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RAILROAD TO THE ILLINOIS VALLEY

Is Proposed by G. C. Collins of Seattle.

HERE TO MAKE A SURVEY

Matter Taken Up by Commercial Club and the County Commissioners.

Glenville E. Collins, an experienced railroad engineer of Seattle, backed by New York and Los Angeles capital, arrived in the city last Friday with his family and has taken up permanent quarters here for the purpose of thoroughly investigating the feasibility of an electric railroad from Grants Pass into the Illinois valley, about 25 miles southwest of this city.

Mr. Collins was here some weeks ago at which time he was much impressed with the proposition and stated that he would return to go over the ground carefully. A meeting of the executive committee of the Commercial club was called Wednesday afternoon to discuss the project with Mr. Collins. In striking contrast with most railroad and other development and promotion enterprises, Mr. Collins asks for no pecuniary bonus or other material consideration to aid in building the road. The principal thing which he desires at this time is the good will and moral support of the people of Grants Pass and Josephine county.

As a result of the club meeting a committee of five, consisting of O. S. Blanchard, G. H. Darham, H. C. Kinney, L. B. Hall and Secretary H. L. Andrews, was appointed to confer with the county commissioners who were in adjourned session yesterday for the purpose of securing such assurance from the county board as would justify Mr. Collins in beginning at once the work of a preliminary survey of the proposed route.

The committee met with the county commissioners yesterday morning as per arrangement, when the committee and Mr. Collins presented his electric road project to the board, during which Mr. Collins stated that all he desired at this time was the assurance of the county board that he should not be annoyed on the county road by any other person or company for a period of 60 days in which to make a preliminary survey.

The matter of the proposed new bridge over Rogue River at Grants Pass, was the essential purpose for which yesterday's session of the board was held and in discussing the present status of the bridge matter, Mr. Collins suggested that the new bridge be built sufficiently strong and wide for carrying an electric line and that he would be willing to pay the additional expense.

The board took Mr. Collins' proposition under advisement until the afternoon session. The county board was very favorably impressed with the railroad project and at the afternoon session passed a resolution acceding Mr. Collins such assurance and protection during a preliminary survey as might be reasonable and just and the members of the county board arranged to go over the county road in company with Mr. Collins in automobiles today.

It is generally conceded that the Illinois valley is the best fertile agricultural section in the county and the great need of railroad communication between Grants Pass and that region has often been suggested. In fact various parties have looked over the route with a view to building an electric line but thus far the project has never grown beyond the talk stage. Now, however, it would seem that something material would be accomplished. Mr. Collins claims to have unlimited capital back of him, while his talk with the commercial club and the county board has been frank and straightforward, indicating that he means business. In fact citizens generally, who have heard anything of Mr. Collins' enterprise during the past week feel more hopeful than ever, before that some-

thing will now be accomplished.

The value of this road to Grants Pass and its aid in the development of the county are incalculable. The proposed road will tap a vast area of the best agricultural and dairy land. It will also afford an outlet for extensive mining and lumber operations which are now undeveloped for no other reason than a lack of quicker and cheaper transportation. There appears to be little doubt but that this 25-mile road would be a paying investment from the start. The building of the road would double the population of Grants Pass within a couple of years after its completion, and would add 5000 population to the Illinois Valley within the same period.

Of course this 25 miles would only be a starter, for it would be but a question of time when the road would be extended through to the coast, putting this city in admirable communication with a very rich mining and timber region. The activity of the commercial club and manifest favor with which the county board looks upon the proposition bespeaks a co-operation which should be an impetus to Mr. Collins in his preliminary work. As soon as he has gone over the ground he will report to his associates and should the report be favorably received it is the plan to organize a company and begin construction work at once.

Secretary Andrews of the club also read a letter to the members at a recent meeting from parties in Portland who want a location and site for a condensed milk factory. The opening up of the Illinois Valley by this proposed electric line would make Grants Pass an ideal place for such an enterprise for the reason that the Illinois is especially adapted to dairying and to raising of alfalfa.

MANY INQUIRIES COMING IN ABOUT GRANTS PASS

Secretary Andrews Is Receiving About One Thousand Letters Per Month.

