

LAST CONTRACT IS MADE OUT

Right of Way Has Been Secured.

Springfield-Henderson Station Link is Now Assured.

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W. W. Blanchard, the Southern Pacific railway official who has spent the best part of the past two months in Lane county trying to amicably settle the right-of-way question for the Springfield-Henderson Station connecting link, informed a Guard representative last evening that he had just made out the contract for the last bit of ground on the route.

This completes Mr. Blanchard's work and he will return at once to San Francisco.

The matter of securing the right-of-way has been a vexatious one and the settlement of the same is a cause for congratulation by all citizens of Lane county. The route makes a slight curve from Henderson Station, on the west side of the river, north to a point a hundred feet above the county bridge where a fine steel bridge will be built. From that point the track takes a direction towards the Springfield depot, where a "Y" will connect the branch with the Woodburn-Springfield line of road.

WORK THIS FALL.

Work on the link might commence this fall, Mr. Blanchard thinks. But it is probable that it will not be completed until the spring floods of the Willamette river have subsided. It will take but short time to complete the work, most of the labor being necessary for the huge steel bridge.

BENEFIT TO EUGENE.

Eugene will be greatly benefited by the building of the link. The lumber towns of Springfield, Wendling and Coburg will be connected by rail and all the immense amount of provisions shipped now by wagons, will go by rail, much more quickly and with greater satisfaction, thereby increasing the trade. The east side, rich in all kinds of products, will be connected with the west-side by the only link this side of Albany.

The S. P. Company will also be a great gainer. All the lumber intended for the south has been shipped around by Albany and will now be sent direct from the mills to California, thus saving time, extra haul and yard expense to the company. It practically places all the east side of Lane county on the main line of traffic.

The improvement is to be welcomed by all and its completion will be hailed with delight.

Personals

(Daily Guard, September 25.)

Will Stuart is down from Mohawk. W. W. Scott, of Crews, is in Eugene.

Hon. and Mrs. E. R. Skipworth are in Portland.

A. H. Lewis, of Goldson, was in Eugene today.

Mrs. Frank Page returned to Saguinaw this afternoon.

Hon. R. M. Veatch, of Cottage Grove, is in the city.

Mrs. Phoebe Kinsey returned this afternoon from Salem.

L. T. Harris returned his afternoon from the Bohemia mines.

Mrs. C. J. Howard, of Cottage Grove, is visiting in Eugene.

Hy Stewart has accepted a position in the Douglas county bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barbre, of Lost Valley, arrived in Eugene this afternoon.

L. C. Skeels left this morning for a week's hunting trip in the mountains.

Mrs. C. W. Lowe returned this afternoon after a brief visit in Albany.

Miss Louise Jones, '04, returned to the University yesterday from Portland.

Mrs. Al Auten and daughters returned this afternoon to their home at Monmouth.

Will Ware is back from a trip to Vida. He has been absent for the past two months.

Miss Ethel LaRaut arrived this afternoon from Saguinaw and with her mother, is a guest of Mrs. R. A. Booth.

Editor D. E. Vernon, of the Oakland Owl, was in Eugene today on his way home from the Knights Templar convales at Albany.

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The Misses May and Lena Jeary, who for the past six weeks, have been the guests of Mrs. Hobbs-Alley, left this morning for their home in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Miss Elva Wimberly will leave Sunday for Eugene, where she will attend the fair and spend a month visiting friends and relatives.—Roseburg Plaindealer.

Geo. Kintzley and wife, who left Springfield a few months ago for Hopper and Eastern points, returned last week, having decided not to make the contemplated trip back to Iowa.

Prof. F. G. Young was a passenger to Portland this afternoon, where he attends a meeting of the Lewis and Clark commission and also a meeting of the Oregon Historical Society, which convenes tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Austin, of Seattle, Wash., who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Kightlinger the past week, left yesterday on the 11 o'clock train for Lane county, with Mrs. Kightlinger, to visit her parents.—Salem Journal.

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John E. Johnson is here from Goshen. Merle Harding is in Grants Pass on business.

Eugene Holland, of Crow, was in Eugene today.

L. T. Harris is on a business trip to Cottage Grove.

Rev. W. A. Wood arrived home today from Roseburg.

Rev. Father Buetgen was a passenger to Cottage Grove today.

John Evans, of the Mohawk, is in Eugene on business today.

Ulysses Walker, of Cottage Grove, was in Eugene this morning.

Ralph Whipple came down from Cottage Grove this morning.

A. Baker, of Irving, paid the Guard a pleasant call today.

W. W. Blanchard, the railway route man, left today for points south.

County Commissioner J. R. Hill, of Junction City, was in Eugene today.

J. M. Eddy made a business trip north this morning, returning today.

Mr. O'Brien returned this afternoon from a hunting trip near Myrtle Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Handsaker have returned from a week's outing at Edendale.

Mrs. Rothrock, of Pendleton, arrived this afternoon and will enter the University.

Mrs. W. S. Nickerson returned to her home at Springfield Thursday from Portland.

Jas. Callison, student in the business college, is at his home at Pleasant Hill today.

Prof. and Mrs. W. E. McElroy arrived up from Salem this afternoon to attend the fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Linn, of Jacksonville, arrived this afternoon and are guests of their son, David Linn.

Miss Ethelene Adams and Miss Roberta Rippey left today for Crews, where they will teach school.

W. H. Jackson, the S. P. inspector, was on the train today, returning from an inspection of the Drain-Coos Bay route.

Cottage Grove Leader: R. W. Veatch moved his family to Eugene Monday to reside. Bob has accepted a good position with the Griffin Hardware Company of that city.

W. W. Caspar, operator at the Postal Telegraph office, received a telegram notifying him that his mother was seriously ill at Anoka, Minnesota. He left on the morning train for her bedside. He will return to Eugene in a few weeks.

John W. George, of Eugene, stopped off in Medford last week for few days' visit with his sister, Miss Carrie George. The young man was en route to Stockton, where he will resume college studies.—Mail.

Rev. F. A. Douglas arrived this afternoon from Roseburg, where he is pastor of the Baptist church, and will occupy the pulpit of the Baptist church here tomorrow, while Rev. Green fills his pulpit at Roseburg for tomorrow's services.

Rev. E. A. Childs, who will have charge of the Congregations of the Christian church at Medford and Ashland, arrived here from Eugene this week, with his family, consisting of his wife and five children, and will immediately assume charge of the work in this district.—Medford Mail.

Cottage Grove Nuggett: Rev. F. E. Billington who has for the past year been holding the pastorate of the Christian church at this place, and also attending college at Eugene, having completed his course, will now take up permanent residence in Cottage Grove and have personal charge of the church here.

Santiam Mining District.

J. W. Holland left this afternoon for the Santiam mining district, where he will locate a number of mining claims, having purchased a lot of blanks at this office for that purpose. He says the prospects in the Santiam district are very good and thinks there are some rich prospects there.

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