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## MANASSE'S UP TO DATE STORE

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## ALL-STEEL BOX CARS FOR U. P.

Will Open a New Era in Freight Transportation.

With their own all-steel passenger and postal cars now on the rails, the Omaha shops of the Union Pacific have turned out two sample all-steel box cars from designs of the motive power department. This is another step toward the approaching era of steel rolling stock of all kinds. It leaves to be produced only the all-steel dining car, which calls for no new structural features such as are embodied in other types.

With greater cubic capacity, the all-steel box car weighs only 37,800 pounds, or two tons less than the standard wooden car. Beside the element of greater safety and protection of goods in transit, the steel car has the advantage of requiring less repair than the wooden car, will be out of service less frequently and will give more as well as better service to the carrier and to shippers.

A single 15-inch "I" beam forms the center sill of the car, below the double steel flooring. The sides and ends are of thin steel, riveted every two feet to angle carlins. Each door is a single sheet of steel, reinforced, like the sides and ends of the car, by diagonal bracing.

The only difference in dimensions between the steel and wooden Union Pacific box car is that the steel car is four and a half inches wider and two inches lower. The length, 40 feet, is the same, but the steel car has a greater capacity by 50 cubic feet.

## BRIDGES OF STEEL

Hereafter County Bridges Will Be of This Material.

### SIXTY-FOOT SPAN NEAR TOWN

City Rock Crusher Will Be Set to Work Crushing Rock for Piers and Abutments.

Hereafter all bridges constructed by the county Court of Umatilla County, will be of steel. The spans will rest on stone and concrete abutments and piers.

This is the statement made by County Commissioner Horace Walker, who was in the city Wednesday from Pendleton. Mr. Walker was in company with a member of the company having the contract for putting in the new bridge across Wild Horse creek in the southwest part of town.

This bridge is of steel structure. The span will be sixty feet long, clearing the creek without piers and will rest on stone and concrete abutments. The absence of piers in the middle of the stream will obviate all danger of damage from floods, for the reason that the water will have free and unobstructive passage under the bridge, it being impossible for drift wood and other debris to collect against the bridge.

While here the county commissioner partially made arrangements for crushed rock to be furnished by the city plant for use in the abutment work. The bridge company will require about 25 yards of crushed rock, the county desires to purchase 30 or 40 yards and the city requires a number of yards for repair work on the streets. Chet McCollough is figuring on the work and when the big crusher starts in, about 100 yards of rock will be run through the machine.

The steel and cement has arrived and so soon as the crushed rock can be obtained the company will be ready to proceed with the work. Laborers are scarce at the present time and it may be several days before the rock can be crushed.

## GIVES LIFE PRISONER A HOME

Moses Taylor Intercedes With Governor For Freedom of Old Man.

A little story of deep human interest in which Moses Taylor, the pioneer citizen of Weston, plays a prominent part, has just come to light says the Oregonian.

While serving a sentence in the penitentiary Mr. Taylor met and became a friend of Henry Witzingerode, of Washington county, who was serving a life sentence for killing a man in 1880. "Dutch Henry," as Witzingerode was called, had served 27 years of his sentence and was growing old and feeble and was suffering from an enormous goitre on his neck.

Mr. Taylor took compassion upon his fellow prisoner and upon Mr. Taylor's release from the penitentiary a few days ago, he at once interceded for "Dutch Henry," promising to bring the old German to his Weston home for the remainder of his life if Governor Chamberlain would pardon him.

When Taylor returned to his home north of this city Tuesday he had "Dutch Henry" with him, and for the balance of his life the old fellow will have a good home.

The safe, certain, reliable little pills that do not gripe or sicken are Dade's Little Liver Pills. Best for sick headaches, biliousness and lazy livers. Pioneer Drug Store.

## A VERY IMPORTANT DECISION

Holders of Allotments Amenable to State Laws as to Courtesy and Dower.

By a decision rendered in the United States circuit court of Portland by Federal Judge Wolverton, the rights of courtesy and dower are held to attach to reservations upon which lands have been allotted by the general government. The question of dower was raised in the case of Sarah Wheeler against the government, while the right of courtesy was involved in the Fair case, pending from this place.

The effect of the decision just rendered says the East Oregonian is that the same laws regarding dower and courtesy rights that exist also apply to those holding allotments on reservations. Under the laws of Oregon a husband, by reason of his right of courtesy, has a life interest in all of the real property left by his wife. A wife, through her dower right, has a life interest in one-half of the real property left by her husband.

The question decided by Judge Wolverton is one that has long been in doubt and has been of great importance here by reason of the fact that the right to much land upon the Umatilla reservation has been in doubt pending the decision.

Aside from the two cases upon which decisions were given, there are a number of other similar cases pending while numerous others could be brought from the Umatilla reservation. As a result of the decision, white men having deceased Indian wives will obtain life interest in the allotments held by the latter during their lifetimes, while Indian widows, through the dower right, will have a life interest in one-half the real property left by their deceased allottee husbands.

The question of whether or not the rights of dower and courtesy obtain upon reservations was raised through the fact that in the federal law regarding allotments the lands of a deceased allottee shall descend in accordance with the laws of the state in which the reservation is located. As nothing is stated regarding dower and courtesy rights it has been held by attorneys opposing those rights that they did not exist here and that lands left by dead Indians fall to the heirs of the departed. However, Judge Wolverton's decision has been adverse to that contention.

