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## THE DRIVING OF THE FIRST SPIKE THURSDAY

### MANY RICH MINES IN THE COUNTY

#### GALICE THE OLDEST CAMP IN SOUTHERN OREGON.

#### BOTH QUARTZ AND PLACER

#### Old Channel Mine Has Been Worked Continuously for Sixty-Four Years.

The Galice district is one of the oldest mining camps in southern Oregon. The men who went to California in 1849 are responsible for this development, as these men in prospecting over California got over the line into what is now Jackson county. They discovered gold in many places and finally an old miner by the name of Galice followed down the Rogue river and discovered a rich section on a stream which is now known as Galice creek. The ground was very rich and the prospector went back to Jacksonville, where he had been located and gave every evidence that he had "struck it rich." He was close-mouthed and after buying his supplies he started back for his camp down the river. Some of the prospectors who happened to be in Jacksonville at that time kept Galice and his burros in sight and shadowed him to his camp and by that means possessed themselves of his secret. Nothing travels faster than the story of a rich strike and it did not take long for the news to reach Jacksonville and a little later reached several camps in California and then the rush commenced. The first miners to come in named the creek after Galice and later the whole mining district was called after this pioneer.

The new camp took on the air of business and in a very short time large quantities of gold were sent back to Jacksonville for safe keeping. Primitive methods were in use those days—the pan, the rocker and the sluice box did the work. A few years later better methods were in vogue, but it is astonishing how much gold was washed out in a very few years. Inside of twenty years more than \$30,000,000 worth was mined in that camp. The most of it was the finest gold produced anywhere, as it ran fully \$19.00 to the ounce and the camp consequently made an enviable reputation among miners all over the country. During the years spoken of the Galice district had Indian wars and in these there were bloody battles fought, but in every instance the savages got the worst of it, and yet the white men paid in blood for every victory won, as not a few of their number were killed in these encounters. Notwithstanding the determination of the Indians to dislodge the miners and drive them out of the country, the camp was never abandoned and the mines kept up a steady flow of the yellow metal year after year.

At a later period practical miners sought the source of the gold found in the gravel around Galice and soon many quartz locations were made, and not a few of these were very rich. Fully a dozen mines were opened and the camp became well known for its rich quartz deposits. J. R. Harvey, who for many years operated the Old Channel mine, a property which has produced millions in placer gold, in speaking of the Galice district says that the surface has only been scratched. He says that there are three main ledges that cross the country from the northeast to the southwest and these extend from a considerable distance on the north side of the road across the country to California. These ledges are from a quarter to a

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### HEAD OF HARRIMAN LINES TO STOP HERE

The Oregonian of this morning says that Judge Lovett, of the Harriman system, is making a tour of the lines owned by that company on the Pacific coast and that it is possible that the Grants Pass and Crescent City project will be considered on this trip. It is probable that the Lovett party will be in Grants Pass within the next few days, and if so, it is important that our citizens be prepared to receive and properly entertain these distinguished railroad officials. The Oregonian is satisfied that the road from here to the coast will be built, providing the company is able to sell the bonds necessary to do the Oregon construction work.

### LINCOLN PARK ACREAGE SELLS FOR \$13,646

There was consummated today a deal whereby Dr. S. Loughridge, of this city, became the owner of 39½ acres in the northwest quarter of section 8, township 26, range 5, being a tract of land lying just north of Lincoln park proper and west of the proposed extension of Washington boulevard. The tract is a handsome one, lying high and level, with a scattering growth of oak and manzanita; just enough to make it an attractive residence district with but little, if any, clearing. It is understood that the doctor purchased the tract with a view to making it a platting proposition, for which purpose it is eminently fitted. The transfer was made through Nipper & McDaniels, Arthur Conklin being the grantor named in the deed, which gives the consideration of the transfer as \$13,946.40.

### PAY YOUR TAXES NOW AND SAVE PENALTIES

The present Oregon tax law has been a puzzle not only to many new people but to those who have lived in this section for years. For the benefit of taxpayers the sheriff has issued a circular letter quoting the law in substance as follows:

If you pay taxes in full on or before March 15, 1911, you will be allowed a rebate of 3 per cent. If you pay taxes between March 15 and the first Monday in April you will not receive any rebate, neither will there be added penalties or interest. You may pay half of your taxes on or before the first Monday in April, and then have to do and including the first Monday in October, 1911, to pay the second half. In case at least one-half of your taxes are not paid on or before the first Monday in April, the entire tax becomes delinquent and the law compels me to charge 10 per cent penalty and interest at the rate of 1 per cent per month on your taxes until paid. Under a decision of the supreme court no exemptions are granted for the year 1910.

