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CLEARING RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR P. I.

CONTRACTORS HAVE REACHED STATION 288.

TO APPELATE BY MAR. 25

Dr. Reddy, Who Has Been in the East for Two Weeks, Expected Home Next Week.

Clearing on the right-of-way of the Grants Pass-Crescent City railroad is progressing satisfactorily, and will have reached station 388 by Saturday evening, this point being near the New Hope school house. By the 25th of the present month the workmen will have prepared the entire right-of-way from this city to the Applegate river for the graders.

Representatives of several contracting firms have been over the first ten miles of the route and are now prepared to submit bids for the grading as soon as the commission is ready to consider them. The commission met Thursday forenoon and audited the bills up to the first of the month, including the bills on the clearing contract. These bills will now come before the council for allowance.

Phil Easterday of Portland was in town Thursday looking over the railroad situation, and advancing the interests of reinforced concrete culverts which he maintains are the only thing to use in constructing the new road. Mr. Easterday's propositions will be considered by the commission and the engineering force when the proper stage of construction has been reached.

Dr. Reddy, who has been in the east for the past two weeks in the interests of the road, wired Thursday from Chicago that things were looking promising there, and that he would leave Chicago for home by the end of the week. He has been in New York and Philadelphia, and has made excellent progress in the financing of the road to the coast.

SUPT. TURNER AGAIN ELECTED BY BOARD.

The school board at its meeting Tuesday night re-elected R. R. Turner as superintendent of the city schools for the next school year, the salary being continued at \$1,800 per annum.

The resignation of Hugh N. Herrick as director of manual training was accepted by the board, and H. H. Wardrip was elected his successor at a salary of \$100 per month. Mr. Wardrip came here from California a year ago and purchased a farm in the Fruitdale district, but was formerly connected with the leading institutions of California, as he was also with the Ashland Normal before that institution was closed. He comes with excellent recommendations to carry on the work so well established by Mr. Herrick.

Miss Sophie Messenger, teacher of music and drawing, was employed for next year, her salary being increased from \$75 to \$90 per month.

The balance of the teaching corps will be engaged at the regular annual meeting of the board in April.

COUNTY FAIR BILL APPROVED. BY GOV. WEST.

SALEM, March 6.—Governor West today approved the "corrective county fair bill," passed at the veto session of the legislature. This bill makes funds to be raised by a tax levy of one twentieth of a mill available June 15 of this year and annually thereafter for county fairs.

BRYAN IS HEAD OF THE WILSON CABINET

WASHINGTON, March 5.—With William J. Bryan as premier of his official family, President Wilson today sent the following cabinet appointments to the senate:

Secretary of State—William Jennings Bryan, Nebraska.
Secretary of War—Lindley M. Garrison, New Jersey.

Secretary of Treasury—William G. McAdoo, New York.
Attorney General—James C. McReynolds of Tennessee.

Postmaster General—Albert Burleson, Texas.
Secretary of Navy—Josephus Daniels, North Carolina.

Secretary of Interior—Franklin K. Lane, California.

Secretary of Agriculture—David A. Houston, Missouri.

Secretary of Commerce—William C. Redfield, New York.

Secretary of Labor—William B. Wilson, Pennsylvania.

In announcing his cabinet appointments, President Wilson issued the following statement:

"Those who know my affection and admiration for William F. McCombs will wonder why his name is not in the list. Mr. McCombs did not desire a cabinet appointment. I have offered him one of the principal diplomatic posts, and I am still hopeful that he will accept."

CLIFFORD JENKINS INJURED IN EXPLOSION.

In the center of a terrific explosion which shook the whole city of Grants Pass into wakefulness about midnight Friday, Clifford Jenkins, a night watchman at the Grants Pass Gas Works miraculously escaped instant death, though the skin was scorched from his face, and the hair burned from his head.

Mr. Jenkins, who is in the employ of the Gas Company, had been unloading a car of crude oil for use at the plant, and after the tank was emptied, climbed upon the car to make sure that none of the oil was left. Lifting the cover from the manhole on top of the car he held his lantern so as to ascertain whether the tank was exhausted but the instant the confined gases came into contact with the flame of the lantern the explosion occurred, the ignited gases rushing through the small opening on the top of the car with all the violence of the discharge of a cannon, and causing a shock and roar that set to work the imaginations of many.

That Jenkins is today alive is due to the fact that he was not directly over the manhole for the first flash leaped many feet into the air, momentarily lighting up the whole Grants Pass district, and was of such ferocity that if he had received the full force of it he would have had no need for a doctor. Immediately following the flash a column of smoke shot for scores of feet straight upward, but for Jenkins the picturesque side of the matter held no attraction, as he was much occupied with extinguishing his flaming clothing. Then with a will that showed much grit, he closed down the pumps and walked into town to find a doctor to treat him. Dr. Truax was called and applied soothing oils to the burns, and today Mr. Jenkins is under the best of care at the Good Samaritan hospital, although his condition is admitted to be serious. Mr. Jenkins was badly burned about the chest and shoulders as well as the head, his shirt being burned full of holes and so scorched that it pulls apart with little tension, and his cravat was burned to shreds.

