

CHESTER TELLS OF COAST RY. PLAN

TO COMMENCE BUILDING DURING COMING SPRING.

GRANTS PASS TO HARBOR

Traffic Arrangements Made With Southern Pacific, and Steel Rails Already Ordered.

"There is no other place in the whole United States so discriminated against in the matter of freight rates as this district that lies about midway between San Francisco and Portland," said E. M. Chester, one of the directors of the recently incorporated Portland & San Francisco Coast Line Railroad company, who has been in Grants Pass from Portland for the past few days.

"The actual apex of high rates is reached at a point near Gold Hill, between Medford and Grants Pass," continued Mr. Chester, and you will not get much relief from the condition till you have competing lines, and an outlet to the coast.

"Take the one item of steel rails, of which our company has ordered 9,000 tons for spring delivery for use in the construction of our new line. The freight rate from the rolling mill to Portland is \$11 per ton. From Portland to Grants Pass the rate is \$10.80 per ton, or practically the same for the 300 mile trip through this state as for the entire haul across the continent. These same rails can be hauled across the Isthmus of Panama and landed from boat at Crescent City or the other ports to the west of Grants Pass at a present rate of \$16 per ton. Other commodities bear proportionate rates. It is this discrimination that makes a railroad to the sea the first condition for the bringing to the Rogue river valley of its full measure of prosperity."

Mr. Chester while in the city was busy with J. G. Riggs, another director of the new railway project, and with other business men, regarding plans for the season's campaign of railroad building.

"We don't want to be considered as butting in on other railroad enterprises in your city in any sense of the word," said Mr. Chester. "That is farthest from our intention, for we have had our plans in process of incubation and maturity for the past two years. We have changed our plans somewhat, however, regarding the route we propose to follow in reaching the sea. It would be needless for two lines to attempt to parallel one another to the coast, and we find that our best grade will carry us from the Illinois valley along Tin-cup creek to the Chetco, and down that stream to the coast at Harbor. This is one of two or three alternative routes, and at present seems the most available. We have, however, definitely abandoned the Smith river route."

Regarding the immediate plans of the Coast Line company, Mr. Chester had little to say except that building would commence on some point during the coming spring, and connection through from Marshfield, Oregon, to Trinidad, California, made as soon as possible. For the Grants Pass territory, it had been decided, he said, to build out to New Hope, and from there run one line up the Applegate to the Blue Ledge country and continue the other up Slate creek to connection in the Illinois valley with the coast line to Chetco. From New Hope the road would not follow down the Applegate to Wilderville, but would commence making the upgrade at once, and would strike Slate creek fairly well up, thus greatly reducing the gradient.

Mr. Chester said that traffic arrangements had already been made with the Southern Pacific company both as regards the freight and the passenger business that would be developed along the new line although

CITY COUNCIL FAVORS COMMERCIAL FISHING

A delegation of Grants Pass citizens will present the question of Rogue river fishing to the legislature when the various bills for opening that stream to the commercial fisherman are up for consideration in that body.

At the council meeting Friday night the urgency of the matter was discussed, and the council unanimously voted to appropriate funds to send four men to Salem to lend their aid to the home delegation when the time arrives. In the council the names of M. J. Anderson and Judge Hale were presented as two of the quartette who should go, and Mayor Smith will later name two others to complete the delegation. It is expected that others will also go upon their own initiative as the people of this city feel the necessity of making every effort to get proper legislation upon the subject.

The council also adopted the following resolution bearing upon the fish subject which has been forwarded to both branches of the legislature:

"To the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, Salem, Oregon.

"The common council of the city of Grants Pass respectfully represents to your honorable body that the closing of Rogue river to fishing for salmon has been a serious injury to the people of Josephine county. The result has been to deprive us of the right to eat the fish from our own streams and compels us to buy fish from Seattle on Puget Sound and the Columbia river, whereas before we supplied our own people and exported \$30,000 worth of fish which now simply remain in the stream to die and pollute our water supply.

"During the past summer the banks of Rogue river for miles above and below Grants Pass contained so many dead fish that the unbearable stench therefrom destroyed the value of the river as a place of recreation and for trout fishing. The city was compelled to employ men on several occasions to remove these dead salmon from the river in front of our city, because of the unbearable odor. At one time three hundred were taken from near the intake of our water supply. The presence of these dead fish in the river creates a prejudice in the minds of the traveling public, visitors and possible settlers.

