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POOR ROADS DELAY MINING ACTIVITY

BLOW-IN OF SMELTER POSTPONED BY CONDITION

THE BRIDGE UNDER WATER

New Road Is Being Built to Connect Great Mine with Railroad at Leland

It now appears that the Alameda people were very fortunate in not blowing in their big smelter. Everything was in readiness for this event just before the heavy rains set in three weeks ago. They were already and had actually started the fire, but things did not look propitious, and inasmuch as there was only coke enough on hand to last twenty days and the roads were in such condition to make it impossible to haul any more, it was decided to extinguish the fire and wait the clearing of the weather. It rained and it rained, the river commenced to fill its banks and the water ran over the bridge. The roads got worse and things generally were out of fix. It proved to be very fortunate that the smelter was not put in action, for at no time since the rain started has there been any possibility for coke hauling. The company will now wait until the heavy storms of winter have passed and the roads get in condition to haul coke. Early in the spring it is expected the auto-truck road from Leland to Alameda will be completed, when there will be no longer difficulty in hauling in coke or other freight. The time will be reduced from two days to only a few hours between the two points.

Alameda Buys Big Property

One of the largest deals that has been effected was the sale of the Allen property adjoining the Alameda Consolidated Mines company on the west and the Rand property on the east, consisting of 142 acres of rich mineral land. The purchase was made by the Alameda company from the Standard Metals company, of Portland. This is the old Allen company and is known to experts to be a very rich property. It is possibly of much greater value to the Alameda people than to anyone else as it lies between their two main properties, the big mine and the Rand. This is an important deal and means much to the Galice mining district. The main mineral lead on this property extends from the Alameda lead directly across the Allen property.

Too busy producing and developing to do much talking or to let the world know of its wealth, the Galice mining district is rapidly preparing to become one of the most notable mining sections in the United States.

Handicapped by poor transportation facilities and a long distance to railroads, the district has fought an uphill battle. Yet there has been consistent and constant development and today there are large bodies of proven ore exposed or blocked out, ready for production on a large scale.

The Oriole mine is another property on which large sums have been expended in development work. Recently several cars of ore have been shipped to the Tacoma smelter and the returns have been highly gratifying to the owners of the property.

The Old Channel mine is steadily producing. This is one of the best known properties in the district. A large force of men is employed at the mine at this time.

Another property which is yielding results is the Wedge mine. Extensive improvements have been recently effected about this property and a large force of men is kept at work constantly.

The Black Bear and the Galice Consolidated are working with satisfactory results to all concerned. Many other properties are in course of development and the next few years will add much to the production of this district.

Not only are the quartz mines getting results, but the Rogue River Dredging company is getting gold from the sands of Rogue river. A crew of seven men is engaged upon this work.

All told, there are approximately 200 men employed in mining in this district alone. While the world now hears a great deal of Rogue river valley fruits, in a few years Josephine county will be as famous for its rich mines in the Galice and other mining districts as it is now for other products.

FOOT PATH ON BRIDGE ACROSS ROGUE RIVER

Mayor-elect Myers has taken up the subject of providing a bridge for foot passengers in connection with the steel bridge at the foot of Sixth street. It will be remembered that it was mentioned that the mud has gathered on the wagon bridge to a depth of several inches, which makes it almost impassable for pedestrians. Mr. Myers saw the necessity of having something done at once and today called on County Judge Jewell and the two talked the matter over with a view of putting a passage for pedestrians on one side of the bridge and this was finally determined on, and the judge has already conferred with the Columbia Bridge company to get an estimate as to the cost. It is believed that it can be done for five or six hundred dollars, and this is considered cheap enough to warrant the construction to commence at once.

RANDOLPH HOME IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Losing all but one treasured, hand-painted china bowl, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Randolph, one mile north of Hugo, was destroyed by fire Wednesday afternoon about five-thirty o'clock.

Mr. Randolph was working in the field a short distance from the house when he heard the screams of his wife. Hastening home he found that there was nothing that he could do, so rapid had been the havoc wrought she discovered the fire, was compelled to flee for her life, having barely time to rescue the two children and a prized china bowl.

