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SNOW AND ICE IN NORTHERN OREGON

Southern Oregon Weather Has Been Mild and Pleasant With Warm Rains.

Those who are dissatisfied with the winter weather of Southern Oregon find profitable reading and food for reflection in the following gist of dispatches clipped from the Portland papers and all bearing date of February 4, Monday of this week. The weather here at that time was and for the week past had been, rain but mild and warm, the only pleasant quality being the wetness. Totally different conditions prevail in Northern and Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho, while Montana, being east of the Rockies, is in a worse climatic condition. Following are some weather notes of different points:

"An avalanche of slush ice, snow and sleet rushed down the mountain side at Oneonta station at midnight last night and buried a rotary snow plow and two locomotives that were trying to force open a passage westward for three O. R. & N. passenger trains snowbound at Bonneville. The operating department has concentrated its efforts today in digging the rotary and locomotives out, as they are at present blockading all main line traffic.

Oneonta is 33 miles east of Portland on the main line of the O. R. & N. company. Eight miles beyond is Bonneville. There have been no trains from the east to Portland since Saturday, and as a consequence three west-bound passenger trains are held up east of the blockade. They were consolidated at The Dalles this morning and ran to Bonneville, where the steamer Harvest Queen took the passengers aboard and started for Portland.

Arlington, Or.—Storm conditions throughout eastern Oregon are unchanged, snow, rain and sleet following the recent chinook, and it has been storming since February 1. Stockmen admit feed will be scarce, and expect reports of serious losses in the range.

Hepner, Or.—The worst storm for years visited this section Saturday and still continues. About seven inches of snow covers the ground. Today has been one of continuous sleet. Fears are entertained that the electric wires for Hepner will be put out of business unless the storm ceases before morning.

Pendleton, Or.—Snow, which had been falling nearly continuously since Saturday morning, this afternoon changed to sleet, which is accompanied by a very cold wind, making the storm by far the most disagreeable of the winter.

Lewiston, Idaho—Snow continues to fall throughout the Panhandle section of Idaho, with prognostications this evening by the weather Bureau that the storm will continue for at least 30 hours longer.

From all over this section of the country there continues to come in tales of dead and dying sheep and cattle that strew the ranges. There is absolutely no succor for them. The ranges are covered with a coating of frozen sleet, and upon that snow is ranging from two to four feet deep. There is not a section of the state, from the Canadian border to Moscow on the south, but what is buried in from 2 to 20 feet of snow.

GOLDEN DRIFT COMPANY READY FOR WORK

Have Added More Pumps and Now Have Largest Centrifugal Pump.

The Golden Drift Mining Company has completed extensive improvement and added additional heavy equipment to its monster power and hydraulic pumping plant in the Dry Diggings district near here, and now has one of the very largest hydraulic mining pumping plants in the world. This company has amply demonstrated that where proper facilities exist, such as are afforded by Rogue river and the Dry Diggings placer fields, surface mining can be profitably done by pumping or forced power, thus overcoming the embarrassment of long seasons of idleness through the summer or dry season.

The company has a monster five step centrifugal pump, the largest high pressure pump ever manufactured. It operates two giants day and night in the Dry Diggings, forcing the water through four-inch nozzles under a pressure of 160 pound to the square inch. The pump has a capacity of 13,000,000 gallons every 24 hours, or 9000 gallons per minute. This immense volume is delivered through 1500 feet of 22-inch steel piping, and is lifted to a height of 165 feet before dropping into the diggings and forking to the 11-inch giant pipes. The monitors hurl their streams 500 feet. Mining is done, however, from a distance of 150 or 200 feet. The operations require 1200 horsepower.

The gravel banks of the Dry Diggings are from 25 to 45 feet high, are of red clay and decomposed strata and carry their values in coarse and "floor" gold. The coarse gold and heavier nuggets are found in the lower strata. The finer or average gold occurs in the pipe clays occupying the layers in the center of the banks, and the "floor" gold is found in the red clay capping.

How's This?

We offer \$100 reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price, 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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Have, Mont.—Winter weather throughout Northern Montana has been more severe than it has been at any time during the last 27 years. Not a wheel is turning on the main line of the Great Northern Railroad. No freight train has passed through Have for 48 days. In drifts west of that point seven Oriental limited passenger trains are stalled and to the east 15 more are similarly situated.