"The salmon have no value except for food and reproduction for the food supply. It seems strange to us that in view of this food supply which is drawn from the boundless ocean and the certainty that the supply can be maintained by artificial propagation that we should be compelled not only to see it lost and dissipated, but become a menace to the people living along the banks of Rogue river.

"We therefore earnestly pray that under proper restrictions, Rogue river shall be opened to fishing for salmon in Josephine county as well as other parts of the river.

Respectfully,
"THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANTS PASS, ORE."

"PRINCE DE CLERMONT" ARRESTED AND IN JAIL.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Reputed to be the "Prince De Clermont," the hero of Ellnor Glin's "Three Weeks," Paul Allen, alias Charles Robinson, is in jail here today, charged with having stolen the watch of Miss Patsy Arlington, to whom he was giving a dancing lesson.

"Yes, I am 'Paul,' the hero of 'Three Weeks,' the 'prince' modestly declared following his arrest. "Isn't it great to be an Ellnor Glin hero? But I do not like those horrid detectives. They deceived me."

he was positive in his assurance that the Southern Pacific was in no way interested in the financing, constructing and operating of the road beyond this point of traffic arrangement. The Coast Line, he said, would maintain its own through trains, though they would reach their terminals at Portland and San Francisco over the Southern Pacific tracks.

PACIFIC-INTERIOR TO BUILD RAILROAD TO WILDERVILLE BY FOURTH OF JULY

Engineers State That With Sale of Bonds on February 10th. Work on the New Line Can be Rapidly Prosecuted

That the toot of the Pacific-Interior iron horse will awaken the village of Wilderville by the Fourth of July, is the prediction of Engineer Harmon, and a look over the work as it is progressing on the right-of-way shows that the gentleman is not far off in his calculations.

Remarkable progress in the clearing and preparing for the grading has been made, four miles of the right-of-way being stripped of brush and timber and made ready for the teams that will be put on as soon as the ground is in proper condition.

Camp No. 1 on Allen Creek.

Camp No. 1, which is now established on the banks of Allen creek, will be moved to the five-mile station next week. This camp consists of a large cook tent and five bunk tents, while a stable that will hold 10 teams has been erected. The gangs of men who are operating the clearing outfit and the crew of brush burners operate from this camp, but the work is now in progress at such a distance from Allen creek that no attempt is made by the men to return to the camp for dinner, and the commissary wagon drives out every noon and the men eat their dinner in the field. Saturday noon the Courier representative was present and was invited to partake of the mid-day meal with the jolly bunch of railroad builders, and he can attest to the quality of the provender that comes from Camp 1.

"Donkey Engine" Pulls Oaks.

Ament's donkey engine outfit is used in pulling the brush and timber, and it makes quick work of all that stands in its way. Saturday great oaks and pines fully two feet through at the butt swayed but a moment when the powerful 28-horse power gasoline "donkey" commenced its tugging away at the cable when they would come crashing to the earth. The soil is now filled with water, in perfect condition for clearing, and when a tree is pulled it comes out roots and all.

Burners Follow Grubbers.

Following this clearing outfit comes the "burners" who pile and burn every bit of rubbish upon the right-of-way. All timber that is large enough to make into wood is trimmed up and rolled out to the side of the clearing, and the occasional cedar is split and hewed into grade stakes. The burners are putting forth their best efforts, but even at that they are fully half a mile behind the grubbers.

The first two miles of the right-of-way has been cleared the full 100 feet in width, but the balance of the way will only be cleared about 50 feet in width, this being considered sufficient as grading will not need to extend beyond that width.

A Five Mile Tangent.

After the line crosses the river in South Grants Pass, where it makes a slight curve, it will have a perfectly straight track for five full miles, and there will be very little cut or grade in that distance. The sixth mile will carry the road over the Jerome Prairie "hump," here being the heaviest cut in the 15 miles of the first unit, requiring the removal of 58,500 yards of earth.

Steel Here in Sixty Days.

