

RAILWAY WORK GOES RAPIDLY FORWARD

Bridge Steel Is Laid. Engineers Hope To Place All The Girders In Position Before The Spring Flow Of Ice Comes Down. Tunnel Ready Early In April So Says Engineers

Exactly 510 feet of heading in the tunnel at Mile 38 on the Oregon Eastern, remained to be excavated Feb. 1st according to the official engineering report submitted to O. S. Osborn, engineer in charge at Vale says the Enterprise.

The tunnel should be completed by April, when the track will be extended from Mile 37, its present terminus, clear through the big bore to the valley on the west.

The steel girders at the third crossing of the Malheur river were placed in position this week and it is hoped to have the steel in at all four crossings of the river before the spring breakup of ice comes, carrying away the falsework which now supports the track. Cement work is now finished.

Although the Short Line has transferred many of the men at the front to Nyssa, to build the Buhl line, there is still a considerable force west of Vale, and many busy camps remain there during the inclement weather. Engineer Osborn is authority for the statement that there are now at Harper and beyond, three bridge gangs, one small track gang, and one fence gang, besides scattered workmen, trainmen, etc. The commissary is still in operation at the main camp.

The water tank at mile 19, in Little Valley, is completed, and the depot at Harper about half finished. All work is progressing, though more slowly than in the fall under more favorable conditions.

ter provision be made for work in animal husbandry at this institution than now exists," says Dean A. B. Cordley of the Oregon Agricultural College, in his report to Pres. W. J. Kerr.

"Neither in livestock nor in other equipment are the facilities anywhere near adequate for satisfactory work," he continues. "That students may have the opportunity of working with a reasonably large number of animals, facilities should at once be provided for handling cattle and sheep in carload lots. Purchases of carloads of suitable animals can then be made from time to time, used for class purposes and then sold.

"It is also essential that the college flocks and herds should be improved materially, both in size and quality. Present conditions are unjust to the instructors, to the students, and to the livestock interests of the state."

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Rev. James A. Lewis, Milaca, Minn., writes: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been a needed and welcome guest in our home for a number of years. I highly recommend it to my fellows as being a medicine worthy of trial in cases of colds, coughs and croup." Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a trial and we are confident you will find it very effectual and continue to use it as occasion requires for years to come, as many others have done. For sale by all dealers.

More Livestock Is Needed At O. A. C.

"The vast livestock interests of this state certainly would be justified in demanding that bet-

FARM EDUCATION IS THE STAR OF HOPE

Movement Which Is Cause For Bill Now Before Legislature Had Origin During Business Men's Excursion. If Passed It Will Be A Big Help To Farmers

In urging the passage of the bill now before the state legislature for extension work of the Agricultural College, Marshall Dana has a good article in last Sunday's Journal in which he refers to the visit of the Portland people to Burns in October 1911. He says in part:

A company of business men from Portland toured a thousand miles through interior Oregon two years ago. Lands—broad, brown, unused—greeted them. Occasionally one of those hopes of the desert, the unpainted shack of a homesteader, showed at a distance from the parallel creases in the sage brush that showed as main highway. Infrequent stops were made for questions.

One settler had tried to grow wheat. He had failed. He didn't know why.

Another had taken a frenzied flyer in fruit trees. The first planting had withered. Persistent, like any other pioneer, he had planted again, only to acknowledge another failure.

There were to be read from the stories told the courage-defeating record of disastrous experiments in varied production.

The agricultural experts in the party said the trouble was basic. These experimenters whose homes and hopes and fortunes rested on their success simply didn't know how.

"Why ain't they shown how?" indignantly questioned an excursionist.

"Because," came the answer, "this nine-tenths undeveloped state of Oregon doesn't appropriate enough for agricultural education to make it possible to reach these newcomers where they are at work when they begin—a crisis time for each of them when an act and a word of efficient direction would guide the way to permanence and prosperity."

"But every one of these home efforts is a development unit," persisted the excursionist. "Not to help them is economic waste."

Thus began the demonstration education movement which the business men of Portland pledged themselves to support.

