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## ROGUE RIVER & OREGON SOUTHERN

Name of Electric Line To Illinois Valley.

### THE SURVEY PROGRESSING

Contract Will Soon Be Let for Sawing of Ties and Other Timbers.

Chief Engineer G. A. Collins, who is making the preliminary survey for the new electric road from Grants Pass into the Illinois Valley and who is the prime mover in the enterprise, was before the county commissioners which was in regular session Wednesday, with a proposition relative to the construction of the proposed new wagon bridge across Rogue River just below and parallel with the present bridge. In short Mr. Collins suggested the economy and expediency of building a wooden bridge at this time instead of a steel bridge as heretofore contemplated.

Mr. Collins stated that a wooden bridge of ample capacity for wagons and an electric car line could be built across the Rogue River at this point and another across the Applegate for two-thirds of what one steel structure could be built across the Rogue at this point and that such a bridge would last from 15 to 20 years, while if a steel bridge were built now it might be inadequate within five or six years and another would have to be built at great cost. Mr. Collins further agreed to do all the necessary engineering and take charge of the construction work free of cost to the county in the event the county decided to accept his plans and build the bridge with sufficient capacity for his electric line.

The preliminary survey on the new line has already progressed to a point beyond Wilderville and everything is moving along smoothly. Owing to a lack of sufficient men in the field, however, the work has been somewhat slower than it otherwise would have been. Mr. Collins is expecting an engineer from the east who can take charge of the field work, thus allowing Mr. Collins to do the work of chief engineer, such as figuring out the cost of the various features of construction of the road, working out the details of the line, designing the bridges and similar work. He is anxious to make some amicable arrangement be made with the county in the matter of the construction of the new bridge so that it will be finished in time for him to lay the rails of his road over it in the spring and thus save a wagon haul of rails and other material for construction work.

The new road will be known as the Rogue River & Oregon Southern Railway. And while many of the malcontents and n'er-do-wells are scouting the idea of the building and completion of the road Mr. Collins smiles and keeps busy with the preliminary work. In a brief interview yesterday afternoon he stated that he would soon be ready to let contracts for the sawing of the ties and sawing out other timber which would be needed in the construction of the road and that these could be gotten out by the local mills in the county during the winter or rainy season. This is a feature of interest to local saw mill men as a great many ties and other timbers will be needed when the real construction work begins on the road in the spring.

It is to be hoped that the bridge now proposed across Rogue River at the foot of Sixth street to replace the present structure may be speedily arranged for. According to Mr. Collins' figures this bridge can be built at about half what a steel structure would cost and would answer every purpose for the next 15 years. In view of the present financial condition of the county treasury this is a matter worthy of consideration, provided Mr. Collins' type of bridge is practicable.

Notice of Boundary Board Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the District Boundary Board of Josephine

county, will meet in the court house in Grants Pass at 1:30 o'clock p. m. September 4, 1908, to act on a petition to cut off the following described territory from district No. 30 and annex the same to District No. 7.

Commencing at a point on the meander line of Rogue River a distance of 120 rods west of the point of intersection of the meander line of Rogue river with the west boundary line of school district No. 7, running thence north to the public highway which runs east and west, to the center of section 13 township 30 south, of Range 6 west W. M., thence east to the intersection of the said highway with the west boundary line of said school district No. 7, comprising the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of the W $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 13, and the fractional E $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of the W $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 24 all in Township 30 South of Range 6 west.

LINCOLN SAVAGE, Sec. of Board, Grants Pass, Ore., August 6, 1908.

10 per cent discount on Hammock at Cramer Bros.

### FREE DELIVERY SOON TO BE INAUGURATED HERE

Postmaster Donnell the first of the week received a letter from the department at Washington, D. C., in reply to his formal application for free mail delivery for Grants Pass, stating that the matter had been referred to an inspector, upon whose report the department would take prompt action.

An inspector may be here any day now to look over the city as well as the condition of the streets, sidewalks, the manner in which the streets are lighted and as to how the houses are numbered. The inspector will then make his report to the department and if favorable, and there is no reason to doubt that it will be, an examination for carriers called and soon thereafter free delivery inaugurated.

