argument was made by Attorney J. N. Teal of Portland in which he charged that the proposed increase is the result of a knowing conspiracy between the railroads in defiance of the courts.

It was stated by counsel that the question of jurisdiction which has been brought up by the railroads is in reality a question of whether or not the shipper is at the mercy of the railroads while awaiting the decision of the courts. It was intimated that the purpose of the railroads in questioning the jurisdiction of the court in the present case is an attempt to carry the rate controversy to different courts situated in distant parts of the country and this way to win the fight by tiring out the protesting shippers.

Counsel stated that if a railroad can enjoin a rate made by state officers, it is difficult to see why a shipper cannot secure an injunction against a rate made by a railroad, and that if it is held that the law does not provide for such an injunction, a sentiment will be aroused through the whole country which will necessitate the immediate amendment of the railroad rate law to provide for such emergencies.

The motion of the railroads yesterday to dismiss the proceedings on the ground that the court has no jurisdiction and that service was defective, was overruled by Judge Hanford. The question of jurisdiction may come up for further consideration later.

An affidavit was filed yesterday by J. H. Bloedel, manager of the Larsen Lumber company of Bellingham in which it is charged that the Great Northern is today hauling lumber from British Columbia points east cheaper than from Seattle to North Dakota. It is charged in the affidavit that, while under the new schedule rates from

FIRE AT ROSEBURG

Burglars Blow Open Safe and Set Fire to Store.

Roseburg, Ore., Oct. 31.—Professional safecrackers blew open a safe, robbed its strongbox and started a fire that totally destroyed the store and stock of I. Abraham's dry goods house in this city last night. Prompt action by the fire department saved the city from a serious conflagration and hard work was required to stop the flames from spreading. The loss by fire is over \$25,000.

At about 11 o'clock last evening, B. Brockway, a lodger in the building adjoining Abraham's store, heard a heavy explosion and a few minutes later he made an investigation, as he had noticed fire breaking through the roof of the dry goods store. An alarm was turned in, which was responded to by the police and the fire department. It was found that the burglars had bored a hole through the top of the safe and piled clothing and dry goods about the door so that the sound of an explosion could be deadened. A stick of dynamite was dropped into the hole and the safe door blown outward. Two hundred and fifty dollars in gold and several checks were then stolen.

Head Clerk Appointed.

C. V. Benson, head manager of the Woodmen of the World, whose home is in Fort Collins, Colorado, was appointed head clerk Saturday to fill the vacancy made by the death last week of John C. Latsch. Joseph M. Woodworth of Portland was strongly recommended for the position by Multnomah camp, the strongest camp in the Pacific northwest. It is believed that the recommendations did not reach Head Consul I. I. Boak, who had the appointing of a new clerk, in time to receive consideration.

C. V. Benson has been head manager for three consecutive terms and is regarded as an efficient man for the place.

A Southern Pacific railroad official, recently in the city, said to a representative of The Times that if Brownsville was located on the main line it would boom in great shape. This statement simply bears out the contention of this paper for years past, that it is the niggardly policy of the railroad company in not giving us adequate transportation facilities that is holding this section back from its rightful heritage.—Times.

coast American points are raised from nothing to 50 per cent, the Canadian rate remains unchanged even though transported via the American line in bond and back into Canada.

Lumbermen

TAKE
NOTICE

We have a large
stock of hand-made
Logging Shoes to
select from.

Prices: \$4. to \$7.00.

PEARCE BROS.