The grading of the first ten miles to Wilderville will be easy work, and it is expected that teams can be put on the job within a short time. At present the ground is too wet for horses to work on it, but it is drying rapidly after the brush is burned from it. Those in charge of the direction of the railroad matters are keeping in touch with the manufacturers of the steel rails, and the makers announce that the rails will be ready for shipment here as soon as they are ordered. This order will be placed as soon as the bonds are sold and can probably be delivered within sixty days. By this time the

first five miles can be graded and ready for the laying of the ties and the steel.

Council Authorizes Payment.

At the council meeting Friday night the contracts, etc., through which the directors of the Pacific-Interior company turn the affairs of the company over to the city were presented. They were referred to the recently appointed railroad commission for examination, and authority was given by the council for the drawing of a warrant of \$5,000 to make the payment due upon the Draper purchase on February 1st. The old council had authorized the creating of a fund of \$10,000 from which to meet expenses till the bond money was available, after which it will be returned. Through these contracts and resolutions the Pacific-Interior board of directors transfers to the city of Grants Pass all the rights of which it had become possessed, and the city is to reimburse the directors and the citizens for payments already made on the Draper purchase, etc. As soon as the commission examines the transfer contracts, the council will approve the action and assume the payments yet to be made.

Bond Buyers Interested.

Bond buyers all over the country are watching the issue offered here, not less than eighteen different houses having written to the city auditor concerning them, and no fear is expressed over the making of a satisfactory sale. Under the terms of the offer no bid under par will be considered, and it is expected that that will bring a fair premium over par as all previous bond issues sold by the city have. The sale will be made on February 10th. As soon as the sale is made the officials intend to press the construction of the road that the excursion to Wilderville can be one of the features of the celebration of the nation's birthday.

DR. REDDY RETURNS FROM SAN FRANCISCO

Dr. J. F. Reddy, who has been in San Francisco for the past two weeks on business connected with the building of the Pacific-Interior railway, returned Thursday noon, and will now remain here in direction of the new road.

The doctor says that wherever he went in his travels he found the people watching the progress of matters in the building of a railroad by a municipality, and that a wonderful amount of interest had been aroused. Capital, he says, is ready and anxious to come into the enterprise as soon as it is properly developed and established at this end of the line. The doctor is jubilant over the outlook, and says that the success of the project is assured.

KEYTE GETS APPOINTMENT.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—President Taft today appointed D. L. Keyte to be receiver-general of public money for Oregon.

DIAMOND RING IS LOOT OF BANK ROBBERS.

MARYSVILLE, Wash., Jan. 31.—One diamond ring is all that a bunch of bank cracksmen have today to show for their efforts in mining through the wall of the Marysville State bank and blowing open several safety deposit boxes. They missed the bank proper and found themselves in the safety deposit vault. After opening a couple of dozen boxes and finding nothing but deeds, and the one ring, they apparently gave up in disgust.

POULTRY EXPERIMENTAL FARM IN ROGUE VALLEY

A poultry demonstration farm in the Rogue valley under direction of the agricultural college will likely be the result of the visit of Prof. Dryden to Grants Pass Wednesday. The professor broached the idea, and was strong in support of the proposition, stating that here he found an ideal climate for the raising of poultry, and voicing his belief that from a station here record egg machines could be produced.

The legislature is to be asked to make appropriation for extensive work in the poultry line by the State Agricultural College, and a plant will be established at Corvallis that will cover fifty acres. The professor, however, is an advocate of a sub-station in this valley, where he says the climate and the soil combine for perfection in the industry.

The professor's idea is that some of the lands less valuable for agricultural purposes would be just suited for the raising of poultry. He says that at least 25 acres would be required to establish a proper demonstration farm, of which sufficient to produce what green food is necessary should be agricultural land. Local poultrymen assured the professor that if he could secure the appropriation for the buildings and equipment necessary the needed land would be forthcoming from the valley.

The purpose of the farm would be to breed poultry in line from known producers of quantity and quality eggs, and to sell throughout the state breeders at the minimum charge. Buildings and equipment would be of the most approved patterns and models, and the establishment would direct the poultry industry in the district.