Secretary Andrews states that he is now receiving about 100 letters of inquiry a month about Grants Pass and Josephine county as a result of the advertising in the Sunset Magazine. While a greater number of the requests are for information about farm and fruit lands, many are inquiries relative to locations for banks, dry goods stores, hotels, moving picture shows, in fact for nearly every line of mercantile pursuit, and they come from every part of the United States. Mr. Andrews received another installment of the Grants Pass booklet Monday and these he is sending out in answer to the inquiries. He is confidently looking of an exceptionally heavy emigration to this section during the present year, particularly this fall.

Large Crowd Went to Ashland.

About 300 tickets were sold for the special train which left Grants Pass the morning of the Fourth. On reaching Ashland, however, the number of passengers had reached 1446 and the coaches were crowded to their utmost capacity. Central Point and Medford furnished the greater number. Of course there were many who went on the regular trains. The result was that Ashland had a big time. The crowd is variously estimated at between 7000 and 15,000 people.

In the Choir Nineteen Years

In recognition of his faithful and constant services as a member of the Newman Methodist church choir for the past 19 years, J. E. Peterson and Mrs. Peterson were tendered a pleasant reception Monday evening. Each was presented a hymnal bearing their respective names, during the evening. They were taken unawares by the choir which made the event all the more enjoyable. Mr. Peterson had but recently resigned from the choir after having served the church for nearly a score of years.

James R. Garfield, secretary of the Interior, passed through this city Wednesday enroute to Washington D. C. He was met at the depot by Secretary Andrews and other members of the Commercial Club and presented with a couple of baskets of fine home grown Royal Anne cherries and a couple of the Grants Pass booklets. Mr. Garfield was on his way to Washington from an official visit in the Hawaiian Islands.

MINER KILLED AT QUEEN OF BRONZE

Chas. Herbert Caught by Cave-In.

LAST FRIDAY MORNING

Coroner Stricker Called to the Scene—Finds Death Due to Accident.

Chas. Herbert, a miner about 50 years old, was killed at 12:30 a. m. last Friday morning in the Queen of Bronze mine, about 50 miles south of here. Mr. Herbert had gone on shift only a few hours before. He was engaged in stoping on the upper level when a mass of rock weighing about five tons fell upon him, crushing his skull and body. Death must have been instantaneous. The foreman had gone into the mine, where Herbert was at work, at frequent intervals to see that everything was all right, and had been in the tunnel about an hour before he discovered the accident on his last visit.

Herbert had been in the district but a couple of weeks and little was known of him and none of his co-laborers at the mine knew the address of any relative of the dead man.

Coroner Stricker was notified by phone and F. B. Olding took him to the scene of the accident in one of his Maxwell touring cars, arriving at the mine Friday noon. This was the first time an automobile had been at the Queen of Bronze, owing to the rough roads and heavy grades.

Coroner Stricker after viewing the remains of the dead man impaneled a jury and held an inquest. It was the decision of the jury that Herbert lost his life as the result of an unavoidable accident. The remains were interred in the Waldo cemetery Friday afternoon.

ASHLAND CHAUTAUQUA OPENED WEDNESDAY

Program for the Sixteenth Annual Session Up to Usual Standard.

The program for the Sixteenth annual session of the Southern Oregon Chautauqua Assembly, which opened Wednesday of this week at Ashland, is up to the usual high standard of that institution, and offers splendid inducements for those who wish to camp out for a couple of weeks and at the same time enjoy the best of literary, musical and oratorical talent of the country at a minimum of cost. The assembly convened Wednesday and will be in session to and including July 17th. Following is the official program, subject of course, to unavoidable change:

JULY 8, WEDNESDAY, P. M.

"Boyclog," Secretary H. W. Stone of Portland Y. M. C. A.
Evening—Rustic Cantata, "Months and Seasons," by Chorus under direction of Prof. Martin E. Robinson.

JULY 9, THURSDAY, P. M.

"The Old and the New Education," Pres. W. J. Keer.
Evening—"The Divine Rights of the Child," Mrs. Lenora M. Lake.

JULY 10, FRIDAY P. M.

"My Neighbor and I," Mrs. Lenora M. Lake.
Evening—"What's Under Your Hat," Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher.

JULY 11, SATURDAY 2 P. M.

Address by Congressman John Sharp Williams of Mississippi.
Evening—"The Battle of Life," Bishop Robert McIntire.

JULY 12, SUNDAY.

Two great sermons, 11:30 a. m. and 8 p. m. (union service). 3 p. m. Y. M. C. A. service. 6:30 p. m. Union Young People's Meeting.

JULY 13, MONDAY, P. M.