The shock was so severe that many thought an earthquake had occurred, while others believed the irrigation dam had been blown out. The noise was terrifying, and for some time the echoes could be heard rolling back into the hills.

NEW OFFICERS LOCAL FRUIT ASSOCIATION.

The Grants Pass Fruit association has elected G. S. Eaton president for the ensuing year, with G. C. Metcalf as secretary. The outgoing officers are H. E. Gale, president, and H. Wood, secretary. The new directors are Messrs. Rawley, Wood and Wilbert.

WOODROW WILSON INAUGURATED 28TH PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES

National Capital Filled With People to Witness the Taking of the Oath of Office by Democrat

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey, a democrat, became the twenty-eighth president of the United States at 1:37 o'clock this afternoon.

It required just 30 seconds for him to take the oath and kiss the bible. More than 75,000 persons witnessed the ceremony. Wilson's inaugural address was read to the winds. None standing over a 100 feet away could distinguish the words and not more than 2,000 persons could hear the sound of his voice.

The crowd, which had been held back a hundred yards, was permitted

on a stand before Pres. Wilson and Taft. All were present except James C. McReynolds of Tennessee. Before he took the oath of office Wilson carefully examined the bible. Immediately after Chief Justice White had administered the oath, Wilson started his inaugural address.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—A half million lusty-lunged Americans today acclaimed, in typical American fashion, a new ruler. A tall, slender man, wreathed in smiles, standing in his



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to break through the line of soldiers when Wilson started speaking, and rush beneath the platforms. Shortly before the official party arrived at the stand the wind strengthened and when Wilson started taking the oath of office, it had increased to a gale.

At 2:05 o'clock the new president entered a four horse carriage and returned to the white house. He took the right seat. To his left rode William H. Taft, the retiring president. Behind the presidential party came troops of cavalry, infantry and bands. Mrs. Wilson and her daughters also occupied carriages in the triumphal march from the capitol to the white house. The march from the senate chamber to the east front of the capitol where the oath of office was administered, was led by the senate sergeant at arms. Behind them came the justices of the supreme court wearing flowing judicial robes over their overcoats. Wilson and Taft, walking, followed. Wilson removed his hat to test the weather and a gale of wind quickly disarranged his hair. He replaced his hat immediately.

When W. J. Bryan of Nebraska appeared on the capitol platform he was given an ovation. He bowed to the right and left. Men who are to compose the new cabinet were seated

carriage bowing and waving to a mile of dense-packed humanity was the object of the ovation. This was Woodrow Wilson—President Woodrow Wilson. Vice President Thomas R. Marshall had his share of the applause, too.

Following the exact path of twenty-seven former presidents, President Wilson was the central figure of the pomp and pageantry of the greatest inaugural parade ever assembled on historic Pennsylvania avenue. It was an observance of the precedents of generations.

From the steps of the inaugural repulse as he led the pageant of 50,000 soldiers, sailors and civilians to the white house, and there reviewed them.

Most Pretentious in History.

Today's parade was declared the most pretentious of any in history. In length, numbers and novel features it was unique. For nearly three hours it wended its way through Pennsylvania avenue. It was nearly dusk before the last marchers passed the new president through the "Court of Honor."

Crowds along Pennsylvania avenue packed every bit of room and filled every seat in capacious grandstands. The broad avenue, swept clean and carefully roped off was bordered by

two walls of a gay canyon of bunting, lined with a cheering multitude that filled every inch of space and every available balcony and window. Fakery did a thriving business in selling big packing boxes to crowds afoot. These were pushed near the curb and afforded the owner a private grandstand of his own.

Four Grand Divisions.

The parade was composed of four "grand" divisions. First was the army and navy, with nearly 7,000 men; second, the state militia, with about 12,000 men; third, war veterans, and fourth, civic organizations. Every state and almost every large city of the nation sent its quota to swell the stream of splendor.

Forming about the capitol since dawn this morning, the parade began shortly before 1:30 o'clock. While President Wilson was delivering his inaugural address thousands of troops began forming the line of march through the capital grounds.

Preceded by a squad of 100 mounted motorcycle and bicycle policemen, the head of the parade extended eight blocks to the Peace Monument at the head of Pennsylvania avenue, before President Wilson. Vice President Marshall and fifty carriages filled with members of the supreme court, senate, house, inaugural committeemen, relatives of the incoming executives and political leaders filed in front of the capitol after the formal inaugural ceremonies there.

