

# Weekly Rogue River Courier.

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## RAILROAD SITUATION LOCALLY

There is a good deal of thought given in these early days of January as to what is to happen in an industrial way in and around Grants Pass during the last days of winter and the early days of spring. Some who have studied the subject and who understand the situation, claim that 1000 men will be working on the construction of a railroad in a southerly direction from this city within a few months. They have faith to believe that those who control the Harriman system will protect their interests in this valley and build from Grants Pass to the sea. There is a general feeling, it may be said, that something like this is going to take place, and, as a consequence, our city will be a busy center in the near future. The Courier is continually asked for information regarding the railroad situation and it can only reply that it prints that and other news as fast as it is received. It can be said, however, that railway construction from this point south is in order this spring and no one need be surprised to hear the announcement that construction will be undertaken in the very near future.

It can be mentioned here that there is another railroad being talked of which is to follow the Rogue river from Grants Pass to the ocean and that parties interested in this road are making investigations as to the opportunities for the location of a central power plant along the river to supply electricity for the proposed line. What is behind this talk we are unable to say, but that a road will sometime be built along the route outlined there can be no doubt. It has been claimed that the Hill people are likely to choose this water grade as an outlet to a deep water harbor at some point on the coast. All this railroad talk proves that railroad construction is uppermost in the minds of those who build these great highways. It is an admitted fact that the time has come for the development of Oregon and it can only be done by roads of this character. The people will not be required to wait many months to learn the intentions of the Harriman people. To build or not to build this spring is the question of these railroad magnates, and the same may be said of the Hill aggregation. All we have to do to find out what is to be done will be simply to wait.

## ORGANIZING AN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

The question of an irrigation district is no doubt a new one to many of our readers. In order that those unfamiliar with the procedure prescribed by the law for the forming of a district may become more familiar with the subject, we will outline, in a general way, the steps which must be taken in organizing a district.

A petition signed by fifty or a majority of the property owners in the proposed district is presented to the county court, which hears the same and orders an election to be held on a certain date, after publication of notice, on the question of whether an irrigation district will be organized or not. This petition sets forth the proposed boundaries of the district. If after a canvass of the votes it appears that at least three-fifths of the total number cast are "Irrigation District—Yes" the court declares such territory duly organized as an irrigation district. For the purposes of the election the county court establishes a convenient number of election precincts.

The board of directors consists of five members chosen from five divisions of the district made by the county court, or if a majority of the landowners in the proposed district sign the petition and so request, the board of directors may be made up of three or five directors elected at large. An assessor, collector and treasurer are the other officers besides the directors. These officers are filled at the same time as the election on the question of a district is held and the directors elected. All persons who are bona fide landowners in the district and of the age of twenty-one years or over are entitled to vote.

If the election so held results in a district being organized, the board of directors proceed to outline a general plan of procedure to bring about the building of the irrigation system best adapted to the district's needs. After securing enough preliminary data to render a decision as to what system is most feasible, they secure estimates of cost on the contemplated work and present the question of a bond issue to the landowners at an election called for that purpose. If a majority of the votes are "Bonds—Yes" the board of directors shall cause bonds in such amount to be issued.

The bonds so issued are payable as follows, to-wit: At the expiration of eleven years, five per cent of the whole number of said bonds; at the expiration of twelve years six per cent; at the expiration of thirteen years, seven per

cent; and so on until the expiration of twenty years when the entire issue has been paid off. The bonds cannot bear more than six per cent interest.

From the proceeds of the bonds the directors proceed to award contracts for the construction of the proposed system according to the plans and specifications adopted by them after careful preliminary study of all possible means to irrigate the district.

## BOOST THE LUMBER BUSINESS

Grants Pass has always been a lumber market of importance from the fact that it was surrounded by magnificent forests which yielded great wealth and made the city noted in its day for fine lumber, but, unfortunately for the city, the lumber dealers have pursued a policy which has not contributed anything to the exploitation of the business itself. Seemingly by mutual consent those engaged in running lumber yards have been content to get along without keeping up the reputation of the town as a great lumber center by failing to advertise the fact to the world. In this day every successful business is kept before the people by judicious advertising and when this is not done that particular commercial line gradually dies out and the town suffers in consequence by the trade going to other places. This lead us to ask the real condition of the lumber business in Grants Pass. Formerly we boasted of the number of men employed in manufacturing lumber, but now nothing is said about it. If the forests have receded from the town and it no longer pays to haul long distances by team the number of big traction engines should be increased. If the country bridges will not stand the engines the county must build those that will. Permanent roads must be built and this lumber industry encouraged, to the end that Oregon's leading industry may be shared by Josephine county in general and Grants Pass in particular.

