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S. P. MAY BUILD COAST RAILROAD

ANNOUNCEMENT COMES FROM PORTLAND OFFICE.

GOLD BEACH-GRANTS PASS

To Connect With Through Line From Portland to San Francisco Along the Coast.

The announcement that came Thursday from the Southern Pacific offices at Portland to the effect that the coast line of railroad was to be completed through from San Francisco to Portland has occasioned a great deal of comment in railroad and other circles. Enlarging upon the subject, and going somewhat into details of the proposed road and of the possibility of physical connection between the coast road and the present line of the Southern Pacific in Southern Oregon, the Oregonian publishes the following in connection with its news story:

Two Routes Available.

"Whether connection with the Southern Pacific's existing property will be made from Gold Beach to Grants Pass or whether the line will be extended northward to Myrtle Point, where it will join the Eugene-Coos Bay line, now under construction, has not been determined. Either route is feasible. When this project first was undertaken a few years ago the plan was to build through Coos Bay, but present intentions are to follow the Rogue river valley east from Gold Beach to Grants Pass.

New Line May Be Absorbed.

"If the Oregon connection with this all-coast line is made through Grants Pass it is probable that the Grants Pass & Crescent City railroad, now being financed, will become a link in the chain. While the Grants Pass & Crescent City project has been developed by local capitalists, it is certain that it will be taken over by the Southern Pacific if it can be made a part of a through route between Portland and San Francisco.

"This all-coast route will be considerably shorter than the present Shasta route of the Southern Pacific. It will eliminate much curvature and many heavy grades. The running time between Portland and San Francisco, it is believed, can be greatly reduced.

"Moreover, it will develop a section of the Pacific slope that now is without railroad facilities and that offers inestimable productive possibilities."

DISAPPEARANCE OF \$150 DRAFT INVESTIGATED.

W. T. Warren a man 62 years of age, was found by the police Tuesday evening sleeping alongside the old Coliseum skating rink. When aroused and taken to the city hall the old man was unable to tell how he came to be in Grants Pass, having a very hazy recollection of things in the happening during the past few days. Papers in Warren's possession showed that he was interested in bequests made through a will in Rhode Island, and that he had recently been in receipt of a draft for \$200 upon account of the bequest. This check, Warren says, he received while in Chehalis, Washington, a short time ago, and on leaving for Portland he had drawn \$50 of the money and had taken a draft from a bank for the \$150. In Portland he thinks this draft was cashed by a saloon, but what became of the money or how he happened to be sleeping alongside the Coliseum down in Grants Pass he does not know. He has a dim recollection of getting \$20 from a Portland saloon keeper on the draft, and he had \$9.70 in his pocket when found here, and to discover how the balance melted away, Police Judge Creager has asked the Portland police department for an investigation. Pending the investigation, Mr. Warren will remain in Grants Pass.

COUNCIL TURNS DOWN SALOON MENS' REQUEST

The request of the local saloon-keepers that they be allowed to keep the third parlors open till midnight on the nights of the 4th and the 5th, during the progress of the big celebration here, met with early and painless death at the hands of the city dads Thursday night, and as a consequence the sanitary fountains will be popular resorts after the regular closing hours on those days.

The petition was signed by the saloonmen, and was endorsed by many of the business men or the city, the petition reciting that a "popular sentiment prevails" for the longer hours on the two days, the privilege being requested for those places that would provide at their own expense a special police officer. The motion made by Councilman Caldwell, seconded by Councilman Culbertson, that the petition be tabled, carried without a protesting vote.

Protests on Creamery Site.

Holding that the council had no jurisdiction in the matter, the protest of residents in the vicinity of the proposed site of the new creamery building was laid on the table without action. The directors of the new enterprise had decided upon a location on H street, between 7th and 8th, for the creamery, this location being surrounded by residences. Alleging that the creamery would not be a desirable neighbor, and that it might become a nuisance, the residents of the district protested to the council, but the council says that it has no authority in the premises. The creamery people say that the building they will erect will be attractive and absolutely sanitary and clean, and that it will be a credit rather than otherwise to the locality in which it is located, and will probably proceed with the structure on the site determined upon.

Engineer Resigns.

F. E. Hobson, city engineer, filed a communication to the council in which he proposed that inasmuch as the street work that had been in progress was now practically all done, with no great amount of work in view for the engineer's office in the near future, that the regular salaries attached to the office be discontinued, and that such work as was needed be given him by the day. No action has yet been taken on the communication.

