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IT STANDS TESTS

Neal Railway Track Joint Installed on Nearly Mile of Track Near Chicago

Ernest Neal, president of the Railway Track-Joint Corporation of Coquille, Oregon, has returned home from Chicago for the holiday season. Mr. Neal has been in the latter city for the past several months, where he has been perfecting his invention which is known as the Neal Rail Gap Equalizer. He has been assisted in his work by the American Steel Foundries of Chicago, the engineering department and laboratory of that company having been placed at his disposal.

The purpose of the Neal Rail Gap Equalizer is to prevent creeping rails without the use of rail anchors which are now in common use and which are much more expensive than the equalizer and not nearly as efficient. In the past month approximately 150 of these equalizers have been installed on 4500 lineal feet of the tracks of the Chicago and Western Indiana Railroad near Hegewisch, Illinois, which is a suburb of Chicago. To date, the equalizers have been proven to be one hundred per cent satisfactory.

They have been tested under freezing weather at this time, and the equalizer prevented contraction of the rails, holding the 4500 feet rigid as a single piece of metal. Now the only other test to be made is to see if the heat of summer will cause an expansion.

At the time the equalizers were placed on the 4500 feet of track, which is the most used in the United States, there was a 30 degree drop in temperature over night. Where the equalizers were in place there was not the slightest variation. But at the other joints the rail ends were varying distances apart. They had been set with the same exact distance between each pair of rails.

During the past summer an agreement was entered into between the Railway Track-Joint Corporation, which owns the equalizer and the Standard Equipments Company of New York, providing for the manufacture and sale by the latter company of the equalizer. It is anticipated that production on a quantity basis will be started some time within the next six months. The equalizers will be manufactured by the American Steel Foundries who are collaborating with the Standard Equipments Co. Mr. Neal will leave for Chicago again within a few days where he will continue to supervise the installation of the equalizers.

8-Year Old's Big Catch

Floyd, 8-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Green was about the proudest boy in the state Wednesday when he had his picture taken while holding the 31-inch steelhead he had caught in the North Fork the day before. He caught it and landed it alone, although his sister, Rosie, had held on to his coat-tails during the fight with the 9 1/2 pound fish. Grover was across the stream and told her to hold on to her brother while he (Grover) was getting to them. By the time dad arrived Floyd had the fish on the bank and was beating it to death with a club—father having kept the gaff hook with him. And to show up the old man, Floyd caught another steelhead, 27 inches long, while Grover went fishless for the day.

A new Christmas fishing outfit was the inspiration for the day's trip, and the equipment was nobly broken in. Floyd was eight on December 10.

Killed Ducks with Tags

A couple of days before the close of the 1934 duck season, which ended Sunday, Lewis English secured the limit over at the Fat Elk Duck Club preserves, and made a couple of noteworthy kills. One was a hen Spring, wearing a Biological Survey leg band, No. 512,797, which he has sent to Washington, D. C.

The other was a mallard drake, an English Caller, which he had used for a decoy and had escaped the week before from the party to whom Mr. English had loaned it. It had his neckband on.

There were hundreds of ducks flying last Friday and the 1934 season went out with a bang.

W. R. C. to Install

The Coquille Woman's Relief Corps will have installation of officers on its regular dinner day, Wednesday, January 2.

Happy New Year

A new year, with its problems and uncertainties, its happiness and woes, its opportunities for development, both spiritually and materially is upon us. Before the next issue of the Sentinel appears the year 1934 will be history. The present twelve months is an improvement over 1933, and the prospects are brighter for an even bigger and better thirty-five.

That we all may take advantage of the opportunities for progress the coming year, is the wish of the Sentinel.

May each of its readers enjoy a greater share of prosperity, more abundant life and health, a truer realization of why life on this earth is worth while, a real advancement in all that is good, and a surer faith in the kingdom of God.

And so—A Happy New Year to each and all.

To Make Mediterranean Cruise

When Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ulett and George, Jr. leave here Saturday for New York it will be but the first leg of a ten weeks' trip which is going to take them across the Atlantic again. They expect to sail on Jan. 5, on the S. S. Rex, the largest passenger vessel afloat, for Italy and will visit various other European countries as well as England before returning to the United States early in March.