The city council were wise in the matter of numbering the streets in that they employed two reliable men to do the numbering of the houses and putting up the street signs, instead of leaving it to Tom, Dick and Harry as a commercial proposition. The walks of the city are also in good shape and everything is in readiness so far as the city is concerned, for free delivery in Grants Pass—another indication that Josephine's capital is strongly on the map.

### GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery Will Be Held in Grants Pass.

The annual conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar will convene in Grants Pass Thursday, September 24th, when officers for the ensuing year will be elected and routine business transacted. One hundred Knights are expected in attendance. One of the interesting features of the session, particularly for the general public, will be a competitive drill at the baseball park, from 4 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon. To be participated in by various commanderies of the state. This drill will be free to the public to whom a cordial invitation is extended to witness the maneuvers at the park. The Rogue River band under the direction of Prof. Stanton Rowell, has been engaged for the day and will meet visiting commanderies at the depot on their arrival. An interesting entertainment program is being arranged by the local commandery, which will include automobile rides into the hills and through the orchards of the country adjacent to the city.

### Special Railroad Rates in Effect

Special rates on the Certificate plan are in effect on account of the following meetings, full information to be obtained at the depot. Soldiers and Sailors reunion, Central, Point Ore., September 9th, 10th and 11th. Annual meeting American Bar Association, Seattle, Wash., August 21st to 23rd. Annual Convention Photographers Association of Pacific Northwest, Vancouver, Wash., August 18th to 22nd.

R. K. MONTGOMERY, Agent

## TO PUT 1200 ACRES UNDER IRRIGATION

Plan on Foot to Utilize Old Power Plant.

### DOUBLE SOIL PRODUCTION

G. I. Brown Representing Morris Brothers Here Negotiating with Property Owners.

G. I. Brown of Keyport, N. J., vice-president of the Jersey Central Traction Co., has been in the city the past week looking over the old power plant at the foot of Fifth street and ascertaining the feasibility of an irrigation project having for its purpose the watering of from 1000 to 2500 acres along on this side of Rogue River, by utilizing this old power plant, which for many years was used in pumping water for city use.

The plan as at present outlined is to pump water from Rogue River to an elevation and in sufficient volume to irrigate, to start with, about 1200 acres of land. The power facilities as present are ample to furnish a flow equal to a depth of 12 inches of water. This would thoroughly irrigate at least the 1200 acres on a basis of 100 days for the irrigating season.

Mr. Brown has made a very careful estimate of the increased yield which can be realized by placing this land under irrigation, taking alfalfa as the crop basis, at \$120,000 per annum more than is now raised on this same land. While this may at first glance seem an enormous increase it is susceptible of the strongest proof and merits the careful consideration of every property owner who may come under the proposed ditch. If onions, cabbage, or any other vegetable, or any of the fruits were raised on this land under irrigation instead of alfalfa, the increase in the value of the yield would be perhaps double the above figure, to say nothing of the vastly increased market value of the land.

The old power plant is not the property of the Rogue River Water company as is popularly supposed but belongs to Morris Brothers of Portland, with whom Mr. Brown was identified in connection with the operation of the water plant here some years since. About seven years ago a plan similar to the one Mr. Brown now suggests was presented but owing to the indifference of those who would have been most benefited by its inauguration and, perforce, should have taken a most active interest in the enterprise, the project was abandoned and the pumps sold, notwithstanding that over \$1000 had been spent in preliminary surveys for the ditch.

Since talking with a number of the farmers and orchardists who would be affected by this ditch, Mr. Brown expresses himself as very hopeful as to the final outcome of present plans, and in fact expects within the coming month to have the project well under way. Since irrigation is one of the imperative needs of this section of the Rogue River valley if this section shall produce anywhere near what the soil is capable of, there would not be the slightest hesitancy on the part of any orchardist or gardener in taking hold of this irrigation project at once.

There are a few who contend that they can raise enough without irrigation in Josephine county and while it is remarkable the amount of fruit of all kinds, grain and hay which may be raised without the aid of irrigation, it is infinitely more remarkable when the increased yield under irrigation is considered. The more progressive orchardists, gardeners and farmers are already aware that the adoption of irrigation in this section means besides a double or trebled yield, almost the certainty of a maximum crop each year, to say nothing of the greatly increased market value of the land.