The entire contents of the house, including the largest collection of rare and valuable in the county, were lost.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph were members of the Alaska colony which has settled near Hugo. Their home was one of the most comfortable of the many beautiful country homes for which Josephine county is becoming famous. The loss, coming as it did when the orchard is in process of being developed into an income-producing property, is a serious one. Indicative of the courage of the newer dwellers in this part of Rogueland is the fact that already plans are being formulated to replace the cozy home with one even better.

Mrs. Randolph is a niece of E. T. McKinstry, of this city.

GIRL BEATEN

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 2.—Bruised and suffering from the beating she received when she was attacked in the yard of her home by an unidentified man, Rosa Arnold, a 16-year-old daughter of A. S. Pepper, is under the care of a doctor today. The girl was found bound and gagged lying in the yard unconscious.

URGE FIRE PROTECTION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President Taft is urged to secure an increase in the forest service appropriations sufficient to secure protection from fire, in resolutions adopted today by the Conservation association, representing Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and California.

PRIVATE KILLED

MANILA, Dec. 22.—Private Holt was killed and a corporal and a private soldier were wounded in a sharp skirmish between Manabos and Basalman tribesmen and the Third Infantry at Davara river today. The action was spirited and many natives were killed or wounded.

BIG FIRES IN TWO EASTERN CITIES

THIRTY FIREMEN MEET DEATH IN CHICAGO.

AMMONIA TANK EXPLODES

Twenty Members of Philadelphia Fire Department Lose Their Lives

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—After ten hours' fighting the fire that threatened to destroy the Nelson Morris Packing company's plant and endangered the entire Union stock yards, was brought under control this afternoon. At 1 o'clock ten bodies had been recovered from the ruins, in which, it is believed, more than thirty firemen lost their lives.

When the firemen resumed digging in the wreckage for the bodies of their comrades they came upon the remains of Lieutenant W. S. Strum, Lieutenant J. J. Fitzgerald and Truckman Michael Crane at the edge of the mound of fallen masonry that marked the spot where the east wall of the Morris' beef warehouse had stood. According to Fire Marshal Butler, this would indicate that every man of the 25 who were working near that portion of the building perished. Those who were inside the warehouse when the ammonia tank exploded probably were killed instantly and their bodies incinerated.

The fire in the tallow house of the Morris' plant, which threatened to spread to adjoining packing houses, was controlled shortly before one o'clock. The inflammable substances, however, caused a greater portion of the department to remain on duty. When the tallow house fire was extinguished firemen, policemen and laborers got to work recovering the bodies of the dead. It was stated that it is probable that an accurate list of the dead will not be obtainable before night.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Having claimed the lives of probably 30 firemen, the fire that destroyed the stock yards' warehouse of Nelson Morris & Company spread today to the tallow house of the plant, and at noon, it was stated that the entire plant was in danger of destruction. A third general alarm brought every fire company in Chicago to the scene in an effort to prevent the conflagration from sweeping the entire stock yards district.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Thirty firemen were killed early today in the destruction of the warehouse of Nelson Morris & Company at the stock yards through an explosion of ammonia caused by fire.

Seven pitifully charred bodies were dragged from the blazing ruins at daybreak, but the rescuers were prevented from further efforts by a renewal of the fire to recover other bodies.

Among the dead are believed to be several of the commanding officers of the fire department, including two fire marshals and several company captains.

Morris refused to estimate the damage to the plant, except to say that it probably would exceed half a million of dollars.

Captain Champaigne, of the insurance patrol at the stock yards, said: "We first got word of the fire shortly before four o'clock this morning. It was not much of a fire then, but high pressure pipes in the basement of the plant were cut off to prevent the water freezing in them.

"It was at least two minutes before water could be turned on the blaze. The fire had been controlled to all appearances when a terrific explosion at the south end of the beef cooler tore off the roof of the building and knocked out about 250 feet of the east wall. A lot of men were working under a canopy extending over the loading track. All

were buried without a chance to warn them."

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Fourteen firemen dead and six missing, four policemen known to have been killed and five missing; twenty-four injured firemen and police in city hospitals, with the likelihood that several will die; half a dozen bodies in the smoldering, ice-covered ruins of the D. Friedlander leather factory, with exhausted rescuers fighting ice and fire to reach them—that is the summary today of Philadelphia's Yule-tide tragedy.