COOS WEATHER IS PREFERABLE

The weather man gave southwestern Oregon everything in the bag yesterday. There was sunshine for a little while in the morning; there was rain, hail, and for a short time snow fell, melting as it struck. But out in the hills the landscape was covered with a mantle of white. The hills back of Coos City and the Blue Ridge were white, and there is two feet of snow on Eden Ridge, making it almost certain that the Coos Bay Lumber Co. camp cannot start next week.

It was snowing out on Fairview mountain so heavily yesterday morning that a driver could hardly see ten feet ahead and Lans Levene's windshield was plastered tight when he reached Coquille yesterday morning.

With ten inches of rain this month, the total has now reached 33 inches since Sept. 1.

The Coquille river is still within its banks at the edge of town but so much rain has collected in the bottoms, and the low places in the river bank have permitted so much water to leave the channel that the bottoms are as completely inundated as though the usual winter freshet had put the river out all the way from Broadbent to Riverton.

Even with all these seeming discomforts, the thermometer has not reached the freezing point the past weeks, and there is no suffering and death from the cold, such as press reports indicate is occurring in the east and middle west. The report is that 250 lives have been taken by the cold.

Team 2 to Feed Team 1

Team No. 1, captained by Geo. Ulett, won the attendance contest of the Lions Club which has been in progress the past two months, from Team No. 2, captained by J. A. Fitzpatrick. The contest closed yesterday with the winners having 963 points to the losers', 920. The next thing will be the pay-off when Team 2 furnishes a dinner with Team 1 as guests.

Donald Farr furnished the entertainment at the luncheon yesterday with three vocal solos, accompanied at the piano by his sister, Miss Edythe. Don has a good voice and the club enjoyed his singing. Another guest at the luncheon was Bill Hickling, a member of the Marshfield Lions Den.

To Have Watch Night Service

On New Year's eve (Monday) there will be a special Watch Night service at the Assembly of God, the musical program commencing at 7:30 o'clock and the meeting continuing on through till midnight.

Rev. and Mrs. Frank Dunbar, missionaries to South America, will be the guest speakers of the evening. This talented and gifted young couple will give several musical numbers, both vocal and instrumental.

The Assemblies of God of the Southwestern district are co-operating to make the meeting one of fellowship and reunion. All friends and members are urged to attend the service which promises to be unique and interesting.

3 INSTALLATIONS T. A. SCHROEDER

Held in Masonic Temple Last Evening, Job's Daughters, Star and Masonic

Approximately 200 were present at the Masonic Temple last evening for the installation ceremonies of Job's Daughters, Beulah Chapter No. 6, O. E. S., and Chadwick Lodge No. 68, A. F. & A. M.

The evening started with a very enjoyable six o'clock dinner and concluded with another repast just before the "wee sma' hours."

Margaret Purvance, retiring honored queen, acted as installing officer for the first affair of the evening, La Velle Dale as marshal, Margaret Stewart as chaplain, and Margaret Smith as secretary. The work of the young ladies was impressive and splendid and the local Bethel promises to continue as an active and progressive organization this year.

Those installed were:
Honored Queen—Zelma Bosserman
Senior Princess—Levella Walstrom
Junior Princess—Dorris Compton
Guide—La Velle Dale
Marshal—Marilyn Compton
Recorder—Dorothy Glaisyer
Treasurer—Harriet McRay
Librarian—Betty Axtell
Chaplain—Joanne Peterson
Senior Custodian—Evelyn Rider
Junior Custodian—Marion Hess
Inner Guard—Virginia Hartson
Outer Guard—Mary Lou Nosler
Pianist—Marjorie Van Alstine
First Messenger—Beverly Norton
Second Messenger—Mary Edna Lorenz
Third Messenger—Joan Weekly
Fourth Messenger—Elizabeth Varney
Fifth Messenger—Phyllis Le Gore
Mrs. Mabel Ulett, retiring worthy matron of Beulah Chapter, acted as
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Improved Bus Service

R. W. Lemon, president of Oregon Motor Stages, announces that effective January 1, 1935, his company is taking over the operation of buses between Portland, Forest Grove and McMinnville. New equipment for this operation is ordered and delivery is anticipated during February of next year. "We want to give our patrons the best bus service possible," he said.

