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EUGENE NEWS NOTES

Ellen M. Stone, Noted Missionary Worker Visits the City

CARNIVAL COMPANY

Be in Eugene for One Week, Beginning June 26th

The announcement of Miss Ellen Stone's visit to Oregon has attracted much attention, for since her missionary's capture by brigands her release her missionary duties have acquired a new interest in the eyes of the public. Miss Stone is now delivering a series of lectures in this state, her Eugene lecture being delivered at the Christian church Tuesday evening to a packed audience. She is a woman of medium height, with a round, pleasing face, and has lost none of its rotundity through her terrible experiences through which she has passed; a voice of considerable carrying power, that wonderful quality of changing emotion demands, from sternness to tenderness, from mirth to sadness, and from earnestness to resolution in movement. Miss Stone was born July 24, 1846, in Roxbury, and her entire life has been devoted to religious work. It was in 1864 that she left New York to take up her work under the American Board. Her first field of duty was in Norway, and here she remained until 1882, when she returned to Sweden for a short visit. Afterward she was stationed in Bulgaria. Her next assignment was to this country in 1898, she being assigned to duty in Salonika in September, 1902 that Miss Stone, with Mrs. Tsika and three other teachers, Pastors Virkoff, and Dimitroff (Bulgarian), accompanied by a number of friends, on their way from the village of Dinwald. In the narrowness of a band of brigands appeared, Miss Stone and Mrs. Tsika were seized and taken to one of the hideouts of the brigands in the mountains. The robbers demanded a ransom, declaring that unless the ransom was paid October the 8, the party would be killed. Three days before this time the American Board of Foreign Missions, with headquarters in Boston, sent out an appeal to the American people for funds. The ransom demanded was about \$112,000, but

only \$72,500 was collected, this sum being paid to the brigands after prolonged negotiations, February 6, by M. Gargiulo, chief dragoman of the United States Legation at Constantinople, and the treasurer of the American Mission at Constantinople W. W. Peet.

H. L. Leavitt, general representative of the Southern Carnival Company, visited Eugene this week to make arrangements for placing the Carnival Company's entertainment in Eugene for the week commencing June 29th which falls on Monday and ending the 4th of July which falls on Saturday. The entire week will be given up to carnival fun and entertainment. The Southern Carnival Company is different from other companies which have been traversing the West. It is an Eastern institution which came to California this last winter and has been doing the big cities a week at a time ever since. It is a bigger and better thing than has ever been seen in Eugene. The company carries 300 people and its train consists of 22 cars, all of which are owned by the company.

Marriage licenses were issued Monday to E. M. Savage and Nellie Bias; C. E. Shumway and Bertha Bullock.

E. M. Savage, of Wendling, and Miss Nellie Bias, of Harrisburg, were married by Justice C. A. Wipster Monday. They will reside at Wendling.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary E. Gray, the noble pioneer lady who passed away Friday evening at her home in this city, was largely attended Sunday morning.

Lane county this year has the banner tax roll of her history. The total in cash which has been paid into the sheriff's office reaches over \$160,000. This is a larger sum than shown by any previous year.

On May 24th the new law which does away with the \$300 exemption from taxation will go into effect, and hereafter \$300 will be added to the taxable property of every tax payer. It will increase the taxable property of this county over \$1,000,000.

A committee of three W. C. T. U. ladies visited the saloons and cigar stores of this city Monday and posted up the new law regarding the sale of tobacco to minors. Several saloon men imagined Carrie Nation had struck town and upon the appearance of the ladies, beat a hasty retreat via the back door route, 'tis said.

The four-cornered baseball league of the valley was completed Saturday evening by Salem applying for the fourth place, and the league will consist of Salem, Albany, Eugene and Roseburg, each club put up a forfeit of \$200 agreeing to complete the season according to schedule. Each club will play twenty games during the season, beginning probably on May 4. The league is amateur, no pay being allowed any player, and the games will be played full of local pride, to win.

FORCE IS INCREASED

Yet Fifty More Men are Wanted on the O. & S. E. R. R.