## THINGS WILL SOON MOVE

The visit of Mr. Woolley and some representatives of large capital to this city at this time is a reminder that another strong factor in railroad building from Grants Pass to Crescent City is in evidence. That the road mentioned will be built is admitted by all the best posted men inside and outside of railroad circles. In some way it has become known to operators with money to invest that Grants Pass is to become the next storm center of large operations, but strange to relate outsiders know more about these things than our own people. The reason for this is that as soon as it is known that any important enterprise is to be developed here city and country property doubles in price and so investors combine and keep their proposed operations secret until enabled to make their investments. It is easy for men with money to invest to find out what is going on and this class are all akin, the door of enterprise is open to them. Grants Pass is so fortunate as to have been selected as the next place for important developments. First in line is the railroad mentioned and next will be a big hotel, which should have been built long ago, and following that will come larger mercantile interests and manufacturing plants. Please stick a pin there.

### FRUITDALE.

A. G. Clarkson representing the Phoenix Mutual fire insurance company, was through this district last week.

Chas. Chaffee and wife have returned home from Spokane, Washington.

The new year was welcomed with a merry shout and a salute fired by the guests at "Forest Home." They were gathered together to greet Mr. and Mrs. Florence Britmayer, and it was one of the most enjoyable gatherings were held in Fruitdale. We congratulated the young people again and then congratulated ourselves that we began the new year right by being in the hospitable home of the Britmayers.

During the evening a cut glass shower was in order and the bride received this in her usual pleasant manner. Cards took up some of the time and a delicious lunch was not overlooked. Fortunes were told and many of the fortunate ones are preparing for the journeys and making plans for spending the money that they will receive in 1911. At an early hour the guests departed for their homes in the best of humor and think it a good start for a year.

Dr. McCabe is remodeling his new home and expects to be comfortably domiciled in same shortly.

Several of our school children have been out on account of sickness, but have taken up their studies again.

The Bywater home was turned into a hospital last week as they had three boys sick.

It was a good hospital, for their patients are all out again.

Road Supervisor Jones had a crew of men and teams on the road last week. Messrs. Underwood, Bauer, Contant, Harris, Bartlett, Laurance Underwood and Robert Harris helped.

Oliver Moesinger and wife came out from Grants Pass to attend the winter party. They stayed all night and returned home in the evening. Thursday afternoon Mrs. W. S. Campbell, which was enjoyed by all

Contant entertained the ladies of the neighborhood in honor of Mrs. Florence Britmayer. The guests hemmed some table linen for the bride. Those present were Mesdames White, Hefley, Flint, Grill, M. J. Underwood, E. C. Underwood, Hamilton, Ball, Heyer, Stanbrough, Campbell, William Britmayer, F. Britmayer, Miss Jeffers and Miss Margaret Heyer.

The families of John Stanbrough, George Stanbrough and E. C. Underwood, also Mrs. Green, Mrs. M. G. Underwood and Mr. Bauer enjoyed dinner together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Underwood on New Year's day.

The families of William Breitmayer, Mrs. Heyer and Florence Breitmayer, also Mrs. Grill, Messrs. Carlson and Lewis enjoyed the hospitality of the Hefley home on New Year's day.

There was a good attendance at the Junior C. E. at their regular meeting and we were pleased to write the interest displayed by the children. Miss Coe was present and several of her efficient workers from town.

The family of Robert Huck spent New Year's day in town at the home of M. E. Sturdevant.

Ruth Huck spent several days visiting at the Ruby Glee farm with Mrs. Robert Huck.

Last Saturday was Grange day. A morning session was held and a dinner at noon was not forgotten; in the afternoon the following people were given the first degree: Mr. and Mrs. W. G. White, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Britmayer, Mrs. Emma Heyer, Mrs. Bertha Grill, Mrs. Florence Britmayer, Miss Margaret Heyer, J. F. Campbell and Robert Harris. Officers for the coming year were installed and much business disposed of.

Henry Thomson has returned from his vacation trip to California. Saturday night the card club was entertained at the Campbell home, and a good time it was. During the evening dance was given by Mrs. Thursday afternoon Mrs. W. S. Campbell, which was enjoyed by all

Dinner guests at the Stanbrough home last Sunday were Florence Britmayer and wife, George Stanbrough and wife, Wm. Britmayer and wife, Mrs. Emman Heyer, Mrs. Grill, Mrs. Green, Miss Margaret Heyer, E. L. Churchill, Master Wm. Britmayer.

