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PROGRESS OF STREET PAVING

THE WORK ALONG THE WHOLE LINE OF IMPROVEMENTS

THE 12-INCH STORM SEWER

The Outside Districts Come in for Their Share—Crushed Rock Material.

The city engineer's report for the end of the month of June will show that the various classes of street improvement have progressed more rapidly than the casual observer would suppose from outward appearances.

This week contractors have completed their contract on cement sidewalks and curbs for the Sixth street improvement, from the south side of L street to the north side of B street, about 25,000 square feet of sidewalk, 5000 lineal feet of concrete straight curb and 450 lineal feet of circular curb at street corners. There yet remains 125 feet on the east side and 150 feet on the west side of Sixth street along F street of sidewalk and curb to complete the entire contract for concrete work.

At the north end of the improvement property owners have thought to continue the good work along their private property in line with the Sixth street work. A. B. Cornell, T. W. Williams and the Methodist church are putting their sidewalk lines to grade and will lay about 300 feet of cement walk. In front of the Williams and Cornell property will be laid a six-foot walk with two feet on the inside and four feet on the outside for parking purposes, with a concrete curb at the 12-foot line. This private work will add much to the finish of the streets at this point from the fact that the surface of Sixth street at its intersection with B street has been lowered about a foot and a half in order to equalize the grades for the proper drainage to the middle of the blocks east and west, and also to obtain an unbroken grade line from A to D streets along Sixth. Owing to a delay in the shipment of some machinery the actual laying of pavement may not begin for a week from now, yet everything else is being finished up, so that nothing will be in the way when this work does begin. With the exception of 400 feet through the Southern Pacific's ground, the sub-grading is practically finished, which shows the grade and crown of the streets as it will appear when completed only the pavement will add 6 inches to the height thereof.

The 12-inch storm sewer with 6-inch laterals and catch basin system has been completed with the exception of a few inlets along the railway tracks. The number and location to be made by the railroad company. This Thursday night the city council will receive for consideration the city engineer's plan, estimates and specifications for the pavement on H street from the west line of Fifth street to the east line of Seventh street, also G street continuing from Seventh to Eighth street at the new depot.

Last week we published a synopsis of the city engineer's plan for the improvement of lower Sixth street, which seems to meet with the approval of the property owners interested, with the exception of the assessment of the entire cost of the storm sewer to the abutting property, and it is probable that they will ask by petition, at the proper time, that they be rebated a portion of this assessment upon the ground that the cost of the sewer is a little out of proportion for the class of improvement contemplated, and is chargeable to a general fund.

Aside from these improvements along the business streets it is not to be forgotten that the outside districts are doing things. Town street, from Sixth street to the Hood place east of Ninth street, will be completed with a standard macadam, as originally contemplated. This street for a year has been the cause of much just complaint and dissatisfaction,

but we understand that the property owners and the council have reached an understanding whereby the work may be completed as soon as the city attorney can prepare the necessary ordinances and notices.

Plans, estimates and ordinances are being prepared for the grading of roadway and laying granite sidewalks to grade along A street from the Kinney residence west, two blocks beyond the Merlin road on Dimick street; Seventh and Eighth streets, from M street to the river, and Eighth and Ninth streets from A street to the north ends.

The residents along C street are determined to pave their street from Sixth street to the Merlin road, but they are undecided yet as to the width of roadway best adapted to the travel along this thoroughfare.

The washed sand and crushed rock plant across the river is furnishing some excellent material for concrete and paving and the plant north of town, owned by the city, will be able to furnish additional crushed rock for macadamizing and concrete, so that contractors need not fear any shortage in materials for all classes of work.

Volney Colvig, who has been in failing health for the past few months as the result of a severe case of pneumonia which left him in a weakened state, is reported as falling during the past few days and his daughter, Mrs. Geo. Gillette, was summoned from Chico Thursday, and will probably arrive today.

IRRIGATION CONTRACTS BEING NOW SIGNED UP

Over One-Half of the Required 10,000 Acres Necessary Have Been Already Secured.

M. J. Anderson and others who are at work getting contracts for Irrigation on account of the Rogue River Irrigation and Power Co., have been very successful. More than 5000 acres of the required 10,000 have already been signed up and the work is going on most satisfactorily. Under the contract there is abundant time to secure 5000 more acres and it is reported by some persons connected with the irrigation company that there will be no difficulty in securing even more than the amount of land mentioned. This is the opportunity for those who want to help along irrigation in this valley to come to the front and sign up.

A Sample Cluster Light.