The known dead: Firemen—Robert Stewart, Charles Hill, William Hoffman, Fred Galbreth, Frank Boitelle, Charles Eidelman.

Policemen—Edward O'Reilly, Samuel McLaughlin, Landly, Stephen Barger.

To the summary of horror caused by the holocaust may be added the privations and sorrows brought to the families of the dead and dying throughout the city and the suspicion that the lives of the city's servants were sacrificed to incendiaryism of worst type.

Shortly before daylight the body of Patrick Carroll, a fireman, was recovered. Near him the body of Fireman John Carroll was taken from the debris. Later Fireman George Machinsky and George Erdeman, crushed to death beneath a fallen section of flooring, were dragged out. The fire started at 10 o'clock last night and burned until nearly daylight. The water in the hydrants was nearly congealed with the cold and as soon as the streams were turned on the blaze the pressure blew out the nozzles.

FEDERAL COURT MAY PERMIT ROGUE FISHING

GOLD BEACH, Dec. 19.—It is reported that the Hume estate will begin action in the federal court against the state of Oregon to have the vote on the closing of the Rogue to commercial fishing annulled. The federal court should annul this vote and not allow it to become a law, as it originated through personal spite towards the late R. D. Hume. There would be as much justice to stop the Medford people from raising fruit for the commercial market as to close the Rogue to commercial fishing.

ORIOLE MINE IS A VERY BUSY PLACE AT PRESENT

Work at the Oriole mine in the Galice district is progressing rapidly. They have at present 21 men at work busily engaged in driving tunnel four, which is to cut the ledge at 900 feet. Seven hundred feet are already completed and the 200 feet will be finished by February 15 at the latest.

The Oriole is one of the finest equipped mines in the state and is well timbered and well timbered. It is electrically lighted throughout, completely piped for air drills and thoroughly ventilated. As soon as the tunnel is completed the management expects to put in reducing machinery.

The returns from the last car of ore shipped to the Tacoma Smelting company shows returns of \$294.20 per ton.

VALUABLE HORSE IS INJURED BY FALLING

A valuable horse belonging to Charles Hogue, of Kerby, was so seriously injured by a fall late Friday evening that it is feared the animal will have to be shot. Mr. Hogue rode in from Kerby Thursday and Friday evening he was riding the horse on Eighth street when the animal ran away with him and while going at a lively rate of speed, slipped and fell in such a manner as to break his back. The rider was only slightly injured and is able to be about the street with discomfort. The horse was taken in a dray to a barn at the home of the boy's father, Billy Hogue, of this city.

HUNTS FROM AEROPLANE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22.—Hubert Latham announced today that before night he will "bag" a duck from his seat in his Antoinette monoplane. Latham started for the Dominguez aviation field shortly before noon.

COMMERCIAL CLUB BENEFITS ALL

ALL FARMERS AND MERCHANTS SHOULD JOIN

LAND VALUES INCREASED

E. N. Bywater, Leader of One Contesting Side, Gives Views and Reasons.

Now that the battle is on I am finding out why some people do not join the Commercial club. They say: "Well, it's only a graft for the real estate men, who can get the country advertised at the expense of the community. They're nothing but a bunch of hot air vendors and are working for the almighty dollar."

Mr. Man, what are you working for? What am I working for? What would your land, your business, your city property be worth today if it hadn't been for the wide-awake real estate man? Who has advanced the value of your land? How was it done? What was it worth five years ago? What is it worth today? Let these questions soak down deep and then answer them to yourself, your neighbor, and then to the Grants Pass Commercial club.

Who is benefitted by the newcomer? First of all is the hotel man. He gets the first money from the new prospect. Is it worth anything to Grants Pass? Who next? The livery man and the automobile man come next in showing Mr. Prospective Buyer the country. Who next? Now Mr. Real estate man gets his five per cent commission, which, in a great many instances is all eaten up by the expense he has been put to in finding a 5, 10 or 20-acre tract to suit his man. Who next? Your grocer, your hardware dealer, your implement dealer, your clothier, your butcher, your lawyer, your banker, your church, your contractor, your laborer, your dentist, your doctor, your minister, your baker, your harness maker, your shoemaker, your druggist, your restaurant man, your blacksmith, your post office, your barber, your plumber, your tinner, your feed store, your furniture dealer and every other business man in your town.