The temperature in Great Falls for the past 24 hours has ranged from 14 to 22 below, in Have from 28 to 44 below, and it is reported that in Valley County the temperature yesterday was around 50 below. At most points in Northern Montana a blizzard has raged for hours past.

Portland is recovering slowly from the damage caused by the storm of sleet last week but it will take several weeks yet to get the telephone system into shape again.

ROOSEVELT TAKES A VIGOROUS HAND

Determined to Put an End to Frauds in Acquisition of Public Lands.

President Roosevelt has determined to put an end, if possible, to frauds in the acquisition of public lands by individuals and corporations. He has directed that hereafter no patent shall be issued to public lands until an examination of the ground shall have been made by an authorized officer of the government. The president's order is in the form of a letter to Secretary Hitchcock, and under its provisions orders are being sent out to officials of the General Land Office. Following is the letter:

"The Secretary of the Interior—To prevent the fraud now practiced in the acquisition of public lands of the United States, I have to direct that hereafter no final certificate, patent, or other evidence of title shall be issued under the public land laws until an actual examination has been made upon the ground for or by an authorized officer of the government, but the following shall be excepted from the force of this order:

"First—All claims which have heretofore been examined upon the ground by an authorized officer of the government whose report is found satisfactory.

"Second—All claims where an officer of the government other than officers authorized to take final proof shall have been present at the taking of final proof to cross-examine claimant and witnesses, if such proof is found satisfactory.

"Third—All claims where claimants' compliance with law has been established by contest or other regular proceedings.

"Fourth—Entries which may have been confirmed by virtue of any act of Congress.

"Fifth—Selection and entries in which no residence or improvement is required by law, when the lands embraced are in agricultural districts, or when character has been fixed by investigation and classification made in accordance with law.

"Sixth—Cases of re-issuance of patents because of some clerical error occurring in the patent heretofore issued.

"Seventh—All Indian allotments which have been regularly approved in accordance with instructions of the secretary of the Interior.

"You will issue all necessary instructions to carry this order into effect.

"This order is in lieu of my orders of December 13, 1903.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

Information is wanted by Calvin B. La Shells, Soldiers Home, Cal. in regard to the whereabouts of his uncle, an old miner named Wm. R. Sommers, familiarly known as "Bill Sommers." Last heard from at Reno, Nev. in 1869. He would be if living about 76 years of age.

Streams on the Rampage.

The heavy rains of last week caused a general high water throughout Western Oregon. In the Willamette valley, that river and its tributaries reached an alarmingly high stage. The Southern Pacific trains were delayed but only minor damage was done to the road.

In Southern Oregon the water was not unusually high except in certain streams. Rogue river reached about the same mark that it did in January. The Applegate river was proportionately somewhat higher.

The rain in Southern Oregon was warm and melted a considerable amount of snow from the mountains which augmented the flood. The water reached its highest stage on Monday. On that day a considerable amount of the water of Rogue river was running under the south approach of the bridge at this place and some of the south bank of the river above the bridge was cut away.

"His Master's Voice."

The Photo and Music House has been appointed selling agent for Josephine county for the Victor Talking Machine and a full stock of machines and records will be in stock early next week. Come in and hear "His Master's Voice."

Onarga Brand Red Kidney Beans ready to eat. Buy them at Smythes' Quality shop.

INDIANS COMPLAIN TO "GREAT FATHER"

Discontented With Exchange of Lands on Klamath Reservation.

A petition, signed by several chiefs of the Klamath Indians, has been sent to President Roosevelt direct, requesting that he cause an investigation of the recent land exchange on the Klamath reservation, commonly spoken of as the Booth-Kelly deal. The Indians feel they have not been justly dealt with, and, while an investigation may not disclose any fraudulent transaction, there is a possible chance it may be shown that the Indians did not receive full value for the lands they decided to this company in exchange for other lands.