Should you desire to take advantage of the 3 per cent rebate by paying your taxes on or before March 15, please deduct from the amount of your taxes as herein stated the 3 per cent, as it will save us returning to you the change for the amount of the rebate.

### SNOW MAN SAVES WOULD-BE SUICIDE FROM DEATH

NEW YORK, Mar. 3.—A snow man built by her little children is responsible for Mrs. Mary Shrader being alive and practically unharmed today after having jumped from the roof of the five-story tenement where the family lives. She had been ill for weeks. She eluded her watchers and jumped from the roof. Striking two clothes lines as she whirled over in her descent, she struck the top of the snow man head first. When aid reached her it was found that except for minor bruises she had escaped injury.

## FIRST STEP IN ONWARD MARCH OF GRANTS PASS AS THE RAILROAD CENTER

### Railroad Officials, Commercial Club, City Council and Citizens Participate in Ceremony

This morning dawned bright and beautiful on the one great day in the history of Grants Pass—the day which is to become famous as the occasion of driving the first spike in the laying of the steel rails of the Grants Pass and Rogue River railway. People were abroad early and our friends from the country reached town in great numbers. Everybody—men, women and children—were ready for the important ceremony to take place at 11 o'clock. At 10:30 the Grants Pass commercial club band commenced to play at the railroad park, and this was quickly followed by the closing of the stores, banks, and offices throughout the city.

The schools were dismissed early and from the high, Central, East and Riverside schools files of children could be seen marching toward the center of attraction.

After the concert the crowd, numbering several thousand people, started for the junction point where the Grants Pass and Rogue River railway connects with the Southern Pacific. Here the switch was being put in place. The ties were laid for some distance and the first load of steel was brought to the point as the crowd was gathering.

A pile of ties served as the speakers stand and at the appointed hour of eleven President Hall invited the railroad promoters, speakers and city officials to the platform and in a few words reviewed the events connected with the railroad enterprise leading up to the present time and called upon C. H. Clements, city attorney, who spoke for the city administration. Mr. Clements announced that he would not deal in "hot air," but would present facts, and he spoke of the events of history connected with the building of the Southern Pacific, and predicted even greater developments resulting to Josephine county through the building of the new road.

Senator H. D. Norton was next called upon and he spoke of the importance of the enterprises which were to benefit all the people and the community. He strongly advised against the launching of a boom, which would in any way tend to act as a boomerang, as booms so often do.

H. L. Chapin, president of the land company, opened his remarks with a reference to the beautiful weather on this, the second day of spring.

#### Death of Mrs. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. McLane went to Gold Hill Wednesday morning, called there by the death of Mrs. McLane's mother, Mrs. Arthur Smith. Mrs. Smith was quite well known in this city, where she often visited with her daughters, Mrs. McLane and Miss Josie Vandewalker. Owing to the ill health of her mother, Miss Vandewalker gave up her position with the Golden Rule store and has been at home for the past several weeks. The cause of death was dropsy of the heart. Many friends here sympathize with the bereaved relatives.

#### Closing of the Mails.

Following is a new schedule for the closing of mails at the Grants Pass postoffice. Mail for No. 13, southbound, closes at 1:45 p. m.; No. 16, northbound, closes at 6:15 p. m.; No. 12, northbound, closes at 9 p. m.; No. 11, southbound, closes at 4:50 a. m. Mail trains number 11 and 13, southbound carry mail to the following states: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, California, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah. Careful attention to these rules will aid the public in getting letters started in the right direction.

### WILLIAMS BROS FACTORY CHANGES HANDS

The purchase of the old and well established lumber yard of the Williams brothers by N. G. Pike and W. C. Hall is an important event just at this time in business circles of this city, as lumber is one of the leading articles which enter into the growth and prosperity of Grants Pass. The firm is a strong one, both partners having had large experience in handling lumber. Mr. Pike in past years was extensively engaged in the building trade in the city of Sheridan, Wyo. There was at one time need for a large number of houses in that city and Mr. Pike came forward and met the demand, in a single season erecting more than one hundred fine cottages, a majority of which had six to nine rooms. This line of business he followed for years and made a reputation as one of the great builders of the country. It will be understood that his experience will enable him to intelligently serve lumber buyers who may give him his firm their trade.

Mr. Hall was for twenty years in the wholesale lumber business in the state of Michigan and as a result he has a thorough knowledge of the trade and will be able to do his part in the new enterprise. From what has been said it will be seen that both members of the firm come to Grants Pass thoroughly prepared to deal in lumber.