But where does Mr. Rancher come in? He is left out in the cold. The new man doesn't help him any. Doesn't he? What has increased the price of your land? Oh! Never thought of that did you? If no buyers came you would still be asking that same little measly sum for your ranch that you did ten years ago and not one to give you a pleasant look at it. But Mr. Real Estate Man started them coming this way. Should he be interested in the Commercial club any more than you? Can't you sell more produce in Grants Pass if her population is increased threefold? Won't it bring more money in for development if this country is advertised and new people with money and energy come in?

Isn't it worth while to help boost your land? Is your ranch such a poor proposition that it isn't worth boosting? Won't it grow white beans? You think it's good, don't you? Well, now the best way in the world to make some one else think it's good is to get into the Commercial club and help boost your place. Don't let the fellows in town do it all. You have an interest in the country or you wouldn't be here. Now get in and help us make it a greater Grants Pass and Josephine county.

Now, Mr. Businessman who isn't a member of the Commercial club, are you going to be a blood sucker on your next door neighbor and allow him to get busy and spend his money to bring in new people and then you try and reap the rewards of his money and energy? Is that justice to your neighbor? If this hits you, take it. I'm not afraid to express my thoughts.

Now, Mr. Men who are knocking

against the real estate man, how does it look to you? Have you treated them fair? What we need more than to knock them is to get about 25 more good, honest, hustling real estate men to help boost Grants Pass. They are the men who make good towns.

Now take these thoughts to bed with you to-night. Sleep over them and make up your mind that you will start in the new year right and give your membership to the Grants Pass Commercial club.

Yours for 500 members to the Commercial club in January, and 15,000 for Grants Pass in 1915.

E. N. BYWATER.

Is he true blue?

Would you believe that we have a member in the Grants Pass Commercial club who is throwing cold water? Well, we have.

A rancher came in and signed a membership card, paid the fee and was glad that he had done something for Grants Pass.

This man said: "It's all right for the man in town to belong, but you are just throwing your money away. It won't do you any good."

But the rancher was long headed enough to see what the Commercial club had done for his land. The solicitor offered him his money back, but he refused to take it. He said he wanted to be a booster for Grants Pass and Josephine county. "What's good for them, is good for me."

Now this member has been in Grants Pass for many years. He's made a barrel of money here. I will be charitable enough not to mention his name this time, but don't do it again, or we'll have to do so.

Yours for 500.

E. N. BYWATER.

SHOPPERS CROWD STORES FOR XMAS PRESENTS

A glance at the crowded aisles of the stores in Grants Pass shows that Christmas shopping is at its height, and despite the predictions of some "pessimistic philosophers" that the holiday season is being observed less each year and will soon "die out," the beaming faces seen in the throngs which crowd every store from early morn till late at night is proof positive that "Santa" will reign in Grants Pass for many days to come and that the people of this city lack nothing of the Christmas spirit.

It is a pleasure to the onlooker to watch the jolly, good-natured crowds who jostle each other and strive to manage their many small parcels, while their smiles of joy bear out the fact that many there are who receive as much pleasure in the selecting and giving of remembrances to friends and loved ones as in the receiving of gifts.

One thing noticeable to the merchant (and thankful he is) is the fact that their "shop early" campaign is bearing fruit, though there are always a few who put off to the very last minute because they "really don't know what to get." For these the problem will be solved by scanning the pages of last Sunday's issue of the The Daily Courier, also the Weekly Courier, as the leading merchants were at much pains and considerable expense to offer suitable suggestions for gifts suitable for each and every member of the family and thus the cost is somewhat higher than in past years, it should cause no worry, for if friends are as they should be they will appreciate your gifts—not at their commercial value—but as tokens of your good wishes. A visit to the furniture, hardware and clothing stores reveals the fact that a large number of people are purchasing useful and durable gifts, though they are hardly missed from the crowds that throng the jewelry stores and establishments.

FLIES ACROSS CHANNEL

DOVER, England, Dec. 22.—A flight across the English channel between Dover and Calais in an aeroplane was made today by Cecil Grace, a Wright aviator. Grace ascended in an endeavor to beat the cross channel record for distance recently set by Sopwith, an English novice, in an English-made machine. Sopwith flew 173 miles, landing in Belgium.