Reliable timber cruisers and estimators make the statement that the deal was a good one—that is, for the Booth-Kelly people. The Indian Agent approves the exchange of the lands, and expresses the opinion that the Klamath Indians received ample consideration for their valuable body of timber decided to the Booth-Kelly Company. The deal has now reached a point where nothing but a thorough investigation by the government will satisfy all parties concerned as to the propriety of the exchange of these lands.

Neighbors Got Fooled.

"I was literally coughing myself to death, and had become too weak to leave my bed; and neighbors predicted that I would never leave it alive; but they got fooled, for thanks be to God I was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery. It took just four \$1 bottles to completely cure the cough and restore me to good sound health," writes Mrs. Eva Uncapher, of Grovertown, Stark Co., Ind. This King of cough and cold cures, and healer of throat and lungs is guaranteed by all druggists, 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free.

Advertised Letters.

Following are the letters remaining in the Grants Pass, Oregon, Post-office, for the week ending February 2, 1907. Persons calling for the same will please give the date advertised. A charge of one cent will be made upon delivery:

- Athens, H.
- Bill, Mrs. Lester.
- Bennett, William T.
- Brown, R M T.
- Brown, Mrs E.
- Carwell, Mrs Carrie.
- Curtis, Miss Grace.
- Edwards, J D.
- Eaton, Mrs J D.
- Fulton, J G.
- Falker, H J.
- Fletcher, O H.
- Heaton, J W.
- Hanen, Chas.
- Hughes, M H.
- Jones, Miss Winnie.
- Kinny, J C.
- Kenworthy, Glenn, 2.
- Kemmer, L C.
- Kyes, J M.
- Morley, W B.
- Marshall, Miss May.
- Mamon, Dr. W. B.
- McKenzie, M.
- McDowell, Mrs. C P.
- Niessen, Fred.
- Obyr, L W.
- Plower, Geo.
- Ralph, L.
- Smith, Mrs J.
- Smith, H N.
- Smith, Mrs A.
- Smith, Warren.
- Smith, Mrs. Augusta.
- Stoddard, Mr.
- Stevens, Levy.
- Standley, Mrs W S.
- Sargent, Willie.
- Stanley, O H.
- Werschkul, S.
- Wright, Morris.

C. E. HARMON, P. M.

The city council held its regular meeting on Thursday evening. Full report of proceedings next week.

A chicken pie supper was given at Bethany church parlors Wednesday evening by the C. E. society. There was a good attendance and an excellent supper was prepared.

Fred Knight, formerly in the delivery business here, has gone to Portland where he has the delivery agency for one of the dailies.

As we go to press word is received of the death of Mrs. Marion Seavey, who has been ill for some time at the South Pacific Hospital.

LOCAL TEAM DEFEATS THE HIGH SCHOOL

Game Showed a Decided Improvement Over the One a Week Before.

Last Friday night a good game of Basket Ball, was played between the Grants Pass team and the Grants Pass High School in the A. A. C. hall. The local boys started out to do their winning at the very start and kept the good work going until the end. In the first half the local team scored 7 points and '16 in the second half. Stephenson substituted Faubion in the second half.

The High School Boys were outclassed in every turn of the game. Cheshire scored one foul and five baskets, Wertz five baskets, and Stephenson one basket, making a total of 23 points. The High schools made four points.

Following is the line-up:

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| A. A. C. | G. P. H. S. |
| Wertz | Baker |
| Cheshire | Fay |
| Stephenson | Hood |
| Wieland | Letcher |
| Wallace | Dean |
| Referee, O. A. Thomas. | Scorer, R. B. Turner. |

Another game will be played between the same teams this Friday evening at the opera house.

Visit of Alaska Miner.

G. H. Waud, a mining man of Rampart, Alaska, was in Grants Pass a part of this week, a guest of P. H. Harth, he and Mr. Harth being former neighbors when they resided in Winneiska, Minn. Mr. Waud is one of the owners of a big placer mine near Rampart, one of the objects of his trip to Grants Pass was to get pointers on the latest improvements in handling tailings from deep mines by elevators and derricks. While here he went to Waldo to examine the elevator in the Deep Gravel Mine, one of the most complete in Southern Oregon and embodying some new features devised by Manager W. J. Wimer. Mr. Waud also went to Jacksonville and examined the very complete derrierk equipment in the Vance mine on Forest creek.

