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ALMEDA FURNACE ACTIVE ON 24TH

WILL "BLOW-IN" AT BIG MINE NEXT WEDNESDAY.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS COME

Assistant Manager Wickham Tells of Plans for the Future Operations.

The hot blast furnace hood for the Almeda smelter is being installed. Coke shipments have commenced and the furnace will be blown in on next Wednesday, the 24th inst.

It is certain that with the preparations and improvements made by the company during the past three months that it will be possible to operate to much better advantage and greater profit.

A carload of hydraulic pipe for the new water supply is now being taken to the property, and the pipe line, to be laid at once, will furnish the plant with all necessary water. This improvement is of great advantage as the scarcity of water during the dry season has been a drawback and has made operations much more difficult and expensive.

Assistant Manager P. B. Wickham states that with pre-heated blast now to be used it will be possible to smelt on a small percentage of coke, bringing the furnace up to its greatest capacity with a probable concentration of 30 tons into one, which will give an excellent grade of matte, the pre-heated blast at the same time will undoubtedly make possible the use of slags better adapted to the Almeda ores. Under these conditions of low percentage of coke and high concentration the total tonnage of freight should not exceed ten tons per day.

Speaking of the situation in general at the big property, Mr. Wickham says:

"We have never before had our concern in such excellent shape. The mine, smelter, machinery and everything in and about the property, is in good condition, and with the rearrangement and additional equipment economic operation has become possible. The additional coke bins and sub-division of the ore bins has given a greater storage capacity and has made the handling of material much easier and cheaper.

"We have more smelting ore exposed in the mine than ever before, and it will be easily possible to provide for the present capacity with material taken from development. There are still a few improvements to be made which should be accomplished within ninety days, after which operations can be carried on to the greatest possible advantage under the present capacity and facilities of transportation. Since the success of our method of extraction has become assured it has been the total aim of our company to provide such facilities as would make possible the cheapest and most judicious pursuance of the process, but with exception of the few improvements before referred to, it will be impossible to further cheapen operations until the 200-ton concentrating plant contracted for is installed, and in my opinion the other most important undertaking before the company is the completion of their own road from the mine to Leland. This should effect a saving of from \$6 to \$8 per ton on freight handled between the mine and railroad, which in turn will greatly lessen the cost of power and will make continuous operation possible, whereas the road now in use becomes impassable at times during the wet season. The greatest advantage of the new road, however, being the possibility of operating larger furnaces with the consequent greater capacity, less costs and greater returns."

The unlimited ore bodies of the Almeda are a well known fact to all

TRAIN KILLS MAN NEAR GOLD HILL

LeRoy Carden, aged 23, whose home is believed to be in Salem, was run down and killed by train No. 13, near Gold Hill, Friday night. The young man was returning to Gold Hill from a fishing expedition when the tragedy occurred, and according to the engineer of the train, was first seen when the train rounded a curve. He was about 150 feet ahead of the train and turned and looked at it. He then continued his way down the track, the train overtaking and killing him. He apparently made no effort to get off the track. The young man was identified by a fishing license issued at Salem. An inquest will be held Sunday afternoon.

Carden was a deaf and dumb boot-black and general laborer, who had lived around Salem for many years, and it is supposed that because of his deafness he did not hear the approach of the train.

ROBIE'S AUTO HIT BY TRAIN AT CROSSING

J. A. Robie, president of the Williams Bros. Door & Lumber Co., had a narrow escape from death Wednesday morning when passenger train No. 13 struck his automobile as he was driving it across the track at the crossing near the lumber company's mill.

Mr. Robie failed to see the approaching train, and the noise of the whirring box factory machinery drowned out the engine's warning whistle. Just as the auto was well on the rails, its front projecting a few inches over, it was struck by the engine, hurled around, and hit again in the rear. Mr. Robie feared to jump, not knowing in which direction safety lay, and miraculously came out of the wreck unscathed.

The automobile, a Maxwell, runabout, was hurled to the south side of the track, and a casual glance would indicate that it will be pretty nearly a new car when all the damaged parts are replaced.

THIEF MAKES GETAWAY WITH STOLEN WATCH

A young man about 30 years of age, giving his name as James A. Harmon, tried to sell a Winchester rifle and Colts revolver and a bicycle to Miles McIntyre Tuesday afternoon. Mr. McIntyre did not buy, but when his back was turned the young man lifted McIntyre's calendar watch from his vest which was hanging on a hook in the bicycle store. A few moments afterwards the fellow sold to L. W. Ryan the rifle and revolver, and showed the watch which he had stolen from Mr. McIntyre.