A sample cluster light has been erected at the south west corner of Front and 7th streets, and it is attracting much attention. It is certainly a beauty and one can easily understand that when our bitulthic pavement is down and these cluster lights are on our side walks our business center will present a very attractive appearance. There are five lights on ten-foot iron posts; one being a large one on the top and four smaller ones below on the sides.

Home From a Trip.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Carner, who left here May 9 for southwest Michigan to visit Mr. Carner's father and mother, returned home Wednesday morning. After visiting Mr. Carner's parents they ran down to Detroit and there took the steamer to Buffalo, N. Y., and from there went by rail to Pennsylvania, where they visited sixty-nine relatives, composed of uncles, aunts and cousins. All of these relatives were seen and dined with from Saturday morning to Monday noon. From Pennsylvania they went to Albany, N. Y., then down the Hudson river to New York city, thence across to Philadelphia and Pittsburg.

Early Apples Shipped.

The first of the season's shipment of apples was made last week from the Idlewild orchard, consisting of a consignment of summer pippins, running from 96 a box to 142 pack. This orchard is owned by Bolton & Quinlan, of Grants Pass, and they have a fine display of apples in the window of the Best-Fuller Realty Co. The undeveloped portion of this orchard is to be set to apples and this fall and will make in all 25 acres. The orchard adjoins this city on the north.

RECEIVER TO IS-SUE CERTIFICATES

QUITE A SURPRISE TO MANY PERSONS INTERESTED

PAY LABOR AND MATERIAL

Judge Calkins Makes a Court Order and Passes on Numerous Claims.

In the matter of the receivership of the Golden Drift Mining company affairs have taken a new turn. Judge Calkins decided last week to authorize the issuance of receivership certificates in payment of certain bills contracted by Receiver Sanders. The judge went over the claims and selected those which he felt satisfied were without question due and payable by the receiver. These certificates will be issued in a few days by Receiver Wharton as soon as blank certificates can be printed. The bills allowed amount to \$4337.82, divided as follows: \$2694.20 for material and supplies; \$837.74 for receiver's office and \$805.88 for labor. In addition to the above were claims to the amount of \$2829.47 which were furnished before the receiver was appointed. These were not allowed, likewise claims to the amount of \$836.25 which the judge thought were charges which should be paid by the plaintiffs in the case. The claims that were not allowed may receive favorable action later, as the action of the court at this time was not conclusive as to some of the claims.

The action of the court is highly satisfactory to those who are fortunate enough to have their claims passed upon favorably, but those who are left out are wondering if the court will finally permit them to get their money. In this matter it is presumed that Judge Calkins will do what he can to meet all just demands and later it may come about that a considerable block of claims will receive favorable action. Receiver Wharton has been managing the business with as little expense as possible and he has not incurred debts except to conserve the property. The court has not passed upon the compensation of former Receiver Sanders. It is said that this will come later.

W. P. Wright Issues New Map.

W. P. Wright, M. E., last week received from the east a shipment of pocket and wall maps which he has just issued. The map takes in the territory of Southwestern Oregon and Northwestern California, consisting of Coos, Douglas, Curry, Josephine, Jackson, Klamath and a part of Lake counties in Oregon, and the greater portion of Del Norte, Siskiyou and Modoc counties in California. The map is in colors and shows all the wagon and railroads and projected railroads, placer, copper and quartz mines, national forests and parks and Indian reservations and something that other maps do not show, the numbering of the sections.

Mr. Wright has the maps for sale at his office; \$1.50 for the pocket and \$2.00 for the wall maps.

MIKADO PRESENTED BY LOCAL TALENT

The first performance of the two-act comic opera, "Mikado," was presented at the Grants Pass opera house on Wednesday evening to a fair-sized audience. The play, on the whole, was good, although the chorus work showed a lack of practice, both in action and voice, due, no doubt, to insufficient rehearsal, while a lack of confidence among the players and coldness of the audience made the situation rather trying at times. The specialties, however, were splendid. Misses LaCosta Mangum, Augusta Parker and Jella Galbraith, the three little maids from school, taking their parts in a manner which left no room for criticism, as their acting was all that could be

desired, while in their vocal work they were fully up to their usual standard of excellence. Mr. Carlyle under whose direction the play was staged, was right at home in his part, was in splendid voice and made a decided hit in his favorite role of Koko. Rev. F. B. Bartlett with his high and mighty ways and his sarcastic remarks earned an enviable reputation for himself as an actor of ability, while the melody of his splendid voice in song added much to the success of the entertainment. Mrs. A. H. Gunnell's ability on the stage is too well known in this city to require any comment and in Wednesday's performance she took her character in a manner which would do credit to an actress of the profession. Ed VanDyke and Errol Gilkey took their characters in a pleasing manner, while L. R. Steelhammer, always a favorite with the Grants Pass audience, was no exception in this play and from the time he came on the stage until the close of the performance, he kept things moving in a lively manner. Roy Baynard as umbrella bearer created much amusement in trying to keep pace with "His Royal Highness."