Mr. Lemon also announces that on January 1st, his company is inaugurating through and faster service without transfer enroute to the Tillamook beaches. This service is to be performed by modern, stream-lined buses with reclined seats, hot water heat and a new air conditioning device that assures a complete change of air every few minutes. There will be two round trips daily, between Portland, Tillamook and Wheeler and one round trip daily between Portland, Tillamook and Astoria. Oregon Motor Stages will also serve Toledo and the Newport beaches via McMinnville and Corvallis.

Pacific Greyhound Lines will operate local and through service between Portland and all California points via Oregon Coast Highway and between Roseburg, Coquille and Coos Bay, service formerly performed by Oregon Motor Stages.

A. T. Morrison on Cranberries

A. T. Morrison, who was up here from his cranberry ranch near Bandon last Saturday, said that cranberry growers who did not suffer from frosts were very fortunate this year, the price being unusually high because of the crop failure in the east. He has average 1200 bushels per year for the last four years, from three acres, and expects to have another acre in bearing soon. He ascribes it more to luck than anything else that his bog is located where it is not injured by frosts in the late spring and early summer.

Cranberry growing requires a lot of hard work, Mr. Morrison stated, but the work brings additional profits in a larger and better berry.

He advises that anyone contemplating going into the business in Coos county, should select their bog land carefully; then go to Clatsop county and ship down peat from that section and put on the bog here. The reason he advises against going up to the Columbia river to enter the business is that that section is so much more afflicted with bugs and pests which destroy the crop than is the Coos section.

A. O. Walker left Wednesday morning on a business trip to San Francisco. He will return early next week.

Native of Coos County Passes Away Saturday—Lived Here for 63 Years

T. Alfred Schroeder was a pioneer of the Coquille valley, having been born at Norway, six miles above Coquille, March 31, 1871. He passed away at his home here last Saturday morning at 7:10 o'clock.

At the funeral services, held in the Schroeder Bros. chapel here at 2 p. m. Monday, there was an unusually large gathering of friends and acquaintances who came to pay their last token of respect to one whom they honored and loved. The profuse flower display also betokened the universal esteem in which he was held.

The services were conducted by T. B. MacDonald and interment was in the family plot of the Norway cemetery.

Thomas Alfred Schroeder was 63 years of age last March, the son of August and Dora Schroeder, who came here as members of the Baltimore colony. He was a mill man by occupation and was employed at the old Johnson mill, at Johnsons Mill, the mill here and by the Smith-Powers company at Eastside before that mill was renamed the Coos Bay Lumber Co.

He was united in marriage to Ella Sturdivant, at Johnson's Mill, in 1902. Their only daughter died at the age of four, 25 years ago. Their one son, Melvin, was here from his home in Chicago, a few days before his father's death.

Beside his widow and son he is survived by three sisters, Mrs. A. H. Bender, of Norway, Mrs. John D. Carl, of Arago, Mrs. L. J. Linegar, of Santa Cruz, Calif.; four brothers, Edwin and Henry Schroeder, of Myrtle Point, Charles, of Coquille, and Percy, of Tillamook. There are also a number of surviving cousins.

He had been ill for the past two months, and had been in the Mast hospital at Myrtle Point for four weeks, but was brought home three weeks before his death.

He was a member of the Neighbors of Woodcraft; a good man; cheerful in adversity as well as in prosperity, a man who kept his word and lived according to Christian teachings.

Mrs. Glaisyer Home from Trip

Mrs. W. V. Glaisyer, associate worthy grand matron of the grand chapter of Oregon, O. E. S., returned from a two months' trip Monday evening, just in time to partake of Christmas dinner with her family. She was one of three delegates from this grand chapter to the General Grand Chapter which convened in Tampa, Florida, Nov. 18-22. She left Coquille on the fourth of November and joined Mrs. Monnie Hauser, junior worthy grand matron, Mrs. Edith Phillips, worthy grand matron, the other delegates, and Mrs. Albertine McMurry, grand committeewoman. They went the southern route, through California, Texas, stopping a couple of days in New Orleans and spent a week in Florida.

