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## MINING ACTIVE IN GALICE DISTRICT

BAILEY GULCH M. & M. CO. TAKES OVER GOLD ROAD

## PUSH TUNNELS AND SHAFTS

County Commissioner Barlow Says 1911 Will See Great Progress

County Commissioner C. L. Barlow, of Galice, has been in town attending his duties as a member of the county court. In speaking of Galice, he said he did not like to exaggerate conditions in that camp, but he felt quite certain that the outlook for the coming season was brighter than it ever had been before. In evidence of this he spoke of preparations on a large scale on many properties and from this it was quite plain to be seen that Galice during 1911 will be the center of great mining activity. Mr. Barlow said that the county court had undertaken last year important improvements on the Galice road and the work would be continued this season as soon as the weather would permit. He mentioned the auto truck road which the Alameda company has under construction and said that as soon as completed Galice would be very much nearer to the railroad and this would be a great advantage to the camp, as it would reduce the price of haul on freight, and after a passenger coach is placed on the road the trip from the railroad to Galice will take little more than half an hour. This new road will be a great help to the miners and illustrates the difference between success and failure.

The Alameda, as usual, leads in activity, though only the regular underground work is being pushed. The big shaft is going deeper and deeper every day and it will not take many months to reach the 1000-foot level which was contemplated when the sinking was commenced. While waiting for the roads to get in condition for travel much work will be done on the mine. When the time comes for the county to construct permanent roads from Merlin to the Galice camp, conditions will entirely change and mining will then be done at much less expense than it is now.

Roads well built will be good twelve months in the year, and then winter will be no more disagreeable on the road between the two points than in the summer. In the meantime, the Alameda company is teaching the people of the county how to build roads, and to this end they are giving them an object lesson in the way of good road work on the short cut from Leland to the Alameda mine.

Work on the Oriole is going forward by regular shifts, but there is no attempt to rush matters, the idea being to put in the winter months on development work. The quality of the ore improves as depth is reached. The work that has been put on the Oriole the past year proves that the ore body is in place and that the property will become a great producer in the not distant future. It is now a safe shipping proposition, and if the roads were good it would be a paying mine every month in the year.

On February 1 the Bailey Gulch Mining and Milling company took over the Gold Road Mining and Milling company, with J. C. Stanley, general manager, in charge. The new company is composed of Philadelphia business men, W. J. Cleland, a large carpet manufacturer, at the head. These people have abundant capital, and as the property is a good one, it will soon be developed into a paying mine.

P. H. Holdsworth, manager and engineer of the Scandinavian-American Dredging company, is moving a large dredge to the Argo and work will be commenced as soon as the machinery is in place. Mr. Hold-

## GAS COMPANY IS GIVEN FRANCHISE BY COUNCIL

The city council at its special meeting on Wednesday night granted to A. W. Butler of Minneapolis, P. B. Herman and E. L. Churchill of this city a 50 year franchise for a modern and up-to-date gas plant, with a capacity sufficient to supply a population of 30,000. The provisions of the franchise are that work shall be commenced within 10 days and the plant completed within eight months, the company to bear all expense of connections from the mains to the property line. There are the usual restrictions looking to the protection of the city streets and the paved districts. The city will have the option to purchase the plant after 21 years at the actual physical value of the property at that time.

Mr. Butler states that they have several sights under consideration, but no definite location as yet has been decided upon. Plans are now being worked on and it is probable that actual construction work will be commenced within 30 days.

The plant is to be up-to-date in every particular and the buildings, contrary to the usual custom, will be ornaments to the city. Coal gas will be provided for heating at about one-half the cost of wood. The ordinance provides that the price charged shall not exceed \$1.75 per cubic feet.

Contrary to the general opinion, this company has no connection with the company that is supplying Medford and Ashland with gas.