New Ordinances Proposed.

Three new ordinances were read the first time, and laid over to await further action of the council. One of the proposed laws prohibits the use of barb wire, or other material having barbs or points that may damage people or their wearing apparel, or injure stock, within the city limits. Another ordinance prohibits autos and other gas propelled vehicles within the city running with open mufflers, and the third regulates behavior in the city parks. It makes it unlawful to drink or to have intoxicating liquors within the city parks, or to use vile, obscene or abusive language, or to indulge in lewd conduct within the parks.

The engineer's report upon the work on various of the recently improved streets was read, and his estimates were approved. Schell & Scheil were granted payment of \$220.15 upon the work on G and H streets. The report on Washington Boulevard showed the work complete except for the remodeling of some of the concrete work and the rolling of some fifty square rods that had not yet been in condition for rolling, and final settlement was made less \$200 held back till these features had been completed. The same action was taken regarding the improvement of Fourth street, at the railroad crossing, where \$150 was held back pending the completion of the rolling. On Washington Boulevard, payment of a balance of \$688.57 was authorized by the council, and on Fourth street \$1,069.92. An adjourned meeting of the council will be held this evening.

Mrs. Stanley Taylor, of Shelburn, Oregon, arrived Thursday and will visit Mr. and Mrs. Jud Taylor.

Miss Opal Waugh returned Thursday from a two weeks' visit with her uncle at Central Point.

PROGRAM FOR GRANTS PASS' FOURTH HAS MANY FEATURES OF INTEREST

Every Minute of the Two Days' Celebration Will Be Filled With Thrilling Events--Aeroplane, Races, Baseball, etc.

The details of the big two days' celebration to be held here on the 4th and 5th are being fast arranged by the various committees, and unlike the usual celebrations, Grants Pass will find everything ready when the sun rises on the morning of the Fourth.

The parade committee has been especially busy, and some features that are new, as well as the best of the features that have been proven by time, will be seen on the streets at ten o'clock on the morning of the Fourth. The committee has arranged for the parade to form near the court house on north Sixth street, to march down Sixth to the Oxford hotel, back to Front street on Fifth, and then to Railroad park, where the exercises will be held. Prizes have been offered for the best features in the several sections of the parade, \$5 to be given to the best float representing a county grange, and \$3 to the second best. A prize of \$5 is also offered to the float making the best representation of a fraternal organization, and a like prize of \$5 is also offered to the float making the best representation of a fraternal organization, and a like prize for the best representation in the pageant of nations, with a \$3 second prize. The best decorated auto in the parade will win the \$4.25 offered by the Josephine County Auto club, and \$2 for first and \$1 for second will be given the best decorated of each motorcycles and bicycles. There will also be \$2 each for the best appearing mounts ridden by ladies and gentlemen, and for the best saddle pony. In the parade of the Calathumpians prizes of \$2 each are offered for the best clown or ragamuffin; best horse or donkey rig; best sustained character; best take-off on local celebrity or institution, and for the most grotesque outfit of two or more.

The committee announces the following as the formation of the parade:

Central Point band.
Decorated autos filled with "local politicians, suffragettes and other city officials."

City fire department.

Floats of prominent business houses, Grants Pass-Crescent City railroad, Rogue Valley creamery, Fishermen's union, Josephine County Growers and Packers association, mining industries, lumber industries, agriculture, granges, etc.

Floral Floats—Fairies, Poppies, Sweet Peas, Sunflower, Sunbeams and Raindrops.

Pageant of Nations, each flying its national flag—America, France, Greece, Holland, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico.

Motorcycles and Bicycles.
Fraternal Organizations.
Equestrians.
Calathumpians.

All the committees are working with the same effective results as the parade committee, and there is absolute promise that the celebration will eclipse anything ever before attempted in southern Oregon. The race track has been put in perfect repair, and there is the promise of some fast horses here for the running and trotting events.

A starting track for the aviation events will be provided on the tract of land north of the railroad tracks in the east part of town, there being no wires there to interfere with the flights.