One of the delightful features of "Mikado" were the pretty girls, who in their dainty Japanese costumes made a pleasing picture, their sweet, demure manner giving an added charm to the play. The Grants Pass Commercial Club orchestra furnished splendid music between acts. The second performance took place Thursday evening.

EDWARD CLANTON IS MASTER FISH WARDEN

A dispatch from Salem on Tuesday announced the appointment by the board of fish commissioners of Edward Clanton, of this city, as master fish warden to succeed A. C. McAllister, who had sent in his resignation several days before to take effect July 1. In announcing this appointment the Oregonian of Wednesday morning says:

"Clanton has been serving for the past two years as deputy warden in District No. 2, which embraces all the territory south of the Columbia river. He has been a life-long republican and a resident of Oregon, and was endorsed by leading citizens of Jackson, Josephine, Coos and Douglas counties. The board selected Mr. Clanton out of 20 applicants.

"In selecting Mr. Clanton, the board took into consideration the fact that at this season of the year, when all the hatcheries are in operation and just on the eve of the fall closed-season period, it was an inopportune time to change the policies that had been inaugurated by the retiring head of the department. Inasmuch as Mr. Clanton was strongly in accord with all of Mr. McAllister's methods, it was deemed unwise to appoint a man unfamiliar with the duties.

"Henry O'Malley, of Oregon City, at present in charge of the fish cultural works of the United States bureau of fisheries in Oregon, was strongly indorsed for the position. Either Mr. O'Malley or Mr. Clanton was satisfactory to Governor Benson, but when Mr. O'Malley was approached a week ago on the matter, he declined to consider the appointment. He had since changed his mind and was a receptive candidate."

CONTRACT LET FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

The contracts for the erection of the new high school building were let Tuesday by the board of education to C. H. Veights, of Ashland, for the sum of \$36,000. This price includes the building complete with wiring for lights and telephones in each room. The heating was let to J. C. Bayer, of Portland, and the Grants Pass Hardware Co., of this city for the sum of \$329.50.

There were seven bids presented for the construction of the building and the prices ranged from that accepted to \$43,700. One of the bids was unaccompanied by certified check and one was accompanied by a check but unsecured. These bids, however, were for something over \$40,000. The bid accepted is a very satisfactory one and does not consider that we are getting a \$50,000 structure for less than \$40,000.

Work will be commenced immediately and the building is to be finished by January 1, 1911.

GLORIOUS FOURTH AT MERLIN CITY

A HIGH OLD TIME AND DON'T YOU FORGET IT!

PRAYER BY JUDGE JEWELL

Rev. Robert McLean, of Grants Pass, Is To Be Orator of the Day.

Many of Grants Pass people will attend the Fourth at Merlin. Some will go over on the morning train and return in the evening, while many will go in automobiles, buggies, carriages and carryalls and on horse back and make a regular picnic of the occasion. The good people of Merlin have made every preparation for a big crowd and it is to be hoped that they will not be disappointed. They came to Grants Pass last year in large numbers and made our celebration a success and therefore we owe them a big turnout on this occasion.

A glance at the program which follows will convince everybody that the Fourth at Merlin this year will be an event of the highest importance and well worthy of a much larger city. Read carefully the entire program and make up your mind to attend the celebration. As near as possible the whole county should attend the popular Merlin gathering.

Program.

Procession led by the Grants Pass Commercial Club band, 9:30 a. m.
Prayer by Hon. Judge Jewell, of Grants Pass.

Selection by band.
Address of welcome by Wm. M. Richards, of Merlin.

Selection by band.
Reading of the Declaration of Independence by Mrs. Arthur Donoghue.

Girl's flag and gun drill.
Selection by band.
Oration by Rev. McLean, of Grants Pass.

Selection by band.
Noon, barbecue dinner.
1 p. m., recall by band.

Men's foot race, 100 yards, prize \$3 hat by Kinney & Truax, Grants Pass.

50-yard dash, prize \$3. Nugget Hat by Calhoun's clothing store, Grants Pass.