## INSPECTOR BURKE SAYS SPRAY TREES NOW

Spraying with lime-sulphur for scale should be pushed as rapidly as possible. While the tree is dormant the scale is loose on the bark and can be easily reached. Be careful to use your spray strong enough and cover every twig. A single limb left unsprayed will, if it happens to have scale on it, undoes all the work on the rest of the tree. There was quite a lot of scale in the county last year, caused either by careless spraying or making the solution too weak. While you are spraying your orchards don't forget your rose bushes and all shrubbery. Scale attacks anything in the line of shrub or tree almost, and the safe way is the best. It is easy to control if handled properly. Get your spray at Sampsons. They have a good quantity on hand now, but expect to stop manufacturing for the season as soon as the market is supplied.

So get it at once to save possible disappointment.

Also go over your trees carefully and search for any hold-over cases of blight. One single hold-over case is sufficient to inoculate your whole orchard. A little care just now will save days and weeks of labor later on, to say nothing of sacrificing your trees. Don't wait for your neighbor to tell you to clean up. If you care enough about trees to have them on your place at all—keep them in good condition. Give them the same intelligent care you would any other business, or cut them down.

With the thousands of acres of orchards that are now being set in this valley, only by the best possible care can we hope to keep out the pests and diseases that are making the lives of fruit growers in other localities strenuous to say the least. Every orchardist should constitute himself as inspector, and promptly notify any gross neglect to the proper authorities. Because the district is too large for one man to cover unless he devotes his whole time to the work. So spray now before the spring sun brings out the leaf and blossom.

J. F. BURKE,  
County Fruit Inspector.

## DEADLOCK IN COLORADO

DENVER, Feb. 9.—The Speer and Adams factions in the legislature will confer here this afternoon in an attempt to get together and break the senatorial deadlock. It is reported that Julius C. Genter, who was defeated for the supreme court last fall, is likely to be the compromise candidate.

## BOOSTER MEETING AT THE OPERA HOUSE WAS ROUSING SUCCESS

### Ten Thousand Dollars More Than Amount Necessary to Secure Railroad.

There was a gathering at the opera house Wednesday night which marks the progress of events now at work to make Grants Pass the railroad center as well as the commercial metropolis of the far-famed Rogue River valley. The business men of the city as well as the professional men were alive to what was going on and it can be said that our leading citizens honored the occasion with their presence. It was plain to be seen that every man in the room was thoroughly in earnest, and yet there was no excitement and business methods were observed throughout the evening. There were many present who had long waited for just such an occasion and an opportunity to show their faith not only by their work but by their money, and when the time came for them to speak they were in evidence. It will be remembered that at the meeting of the Grants Pass Commercial club held at the club rooms on Wednesday, February 1, a resolution pledging the club to the raising of \$60,000 stock subscription to the Grants Pass and Rogue River railroad was adopted, and after discussion the gathering was adjourned for one week, at which time it was expected the amount would be raised. This adjourned meeting was held Wednesday night at the opera house, this place being selected on account of the larger seating capacity. On this evening the house was crowded to the doors and standing room was at a premium. There was a feeling of intense interest visible on every face.

During the time the people were gathered the Commercial club orchestra discoursed choice music. On the platform were seated President Hall and Secretary Andrews of the Commercial club, A. D. Bowen, H. L. Chapin, E. H. Grasty, J. R. Cunningham, J. E. Gardner, J. G. Riggs and S. H. Riggs, of the railroad and land company, the board of trustees of the Commercial club, the soliciting and investigating committees.

The meeting was called to order by President L. B. Hall of the club, who requested Secretary H. L. Andrews to read the resolution, which was done. Mr. Andrews also read articles from the Medford Mail Tribune and the Oregonian, in which it was stated that Grants Pass had failed in its attempt to raise \$60,000 for the railroad and that Medford would come to the front and raise all the money necessary. These articles were generally condemned as being false and malicious.

A. N. Parsons, chairman of the railroad soliciting committee was then called upon for a report of the work done by his organization. Mr. Parsons reported that work by the committee had been stopped in the afternoon, the amount asked for, \$60,000, having been already over subscribed by over \$10,000, after only four days of subscription work. The full number of persons subscribing was 248. This report was roundly cheered and the residents of Grants Pass felt a little more proud of their home city than ever before.