Those attending the Junior C. E. meeting at the Presbyterian church in Grants Pass last Sunday were Robert aHrris, Allen Underwood, Charles and Robert Campbell and Mildred Hamilton, who was the leader.

Mrs. Kerchaff is spending the week visiting in the neighborhood.

S. C. Hefley and wife, Mrs. Kerchaff, Mr. Carlson and Irving Lewis spent last Sunday with the Contants.

Mrs. Tautlinger and family will move onto the Oakdale farm this week.

Pack Campbell has purchased and is installing a wood-cutting machine.

Jim Jones spent the night Wednesday with his brother, Alonzo Jones. Mr. Jones has sold out his interests on Williams Creek and is looking over this county. We think he and his family would be good neighbors and hope they might like the looks of this section.

At the meeting of the telephone company Monday morning the following officers were elected: E. E. Blanchard president, John Stanbrough vice-president, E. C. Underwood manager, secretary and treasurer.

### WILDERVILLE ITEMS

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Roseman, who has been suffering with tonsillitis, passed away last Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. The little one had been sick only a few days and its death was a great shock to its parents. They have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement. Interment was made Monday evening in the Wilderville cemetery. Rev. L. B. Akers officiated at the grave.

Born—Thursday, January 5, to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Roberts, a son.

The Wilderville telephone company held its annual meeting last Saturday evening at the M. E. church. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, A. E.

Sheehan; secretary and treasurer, Paul Ruttencutter; directors, Chas. McCann and J. C. McCann.

O. Morrison and C. F. Lovelace were in Grants Pass Monday unloading their sawing outfit, which they ordered some time ago.

Paul Ruttencutter passed through Wilderville last Saturday on his way to Loves Station with a load of hay. R. M. Robinson and wife, who have been visiting relatives in Portland, returned home last Sunday.

Arthur Clemo and Radburn Robinson, who are attending high school in Grants Pass, spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

John Brown has a force of men hauling gravel on the Hayes hill for the county.

Isaac Louden and wife, who have been employed in the surveying party which are camped at the poor farm, are moving back to their farm on Slate creek.

Oliver Morrison, who has been on the sick list the past week, is recovering.

Miss Annis McCann entertained a number of the young folks at her home last Saturday evening.

Robert Akers spent Sunday with his friend, Russell Tilman, who is lying seriously ill with typhoid fever in Grants Pass.

J. D. Lewis, of Slate creek, attended the telephone meeting at Wilderville Saturday.

Grandpa Loughridge, accompanied his son, Dr. S. Loughridge, to Grants Pass last Sunday, where he will spend a few days visiting.

S. Akers moved his wood sawing outfit to L. B. Akers's, where he will be engaged for the winter in sawing wood.

Mrs. Mastian attended the services last Sunday morning.

The Sunday school is progressing nicely with Mr. Smith as superintendent.

The Misses Howland, Henderson and Edwards were out driving Sunday. What is the matter with the young men of Wilderville?

The school is progressing nicely under the efficient management of F. Clemo and his assistant, Miss I. E. Ditsworth.

## First National Bank

### Of Southern Oregon.

Report of Condition, Jan. 7, 1911  
(Condensed)

Resources	
Loans and discounts	\$386,273.42
Bonds and securities	105,648.07
Building and other real estate	17,943.00
Cash and exchange	200,369.72
	\$710,234.21
Liabilities	
Capital stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and profit	53,642.25
National bank notes outstanding	12,500.00
Deposits	594,091.96
	\$710,234.21

L. B. Hall, President. H. L. Glikkey, Cashier.  
J. C. Campbell, Vice-President. J. T. Fry, Assistant Cashier.  
R. K. Hackett, Assistant Cashier.

## Report of the Condition of

### Josephine County Bank

at Grants Pass, Ore., in the state of Oregon, at the close of business January 7, 1911.

Resources	
Loans and discounts	\$ 63,851.42
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	142.06
Bonds, securities, etc.	7,642.84
Banking house, furniture and fixtures and lease	9,240.32
Due from approved reserve banks	62,186.63
Checks and other cash items	1,232.70
Gold dust	116.60
Cash on hand	13,149.15
Expenses	3,129.03
Total	\$160,690.75
Liabilities	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check	105,483.00
Demand certificates of deposit	2,080.00
Time certificates of deposit	2,841.25
Savings deposits	286.50
Total	\$160,690.75

STATE OF OREGON, )  
County of Josephine.)  
I, Sam H. Baker, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
SAM H. BAKER, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of January, 1911.  
MARCUS ROBBINS, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:  
T. B. CORNELL,  
S. LOUGHRIDGE,  
J. G. RIGGS,  
Directors.