It is evident from the interest that the committee on horse racing is working up for the program on the 5th of July, that there will be enthusiasm aplenty to fill the two big days to overflowing. Already there are about a dozen horses in the city being trained for the seven events that will be run on the afternoon of the 5th, and with others that will come from outside, each race will be well filled with fast steeds. The track is now in perfect shape, and

the horses are taken out daily and are put through their paces. The wise ones indicate that it will take a speedy stranger to distance some of the horses already here. The Illinois valley and Williams creek districts are well represented now with horses in training, and a large number will come over from Medford after the races there on the Fourth.

The first race on the local program will be a half-mile pace or trot, best three in five heats, with a purse of \$150.

Next will be a 5-8 mile run, with \$100 in the purse.

No. 3 is a 3-8 mile run, purse, \$75.

No. 4, 3-8 mile run for saddle horses, purse \$75.

No. 5, 1-2 mile run for ponies, purse \$50.

No. 6, 1-4 mile run for two-year-olds, purse \$75.

No. 7, 1-2 mile harness race, best two in three, purse \$50.

No entrance fee is charged to any of these races, and that all the competitors may have a fair chance at the purses, horses winning a first prize in any race will be barred from re-entry at this meet.

The committee having this feature of the celebration in hand is Councilman A. A. Porter, Sheriff Will Smith and Geo. Lewis.

All entries to the races must be made with Ernest Lister, secretary, by twelve o'clock on the evening of the Fourth. The purses in all the events will be divided into first and second money, on the basis of 80 and 20 per cent.

All the various committees, as well as all the citizens not regularly named on committees but who have ideas concerning the method in which the coming great two days' celebration should be held, are requested to meet at the Commercial club rooms Thursday night at 8:30 o'clock. The details are now well arranged for the celebration, but the general committee has called this meeting to get the program shaped so that there will be no clash of interests at the last, and so that every part of the machinery of the celebration will work smoothly and without friction.

Chairman South of the general committee asks especially that all of those people who are somewhat numerous after the celebration, and who then tell how it "ought to have been done," be there tomorrow night and give of their wisdom in advance.

This will probably be the last general meeting before the celebration, and the committee asks that every one who has contributed toward the fund, be there. An especial invitation is extended to the mayor and the city council, and to all others who are interested in making the celebration the greatest possible success.

The sub-committees are fast completing the program features, and within a day or two all events for the two days will be scheduled so that there will be no conflict of hours.

The sports committee has arranged for a number of handsome trophies for the winners in the races, and cups, medals, etc., now being on display in Calhoun's window. These sports will be called on the morning of the 5th, at nine o'clock, and will be run on the stretch of granite fill alongside the railroad track between Sixth street and the depot. The list of sports, together with the prizes in each, is as follows:

100 yard dash, free for all; first, trophy cup; second, silver medal.

100 yard dash, 18 to 20 years; first, trophy cup; second, silver medal.

100 yard dash, 15 to 18 years; first, trophy cup; second, silver medal.

50 yard dash, 15 years and under; prize, ball and bat.

50 yard dash, fat man's race,

MANY WOULD FLY WITH AVIATOR RIDELL

Aviator Riddell will have a long list of applicants from which to select his passengers for the flights here on the Fourth and Fifth, and he will not have to confine his selection to the male persuasion either. At least two young ladies, representative of the bloom of local society, have asked for a ride in the flying machine, and it is said that two more are ready to confess to a desire to sail among the clouds with Mr. Riddell.

The first application that followed the announcement of the aviator on his recent visit to Grants Pass that he would carry a passenger with him on his flights here was Deputy Sheriff Denison, and as this wearer of the star of the shrievalty has never been accused of a lack of nerve, there is no reason to suspect that he will have a sudden attack of illness next Friday. A number of job hunters are already out with applications for Denison's job at the court house if his round trip ticket is not honored and he is put off the ship before its return to harbor. Numerous other applicants followed Denison's, the latest at this writing being that of Ralph Davis. Davis has notified the secretary of the Commercial club to keep his application on file, and when all the other applicants have run up the white flag or have shown the yellow streak that he will be there ready to take his place along with Riddell. As Davis weighs better than 180 pounds it can be readily seen that the 60 horse power Gnome engines with which Riddell's machine is equipped will have to do full duty if this last applicant is the lucky man.

NORTH SIDE WATER USERS ARE ORGANIZED.