H. L. Gilkey was then called upon and among other things he told a story of the logger who at a logging roll was intending to show what he could do, but the other loggers had lifted the burden and when the man in question lifted with all his might, there being no resistance, his back was broken with the strain. Mr. Gilkey hoped there would be no

sore backs in the audience, as it was expected by many of those in attendance that there would be a big effort put forth to raise the money needed. This caused a general laugh. He also cautioned the people not to lose their head and try to precipitate a boom.

J. R. Cunningham was then called upon and spoke of his connection with the project and assured the people that their faith in the enterprise was not misplaced.

A. D. Bowen was next called upon. Mr. Bowen is a man of action instead of words and he spoke only a few sentences, but what he said was roundly cheered. He announced that grading work on the new railroad which would open up the Williams and Applegate valley would be commenced on Thursday morning.

H. L. Chapin, of the land company, told something of the plans of that corporation and among other things said that the people of Josephine county did not realize the value of their lands and that prices were entirely too low in comparison with values in other parts of the state. The railroad will open up a section of the country which is second to none on the face of the globe, the resources of which can not be duplicated in numbers or value by any place north or south.

The next speaker called upon was J. G. Riggs, who said that he was authorized by the railroad promoters to announce that a handsome oil painting, a bird's-eye view of Grants Pass and the country contiguous to the line of the Grants Pass and Rogue River railroad, a duplicate of the one now on exhibition at the company's office, would be presented to the Commercial club as soon as it was received from the artist. This announcement also was freely cheered.

H. H. Basler then made a characteristic address which kept the audience in good humor for a number of minutes.

Some one called for N. G. Pike. Mr. Pike was in the audience and as he arose he announced himself as the newest booster in town. He has been in the city but a few days, but has identified himself with the business interests and will ever be found in the lineup of workers. Mr. Pike is a good storyteller and his two stories were apropos and cheered to the echo.

While the orchestra rendered another selection Messrs. Hess & Pilyer took an excellent flashlight picture of the audience and the gentlemen on the stage.

Afterward E. H. Grasty, financial agent of Portland and Chicago, was called upon. He said that he had told Mr. Bowen it was up to the people of Grants Pass to subscribe for \$60,000 in stock if they wanted the railroad. This they have done and now it is up to him to supply the balance of the money. This he assured the audience he was prepared to do and the road would surely be built.

Then came the adjournment and as the people went to their homes they seemed to be of one opinion, and that was that it is a very easy matter for Grants Pass to raise \$70,000 when it is needed to carry through an important enterprise.

In discussing the results of the labors of the committees securing

## NEW LOCOMOTIVE AND CARS FOR RAILROAD

A. D. Bowen, projector of the Grants Pass and Rogue River railroad, with associates arrived from Portland Wednesday in order to be present at the big railroad mass meeting this evening at the opera house. Mr. Bowen says they have placed an order in the east for 3000 tons of steel rails, to be delivered at as early a date as possible. A 60-ton locomotive and 10 flat cars for construction work have also been ordered and will be delivered, it is expected, within 30 days. Work will be so far progressed that the celebration of the driving of the first spike will be held on March 1. Already grading on the roadbed has been in progress for several days on the company's property on the south side of the river and it is probable that many more men will be put to work in a few days.

The work of grading and track laying from the connection with the Southern Pacific line to the river will be pushed with all possible speed in order to place material for the bridge on the ground without delay.

## STREET WORK PLANNED FOR EARLY SPRING

During the past week property owners in the first ward have been busy filling in and circulating petitions to the city council for various street improvements. An effort is being made to decide upon the style of roadway, some favoring a 36-foot roadway of a light water bound macadam, while others are contending for a 30-foot roadway of macadam with a bituminous water-proof surface.

