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### Commercial Club O K's Resolution

Last Tuesday noon the regular weekly Cave City Chamber of Commerce luncheon was held with a splendid attendance. Mrs. Lavina Hussey gave the members and guests one of the finest chicken dinners yet served, and the hungry appetites were more than satisfied. If we keep on getting lunches like this we will need a larger room to accommodate the crowds.

Vice President Drews called the meeting to order after the lunch and called on A. A. Johnson to present the guests from O'Brien, for a large delegation from the southern end of the valley attended the meeting. Mr. Johnson introduced J. R. Welsh, Robert Baltzke, Roy C. Dundas, Fred Galeno and C. E. Lawson. Eugene C. Iverson, district engineer of the Queen of Bronze mine was also introduced.

Mr. Johnson said, after the introductions, that his delegation had come to ask assistance from the local Chamber in getting a power line extended to O'Brien. He said the present line only went to about three quarters of a mile south of Kumfy camp and that only about six miles of line would have to be constructed to reach O'Brien. He also enumerated the large number of farmers and miners who would use the line after it was constructed. He also enumerated on the electric machines that would be installed if the power was available including electric ranges, electric refrigerators, radios, washing machines, etc., and expressing the belief that most of the farmers on the line would add many such conveniences to their homes if they had the power.

Mining and irrigation was also mentioned. The belief being universal that the line would pay a dividend at once if constructed by the company. It would only take another six miles to reach Takilma, and from there only a short distance to the Queen of Bronze mine, which would be the largest potential user of power in the entire valley.

Elwood Hussey stressed the necessity of immediate action and at a meeting of the O'Brien delegation after the luncheon, helped draw up a petition for signatures of those who would use the power line, the same to be presented to the Public Utilities Commission at Salem, demanding that they order the company to build the line immediately. The petition will be circulated at once and taken to Salem to the commission.

Mr. Galeno said he had talked with one of the representatives of the electric company and that he had given the electric man all the information available. He said the line was needed by those who live in the district.

C. Y. Arnold presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Cave City, Oregon, July 27, 1937

To the Utilities Commission of the State of Oregon: In view of the fact that the delegation of O'Brien citizens has asked the support of this Chamber of Commerce to express an endorsement of the power line of the California Oregon Power company to O'Brien and also since the survey made by this Chamber and other citizens would indicate that the present and anticipated revenues would more than justify

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### Garden Club Holds Their Annual Picnic

The Illinois Valley Garden club held their annual picnic in Riverside park, Grants Pass last Friday. We had the Gold Hill Garden club ladies as our guests. A delicious picnic dinner was enjoyed by all.

Both clubs took part in the afternoon program. Those taking part were: Reading, Elinor Force; Game, Mrs. Bower; Reading, Mrs. Kirkham, and mandolin selections by Mrs. Helen Hertz, all of the Gold Hill club. Reading, Mrs. Lucille Floyd; Poem, Mrs. B. Badden and another reading by Mrs. A. A. Johnson, all of the Illinois Valley club.

The group sang a few songs, some old acquaintances were renewed reaching back over years to school days. During the afternoon Mrs. Effie Smith gave an interesting talk on gardens.

We parted looking forward to another picnic somewhere in July 1938.

MRS. E. I. WILBER.

### Chrome from Brown's Mine



This loading platform built at Wilderville to load 2000 tons of chrome ore for the American Rustless Iron and Steel Corporation of Baltimore, Maryland, is swelling freight traffic over Grants Pass municipal railroad, the California & Oregon Coast line. The chrome, hauled in continuous 8-hour round trips from High Plateau in northern California beyond O'Brien at Eugene Brown's mine by the truck shown in the photo below, is backed up the incline to the elevated bunkers from which it is dropped into railroad gondola cars below. At top, J. E. Bartlett (left) and J. E. Hutcheson watch a truckload of ore dumped. Chrome from other mines is moving to other shipping points at Grants Pass, Glendale and Medford.—Cut courtesy of the Grants Pass Courier.

### STATE ASSAYOR OFFICES LEASED

Offices of Charles Lull, assayer, on the corner of Eighth and "H" streets, were leased last Thursday afternoon by the Chamber of Commerce at the instruction of the state department of geology and mineral industries to be occupied by the state's free assay office according to J. R. Harvey.

Albert A. Lewis is the state assayer who will be stationed in the local office, the site for which was selected after several were inspected. Some of the equipment in Lull's offices may be purchased by the state for Lewis' use. E. K. Nixon, administrator, said here Monday.

The mining geologist to be sent here in the near future will make his headquarters in the assay office while in Grants Pass examining mines and prospects to bring up to date the state mines catalog.—Grants Pass Courier.

### Delegates From Kerby Fire Minded

Last Monday night, a large delegation of Kerby business men attended a meeting of the Cave City Volunteer Fire department and both cities are striving to provide adequate protection for the cities.

Kerby men were told of what the Cave City boys had done and what they expected to do and assured them that they would help Kerby in anything that the citizens wanted to do in regard to fire protection.

It was generally discussed that with both cities having a truck of some kind that could get to a fire in a hurry with a pump that would pump water from a tank, both cities would be pretty well protected until such time as a water supply was installed.

Both places having such a truck could help one another in case of trouble, and the cooperation between the two towns was assured at the meeting of the firemen.