KLAMATH WINS FROM G. P. AT BASKETBALL

The basketball game last evening between the Klamath Falls and Grants Pass high school teams was without a doubt the most exciting and thoroughly enjoyable contest seen on a Grants Pass floor for many seasons, despite the fact that the score swung in favor of the visitors in the last few minutes of play, the final being 16-12.

The start of the game saw the Klamath quintet assume a temporary lead by a burst of lightning-like teamwork, but the bulldog spirit of the lighter home team gave confidence to their supporters although the half ended with the invaders leading by 7-4.

With the blowing of the whistle for the second half the local boys jumped into the mixup with all the fight they had in them and soon the score was tied. From this time on the game was a contest of better drilling and developed teamwork versus a fighting spirit that the visitors could not break, for time after time when the Klamath boys pulled off their prettily-worked plays the local guards waded into them and by dint of a hand to hand struggle sent the ball back to the Grants Pass basket. It was only in the last part of the half that the speedy visitors could cap their plays by winning baskets.

The gymnasium was crowded to the utmost and every person watching was so absorbed in the game that the close of the contest came as a surprise and a disappointment. The Klamath boys excelled in their developed team play, although there was no startling individual work. For the home team Teel was all over the floor, always covering the man with the ball, and the way Gale Hamilton broke up many of the opponents' plays won him much applause. The local lineup follows: Forwards, Smith and Stinebaugh; center, Ament; guards, Teel and Gale Hamilton.

The local team will accompany the visitors to Klamath Falls Friday and play them on Klamath's home floor, returning Monday. The boys are now determined to bring the scalps of the Klamath bunch with them when they come back and they are conceded a very good chance to do so.

DETECTIVE GARDNER FINED \$200

FOUND GUILTY BY JURY IN JUVENILE COURT.

APPEALS TO CIRCUIT COURT

Was Charged With Contributing to Delinquency of Minor in Soliciting Small Bet.

Two hundred dollars and costs, a total of about three hundred in all, was the fine imposed by Judge Jewell on Detective E. Gardner, convicted in the juvenile court Tuesday night of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, the specific charge being the betting of a drink of soda water with Willard Crawford, a 17 year old boy, over the result of a game of billiards.

Under the statute the limit of the sentence that the judge could impose on a person found guilty of contributing to the delinquency of a minor is a fine of \$1,000 or a year in jail or both.

Gardner's attorneys at once gave notice of appeal, and will carry the case to the circuit court. Bond was fixed in the sum of \$250, which was supplied.

The jury in the Gardner case returned a verdict of guilty as charged after having been out for about an hour, the verdict being returned at 4:15 o'clock.

The taking of evidence in the trial of E. Gardner, the detective arrested on a charge of having contributed to the delinquency of a minor in having made a bet of a drink of soda water with Willard Crawford, a minor, commenced at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon, the entire forenoon having been occupied in the selection of a jury.

Three panels of talesmen were exhausted before six men without prejudice and acceptable to both the defense and the prosecution could be obtained, the jury as finally constituted being composed of the following named citizens:

Joseph Wolke, retired merchant.
B. A. Williamson, liveryman.
W. Turner, retired farmer.
Harry Smith, mill owner.
H. A. Stonaker, bookkeeper.
W. L. Sweetland, saloonkeeper.

The only witnesses examined were Willard Crawford, the minor to whose delinquency Detective Gardner is alleged to have contributed, and Malcolm Anderson, who was in on the payment of the bet.

Crawford testified that the bet had been made on the outcome of a billiard game, and that Gardner had lost and made due payment of his obligation by treating him to a drink of soda water.

Anderson testified to the fact that he had witnessed the transaction and had been in on its payment, drinking a glass of soda water with Gardner and Crawford after the detective had lost the wager.

HOME RULE PASSED BY STATE SENATE.

SALEM, Jan. 30.—The home rule bill giving municipalities control over the matter of permitting the sale of liquor in incorporated towns and cities, and the county control over unincorporated communities, has today been passed by the senate and is now up to the house for consideration. The senate passed the bill after hours of debate.

JAMES THORPE, PUGILIST.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 30.—James Thorpe, the discredited athlete, will become a professional pugilist, if the plans being formulated today by Promoter Harry Davis mature. Edwards would have Thorpe sign a five-year contract for fights with the top-notchers. Thorpe has not been approached on the subject.