Mr. McIntyre discovered the theft, notified the sheriff's office and swore out a warrant. At the sheriff's office the announcement is made that they are "keeping the wires hot."

The rifle, a 32-40, was numbered 155915, and the revolver, a 1900 model, was numbered 1884. The young man was riding a Cascade bicycle, wore greasy clothes as though an automobile worker or railroad man, was dark with thin, smooth face, and weighed about 130 pounds.

BOYS CHARGED WITH MURDER

BUTLER, Pa., July 18.—Charged with abuses which caused the death of Stella Pockenberry, a 17-year-old girl, Carl Snyder and Harry Kester, two youths, denied today that they gave the girl alcoholic drugs.

In her ante-mortem statement, the girl blamed the two boys for her death, declaring that they took her to a lonely farm and held her there for several days.

Benton Bowers of Ashland brought his son here Monday to be operated on for the removal of adenoids.

who have seen the mine, and it is to be hoped that the company will find it possible to rapidly increase their capacity. However, for the time being it is gratifying to note the present activity and to know that the concern will commence operations on a substantial basis.

S.P. FREIGHT TRAIN NO. 221 WRECKED

SIXTEEN LOADED FREIGHT CARS DITCHED AT THREE PINES.

BROKEN CAR WHEEL CAUSE

One Man Receives Serious Wrench of Back, But Will Speedily Recover.

(From Tuesday's Daily).

Sixteen freight cars, nearly all loaded with way or through freight, are in the ditch one mile south of Three Pines, a broken car wheel having caused the wreck of an extra out of Roseburg running as No. 221.

The train was in charge of a crew from Roseburg, but all escaped injury except near brakeman Lang, who had his back severely wrenched. Dr. Loughridge was taken to the scene of the accident on an extra engine from this city to attend the injured man. He reports that Lang's back was sprained nearly to the breaking point, and that it will lay him up for some time before he is on duty again. Lang was walking on top of the train when the crash came, and he says that he remembered going up in the air, but had no recollection of the descent, being found unconscious twenty-five feet from the track.

Many of the sixteen cars are badly wrecked, and the track was torn up for a considerable distance. Wreckers were at once put to work, but it is expected that it will take all day to clear the way for the passenger trains, which are waiting at the stations each side of it.

A delegation of Southern Pacific railroad men, headed by Superintendent Fields, and including F. R. Dunn, traveling freight agent; C. C. Blood, R. C. Morris and G. C. Morris, assistant superintendents, reached the city Wednesday morning to investigate the wreck of freight train No. 221, which occurred near Three Pine Monday night. They visited the scene of the wreck Wednesday, and are making arrangements for the transfer of the freight contained in the sixteen wrecked cars.

The above named officials, and including J. D. Cook, lumberman; Geo. Dean, blacksmith, and Lyndon Banister, farmer, constituted a board of inquiry that looked into the causes of the wreck. Their report, filed Wednesday noon, finds that no one was responsible for the wreck, it being one of those things that just happens. The report in full follows:

"Board of inquiry convened to investigate derailment of sixteen cars in train 221, engine 2891, Engineer C. O. Webber, Conductor R. Gilom, one mile west of Three Pines, at 10:19 p. m. July 15th.

"Train consisted of 21 loads and 16 empties, and helper engine 2591, Engineer Batman, coupled in train 8 cars ahead of caboose.

"Damage to equipment estimated \$300.00, track \$500.00, freight \$250.00.

"Investigation shows that train was running at speed of between 20 and 25 miles per hour, and derailment was due to broken wheel under car P. I. E. 9742 loaded with beer in kegs. Piece broken from wheel 32 inches in length. Number of wheel 206109. Make of wheel Dixon Wheel company, Houston, Texas.

"Wheel shows evidence of having been heated at some previous date. There is also a flaw on outside web of wheel. Indications do not show wheel was excessively hot immediately after derailment, this train having ascended maximum of 2.2 per cent grade with retainer on this car turned up from Tunnel No. 9 to point of derailment six miles. We do not find any personal responsibility."

WASHINGTON, July 18.—By a vote of 95 yeas to 55 noes, the house has passed the bill prohibiting gambling in cotton futures.