Boys' race, under 10, prize \$1.00 fish reel by C. L. Barlow, Galice.

Boys' race, under 10, prize \$2.50 fish pole by Joe Wharton, Grants Pass.

Girls' race, under 14, prize \$5 parasol by R. L. Coe & Co., Grants Pass; second prize \$2 worth of sheet music by Rowell's Music store, Grants Pass.

Fat men's race, 200 pounds or over, prize one pair of Dutchess trousers by the Peerless Clothing company, Grants Pass.

Girls' egg race, prize \$1.25 gold and pearl grape branch pin by W. H. Hodgkinson, Grants Pass.

Standing jump, prize pair tennis shoes by the Cash Shoe store, Grants Pass.

Shot put, prize \$5 Booker Razor and strop by Grants Pass Hardware Co., Grants Pass.

Boys' sack race, prize \$1.25 pocket knife by the Rogue River Hardware Co., Grants Pass.

3 p. m., half mile horse race for \$20 purse.

Quarter mile horse race with lady riders, prize \$5 silk parasol given by the Golden Rule store, Grants Pass.

4 p. m., good base ball game for \$20 purse.

Dancing on pavilion in afternoon and evening.

THE EAGLE WILL SCREAM AT WOODVILLE MONDAY

Bright and early Monday morning the fun will commence at Woodville and will continue until late in the evening, when everybody is too tired to enjoy another moment. This event is advertised as a real old-fashioned celebration, so it is probable that the much heralded "sane" features will not be made prominent.

The address will be delivered by Joe Hammersley, of Gold Hill, while Mrs. John Owens will read the Declaration of Independence. The Central Point band has been engaged to furnish the music throughout the day and a string orchestra will play for the dance in the evening.

Horse racing, foot racing, bag and egg races will be indulged in and the greased pole honors will be striven for by those who wish. A prize of \$50 is offered for the winners of a rock drilling contest and it is understood that a number of excellent teams will be there.

Needed Stairway at Foot of Sixth St.

The suggestion that the city council build a stairway at the foot of Sixth street to the water's edge to accommodate those who may wish to avail themselves of boating privileges on the river has pleased many people who are fond of water sports. It will save a long walk across the bridge and down through the park and for this reason is not only desirable but important. Chas. Costain, who owns the gasoline launch, says that if the council will build the stairway he will enter into an agreement to build a substantial boat landing and on signal will at all times send a boat for parties who may desire to take a trip on the river and on returning will land them at the foot of the stairway on the north side.

The best Poultry Remedies are Conkey's. You can get them at Cramer Bros.

TEAMS HAULING COKE TO ALMEDA SMELTER

Work Being Rushed on the Traction Engine-Automobile Road to Iceland.

GALICE, June 30, 1910—(Special)—A number of teams are hauling coke from Merlin to the new Almeda smelter and as soon as a sufficient quantity is on hand to keep the plant going fires will be lighted and ore smelted at the famous mine will be one of the new industries in the Galice mining district. From the day the smelter blows in the Almeda will be a producing mine. As soon as circumstances will permit the smelter, which is now a 100-ton plant, will be enlarged to a 400-ton plant and this will be done as soon as the big traction engines and freight automobiles are in full operation on the new road. This, it is expected, will be at no distant day, as work is being pushed on the road with all possible dispatch.

The sinking of the deep shaft is progressing rapidly and it will continue until a depth of 1000 feet is reached. This deep shaft, together with the many tunnels in the mountain, will show the value in the mine and be the evidence needed to warrant the installing of costly mining machinery on the property. Fortunately, the Almeda people have on their own property a power site which will supply the power for the mine and all the plants which will be connected with it. These costly developments will take time, of course, but the unmistakable evidence of the great wealth in the mine will justify the full development of the property.

The bridge across the Rogue river above Galice which the people have been looking for so long will, it is hoped, come this year. It is certainly much needed and it will help greatly in the developing of the entire Galice mining district. It will pay the county of Josephine to build a bridge as the increased taxable wealth of the mines on this account will be a handsome revenue to the county. Good roads and a bridge is what we most need at this time.

There are about 300 men working in the various mines around Galice and prosperity is the order of the day throughout the district. The work on the short line to Iceland and the prospect of the smelter going in in the near future are matters of encouragement among all classes of mining people. It is said that 1910 will be the banner year in the development of the mines of the entire Galice district and from present appearances this looks like a good guess.

Ice Cream Freezers for the Fourth, in all sizes, at Cramer Bros.