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LAYVIEW AWAITING ROAD.

Impetus to Business Result of Announcement of New Line.

Lakeview—The coming of the new railroad here means an impetus to business of which few outsiders have any idea. Many people believe that the coming of the railroad means merely better methods of transportation for those already settled, but the importance of the growth has already begun to be demonstrated. There are a number of new people who have come here to engage in business of recent weeks, and the real estate business is attracting some who believe that the approach of the steel rails means higher values for land. One long-felt want in the town is being filled by a new lumber yard, and as soon as freight trains begin doing work it is expected to start the new enterprise off with about 40 carloads of lumber.

The town already has one lumber yard and planing mill, but the demand for material has overtaken the facilities. The new yard will help the builders to get plenty of material, without using freshly sawed lumber or carrying stock for a season and waiting for it to cure.

Streets leading to the depot are being graveled and put into good shape for traffic to and from the station.

ANALYSIS SHOWS PURITY.

Klamath Falls Water, Under Test, Declared Free of Bacilli.

Klamath Falls.—In the controversy over the quality of the city water supply, which has caused residents here to boil the water used for domestic purposes for months past and resulted in the city spending much money in an effort to find pure water so it might go into the water business, the Klamath Falls Light & Water company, which has been subject to much criticism, has at last turned the tables on its critics.

It has an analysis, the fourth one made by Dr. Calvin S. White, secretary of the Oregon state board of health, at Portland, which shows that the water is now free from bacilli and that the two samples taken from the main spring contain only three and 50 organisms, respectively. The company's officials declare that the water is absolutely pure. This winter the city will be furnished water only from the springs which have stood the test, as indicated, and these springs will be securely walled off from possible contamination.

COLLEGE SECURES SPEAKERS.

Invitations to Address Short Course Accepted by Prominent Men.

Corvallis—Dean A. B. Cordley of the Oregon Agricultural college has received the acceptances of six prominent Oregonians asked to deliver addresses before the short course students Jan. 3 to Feb. 3.

President Ackerman of the Monmouth normal; President Newell of the State board of horticulture; H. M. Williamson, secretary of the State board of horticulture; C. E. Whistler of Medford; E. C. Thompson, president of the Hood River Fellowship association; and Prof. W. H. Lawrence, expert for the Hood River Fellowship association, have all signified their intention of being present to deliver lectures. A number of other men of prominence have been invited to speak during the four weeks of the course, and announcement will be made of their addresses.

DECISION DUBIOUS.

Effect of University Referendum Action Not Fixed.

Salem—The effect of Judge Galloway's recent opinion in the University of Oregon referendum cases insofar as it construed the effect of fraudulent petitions and the requirements as to their proof, is being liberally discussed here and there seems to be varying degrees of opinions as to the ultimate result of the decision on the future of the initiative and referendum, especially as to the referendum itself.

Should the opinion be upheld in the Supreme court, it is believed by many that the result of the opinion would be to have a clarifying effect on the referendum and its usages and on the means and methods of gathering names for referendum petitions.

Orchard Brings \$30,000.

Sheridan—One of the largest prune orchards in the United States was sold this week when the W. G. Sanderson tract was transferred to a Portland syndicate for a consideration of \$30,000. J. C. Castello and Philip Phelan, both of Portland, are the purchasers. Several years ago this same orchard was bought of the Grames heirs, the land at that time being rough and unimproved. The Mills brothers, now of Corvallis, bought the land, built houses, setting out the first trees.

Industrial Course Known Soon.

Salem—Superintendent Alderman announces that a plan is under way to make industrial work one of the required courses in the high school course of study throughout the state. Only a tentative plan has been arranged and is being held subject to criticism and approval, but before long the entire industrial course as it will be required in the high schools will be announced.

KLAMATH FALLS ANXIOUS.

Will It Remain "Premium Station" Is Question Now Uppermost.

Klamath Falls—This city boasts of one of the few stations on the Southern Pacific system classed as perfect by the great corporation which holds it. For this reason there is a sign over the front of the structure which reads, "Premium Station." The local structure has held this distinction for two successive years, the silver medal having been awarded in 1909 to F. M. Thompson and last year to Clarence B. Mills. The present agent, S. J. Bailey, would like to take the medal this year, and is awaiting with interest the verdict of the 1911 annual inspection, which is now under way and which will be completed within a couple of weeks.

Once every year the general superintendent of the Southern Pacific, with the assistant chief engineer and all the division superintendents, go over the entire railroad system and determine upon the nearness to perfection of the different classes of work, each superintendent in turn being disqualified as an inspector when his own particular division is under examination. Prizes are given for the best divisions, the best sections, the best pieces of roadbed, the best depots, the best pump houses, section houses and grounds. Last year 20 stations on the system were awarded silver medals for perfection. One of the first to secure this last prize, for which there is much competition over the entire system, was Klamath Falls.

SITE CHOSEN FOR STATION.

Southern Oregon Experiment Farm In Rogus River Valley.