Wilson and Taft Ride Together.

President Wilson with former President Taft seated at his left, occupied the foremost carriage. It drew away from the capitol reviewing stand with the Essex Cavalry troop as an escort, while Vice President Marshall, escorted by the Culver Military Academy "Black Horse Hussars" of Indiana, drew in behind.

In front of the presidential carriage and its escort was Major General Leonard Wood, grand marshal of the parade, his staff and thirty aides. Wood wore a voluminous white sash. Red sashes were worn by his staff, Lieutenant Colonel H. T. Allen, chief of staff, and Lieutenant Colonel H. C. Hodges, adjutant general. The aides, including high officers from each branch of the army and navy service, wore white sashes. All were resplendent with gold lace, medals, plumes and were astride richly caparisoned mounts—the finest horseflesh in the "service."

As the grand marshal approached the Peace Monument, cheering swept in mighty volume up the entire length of Pennsylvania avenue. It broke into an uproar when President Wilson's carriage appeared. The incoming executive was forced continually to acknowledge the plaudits of the throngs packing both sides of the avenue, a sea of waving flags and bunting.

Taft Smile in Evidence.

Following custom, ex-President Taft sat with his hat on throughout the ride, even ignoring an occasional and faint shout for the outgoing republican executive. Tradition and custom decrees that the outgoing president shall regard every particle of the demonstration as given his successor, and shall not even appear to note it. Nevertheless, the Taft smile, as of old, was in evidence as he heard democratic exuberance but ill-concealed in the shouts of triumph with which they acclaimed a president of their faith.

Behind carriages carrying President Wilson and Vice President Marshall came vehicles carrying Mrs. Wilson and the three Wilson daughters viewing stand at the capitol, with the kiss of the bible in the hands of Chief Justice White still warm upon his lips, President Wilson was the object of tumultuous and vociferous aperters. Following that of the Wilson family was the Marshall family. Then came the automobiles and carriages of other distinguished participants.

Slowly the procession to the white house began. The carriages proceeded at a walk, to afford a good view of the president to the crowds in the stands and windows. Soldiers stood at "attention" all along the avenue, spaced every few feet, in front of tautly stretched ropes holding back the sidewalk crowds.

Green and white was the official (Continued on page eight.)

PRODUCERS TO MEET SATURDAY

AT COMMERCIAL CLUB ROOMS AT TWO O'CLOCK.

BENTON COUNTY MAN HERE

Better Markets and a Cannery Will Be the Topics for Discussion.

Saturday at two o'clock the growers of Josephine county will meet at the Commercial club rooms where they will hear from Geo. H. Tinker, manager of the Benton County Growers' association how that organization has solved the market problem for the producers of the north.

Mr. Tinker arrived in the city this morning, being met by the committees from the Grang and the Commercial club. The day was spent in investigating the local cannery conditions, and examining into the plant of the Grants Pass Cannery association which it is proposed to open again this season. Mr. Tinker, who is manager of the Corvallis cannery, will report upon the best plan for the re-establishment of the cannery here at the Saturday meeting.

The Poultry association has paved the way for the more profitable marketing of products by finding an outlet for the surplus eggs at an advance over the market price. The growers of other produce are now determined to improve the market conditions, and the bringing of Mr. Tinker here is a move in that direction. The committees impress upon the farmers the importance of being present at the Saturday meeting.

ROGUE RIVER FISH BILL PASSES OVER VETO

SALEM, March 5.—The 27th legislative assembly adjourned sine die shortly before midnight after passing 29 of the 40 measures vetoed by Governor West.

Of the 29 that were passed, 19 were salary bills. One salary bill relating to the officers of Josephine county, was indefinitely postponed.

The Rogue river fishing bill was passed, as was the bill providing for investigation of the resources of the Cello Rapids in the Columbia river. Carson's bill providing that no expenditures shall be made on state work or institutions without first having an appropriation made for it was passed.

The governor's veto was sustained on the Abbott bill, which repealed the law placing the state printer on a flat salary and on the presidential primary bill.

The legislature also sustained the governor's veto of Latourette's bill changing the circuit courts of the state to superior courts. Eleven new judicial positions would have been created under this bill.

The Rogue river fish bill passed the senate by a vote of 17 to 6.

The house vote was 44 for and 8 against on the fish bill.

Westerlund, Carkin and Reames, the Jackson county delegation, voted against passage over the veto.

The senate bill fixing salaries in Josephine county was also passed over the governor's veto. The bill fixing salary of the county school superintendent of Josephine county was withdrawn after the passage of the senate bill.

SALEM, March 5.—Officers are today being fitted up for the new corporation department which will have charge of the enforcement of the "blue sky" law passed by the session of the legislature just adjourned. The "blue sky" law was introduced by Representative Mitchell.