"Evolution of Abraham Lincoln," Bishop Robert McIntire.
Evening—"Indigenous American Art," Alfred Montgomery, the Farmer Painter.

JULY 14, TUESDAY P. M.

"Dilettanteism in Art," Alfred Montgomery.
Evening—"Level Best Living," Dr. Ira Landrith.

JULY 15, WEDNESDAY A. M.

Address on Missions, Dr. Royal J. Dye.
Afternoon—Chalk Talk, Alfred Montgomery.

Evening—"Jes' a Li'l Cabin", (a lecture on the home), Dr. Ira Landrith.

JULY 16, THURSDAY, P. M.

"Forces That Win", Dr. E. House.
Evening—"If I Were the Devil," Dr. Edwin "Cyclone" Southern (in costume.)

JULY 17, FRIDAY, P. M.

"The Man Without a Soul," Dr. Edwin "Cyclone" Southern.
Forenoon—Annual Business Meeting, 4 p. m.

Evening—Grand concert, "H. M. Pinafore," Gilbert and Sullivan, under direction of Prof. M. E. Robinson.

LOCAL EVENTS.

Mrs. W. C. Dodge returned home Saturday from Hood River, their former home, where she had been visiting friends.

Frank W. Warren, of Chico, Cal., proprietor of the Grants Pass Box factory, accompanied by Geo. D. Horner, the manager, came up from Chico, Wednesday.

Attorney Robert Smith was orator of the day at the Eugene Fourth of July celebration. He says he never saw so many people in so small a town before.

Ira Binn, who has been working nights in the Russell confectionery in this city, went up to Medford last week to assist Mr. Russell in his Medford candy store.

Rev. Hollingsworth of the Christian church returned the first of the week from Turner, where he had been in attendance at the annual meeting of the church. On his return he went to Ashland where Mrs. Hollingsworth had been spending a few days, and accompanied her home.

J. C. VanDyke, L. L. D., of New Brunswick, N. J., is in the city for a couple of weeks' visit with his brother, Dr. VanDyke. He accompanied the doctor home Sunday from Portland where the latter had been in attendance at the annual convention of the Oregon State Medical Association where he, as a delegate, represented the Southern Oregon Medical Association. J. C. VanDyke holds the chair of Art in Hertzog Theological Seminary and in Rutgers College both of which institutions are located at his home town. He is also the author of a number of books on Art, nature, etc.

General Passenger Agent McMurray of the Southern Pacific has just written the secretary of the Commercial Club to secure the names of those who contributed to the publicity fund of the club that he may mail each of them a copy of a special edition of the Grants Pass booklet just published by the Sunset Magazine under the direction of the Commercial Club. A substantially bound volume of the booklet will also be presented for permanent use in the club room, which indicates a most commendable spirit and which cannot fail to be appreciated by Grants Pass people.

The impression seems to have gained currency some way that the commercial club would mail out copies of the new Grants Pass booklet for citizens of the town free of charge. This is erroneous. The club at a recent meeting authorized the secretary to furnish a reasonable number of copies of the booklet, to those who called at the club room for them, but that the club would under no circumstance pay the postage on booklets other than those sent out in response to the regular club correspondence. It will readily be seen that the postage at three cents each, besides the envelopes and the time consumed in mailing, would amount to an unjust expense to the club by the indiscriminate mailing of the booklets for who ever might bring in a list.

The celebration of the Fourth at Wilderville was a grand success in every way. There were about 3000 people in attendance; a splendid program, plenty to eat, and no accidents. The Rogue River band was there in its bright new uniform and made a great hit. A detailed report of the event by one of the management was completed too late for publication this week.

FIRST MARKET DAY FOR GRANTS PASS

Will Be Inaugurated Saturday July 18th.

MAX ZIMMERMAN IS HERE

Merchants Have Taken Hold of the Enterprise With Great Enthusiasm.

Who? Yes, Max Zimmerman.

Market Day! He's the Market Day promoter. He arrived in Grants Pass from Roseburg last Sunday night to inaugurate a Market Day for this city.

Mr. Zimmerman is the junior partner of the stock firm of Barrett & Zimmerman of St. Paul, Minn. For some time past he has been organizing Market Days for various towns in Washington, Montana and Oregon with great success.

The Market day is a business institution, the essential purpose of which is to bring buyer and seller together—the farmers who have cattle, horses, or in fact anything to sell or who want to buy.