Corvallis—Twenty-five acres of land with \$2,500 worth of buildings, formerly part of the Jackson county poor farm, has been deeded to the Oregon Agricultural college by the county for use for the new Southern Oregon Branch Experiment station, eight miles south of Medford and half a mile east of Talent on the main county road.

As there are four distinct types of soil on the property, some of the most important commercially in the Rogus River valley, this is an unusually well adapted site for experimental work. There are two different types of the Bear Creek river bottom soils which are good examples of the soil in the valley flats, and two upland soils of a more gravelly type, which represent the hillside soils in the western part of the valley. A spring with perpetual flow has made it possible to have over half the acreage under irrigation at present.

Eugene Spies Full-Grown Deer.

Eugene—Two full grown deer, a buck and a doe, were seen at different times within the city limits of Eugene on Sunday afternoon. Shortly after noon, E. J. Crow saw a large buck deer in his pasture near the golf links. The animal was apparently entirely undisturbed, and was walking around with the cattle in the pasture. A short time afterward L. L. Godrich saw a large doe come down from the hills to the south of the city, cross the street tracks, and jump the golf links fence. The animals were seen by several people, and did not seem to be at all disturbed by their urban surroundings. Tiring of sightseeing, they jumped the intervening fences and returned to the hills around Spencer Butte.

Baker Industry is Sold.

Baker—The purchase of the Lime and Gypsum works, near Huntington, was consummated when 17 instruments were filed with the Baker county clerk, conveying the property from Charles E. Ladd and General Charles F. Beebe to the Pacific Lime and Gypsum company. The articles of conveyance set the consideration at \$1, but a first mortgage, 6 per cent gold bond for \$200,000 was recorded in favor of the Commonwealth Trust & Loan company, of New York. The filing fees were \$51.

82 Killed on Railways.

Salem—There were 82 people killed and 290 injured on the railroads of the State of Oregon in the year ending November 11, 1911, as shown by the State Railroad commission. Of this number eight passengers were killed and 66 injured. Three persons carried under contract or agreement were injured; four trainmen were killed and 52 injured; eight yard trainmen were killed and 16 injured; 17 other employees were killed and 88 injured.

Jetty Makes New Course.

Wheeler—Due to the construction of the jetty the north channel at the mouth of the Nehalem river has shifted a mile south, and one hour after high tide recently the depth over the bar was found to be 14 feet. The steam schooner Patsy followed the new channel, its master reporting the deep sounding. The jetty is under construction by the Port of Nehalem and government engineers are in charge.

Milton Ranch Brings \$10,500.

Milton—The old Warfield ranch on Basket mountain, 510 acres of hay and cattle land, was sold this week to Herbert March for \$10,500.

YUAN REMAINS STEADFAST.

Will Resign Rather Than Yield to Republicans.

Peking—Yuan Shi Kai, the premier, evidently still remains steadfast in his decision not to accept a republican form of government for China as the price of peace within the empire.

Members of the premier's entourage reiterate that Yuan never will advise the abdication of the emperor and thereby become a traitor. They say that if the formation of a republic is unavoidable he will resign as prime minister.

It has been suspected that Tang Shao Yi, the representative of Yuan and the imperial government at the Shanghai peace conference, and Yuan were playing a pre-arranged game with the intention to shear the Manchus of power gradually and thereby prevent a Manchu uprising in Peking, but the fact that Tang has telegraphed friends here asking them to endeavor to persuade Yuan of the necessity of accepting a republic seemingly indicates that Tang and the premier are not in accord.

After many conferences prior to his departure from Shanghai, Tang evidently believed that Yuan had been won over to the republican idea, while on the other hand Yuan thought Tang had been brought around to see the necessity for the continuance of the monarchy.

ARMY REFORMS PRISONS.

Deserters to Be Treated as Subject to Good Influences.

Washington, D. C.—A sweeping change in military prison methods was instituted by order of the War department. All of the short-term prisoners on Alcatraz island, San Francisco, have been ordered transferred to Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

All of the long-term prisoners in the latter prison are to be transferred to Alcatraz, which will thus be made the place of confinement for the criminal element, while Leavenworth will be the place of detention of soldiers guilty of purely military offenses. To save transportation expenses, a second criminal jail is created at Fort Jay, Governor's island.

The effect of these changes is to carry out the recently developed British system of treating deserters and the soldiers guilty of breaches of discipline as subject to reformatory influences and of segregating them from the absolutely criminal and vicious class.

BIG PRIZES FOR MARCHERS.

Elks Offer Great Inducements to Competitors in Parade.

Portland—With prospects of from 25,000 to 30,000 uniformed marchers in the big Elks Grand Lodge convention parade here in July, the local lodge of Elks has decided to award a total of \$10,000 in cash prizes for the winners of the different classes. This is by far the greatest aggregation of prizes ever offered by the Elks or any other order in the country. These prizes will be for the lodge making the best showing, the lodge having the largest number of men in line, the one having the largest total mileage, the best drilled marching team, the lodge bringing the greatest number of ladies, the best band, the biggest and the littlest Elk, the tallest and the shortest Elk, the handsomest and the ugliest, for the most comical costume and for a number of special feature classes.