CREWS AT WORK

Steam Shovel-Ballasting and Construction Force Busy

Since our last issue about 40 more men have been put to work on the O. & S. E. railroad which is building from this city to the Bohemia mines and this reinforcement increases the crew now at work to about 100 men. We are informed by Supt. Pearson that at least 50 more men are badly needed to bring the construction crew up to the desired strength, and this additional force will be employed just as rapidly as men can be secured. The railroad force has been divided into two separate crews, one being engaged in actual construction work at the front, while the other is engaged in operating the big steam shovel and ballasting up the road already completed. At

the same time a crew of 30 men with headquarters at the Warehouse—base of supplies for the mines—are engaged in building a first class wagon road with uniform grade from the foot of the mountain into the Champion basin in order to put some extensive machinery into the mines early this season and over which freighting teams will be employed until the railroad is completed into the mines.

IN THE RAILROAD YARDS.

A small force of men is actively pushing work in the company's yards in this city. New side tracks are still being laid, while all the switches and the main track is being raised and ballasted up in first class shape.

Contractor Thos. Allen has accomplished the work of lowering the company's large three-story depot building and is now employed in remodeling and refitting the building, which when completed will be one of the finest depot buildings in the state.

PILE DRIVER AT WORK.

The S. P. Company's pile driver arrived at this place Wednesday and is getting ready for work in the O. & S. E. R. R. Co.'s yards at Long & Bingham's saw mill. Piles will be driven along the logging siding and pond at the mill and a narrow platform a little below the level of a flat car erected on these piles. From this platform skids will be placed down in the pond which will greatly expedite the unloading or dumping of logs from the logging train into the mill-pond. This mill is now running on full time.



THE BIGGEST STEAMSHIP AFLOAT.
The new ocean steamship Cedric, which has just made her maiden trip between Europe and America, is 700 feet long, 75 feet broad and 49 1/2 feet deep, and is the biggest steamer ever built. The France, 440 feet long, is the largest sailing vessel. The biggest American sailing ship is the Thomas W. Lawson, which is 405 feet over all.

NEW COUNTY ROAD

From Cottage Grove Direct West to Vicinity of Lorane

SHORT DISTANCE

Nearly Four Miles-Petition to Co. Court Numerously Signed

Rudolph Gerisch, who resides west of town, is circulating a petition this week which is being numerously signed, asking the county court to locate a new county road from Cottage Grove due west through Gowdyville and thence over the first coast range of mountains to Lorane. This new road is required and rendered necessary on account of the settlement during the past few years of that large scope of country bordering on and lying south of the Silk Creek valley through which valley the present county road to Lorane is located. No practical outlet being afforded to this old road there remains nothing for these numerous settlers to do in order to secure an outlet to Cottage Grove or Lorane, but to continue to travel over private roadways, which are obstructed by numerous gates, or petition the county court for a new road, and being enterprising and progressive citizens, these settlers have very properly chosen the latter course of procedure.

This newly proposed county road will not only accommodate a large number of settlers, who have through their energy and industry, hewn out productive and comfortable homes out of a former forest fastness, but will give an outlet to a vast amount of good timber and will encourage a still larger settlement of the country traversed by the road and thereby hasten the development of the great timber and other natural resources of this region. There is another significant fact greatly in favor of this new public highway and that is the shortening of the route from Cottage Grove to Lorane to the extent of fully 3 1/2 miles. The distant over the old road through the Silk Creek valley to Lorane is 12 miles, while over the newly proposed road from Cottage Grove to Lorane the distance will be reduced to 8 1/2 miles so we are reliably informed, owing to the direct route. There is little doubt but what the request of these numerous petitioners will be promptly granted.

by the county court and that the road will be viewed, surveyed and ordered open at an early date. The location of the proposed road is more minutely described as follows in the petition, commencing in the Siuslaw valley and running east to Cottage Grove:

"Commencing where county road No. 288 intersects the east line of L. E. Ward's land in Secs. 30 and 31, Tp. 20 S., R. 4 west, thence easterly up the Siuslaw valley through or along the lands of Clendenin Frady, Merian McKernon and Settle Gerrish, thence over the Adams burn and through the lands of Mr. Leiter and Lafayette Veatch to the west end of the Gowdyville lane in Sec. 30, Tp. 20 S., R. 3 west, thence easterly along said lane to its connection with county road No. 445, near the Masonic cemetery in Sec. 29, Tp. 20 S., R. 3 west and there ending all in Lane county, Oregon."