Saturday, July 18th has been designated as the first monthly Market Day for Grants Pass, when all farmers of the county are expected to bring in whatever horses they may have to sell; or farm implements, wagons, in fact, anything they want to dispose of. All those not sold at private sale up to a certain time in the afternoon will be sold at auction, without cost to the farmer; the services of the auctioneer will be free.

In addition to the sale there will be furnished entertainment for the crowd in the way of a parade, a band concert and other amusement features, the details of which will be announced later.

This entertainment is furnished by the merchants, that is, they have subscribed to the Market Day fund to defray the expenses. In addition the merchants will also make special prices on certain articles in their stores for that day, enabling the country people to supply their needs at a great saving.

Mr. Zimmerman is a professional auctioneer and his experience in the inauguration of these Market Days assures the success of the Grants Pass Market Day a week from next Saturday. He carries a fine team and carriage with him to head the parade. It should be remembered that Mr. Zimmerman has no stock or any other article of his own to sell. He is here simply to start us off on this Market Day enterprise.

Mr. Zimmerman also desires that some couple shall be married in public on that day. This offer is open to all, either young or old. The ceremony will be performed free of charge and in addition as Max puts it, "the couple will be given enough presents to feather their nest for a number of years."

Prizes are to be given the farmer bringing the largest bona fide family;

to the one wearing the most comical costume in the rag muffin parade, and to the lady purchasing the largest bill of goods of merchants displaying booster cards on Market Day.

To give our readers an idea with whom they are dealing regarding Grants Pass' first monthly Market Day and horse show, it may be interesting to know that James B. Colgate, who is here, is a millionaire in his own right. He is but 25 years of age, and is the most unassuming and modest young millionaire in America, and is very reluctant about talking of his money affairs. Nevertheless Mr. Colgate is a grandson of James B. Colgate, who died about four years ago. He was the head of the great Colgate & Co. soap and perfume works of New York, known the world over, and was president of the Gold exchange of New York City also of Colgate & Co., brokers, on Wall Street.

Mr. Colgate left millions. Among them may be mentioned \$1,000,000 to the Colgate seminary of Hamilton, N. Y. Mr. J. B. Colgate, who is now here, was one of the favorite heirs, being named after his distinguished grandfather, and came in for a good share, and he has his hobbies of course. Being very fond of horses, a little fun and excitement in a very unassuming way. Wm. Hay Colgate, a most prominent citizen of Portland, Ore., and New York City, is Mr. J. B. Colgate's father. So this alone is enough evidence to show our readers that they are dealing with people up in G. Associated with Mr. Colgate is Mr. Max Zimmerman, known as the Blue Ribbon Horse Auctioneer of the Northwest, a distinction which he gained at North Yakima, Wash., last November, when he sold 76 fancy young unbroken draft mares in one hour and a half, at prices ranging from \$235 to \$600 each. This proves that it pays to raise the right kind. Let everybody boost for Market Day, Saturday, July 18th.

NEW Top buggy, \$55 (real price \$80) Hair-Riddle Hdw. Co. Fruit picking ladders—just the thing you have been wanting—at Hair-Riddle's.

BRYAN IS NOMINATED FOR A THIRD TIME

Received 892 Votes Out of the 997 Cast At 3:45 O'clock This Morning.

William Jennings Bryan was selected as the presidential candidate of the Democratic party at Denver at 3:45 o'clock this morning for a third time. The vote stood, Bryan 892, Johnson of Minnesota 46, and Judge Gray of Delaware 59.

Through a change in the management of some of the officers of the Pacific Telegraph and Telephone Co., A. T. Marshall of the Grants Pass office has been transferred to Roseburg at an increased salary. Through his courtesy and efficiency in the management of the local office Mr. Marshall leaves many warm friends here.

He is succeeded temporarily by W. K. Merrill. Mr. Marshall went to Roseburg Monday to enter upon the duties of his new position, though he will not move his family to Roseburg for some weeks.

Claude Whitsett and Harry Galbraith were in Medford yesterday.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING



my pretty maid?
"We're going to O'Neill's sir," she said.
We're going to see the Hammock styles,
For which they're coming around for miles.
And they are the Hammocks you'll want to see,
So get thee going right merrily.

Forget the Poetry

but you won't forget the new patterns in Hammocks, Hammock chairs, Porch chairs, Porch screens, and many other useful articles for the warm wave season.

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