HAYDEN IS BOUND OVER TO THE GRAND JURY

In Justice Holman's court, sitting in the rooms of the county judge at the court house Friday morning, S. C. Hayden, charged with the crime of attempted rape, was bound over to the grand jury, with bonds placed at \$1,000. No attempt has as yet been made to furnish bondsmen, and the prisoner was returned to the county jail to await the convening of the grand jury next October.

Attorney Ed. S. VanDyke appeared for the prosecution, the witnesses examined being Louis Lucke, the father of the little girl; Kelly Cooper, who went with Mr. Lucke to the Hayden cabin last Sunday where the crime is alleged to have been committed, and the little girl, Alice Lucke, five years of age.

Mr. Lucke testified to having had his suspicions aroused by the delay of Hayden and the girl in returning, and of his following them to the Hayden homestead, where he found them locked within the cabin, and of the highly excited condition of Hayden when he finally appeared. He testified that he accused Hayden of wrong-doing at the time, and that Hayden did not offer denial further than to say that no harm had come. Mr. Lucke was corroborated by Kelly Cooper, who had accompanied him.

Alice Lucke, the pretty flaxen-haired little miss of five years, then told the court enough of the revolting details that Judge Holman agreed she need go no further at this time, but at once bound the prisoner over to the grand jury.

Hayden was in court with his head swathed in bandages, and showing clearly the effects of his unsuccessful attempt at taking his own life. He was not represented by counsel and not till the little girl was about to testify did he express a desire to be heard. Then he asked the court to see that the little girl "told the truth, and not what some one had told her to tell." He then went into a rambling statement, attempting to explain matters, and saying that he had always "been very fascinating to children," whom he delighted to have about his cabin, adding that "a whole lot of this trouble has been caused because Alice thought more of me than she did of her own father."

When asked why he had said he would blow his brains out and had made the attempt to do so, Hayden said "Because Mr. Lucke told me he had witnesses and could put me in the penitentiary, and I did not wish to go."

MR. DARNALL RETURNS FROM ELKS' CONCLAVE

D. H. Darnall, the Grants Pass grocer, has returned from a trip to Portland, where he spent three days at the big Elks' conclave. He speaks in the highest terms of the manner in which the Rose City cared for the great host that gathered there during the week, it being estimated that not less than 300,000 visitors were entertained, including both the members of the great order, and those who were there because of the "doins." The Elks were out for a "day off," and while they took every opportunity to enjoy themselves, Mr. Darnall says that the spirit of fun that was through all was participated in by the entire city. One of the features of the occasion that was especially interesting to eastern visitors was the display of the Pendleton lodge, which spent many thousands of dollars to take mounted band, troops of Indians, cowboys, etc., along. One of the pranks of the horsemen from Pendleton was to ride their mounts through the principal hotels of the city, some even being taken to upper floors by way of the elevators. As the horses were unshod they did no damage and hotel owners stood by and smiled. Portland was gorgeously decorated and made a good and lasting impression on the visitors.

Twins Arrive at Merlin

Dr. Smith reports the arrival of twins, a boy and a girl, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. U. G. McCormick, at Merlin, Monday afternoon. All concerned are happy and hearty.

GRANGE FAIR DATE SEPTEMBER 18-20

SECOND ANNUAL EXPOSITION IN GRANTS PASS.

TO BE HELD IN BALL PARK

Premium List Being Arranged and Ready in About Two Weeks.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 18th, 19th and 20th, are the dates for the holding of the second annual Josephine County Grange fair.

The officers and executive committee of the fair association met in the Commercial club rooms Wednesday afternoon and got the fair machinery into active motion.

It was definitely decided that the fair should be held in the city of Grants Pass, and the baseball park was selected as the site. Either temporary buildings will be erected for the housing of the exhibits, or a number of large tents will be engaged for that purpose.

The president of the fair association is J. W. Turvey of Williams; secretary, R. S. Dahlberg of Murphy, and treasurer, R. Thomas, R. F. D. 2, Grants Pass. These officers, together with E. E. Blanchard, M. H. Wilcoxon and H. T. Pritchard, form the executive committee. J. W. Turvey is superintendent of the agricultural department, H. T. Pritchard of the fruit department, G. E. Wilcoxon of the poultry department, Mrs. Carl Grill of the ladies' department, Lincoln Savage of the educational department, with the superintendent of the mining department yet to be selected. E. E. Blanchard is superintendent of attractions. These various departmental heads are to arrange the classifications for the various exhibits, and apportion the prize money at once, and the completed premium list is expected to be ready for publication within two weeks.