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WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM CONTEMPLATED

City Council Meets With Consulting Engineer And Arrange For Preliminary Work To Begin At Once. If The City Decides To Accept The Proposition Work Will Be Rushed

The prospects are now good for water works and a sewer system in Burns. C. H. Green, a consulting engineer of Spokane, was here the fore part of this week and arranged with the city authorities to immediately begin preliminary surveys to ascertain the possible cost of such an undertaking and his proposition was so reasonable that a contract was made at once.

Mr. Green has been quite successful in such work and has put in a large number of such systems all over the west. His company is now doing work at Ontario, Nyssa and other towns of Eastern Oregon and Idaho. He proposed to do the engineering, superintend the installation, make estimates, plans and specifications, attend to the legal work, prepare the proposition for the people to vote on, secure sale of bonds, etc., his compensation to be five per cent of the cost of the plant, to be paid when the system is in working order. Should he not be able to finance the undertaking at a cost that is reasonable he does not get a cent. Should the people reject the proposition at the polls he is to receive \$300 for the survey, maps, plans, etc. This is a good and fair proposition and the council was right in accepting it.

In conversation with a representative of The Times-Herald Mr. Green stated he was confident the system could be put in at a reasonable cost and with active work Burns could have a water and sewer system before next winter. He telegraphed in for one of his engineers who will be here the fore part of the week to begin work and it is hoped to have the estimate and all necessary plans in shape within a few weeks to be submitted to the voters.

This is one of the most important steps ever contemplated by the people of Burns and one

which should be given all earnest consideration. It is an improvement that has been needed for some time and one that will mean much to the future of the town. It may look big at first thought, but when considered well, not a property owner should or would hesitate to favor it as it means safety to the property, a great reduction in the insurance rates, a healthier condition surrounding the homes and an actual saving of money.

Burns is to have and election the first of next month and two councilmen and a mayor are to be elected. Let us see that these places are filled by men (or women) who are progressive, yet conservative business people. Officers who are interested in the future of Burns with property interests that would justify or rather be a factor in their consideration of matters of importance to the town.

When viewed from the right standpoint this undertaking is one of great possibilities. It brings other improvements into consideration to follow that will be of much benefit to the town. With a pumping system installed (and this seems the only feasible plan) it suggests the possibility of municipal ownership of light and power that would be a source of revenue and not only pay running expenses for both water and lights but a revenue toward the payment of the bonds. While this suggestion is speculative on the part of the writer who has not given the details any consideration, it is nevertheless a proposition that may be worth considering. Such plants have been made a success in other places and no doubt can be made to pay here.

With these systems on a paying basis, and they will pay, the proposition of bonding the town is viewed as a business matter and will not be a burden to the property owners, but rather save them money. This is the proper view to take of it. Other towns have taken the lead in this matter and Burns must take advantage of the opportunity now presented.

Mr. Green left Tuesday for Prairie City where he was called on business, but before leaving he looked over the field and took "stock" of the character of work necessary to install water and sewer and is quite sure the systems can be put in at a cost that there will be no hesitancy in bonding houses taking the bonds. He will return in the near future and consult with the engineer who is coming to make the preliminary survey and estimates and states as soon as this is done he can tell the people approximately what the entire cost will be and what they may expect.

Oregon Trunk Railway Train

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BURNS EXPERIENCES ANOTHER BAD FIRE

Residence Occupied By Prof. Jokisch And Owned By G. W. Clevenger Destroyed By Fire Sunday Morning—No Insurance. Other Residences Had Narrow Escape From Flames

The good luck that has always been manifest in this town in fires was again manifested last Sunday morning when another building was burned but the adjoining houses saved by good fighting and favorable conditions.

A new residence in course of completion, owned by G. W. Clevenger and occupied by Prof. Jokisch of the high school, was burned to the ground early Sunday morning. Practically all the furniture and contents were saved but the building is a total loss, there being no insurance. Mr. Clevenger estimates his loss at \$2,000.

The alarm was turned in about 4 o'clock and as everybody was in bed, it was hard to get the people out. Neighbors telephoned central to have the fire alarm turned in but she had difficulty in finding anyone and even when it was given it was found the fire was so far up on the hill that the water engine was of no assistance. The chemical was put to use and helped materially in saving the adjoining property. The fire started from a box of ashes that had been placed on the porch right against the house and had there been sufficient water available those who discovered it first might have saved it. However, the fire had communicated into the walls of the house between the inside sheeting and the weather boarding and had gained considerable headway before discovered. The building had formerly been a part of a barn but had been moved to the site last summer and carpenters were finishing up the interior in nice shape, quite elaborate in fact. A portion of this work had been completed and Prof. Jokisch and family had but recently moved in.