There were 6000 in attendance at the General Grand Chapter, 600 of them being delegates.

From Tampa, Mrs. Glaisyer went to Washington, D. C., where she visited the Lyman Carrier family and then proceeded to New York. She sailed from there on the President Wilson, stopping off for a few hours at Havana, Cuba, and then through the Panama Canal, and up the coast to San Francisco, where she landed on Sunday.

It was a wonderfully interesting and pleasant two months' trip and Mrs. Glaisyer says she enjoyed every minute of it. And was also glad to reach home.

Balloons Travelled 60 Miles

Last Sunday when the B. P. O. Elks held their Christmas party for children at the Armory in Marshfield, they presented the youngsters with balloons as well as candy and oranges. Some of these naturally escaped from the little ones when they got outdoors and a man told "Pats" Collier in Roseburg yesterday that he found several balloons 15 miles east of Roseburg earlier this week which bore the Elk picture and number of the Marshfield lodge. Nearly 60 miles they sailed!

Grace Miller, who resided between Marshfield and North Bend, and was mixed up in the Lund shooting scrape a few months ago, was declared insane in probate court last week and taken to the asylum last Sunday.

Coos Pays All of 1934 Tax

County Treasurer Stauff on Wednesday remitted to the state of Oregon, \$18,630.90, the fourth quarter state tax payment from Coos county, which was due by next Monday. Coos county has met its payments to the state as they came due in 1934, but not as some counties were able to do, pay the last three quarters when the second quarter came due.

The state associations of county treasurers and county clerks, at their sessions in Portland this month, went on record as favoring the payment of only that much of the state tax and elementary school tax as is paid in cash to the county tax collector. Coos county's tax collection this year was slightly over 40 per cent—both cash and warrants—and if the legislature should enact such a law as the county officers recommended, this county, on the basis this year, would have paid around 40 per cent of its state and elementary school tax.

First Visit in Six Years

Paul Wilson, son of V. R. Wilson, accompanied by Mrs. Wilson and their two children, arrived here Sunday and remained until Wednesday morning. This is the younger Mr. Wilson's first visit to his old home in six or seven years, and his first Christmas here in 20 years.

PRETTY WEDDING SUNDAY

In the presence of relatives and friends which filled the Pioneer Church Sunday, Miss Eleanor C. Oerding became the bride of Felix G. Miller, the impressive ring ceremony being used by Rev. W. Raymond Wilder, who officiated.

The bridal party entered the auditorium of the church at three p. m., and advanced to the altar to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, played by Mrs. John C. Oerding.

The ushers, Dan Fish and Everett Sealey, led the way, followed by the flower girls, Marjorie and Geraldine Oerding. The bride was accompanied by her father, J. H. Oerding, and the groom by Gary Ellison.

The maid of honor was Miss Lucille Oerding, and the bridesmaids, Misses Virginia and Priscilla Miller, sisters of the groom.

The bride was lovely in white. Her gown was of satin, with a train, and she wore a wedding veil. She carried a white prayer book.

The maid of honor was attired in a pink flat crepe gown and she carried a pink and white corsage.

The bridesmaids wore blue taffeta and carried bouquets of pink snapdragons.

The flower girls were lovely and quaint in their long old-fashioned pink and green dresses. The men were attired in the conventional black.

The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, the color scheme being silver and blue.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Oerding home on Henry street for the immediate families, and at 5 p. m. the happy couple left on a week's wedding trip to San Francisco where they are visiting the bride's sister, Mrs. H. B. Warner.

On their return they will make their home in Powers, where Mr. Miller is associated with Carl Ensele and Louis Baker in the construction and repair of houses.

The bride is one of the two youngest daughters of J. H. Oerding, the maid of honor and the bride being twins. She grew to womanhood in this city and is a graduate of Coquille high school.

The groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion C. Miller, of McKinley, is also a graduate of C. H. S., a young man of sterling qualities and steadiness of purpose who is liked and respected by all who know him.