The water users under the north side ditch have effected an organization and elected a board of directors whose duty it is to arrange for service during the present season. This board is composed of Messrs. Geo. Feldmaier, Wm. Fifield and M. C. H. Day, and they will have the Golden Drift plant in operation within a day or two through arrangement with Receiver Wharton. The operation of the plant will be upon a co-operative basis, the users having to guarantee that all expenses will be met by them, and this expense will be pro-rated over their acreage, though it is not expected to exceed the charge of \$5 that has previously been made. The belt that was broken a few days ago soon after the pumps were started is now being repaired, and will be ready for use next week, though the present spell of rainy weather has made the need for irrigation less pressing. Men to operate the pumps have been employed, Pete Jensen to have the day shift and Bob McNutt the night shift. Hugh Bixby will be the ditch walker, and will keep the main canal in repair.

Williams Couple Wed—

Elbert L. Davis and Miss Hattie Hunt, both of Williams, were married by Rev. MacAllister, at the Presbyterian Manse, Thursday evening.

over 200 pounds; prize, watch fob. 50 yard dash, ladies' race; first, loving cup; second, silver cream and sugar.

50 yard egg race, ladies; first, silver disk; second, bar pin.

Boys' three-legged race; prize, tie pin, clip and cuff links.

Boys' sack race; prize, tie pin.

25 yard boys' race, 7 years and under; prize 150 pennies.

Boys' potato race; prize, nickle watch.

Members of the Josephine County motorcycle club met Wednesday evening and had under discussion a number of topics, among them the motorcycle race of the Fourth of July and A. K. Cass was appointed to look after that matter.

On Sunday, the club proposes to make a trip to Medford, the event being in the nature of an endurance race, the first one reaching the city to be the holder of a cup to be furnished by the club until won by someone else. The start will be made about 8 o'clock in the morning and the route through Applegate.

GLENDALE BANK ROBBER IN JAIL

RAY DIAMOND SURRENDERS AT GOLD BEACH.

WORN OUT BY LONG FLIGHT

Stolen Cash Is Found On the Captured Bandit, and Curry Co. Sheriff Will Claim Reward.

Gold Beach, Or., June 26.—Stragging out into the open trail near here at noon today, Ray Diamond, the young man who robbed the Glendale State bank of nearly \$3,000 last week, was arrested by the sheriff here. He made no resistance, declaring he was exhausted and could no longer stand the hardships of the mountains.

"I intended to give myself up several days ago," Diamond declared, "but was afraid to come in while the search was so hot."

Almost all the money taken from Assistant Cashier Smith was found on Diamond. The rest, it is thought, is hidden somewhere on the trail.

It was a meek desperado indeed who stood handcuffed in the little lock-up here. All his bravado was gone and he appeared to be thoroughly worn out by his ten day flight through the timber.

Diamond, who is about 22 years old, walked into the Glendale State bank a week ago last Monday, engaged Assistant Cashier B. D. Smith in conversation and then pointed a rifle at him, ordering him to throw up his hands. Diamond then helped himself to the money which Smith had just taken from the safe to begin the day's business.

Fleeing with the booty, Diamond exchanged shots with Smith, none of the bullets taking effect. Sheriff Quine at once started on the trail, but withdrew the bloodhounds when he found Diamond had fled into the mountains and was probably making his way toward this place.

Diamond is resting at the jail here while he waits for an officer from Roseburg to come for him. He made no effort to deny his identity. The remainder of the money, thought to be cached on the trail Diamond took, was found in Diamond's shoes after a more thorough search had been made.

It is believed that Sheriff Bailey of this city, who made the arrest, will claim all the \$500 reward offered by the Glendale State bank and the American Bankers' association.

MR. HELM TO COME FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

Mayor Smith is in receipt of a telegram from Franklin Helm, at San Francisco, stating that he would arrive in Grants Pass within a day or two, and would meet Attorney Massick of New York here to complete details concerning the bond issue. The test case to establish the validity of the municipal bond issue is being carried into the supreme court of the state, and a decision is expected from that body within the next three weeks. Mr. Helm states that he will be prepared when he arrives to advance money on city warrants to continue work on the railroad pending the closing of negotiations for the entire bond issue if the city so desires. The sale of the \$200,000 bond issue is expected to be closed as soon as the supreme court decision is obtained, and with this money available, the building of the Grants Pass railroad will progress regardless of the condition of the negotiations for the financing of the road through to the coast to Hays Hill, as originally intended, and the road then will become part of the greater system to the coast.

Marriage License Issued—

Marriage license was issued Thursday to Roy Darell and Miss Myrl Armine Atkins, by the county clerk's office.