Chief Jones told of how the local department was formed and advised the Kerby boys to do likewise and form a volunteer fire department, such as the Cave City boys have formed then get some apparatus that was adequate and the fire protection problem would be pretty well solved.

Many phases of the matter were generally discussed, and the Kerby men left with the idea in mind of repairing and getting the present equipment in first class shape and be prepared for emergencies that are liable to happen in the hot weather months.

It was understood that the Kerby boys would form a volunteer department at once along the same lines that the Cave City department has just organized. The local men pledged all the support they could give to Kerby in helping form their own department, which they need as well as Cave City.

### Coming Attractions At Cave City Theater

"Fighting Coward," is the bill for Friday, July 30 at the Cave City theater. It is one of those thrilling pictures where mystery and intrigue hold the audience spell bound.

For Saturday and Sunday the management has booked "Hills of Old Wyoming," with William Boyd as the star.

When Boyd appears in a picture, speed of action and machine gun tempo timing are required in the making of the film.

The picture presents against a sweeping panorama of beautiful western country, a cattle-rustler and ranchers war in which the reservation Indians hold the balance of power. Wm. Boyd as "Hoppy" brings the Indians to the ranchers' aid and leads his combined force in a magnificent mounted dash against the cattle thieves, led by the crooked government agent in charge of the Indian reservation.

### CALIFORNIANS LIKE THE ILLINOIS VALLEY

Wm. Stout and Frank Lukins were guests of O. E. Jones last Tuesday and gave the valley the once over. They took in the Caves and inspected several mines and saw mills.

Both gentlemen are from California and said they would like to stay longer and promised to return soon as they were impressed with the future possibilities of the valley.

### Galeno and Hussey Visit the Governor

Elwood Hussey of Cave City and Fred Galeno of O'Brien made a hurried business trip to Salem the first of the week and had a brief visit with Governor Martin.

The governor, according to the local men, is keeping in close contact with what the people of Southern Oregon are doing and what is being done in our section. He displayed an unusual amount of interest in the chrome ore shipments from the valley, and expressed the hope that in the near future this ore would be processed at Beersville, thereby saving the cost of shipment to the east coast.

Governor Martin stated that he hoped to be able to attend the Miners' Jubilee in September. The visitors left the governor with the impression that if the passage of our section had had as much consideration in Southern Oregon as one government, we would not please much faster, especially in the mining industry.

A resolution was presented to the Utilities commission from the chamber and a petition from the O'Brien people, asking for the extension of the power line to O'Brien.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins of Portland, arrived at their summer home near Bridgeview July 25, where they intend spending their summer vacation as usual.

### Kerby Rod and Gun Club Plant Streams With Trout

H. M. Hayden, president of the Kerby Rod and Gun club, returned today from Bolan lake where he planted 30,000 silver-side fingerlings with the help of two boy scouts. The club has recently planted thousands of fish in Deer creek, Sucker creek and the Illinois river.

Wm. J. McLean planted 50,000 steelheads in the Illinois river the first of the week and then put 25,000 in Deer creek and 25,000 in Sucker creek.

In the near future 25,000 more silver-sides will be planted in Deer creek and 25,000 in Sucker creek and 15,000 more in each of the former lakes.

The following letter was recently received from the Oregon State Game commission which was self explanatory, and shows the splendid work that is being done by the Kerby Rod and Gun club: Mr. Wm. J. McLean, Secretary, Kerby Rod & Gun Club, Kerby, Oregon. Dear Mr. McLean:

In answer to your letter of July 18th, addressed to Mr. Wire, the supervisor, we have allocated to Josephine county, 125,000 Silvers and 500,000 Steelheads. Of these, 50,000 Steelheads go

to the Applegate river, 100,000 Steelheads to the Illinois river and 350,000 Steelheads to the Rogue river. We have no specific liberation point in Josephine county for the Silvers.

We are sorry that we have no Eastern Brook or Loch Leven for you but suggest that you pack some of your Silvers or Steelheads into any land locked lake which you may want to stock.

We are writing our man at the Butte Falls hatchery to notify you before these fish are ready to release. We certainly appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours, Oregon State Game Com.

Mr. Wm. J. McLean, Secretary, Kerby Rod & Gun Club, Kerby, Oregon.

With reference to your request of July 23 in regard to Bolan lake, this matter was taken up at the meeting of the Game commission held last Friday and Saturday.

The Commission decided to close the lake to angling for the remainder of the season. This order will not become effective until 25 days after its passage in-

### ALTHOUSE, KERBY LINE IS CHANGED

The boundary between Althouse and Kerby voting precincts was changed by the county court last week Wednesday to transfer four sections of land from Kerby precinct to Althouse.

The change was made on petition presented by residents of the affected precincts. The transfer places sections 24, 25, 35 and 36 of township 39 south, range 8 west, all in Althouse.

It is an annual duty of the court to name voting precincts at their July meeting, so in these matters no vote is necessary as sometimes is the case in changing school district boundaries.

### NEBRASKANS TO PICNIC SUNDAY IN THE PASS

At a meeting held recently plans were made for the annual picnic of all Nebraskans to be held in the Grants Pass city park, Sunday, August 8th.

A basket lunch is to be held at noon and everyone attending is asked to bring their own table service.

As the Commission cannot make such orders effective immediately except in cases of real emergency. If you will advise us as to the number of closure signs needed, we will be glad to send you a supply.

Yours very truly, Oregon State Game Com.