Besides the usual list of premiums in the several departments, a number of special features in each will be provided, making the prize list a most attractive one. Mr. Blanchard has already commenced a hunt for attractions, and says that he expects to have something doing all the time, with special attractions for the evening entertainments.

The annual poultry show will be made a part of the fair proper, with prizes of high bred fowls to the successful exhibitors. Dr. Wilcoxon promises something especially attractive in this department of the exhibition.

The board of directors is determined to give due prominence to all lines of industry, that this grouping together and exploiting of the varied resources of the district may go toward the making of a greater Josephine county. Each of the features, the mining, the fruit, the agricultural, the stock-raising and the poultry show will be a complete exhibit in itself. Taken as a whole it will make the second annual Josephine County Grange Fair an exhibition of magnitude, and of far-reaching value to Southern Oregon. The county has appropriated \$500 to assist, and this, with the other funds available, and the ready support of the business interests of the city of Grants Pass, gives the directors a substantial basis upon which to work. The season has been most propitious, and with the great crops of fruits, grains, vegetables, etc., in all parts of the county, there will be no difficulty in getting warm competition in every class.

Pieces of admission have been placed at fifty cents for a season ticket, or twenty-five cents for single admissions. This price will admit to all departments of the fair.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Clark returned to Golden Wednesday morning.

ELECT LISTER TRUSTEE IRRIGATION COMPANY

The bankruptcy matter of the Chicago-Rogue River company came up Wednesday for a hearing before Referee in Bankruptcy Hon. J. N. Johnston. The business transacted was the filing of claims against the bankrupt company and the selection of a trustee.

The meeting was largely attended by claimants in person, the balance being represented by attorneys. The bankrupt was represented by A. H. McCurtain, of the firm of Bauer & Green of Portland, assisted by O. S. Blanchard, local counsel. The majority of the Grants Pass claimants were represented by Senator H. D. Norton, and other local creditors were represented by R. G. Smith of this city, and by A. E. Reames and W. Schurmeyer of Medford.

There are about eighty claims which were filed with the referee, after which the claimants proceeded with the election of a trustee in bankruptcy, Ed. Lister being selected without an opposing vote, although Mr. McCurtain did not vote his claims, stating that he was not acquainted with Mr. Lister. He asked time in which to present objections to the confirmation of the election should he so desire after an investigation, and Referee Johnston gave him three days, when the election will be confirmed.

All of the local creditors are judgment creditors, and on the 20th day of June Judge F. M. Calkins issued an order out of the circuit court ordering the receiver, George W. Soranson, to sell the property to pay these claims. On the following day Bauer & Green of Portland filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy on behalf of the company with the intention, it is claimed, of delaying the proceedings in the circuit court. The outcome today insures only a temporary delay in the local creditors having their claims satisfied.

The claims filed with Referee Johnston include \$24,384.41, made up of various amounts due local business houses; \$32,304.26 due Sanders in stock, salary, etc.; \$18,378.19 due claimants represented by Attorney Reames of Medford; \$14,348.48, due Chicago claimants, and \$12,974.20 of secured claims.

The assets of the company are listed at \$307,268.

Formal objection was made by the attorneys to the claims presented, and these objections will later be heard by Referee Johnston if the formal objections are supported by written objection, and testimony proving or disproving the claim.

The election of Mr. Lister as trustee in bankruptcy was supported by all local claimants, as he is acquainted with conditions and his high standing in the community assures a square deal for everyone.

PIONEER OF VALLEY SUICIDES AT MEDFORD

John E. Hart, formerly of Eagle Point, who has resided in the valley for the past 20 years, killed himself Tuesday afternoon at his home in Medford, where he was living alone. His body was not found until several hours after death. A 38 revolver was used.

It is believed that financial and domestic trouble led the man to take his own life. He recently sold a ranch near Eagle Point for several thousand dollars and is said to have made one or two unfortunate investments with it. He had also become estranged from his wife, who was suing him for divorce. He was 65 years of age.

When Hart did not show up Tuesday evening Reese and J. H. Fleener went to the house to see how he was getting along. They found him dead upon the floor with a revolver in his hand, a fatal wound in his head. The man's muscles were stiffened, showing that life had been extinct some hours. Dr. Clancy was called and stated that death had been instantaneous with the firing of the shot.

Hart left a note in which he asked the authorities to notify Elmer Smith of Yreka and Pete Stowal of Eagle Point. The note was unsigned and contained no other message of any kind.