### FRUIT SHIPMENTS FROM ROGUE RIVER VALLEY

The annual report of the Rogue River Fruit and Produce association contains many interesting figures for fruit growers of this section. It says that the total carload shipments from the valley from the following shipping points totals 507 cars. Medford shipped 146 cars, Central Point 45, Grants Pass 54, Talent 19, Voorhies 25, Phoenix 10, Table Rock 6, Ashland 6, Woodville 2, Davis and Eagle Point 1. Of these shipments 89 cars were pears and 220 cars apples. Of the pears, fancy D'Anjou brought the highest price at \$3.75 per box; fancy Comice are next at \$2.62.

Commission earnings were \$19,538.11 gross; net gains \$5400.07. On the board of directors for the coming year A. N. Parsons and H. Wood, of Grants Pass, and H. E. Gale, of Merlin, are members.

In a recent communication to Director Parson, C. E. Whisler, head of the association, suggests the holding of a meeting of the growers of Josephine county, at which meeting he promises to personally submit comparative figures and data of the association and those of other large fruit growing districts, which, he claims, will show the home association equalled the prices of any other association, and in many cases made a better showing.

A movement is now on foot to arrange such a meeting within the next ten days that when held should be interesting and well attended. Whether or not the fruit association has made good, not only from the standpoint of its own interest but that of the growers, is of vital importance to Grants Pass orchardists and the contemplated meeting should throw light on the financial end of fruit growing.

### SEEK TO AMEND EIGHT HOUR LAW FOR WOMEN

SACRAMENTO, Mar. 3.—With the debate and vote in the senate on the eight-hour bill for women set for today, representatives of both labor and capital worked hard this morning to gain supporters.

Lawyers and business men, representatives of the various branches of commerce and manufacturing opposing the bill, were here in force, endeavoring to amend the bill to 9 hours and to include a clause permitting working overtime 90 day in the year.

### PAVING PETITIONS ARE ACCEPTED

#### OPENING OF FOURTH STREET IS STILL UNSETTLED.

#### MUST KEEP ALLEYS CLEAN

#### Safety of Public Buildings is Inquired Into by the Committee on Fire and Water.

The city council met on Thursday night at the city hall and transacted a vast amount of important business, which shows in a measure the movement for the further betterment of street conditions of the city.

Several petitions were received and referred to committees. Among them was the petition of S. G. Hamilton and others for the opening of Madrona street between tenth and Eleventh, and the petition of Fetch and others to pave with bitulithic the alley in block 48. This is the block in which the Arlington hotel is located. R. W. Clarke and others petitioned for the improvement of Sixth street from the north side of B to Evelyn avenue with bitulithic pavement, 56 feet wide, including curb for one block north of B and intersection on A, and from the north side of A to Evelyn avenue, 36 feet wide with curb. Joseph Moss and others petitioned for a lateral sewer in block 12, H. B. Miller's addition, from the present dead end westward 300 feet.

The petition of A. L. Edgerton and others for the improvement of Evelyn avenue from C with macadam and bituminous surface was referred back to the petitioners for the reason that they specified that the cost should not exceed \$4.40 per front foot of property.

Petitions reported favorably from committee were: P. H. Herman and others to improve Washington boulevard to Manzanita avenue by grading, putting down standard macadam with hard top dressing and concrete walks; M. C. Findley and others for improvement of Fourth street from C to Evelyn avenue, by grading, laying standard macadam with hard surface top dressing and concrete walks; Irma Blanchard and others, to improve Lawndridge by grading and paving with water-bound macadam with bituminous concrete surface, 30-foot roadway, curb and sidewalk; W. H. Flanagan and others for the improvement of Fifth street from the north side of D street to the north side of Evelyn avenue with 6-inch macadam, concrete curb and gutter; A. B. Cornell and others to improve B street by paving with standard bitulithic from the east line of Sixth to the east line of Seventh street, including cement curb and sidewalks.

The matter of opening Fourth street across the Southern Pacific tracks was brought up and a letter from Mr. Buckley was read, in which it was stated that Mr. O'Brien was at present in California and would on his return in about ten days take the matter up with him.

City Attorney Clements recommended that the matter of extending M street eastward be referred back, as the deeds which were submitted did not properly describe the property to be dedicated.

The sewer committee recommended that a sewer be put in block 67 connecting with Seventh street main sewer and extending up the ally 275 feet.

The city surveyor was instructed to survey and make plats and estimates and furnish the city attorney the necessary data for a sewer in the alley in block 2 H. B. Miller's addition, also to furnish specifications

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