It is conceded that nothing short of a first-class hard-surface pavement will do for the down town blocks, but B street from 6th to Merlin road, 5th street from F to Evelyn avenue, 3d from F to Evelyn, and a portion of 4th street are being considered for some kind of macadam. It is understood that residents on Washington boulevard, which is the northerly extension of 4th street, are contemplating parking along the center of the street and leave a driveway on either side. This is the only 100-foot thoroughfare in the city, and lying as it does, is well adapted to an improvement of this kind. A portion at least, if not the entire width of 6th street, from B street to Evelyn avenue will be paved, but it is probable that a less expensive plan will be figured out that has been necessary to follow up to B street on 6th.

City Engineer Hobson, who recently spent some time making examination of about 20 kinds of pavement and macadam in California, is preparing plans and specifications for the kind of improvement best adapted to our conditions, so that when the question comes up to his office no time may be lost in preparing for actual work.

The drainage and sewerage problems are being looked into by the sewer committee, and it is expected that their report and recommendations on several subjects will be soon ready. Let us hope that the matter of preparing the sewer system may be so carefully worked out as to be in keeping with other improvements, and the rapid development which this place will take on for the next few years at least.

All these things are in working order, and will be carried on as rapidly as is consistent with careful management. At the same time it is assured that the installation of a modern gas plant will be started within a few weeks.

Right in line with these improvements will come the necessary changes in street grades and line to conform to the railroad construction about to be started.

If property owners who would be affected by any needed improvement would take it upon themselves to bring the matter before the council it would not only expedite matters, but would relieve the various committees of the city council of a lot of unnecessary work, and would eliminate the chances of needed improvements being overlooked entirely.

## GAS PLANT FOR GRANTS PASS

CITY COUNCIL GRANTS FIFTY-YEAR FRANCHISE

## COMMENCE WORK 30 DAYS

Gas Will Be Supplied for Heating and Lighting in Eight Months

High school students are rejoicing over the result of the debate with Klamath Falls on Friday evening, for the judges gave a unanimous decision to the local team. The debate was interesting and exciting from beginning to end and at no time during the discussion did the friends of the home team feel confident of winning.

The arguments of each speaker showed that he had made a careful study of his subject and had put in a considerable amount of work in preparation. The local speakers being at home seemed a little more at ease on the platform, which added greatly to the effectiveness of their debate.

This gives to Grants Pass the championship of this district. It is not known yet just when the next debate will take place. The debaters, however, are already making plans for hard work and are going in with a determination to win the state championship. All the members of the present team made their first appearance as debaters in the contest Friday evening. They certainly show that they have in them the making of good speakers and we have a team which is a credit to our school.

After the debate a reception was given the visiting team at the Guild hall. There was a large number of students present and all united in giving the visitors a welcome and in helping them forget their defeat for the time being.

## AMENDED ROGUE RIVER FISH BILL PASSES HOUSE

M. J. Anderson, who returned last night from Salem, where he went to work in the interest of the Rogue river fishing industry, received a message this morning from the capital stating that the bill as amended had passed the house. The original bill as planned by the Humes and, it is said, supported by the Medford sportsmen, provided for an open river from the coast to the mouth of the Illinois river. Mr. Anderson's request to the committee was that the river be open for commercial fishing to the steel bridge at Grants Pass. This produced a lively scene in the committee room and several personal encounters seemed imminent but the bill was amended and reported. This bill forbids the catching of steel heads by net and also forbids winter fishing, except with hook and line. These latter provisions were recommended by local fishermen.

It is said that this bill as amended will pass the senate and will have the governor's approval.

## CHARGED WITH ATTEMPT TO BRIBE SENATOR

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Charged with an attempt to bribe former State Senator Foelker against the anti-racing bill, which stopped betting in New York, former Senator Frank Gardner was today placed on trial. Gardner has been out on bail since we was brought back from Scranton, Pa., two months ago to testify before the legislative graft committee, on which occasion he refused to talk.

Before the committee witnesses swore that Gardner offered them money to vote against the anti-racing law. District Attorney Whitman claims to have new evidence which will secure a conviction.

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