A Big Timber Deal.

W. H. Strobridge, the well-known mining man of Glendale this week bonded 42,000 acres of timber land in Jackson county, lying at the head of Rogue River and Butte creek, and will at once build 26 miles of railroad, in order to reach the timber, and put in an enormous lumbering plant this season.

Most of this land lies in what is known as the "goodfellow" and "Great Bend" timber tracts, and Mr. Strobridge believes that it is the finest body of timber between Portland and San Francisco. He estimates that it will cut 1,200,000,000 feet of lumber, with 2,000,000,000 feet more tributary to it. The price agreed upon is \$25 per acre for 24,000 acres and \$20 for 18,000 acres. About 65 per cent of this timber is fir, 25 per cent sugar pine and 10 per cent yellow pine. Much of the ground will make fine agricultural and fruit land. Mr. Strobridge believes that about half of this railroad can be built at a cost not to exceed \$600 per mile.

In the Social Realm.

A delightful evening was spent by a large number of invited guests at the home of Miss Jessie Berg last Friday evening. The occasion partook of an Easter Friday social and many games and pastimes appropriate for the occasion were introduced and enjoyed by the guests. Excellent light refreshments were served at a late hour after which the guests departed to their respective homes, conscious of the fact that Miss Berg had proven herself a charming hostess and had been instrumental in making the evening a most enjoyable one. The invited guests were: Misses Ermine Veatch, Laura Spalding, Elsie Lea, Maude Kelly, Laura Newland, Della White, Louise Newland, Marian White, Ethel Force, Myrtle Purvance and Miss Sisk. Messrs. Thos. Medley, Elvis Gowdy, J. E. Young, J. C. Currin, Chas. Newland, Chas. Cochran and Carl and Will Berg.

MET DEATH ON THE WIRE

Earl Fletcher is Electrocuted at Roseburg by Coming in Contact With a Live Wire.

Earl Fletcher met a very sudden and awful death at the Roseburg Light and Water Company's office Friday afternoon. The boy's father had made arrangements with the management of the company to let Earl go around with their linemen, Mr. Hurd, and thereby learn some things about the business, and in this capacity he had served for some time, and was at the office more or less all the time.

In the rear of the office, and under lock and key, are three large transformers, two incandescents and one arc light. These transformers are connected direct with the dynamo at Winchester.

Earl and Mrs. Jennie Krantz, the company's stenographer, were sitting in the transformer room, the former was reading and Mrs. Krantz went out into the office leaving the boy in the room. She had not been in the office but a few minutes when three awful unearthly yells were heard. Mr. Protzman and Cochran were in the office and they rushed to the transformer room, where the most awful sight imaginable met their gaze. There was the boy with one hand clasped around the wire through which 10,000 volts of electricity was coming intermittingly, one leg was drawn

up in a cross wise manner, and the soles of both shoes were burning. The head had dropped over on the chest, and to all appearance death had come when the first circuit was made.

Mr. Cochran showed great presence of mind in his actions. He sized up the matter in an instant and fully realized that the poor boy was beyond any human aid and it was all he could do to keep the other two people, who witnessed the awful sight, from running up and trying to jerk the body away from the wire. If this had happened they too would have met the same awful death, for the body was fully charged with as much of the 10,000 volts as it was possible to absorb.

The three spectators had to stand there and watch with absolutely no means in human power to relieve his suffering. The boy's hand which held the fatal wire, slowly burned in that sizzling way, until the hand was burnt to a crisp and then slowly relaxed and finally dropped all the while the soles of his shoes were smoking in the most awful way.—Plaindealer.

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