## ANOTHER BLUE LEDGE DEPOSIT

Huge Gold and Copper Lode on Ridge Between Rogue and Umpqua.

The uncovering of a huge body of ore carrying high values in copper and gold in a district hitherto unexplored, is receiving much attention from mining men in the Grants Pass section. The new copper lode, or belt, is on Elk creek and on the divide between the Rogue and Umpqua rivers at an elevation of from 3,500 to 4,000 feet. The district is 40 miles from the Southern Pacific railroad and 12 miles from the Mefford & Crater Lake railroad, now under construction. At present the district is reached by wagon road from Riddies, Douglas county.

Several strikes have been made on the big lode and some 30 or 40 claims have been located. The general direction of the belt is north and south. The main ore body has a width at all exposed points of from 15 to 20 feet. The ore gives test values of from 3 to 8 per cent copper and from \$2 to \$12 a ton in gold.

The claims are in the hands of competent mining men, among them being Dr. J. F. Reddy of Mefford, who will secure ample capital to fully develop the properties. It is believed that another "Blue Ledge" will be opened up, as the showing on the Elk creek claims is said to be better than was the original showing of the Blue Ledge. The two districts are quite similar and the character of the ore identical.

## AFTER MORE POWER

Walla Walla Company After Umatilla River Site.

### MAY MEAN EXTENSION OF LINE

Power Site Owned by Weston Men is Valuable But Has Never Yet Been Utilized.

A Walla Walla special says: Color is given to the story that the Walla Walla Valley Traction company has under consideration the extension of its interurban line now in operation between Walla Walla, Freewater and Milton, to Weston, and eventually to Pendleton, by the fact that another significant move on the part of this company has just come to light.

It is now learned from what is considered reliable sources at Weston that the Walla Walla Valley Traction company is negotiating for the purchase of the Umatilla Electric Light & Power company, of which Robert Jamieson is the president. The point on the Umatilla river where it is proposed to locate the plant is about 14 miles south of Weston, where there is a fall in the river sufficient to develop several thousand horse power within a distance of about three miles.

The Weston company was formed several years ago with a view of utilizing the power for electric lighting and power purposes, but since the completion of the Northwestern electric plant on the Walla Walla river, the power from which is distributed through practically all the towns along the line between Walla Walla and Pendleton, it is considered cheaper to lease from the Northwestern than to own and operate a rival plant. And with the extension of its railroad line to Wallula and Pendleton the Northwestern, owner of the latter, will need the additional power available here, which would serve as a convenient feeder to its main line.

## CANADA PUTS UP HER POSTAGE

American Literature Is Rankly Discriminated Against.

The existing postal treaty between Canada and the United States expired by limitation at midnight Tuesday, the Dominion government having notified the Washington authorities of its desire to have the treaty abrogated. All efforts on the part of the United States to have the treaty renewed have failed and Canada will put into effect the new postal rates already decided upon.

Second class mail matter, including newspapers, magazines and books, is the only matter that will be affected by the change. On this class of matter coming from the United States, Canada will advance the rate from 1 to 4 cents a pound. The effect will be according to all expectations that the circulation of American newspapers and magazines in the Dominion will be considerably cut down. The principal reason advanced by Canada for the increase in rates is that the old rates were of far more benefit to the United States than to Canada as the circulation of American publications in Canada was far in excess of that of Canadian publications in the United States.

The real cause for the change, however, is probably to be found in the loud and continued protest of Canadian merchants that the advertisements of American merchants in the magazines and newspapers so freely circulated on this side of the border resulted in taking vast sums of money out of the pockets of Canadians and putting it into the pockets of merchants in the United States to the consequent loss of Canadian merchants.

### Times and Prices Compared.

Think of the range horses which were sold in eastern Oregon 10 years ago for \$5 to \$7 per head, and then think of teams selling in this city at \$450. If the young man of 10 years ago had been wise enough to have kept his old mares until today, the increase would have made him rich. The time to stay with a business is when everybody else is trying to get out of it. Such was the case with the horse business and cattle business.—Burns Times Herald.

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## BRAKEMAN JOHNSON UNDER THE WHEELS

Early this morning while a special train on the W. & C. R. was setting out cars at Hillsdale, J. E. Johnson, but recently discharged from the United States regular army at Walla Walla, and who was making his second trip as a brakeman, fell under the wheels of a gondola car and had both legs ground to a pulp. His schooling in the army served the young man well in his terrible injury and when the trainmen reached his side after becoming aware of his absence, he had torn his suspenders from his back and used them to bind his limbs to stay the flow of blood.

The injured man was at once placed in the caboose and hurried to this city. Drs. Sharp and Plamondon were

called and did all they could to stop the flow of blood, Dr. Plamondon accompanying the injured man to Pendleton. Johnson was conscious when the train left here for Pendleton where he died shortly after reaching that place. He has relatives in Walla Walla and Nebraska. When found by his train mates he gave directions as to how they should lift him and place him in the caboose, and on arrival here simply requested the doctors to give him something to make him sleep. The right leg was ground to a pulp up to the knee, making amputation necessary at the thigh. Of the left foot and upward, above the ankle, nothing remained but mashed flesh and particles of bone.

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