Mr. Waud stated that Alaska was developing very fast and the gold output was being increased each year. Many big dredges and hydraulic plants are being put in and properties are being made to pay that could not be handled in a small way. Quartz mines are also being very largely developed and Alaska has the credit of having the largest quartz mill in the world, it having 1200 stamps and is the famous Trendwell mine on Douglas island. The copper and coal of which there are vast deposits are being developed as are also the tin mines.

Alaska is becoming a great fruit market and Mr. Waud stated that with the building of railroads now under way or projected together with the coast and river steamers is giving transportation facilities to the growing towns and mining camps that will make it possible to ship fruit as readily as to the East. As it is the plan of the Grants Pass Fruit Growers' Union to get into the Alaska market this coming year Secretary Messere obtained of Mr. Waud the names of a number of reliable dealers in that section to whom fruit can be shipped.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY TEACHER'S EXAMINATION

Applicants for State and County Papers Will Have Hearing In Grants Pass, Feb. 13-16.

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Josephine County will hold the regular examination of applicants for state and county papers at Grants Pass, as follows:

FOR STATE PAPERS.

Commencing Wednesday, February 13, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, February 16, at 4 p. m.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, spelling, physical geography, reading, psychology.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, bookkeeping, physics, civil government, grammar.

Friday—Physiology, Geography, mental arithmetic, composition, algebra.

Saturday—Botany, plane geometry, general history, English literature school law.

FOR COUNTY PAPERS.

Commencing Wednesday, February 13, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Friday, February 15, at 4 o'clock p. m.

FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD GRADE CERTIFICATES.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, orthography, reading.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, physiology.

Friday—Geography, mental arithmetic, school law, civil government.

PRIMARY CERTIFICATES.

Wednesday—Penmanship, orthography, arithmetic, reading.

Thursday—Art of questioning, theory of teaching, physiology.

LINCOLN SAVAGE, County Supt.

Business Transfers.

Several important business changes have taken place in this city lately, the following being among the most important:

C. H. Demaray, druggist, lately of Iowa, has purchased the drug business of H. A. Rotermund. Mr. Demaray is a pleasant gentleman whom we are glad to welcome as one of our citizens.

Spalding Bros., formerly of Wisconsin, have taken an interest in the Southern Oregon Supply Co., F. Fetsch retiring. W. F. Horn retains his interest and will be manager of the business.

Williams Bros. and J. Willard Denison have purchased the Grants Pass Grocery of J. R. McKnight and will take charge on the 1 of March.

COUNTY TREASURER

CALLS FOR WARRANTS

Funds Now on Hand to Make Payment on Warrants—

Interest Ceases.

There are funds in the treasury to pay all warrants protested to July 7, 1903. Interest will cease from this date, January 18, 1907. J. T. TAYLOR, Treasurer of Josephine Co., Oregon.

DONT YOU WANT ONE OF THESE?

9 Acre Farm one mile from center of town. Good 6 room house, large barn and chicken house. Soil is first-class for garden truck or fruit. Running water thru place. Terms if wanted. **\$1400**

5 Acre Tract 1/2 mile from city limits. Small cottage. Place is all cleared, good garden and fruit land. Excellent place to raise poultry. **\$600**

W. L. IRELAND

THE REAL ESTATE MAN

Several good HOUSES FOR RENT. GRANTS PASS, ORE.

Pouring Down Bargains

A spot cash offering in cut prices on Carpets that means many a dollar to the prospective house furnisher. Note these prices then Act, for these figures are only for

Prompt Purchase Now

If you are going to furnish a house or rooms this summer, it will pay you big to anticipate your purchase and take advantage of this sale.

- Cottage Brussels regular 65c for.....40c
- Cotton and Hemp Ingrain regular 45 for.....35c
- Ingrain, 7316 regular 80c for.....50c
- Ingrain, 46815 regular 1.25 for.....90c
- 8-4 Table covers, heavy Tapestry reg. 4.50 for.....2.75
- Couch covers heavy Tapestry reg. 7.50 for.....4.95

1 lot of Lace Curtains at Cost

Thomas & O'Neill,
Headquarters for things for the House