Mr. Brown will be here a couple of weeks before returning east. During his brief stay he has noted many improvements in Grants Pass as well as the surrounding country since he was

last here, and feels sure that with the adoption of irrigation in this section of the Rogue River valley, Josephine county and Grants Pass have a wonderful future.

Pittsburgh Fence (the best) at Cramer Bros.

### One Mile of Pictures.

The Bijou Theatre at a large expense, has secured the great Prele Cameragraph Co. to play their theatre for two nights, commencing Wednesday, August 12, 1908. This company is direct from Miles Bros., which is the home of all moving pictures. They will show one mile of moving pictures and two illustrated songs by "Anita," the singing girl. They will feature the great scenic production of Damon & Pythias, also the original Fleet pictures with several comedy films. There will only be two shows nightly and prices for this attraction will be 15 and 25 cents.

Don't waste your money on shingles; use Rex Flintkote Roofing that is sold by Hair-Riddle Hdw. Co. and you will have a fire proof roof.

### THE MARKET CONDITIONS IN THE BUSY EAST

The following letter from Mr. F. Mashburn of the Golden Rule store of this city, who has been in the New York and other eastern dry goods markets the past two weeks buying for his fall and winter trade is self explanatory, and at the same time of special interest to the large clientele of the popular Golden Rule. The letter was written to Mr. Jones who has charge during Mr. Mashburn's absence. Following is the letter:

New York, July 27 1908.  
F. S. Jones,  
Grants Pass, Ore.

Dear Bro: Never in the history of my commercial career, and it extends over a period of about twenty years, have I found the market here so peculiar and interesting as it is today. (I use peculiar and interesting advisedly). There exist these strange trade conditions: A market not overstocked sufficient to meet every normal demand, which, however, at this stage seems not to be present; importers and manufacturers eager and anxious to dispose of their wares at cut prices to cash buyers who until now have been unaccountably absent. Whether the cause is attributable to the late financial and industrial depression or whether the uncertainty preceding a presidential election is at fault, the fact remains that when I arrived in New York on the 20th of July, there were but few buyers on the ground.

Fortunately for us, I was one of the few and you may rest assured I fully availed myself of the unusual opportunities of this unusual market. Garment manufacturers were very blue and more especially the cloak and clothing people were hungry for the trade in order to keep their factories running during the slack season. This condition of affairs (which by the way no longer exists owing to the recent arrival of many buyers) enabled me to purchase a splendid line of Ladies' Coats and Suits, Men's, Boys' and Children's high grade clothing at remarkably low figures.

Of course I did correspondingly well in other lines and you may give me public my personal assurance that owing to the conditions I have described, we will be able to offer to the trade this coming season a finer and more varied assortment of merchandise than ever before, and at prices far below the normal.

In the course of a week or so I will leave for Philadelphia, Cleveland, Chicago and St. Louis. You can expect me home about the middle of August.

With kindest regards to all, I am,  
Yours truly,  
FRANK MASHBURN.

### \$500.00 Reward.

The undersigned has deposited the sum of \$500 in the First National Bank of Southern Oregon, Grants Pass, and this sum will be paid to any person or persons who will furnish information that will cause the arrest and conviction of the parties who on or about the 28th day of July, 1908, set out fire between the head of Ditch creek and Pleasant creek.

GEORGE H. PEASE,  
Placer, Ore.

Flower Pots at Cramer Bros.

## H. C. ACKERMAN SKIPS COUNTRY

Does Not Wait For Preliminary Hearing.

### HELD FOR BOOT-LEGGING

May Be Indicted at Next Term of Josephine County Circuit Court.

The preliminary hearing of H. C. Ackerman on a charge of selling lager beer without a license which was to have been heard before Police Magistrate Holman last Friday forenoon, was continued till Monday afternoon of this week at 2 o'clock on application of City Attorney Clements who had charge of the case in the absence of District Attorney Mulkey who had been called to his home by the illness of a member of his family. In view of his business interests here Judge Holman allowed Ackerman to go without bail and on his own recognizance, and Ackerman was in the city up till 10 o'clock Monday morning, when he suddenly dropped out of sight as if swallowed up by the earth and up to this hour not a word as to his whereabouts has been learned.