The Clevenger, A. O. Faulkner and A. C. Welcome residences are in the same block and attention was directed toward saving them. A woodshed, chicken house and other outbuildings were very close to the burning building and it was with heroic efforts that they were saved. Had the fire communicated to any one of them it is likely the entire block would have burned if not other residences on adjoining lots across the street. Water brigades, a generous supply of snow and the absence of any wind saved the day with good hard fighting by the many neighbors who came as soon as they could.

Lack of adequate fire fighting apparatus was again demonstrated and the necessity of water works brought more forcibly to the attention of the people. The outlying residence districts of Burns are entirely at the mercy of fires, there being positively no means of fighting it except the deep wells used for domestic purposes on the premises and these do not furnish a great amount of water and are generally situated so that they are of no use in case a fire gets under headway. We must have water works and a better system of protection and it would seem the people are now thoroughly convinced of it.

Austin Goodman will give the children a masquerade ball at Tonawana on the evening of Feb. 21. This has been his custom for several years and the little folks always have a good time.

WORK PROGRESSING ON POWER PLANT

Excavating In Preparation Of Installing A More Powerful Water Wheel. New Plant Will Develop 80 Horse Power For Lighting Purposes And Promises To Be Permanent

A representative of this paper went out to the scene of operations being conducted by H. M. Horton in preparation of placing the electric light plant at the Sweek dam. The work is progressing very satisfactorily and as soon as the new wheel can be brought in from the railroad and installed it is expected that permanent lights may be turned on for the patrons in this city.

Dr. Horton has been excavating to considerable depth and will have a fall of some nine feet which will develop 80-horse power. The penstock will be placed as low as possible, the excavation being made and diked in such manner that the high water of the spring will not interfere so much as in the past.

The dam is situated below a very decided bend in the river and the intake sluice box is only some 200 feet from where it is taken out of the river to where it again empties in and as it is made of lumber not one drop of water is wasted, but it all goes back in the river. There is not likely to be any objections raised by water users below the dam under these circumstances, therefore Burns may be reasonably confident of permanent lights from this source.

This is a necessity that has long been needed in Burns. The patrons must be convinced of permanent and efficient service before they can be expected to take lights. I certainly look like a dismal place with no street lights these winter nights and the town really requires a good light system.

Valley View Items.

Miss Coleman, the Valley View teacher, spent the week end with Mr. Jasper Davis's folks at Harney.

There was a big rabbit drive Sunday west of Lawen at the square well. Fourteen hundred rabbits were killed. There was also one at Mrs. Hilton's a few miles west of Crow Camp, the war on the pests is raging in earnest this winter.

February 2nd, was ground hog day, and he saw his shadow. According to the old saying if he sees his shadow he goes back for six weeks more winter. Signs sometimes fail.

Mrs. Will Cobb and Mrs. Clyde Shaver were in Valley View on Friday.

The dance at Lawen Friday night was a successful affair enjoyed by all who attended.

Mr. Seatoff has bought the controlling interest of the Lawen Mer'c. Co and is busy getting acquainted with all the settlers.

On Saturday Feb. 8th, the Valley Grange held its regular meeting and installed officers. Several new members were taken in; among them being Mr. Herzog, the popular tailor of Burns.

Mr. Rob't Grant of the Waverly Grange and county organizer passed thru here on Sunday on his way to the Buchanan, Crow Camp and Cow Creek districts to organize Granges.

Geo. Raycraft, Arthur Whitney and Carl Herzog, returned to Burns Monday, from attending Grange at Valley View.

Max Plath has the contract for furnishing the wood for the school house.

The county road which was petitioned and accepted by the county court to be changed so it would go by the school house is not being traveled as it should. The old road is fenced up and a good road cut out by the school house. People who persist in cutting the fence and going thru the old road will find themselves in trouble for trespassing if they do not stop it.

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