The Sentinel joins with their hosts of friends in wishing them a long, happy and prosperous life.

To Broadcast January 3

Mrs. E. E. Mingus, of the Marshfield Women's Civic Club, has been broadcasting programs over Coos as a publicity feature in connection with her duties as press and publicity chairman. She has invited Mrs. R. A. Wernich, of Coquille Woman's Club, to participate in a broadcast at one o'clock January 3rd, in the form of an interview touching on the activities of the Coquille Club and with a view to emphasizing the guest program which the local club will take to Marshfield on January 4. All members of the Coquille club are urged to attend the Marshfield meeting.

REPORT IS MADE

By Christmas Cheer Committee of Receipts and Expenses For the Baskets

The following is the Christmas Cheer report, submitted by Mrs. C. C. Farr, chairman of the executive committee:

Cash receipts from all sources, \$63.29.
Expenditures
Meat - - - - - \$21.00
Oranges - - - - - 2.75
Bread and Candy - - - 6.51
Coffee and Butter - - - 19.46
Sugar - - - - - 5.30
Wrapping and sacks, pins, etc. 1.35
Delivery - - - - - 5.00
Cash on hand - - - - - 1.92

The balance is to be turned over to the Circle Guild shoe fund of the Woman's Club, of which Mrs. Jack Lefevre is chairman.

There were 13 baskets provided by American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars and 42 by the general committee.

There were some 20 lbs. of candy, three sacks potatoes, 1 1/2 sack of carrots, 50 qts. fruit, 52 cans vegetables, 60 pks. jam or jelly, and some other miscellaneous articles contributed.

The response was generous, the committees gave liberally of their time and the 20-30 Club especially worked well and put this across. If anyone went hungry, we are sorry as we tried very hard to provide baskets for all, and toys for the children.

I wish to thank especially: Ida Owen, Mrs. Louis Fugelson, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Nosler, Mrs. Jewell, Mrs. J. R. Bunch, Phyllis Bunch, Ed. Brophy, Harry Oerding, 20-30 Club, Harold Gould, Wm. Barrow, Geo. McClellan, Jimmy Watson, Clarence Bean, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lefevre, Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Elrod, Mrs. Belle Gould, the Sentinel, and all who helped in any way to make this work possible.

All children received toys provided through the efforts of the 20-30 Club.

This unified effort, prevented any duplication of baskets.

Mrs. C. C. Farr,
Executive Chairman

Heaviest Mail This Year

The holiday postal business was heavier this year than ever before. It was not only, as Postmaster Geo. Belloni says, the heaviest since he has been postmaster, but it was the heaviest in the history of the office. Starting on Wednesday, Dec. 19, 50 parcels post sacks were received. On Thursday it was 58, on Friday the peak was reached at 65, on Saturday 46, and on Monday 50. Outgoing mail was also the largest ever known here with 50 sacks dispatched on Wednesday of last week, 43 on Thursday, 52 on Friday and 46 on Saturday. This did not include single pieces or packages too large to go in a sack.

Not only was the office open the last two Saturday afternoons, but the entire crew was down Sunday morning to accommodate last minute shipments and to deliver mail of all descriptions.

Postal receipts were also the largest for any December—always the banner month—in the Coquille office's existence.

Farr & Elwood Moving

Farr & Elwood, Inc., is busy this week moving its seed, feed and transfer business from the former location on Front street to the concrete building at the corner of Taylor and Second streets, occupied so long as a Ford salesroom and garage. Mr. Farr expects to be doing business at both places tomorrow and to be completely moved by the first of the year.

Pending completion of his arrangements for new quarters, C. E. Niles will occupy a portion of the same building with Farr & Elwood and expected to have announcement of his plans ready upon his return from San Francisco to which point he went on Wednesday.

Mrs. J. P. Beyers left on Wednesday night's train for Portland to attend the annual meeting of the Oregon State Teachers Association.

To Relocate Dement Road

The county court this week declared its intention to re-locate the Dement Creek - Curry county road, and instructed J. Loy Stacer, county engineer, to make the survey. The matter will come up for hearing on Feb. 6. The reason given for the relocation is that part of the old road is on land other than the right-of-way described.