Standard Hash Proposed.

Topeka, Kan.—With the ultimate object of standardizing all hash served in public places in Kansas, the State board of health has instituted an investigation as to the ingredients commonly used by restaurants and hotels in the concoction of the dish. "This department has found," said Dr. S. J. Crumbins, secretary of the board, "that all mixed foods must be standardized or the pure food law cannot be enforced. The board does not propose to denature hash—merely tone it down."

Maine Relics Are Held Up.

Washington, D. C.—Sentimentalists and souvenir-hunters, as well as town governments and patriotic organizations have been pouring requests into the navy department recently for relics from the ill-fated Maine. The department has no authority to dispose of any part of the vessel, and all requests have been refused. The department is awaiting action of congress before making any plans for the disposition of the wreck.

Japan Ready to Intervene.

Tokio—Although the reports of Japanese military intervention in China are premature, it is understood that preparations have been completed to send an expedition to China if necessary. The belief prevails here that the Shanghai peace conference is a pretext on the part of both the revolutionists and the imperialists, in order that they might strengthen their military positions.

Antipodian Trust Fined.

Sydney, Australia—The prosecutions against the coal combine, on which writs were served on August 26, 1910, for breaches of the Australian anti-trust law, resulted in the fining of each member of the trust \$2,500 by the Federal court. The court granted an injunction against the continuation of the monopoly.

PHONE RATE WAR TO AFFECT COAST

Postal Telegraph and Home Companies in Deal.

No Combination Planned—Companies Exchange Use of Lines Over Entire Country.

San Francisco—A telephone rate war up and down the Pacific Coast was instituted here by the Postal Telegraph company, which made a 15-cent slash in the charge for talking to Sacramento. Officials of the company said that the Postal company, within six months, would be in the telephone business in California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada and Utah.

William Hearn, superintendent of the California and Southwest division of the Postal company, said that an agreement with the Independent Telephone company in Portland, Or., was being closed and that similar arrangements will be made in other cities.

Such a one has been effected with the Home Telephone company of Los Angeles already.

This is the Postal company's first real invasion of the long-distance telephone field up and down the Coast and is to compete with the Western Union-Bell Telephone alliance.

The Postal officials have announced a rate of 25 cents for a 10 minute talk with Sacramento, 86 miles away, as against the existing rate of 40 cents a minute, and like reductions will be offered to other Coast points as soon as a schedule can be promulgated.

"The Postal company is preparing to give connected telephone service throughout the country," said Mr. Hearn. "We have operated a line from San Francisco to Salt Lake for nearly a year. We have already entered into agreements with some independent companies and agreements with others are pending."

"The Postal company is not absorbing these companies but simply exchanging service with them. We are fitting out main lines so that we will be able to give service over all of them."

"Our rates will be in comparison with that put into effect between this city and Sacramento, or about one-seventh of the existing rates."

"We are just closing up an agreement with the independent company at Portland, and that city will be one of the first connected."

DEVICE CONVICTS BRIBER

Gary Alderman's Illicit Transaction Recorded by Dictaphone.

Crown Point, Ind.—Alderman Gibson, of Gary, Ind., was found guilty of bribery in connection with the passage by the Gary committee of the council of a heating franchise ordinance secured by Thomas B. Dean, of Louisville, Ky. It is the first conviction based on evidence secured by a dictaphone on record.

This is the first of several trials of Gary officials on charges of bribery. The dictaphone, the delicate electrical instrument which gathers minute sounds in one room and transmits them to a telephone receiver elsewhere, carried to stenographers conversation between Dean and Gibson when they were negotiating in regard to the franchise, and the stenographers read into the record what purported to be the conversations, including the alleged offers of bribes and their receipt. Dean, by whom the dictaphone was installed, was a witness against Gibson.

Paper Fraud Revealed.

Washington, D. C.—Discovery by the congressional joint committee on printing that "adulterated" paper had been used for years in the government printing office led to the announcement of a complete new set of government paper standards.

The paper adulteration was accomplished by the substitution of clay for the more substantial wood or rag fibers, leading to the grave fear that many of the printed records of the government would crumble and become unreadable in less than a century.

Federal Control is Urged.

St. Paul—"Federal control," said James Wickersham, delegate to congress from Alaska, in an interview here, "is the only salvation of Alaska." Mr. Wickersham, who is on his way to Washington, spoke before the Current Topics Club. "As things are now," Mr. Wickersham said, "the Guggenheim-Morgan interests control not only the territory, but the real seat of the territorial government, which is in Washington."

Typhoid Serum Advised.

Washington, D. C.—Typhoid inoculation is to be introduced by official order among the field force of the Department of Agriculture. This is the first time on record that a civil department of the government has taken such a step. The inoculation is not compulsory, but is recommended because of the ravages of typhoid in the force.

Taft's Success Predicted.

Helena, Mont.—"President Taft will be renominated if he wants to be," said Thomas A. Marlow, Republican National committeeman. "There is little force to the opposition to the re-nomination of the president." Mr. Marlow attended the meeting of the National committee at Washington.