District Attorney Mulkey arrived here Monday to conduct the preliminary hearing. Since Ackerman's flight it is the general belief that Ackerman will be indicted at the next term of the circuit court, which indictment would hold for three years. Jewell and Aubrey who had in company with Ackerman been fined for gambling, were to have appeared as witnesses for the state in the hearing against Ackerman, and have since been placed under bond to appear in the event of the apprehension of Ackerman.

Louie Streuber, also wanted on a charge of alleged gambling, who suddenly made his departure after he alleged offense was committed, is still in hiding, while Perl Beaman charged with gambling, has also failed to put in appearance. And thus the prosecutions are at a standstill for the present.

### FOREST FIRES IN THIS SECTION NOT DISASTROUS

Though Numerous Citizens Have Been Called to Fight Flames This Week.

Fire set by some one across the river south of town last Saturday got beyond control and crossed the Murphy road, and it looked for a time as if great damage would result, but a dozen men or more went out from here and after fighting a greater portion of the afternoon and the fore part of the night prevented its spread and the destruction of farm buildings along between here and Murphy. Supervisor N. B. Anderson of the Forest Reserve office at this place with a gang of men

were among the fire fighters, which included Fire Warden Guthrie. The latter came near being seriously injured by a heavy limb which had burned off above and fell upon his back.

Aside from the burning of an old barn beyond the Getting ranch no damage was done in this vicinity except the burning of a few fences. Supervisor Anderson had his hands somewhat blistered during the siege but he stayed with the fight till the finish. A bad fire was also started about three and a half miles north of town Tuesday. The flames kept on burning up Gilbert creek and finally crossed to the hills south and east of the city, until Wednesday evening when many of the residents of the extreme north part of town became fearful that the fire would reach their premises and a large number of men went out from the city last night to stay the flames.

There is no danger now, however, though the fire is still burning on the mountain side north east of the city. The flames and burning embers on the hill sides in plain view from the main streets last night were an interesting, though not formidable sight. While much loss has resulted from forest fires in various parts of this state and in Washington, not to mention the terrible fire disasters in British Columbia during the past 10 days the fires of Josephine county have occasioned but very little damage.

### RENEWED ACTIVITY AT THE MOUNT PITT MINE

Supt. A. C. Hooper of the Mount Pitt Mining Co., who have extensive mining interests over on Jump-off-Joe, came down from Portland Wednesday morning to inaugurate extensive development work on both the Mt. Pitt and the Mountain Treasure properties.

Work on the former will include the sinking of a 300-foot shaft to connect with the 400-foot level, while on the Mountain Treasure a 30-foot tunnel will be run to tap the main ledge. This work is to be done by contract, 100 feet of which has been awarded to Henry Rice of this city.

A compressor plant and machine drills will also be installed on the Mount Pitt property. All this means renewed activity in the Jump-off-Joe district which will doubtless give impetus to the development of other properties in the vicinity. Mr. Hooper was highly enthusiastic when seen by a Courier representative Wednesday morning and said that there would be "big doings" at the Mt. Pitt camp during the balance of the summer.

County Judge Jewell and family returned home Monday from Sucker Creek where they had been camping for a week at the foot of the trail to the wonderful Oregon caves. Their camp was about six miles from the caves. The judge was up to the caves one day and says that out of one of the entrances comes a draught of air with a temperature almost as cold as a blizzard and that the stream of water flowing from the same entrance is as cold as any ice water in Grants Pass. Though the judge has little more use for the rod and tackle than for a baseball bat or mask, he says the fishing is good over on Sucker creek.

Shears and Scissors, Knives and Razors at Cramer Bros.

## O'Neill Leads-Never Follows

This is the big, bright, busy store—never sleeping but always forward marching. Never before have we sold so many

## HAMMOCKS

as we have this season. We have a few left and to close out, we will sell any Hammock we have

### At Cost

To show you how different and better our values are, we ask that you look around before coming to our store.

Dont Forget we are Selling them at Cost

## O'Neill The Homefurnisher