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NEW TURBINE PUMP

Installation of Modern Equipment, Including Electric Motor, Will Take Place of Steam Plant.

A. D. Daly, representing Fairbanks-Morse company, is in the city this week for the purpose of installing the new pumping system, purchased from his company some months ago, and which for various reasons has been delayed in arrival.

The new equipment which is to replace the present steam plant consists of a Byron-Jackson turbine pump capacity 350 gallons per minute under 320 foot head at reservoir. The motive power will be electric, furnished by a 50 horse power Fairbanks-Morse motor. The motor is of the 3-phase variety and carries 2200 volts.

It was necessary to make alterations in the brick pump building before the new machinery could be installed and workmen were employed for that purpose by the water commission.

It will take the greater part of next week to install the new pump and motor.

The power will be transmitted from the electric transformer station at the Preston-Parton mill, poles and wires for that purpose having been strung this week.

SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT

Umatilla and Morrow Counties to Have Chicken Show.

The poultry fanciers of Umatilla and Morrow counties will have a chicken show and Pendleton will be the scene of the first event, which is set for some time in January, says the Tribune.

This is the result of a meeting of a few of the poultrymen held in the Commercial club rooms Thursday evening at which much enthusiasm was manifested, and a permanent organization effected. D. C. Gurdane was elected president, Edgar F. Averill secretary and R. Alexander treasurer. The dues for membership were placed at one dollar and every resident of the two counties will be eligible to membership whether a chicken breeder or not, but special offers will be made to interest all the chicken men in the two counties. The name of the organization is to be the Umatilla-Morrow county poultry association.

An effort will be made to have a three days' show in that city in January and a premium list will be put out offering prizes large enough to attract chicken fanciers from all over the country.

Swaggart's Prize Stock.

The most extensive and best individual stock exhibit at the Pendleton fair was A. L. Swaggart's herd of thoroughbred Poland China hogs. As usual Mr. Swaggart carried off the ribbons and sold a number of the prize winners at good prices. His premiums were for first and second for best pig under six months old; first on boar one year old and over; first and second on boar under one year; first and second on sow six months old; first and second on sow one year old; first on sow of any age with not less than six pigs. Mr. Swaggart is exhibiting his stock at Walla Walla this week.

A Splendid Attraction Coming.

Commencing next Monday night, October 11th, the Eckhart company supporting Miss Josephine Deffry in an excellent selection of high-class plays comes to the Opera House in this city for an engagement of three nights. The first night's offering will be "The Captain and the Lady," and if you fail to see it you will have missed a wonderful performance of a very interesting comedy. It is one of the distinguished and immediate successes

which swept into favor. It will be the first time this brilliant comedy has been seen in this city. There is a succession of psychological surprises, an intense undercurrent that keeps one quite apart from the delight in the scorching satire, the double edged humor in the sparkling lines. Judging from conventional dramatic standards, as it is written in the recognized key of pure comedy, is one of the best of modern times. The play will be beautifully mounted and the most magnificently acted yet attempted by Mr. Eckhart's splendid company. The gowns worn by Miss Josephine Deffry and Miss Georgia Nichols are the handsomest and richest ever seen on the stage and are said to be wonderful creations. Prices, 25, 35, and 50 cents. Reserved seats now on sale at Dell Bros.

POPULAR YOUNG PEOPLE WED

Miss Piper and Mr. Morrison Married at Sand Hollow.

A very pretty wedding took place at 4 o'clock Sunday, October 3, 1909, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Piper, at Sand Hollow when the Rev. Meidrum of Pendleton united in wedlock their eldest daughter, Miss Dolly Piper, with Mr. Fred Morrison.

The home was very prettily decorated for the occasion, the wedding taking place beneath an archway of green and roses. The couple were attended by Misses Ella Piper and Lorene Matlock, and Messrs. Frank Smith and George Piper, the bride being gowned in white net over silk and carrying white rose buds. The groom wore the conventional black.

After the ceremony refreshments were served the guests and the couple left for their future home west of Helix, amid the good wishes of the assembled friends and relatives.

The names of the wedding guests follow: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Piper, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Piper, Misses Phyllis Gladys, and Ella Piper, Miss Lorene Matlock, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Potts and son, Mr. and Mrs. John Wyrick and son, Mrs. Ed Rush and son, Mrs. Frank Myers, Mrs. Wyrick, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kistler, Miss Payla Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmitt, Miss Manasse, Messrs. Edgar Norvell, Grover Temple, Frank Smith, Wm. and George Piper.

32,000 ACRES TIMBER BURNED

Awful Loss to One of Washingtons Principal Industries.

Approximately 32,000 acres of timber land was burned over by forest fires during the last summer in Western Washington, according to fires compiled by D. P. Simons, chief fire warden of the Washington Forest Fire association. Of the 32,918 acres 1,029 were covered with green timber. It is estimated that a total of 51,450,000 feet of timber were destroyed.

Mr. Simons places the loss of sawmills, logging equipment and down timber at approximately \$500,000.

The last summer was the most disastrous in years in Western Washington. Practically no rain fell from the first of June to September 20, and instead of calling in the fire fighters early in September, the association was compelled to maintain patrols until the recent rains.

The cost to the association of fighting forest fires was \$45,000. In addition to this the state fire warden had \$23,000 available for the use of his forces.

All Must Stand Trial

The Portland Telegram says that J. H. Raley, a Pendleton attorney, and his codefendants in the indictments brought against him by the United States grand jury, will have to stand trial on the counts as set forth in the original document filed by the inquisitorial tribunal. Judge Wolverton overruled the demurrer to the indictments. In doing so he reviewed the arguments advanced by the attorneys for Raley and Crow, to the effect that the charges of the government were not sufficiently specific and held out that the language of the accusations defined clearly enough for all legal purposes what offenses would be presented on trial. These cases are the result of what is alleged by the government prosecutor to have been a conspiracy on the part of the defendants to improperly acquire some of the land that was thrown open for entry at the time the Umatilla reservation allotment was made.

McManus' "Appleburg."

John P. McManus, the Pilot Rock Record man didn't look a bit out of kilter presiding over his "Appleburg" booth at the Pendleton fair. "Mc" is not much of a speller but in a quiet way he has convinced hundreds of people that he has a good thing to offer in his acre tracts out at the Beck. His display of fruits and vegetables showed what water will do for his section of the best country on earth.

NEW GRAIN RATES

Oregon Commission Orders O. R. & N. to Cut—Rates Will Go Into Effect October 20.

Grain rates between Portland and points on the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company's lines have been ordered reduced by the Oregon railroad commission. This reduction, which averages about 12 1-2 per cent of the rates now in force, will go into effect October 20, unless contested by the railroad company. In view of the recent order of the Washington commission similarly affecting train rates on the Northern Pacific, it is expected that the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company will submit to the reduction.

Freight for hauling grain from points in eastern Oregon to tidewater at Portland over the Oregon Railroad & Navigation lines last year amounted to \$634,000. If the order of the commission made today goes into effect October 20, it will save the grain growers of eastern Oregon about \$80,000 this year, as heavy grain shipments have not yet commenced.

No reduction is made to points west of Tumwater or the Celilo Falls. The following table showing the old rates and new rates, gives a good idea of the importance of the order:

Between Portland and—	New rate per 100	Old rate per 100
Biggs	9 3/4	10 1/4
Echo	13 3/4	15 3/4
Pendleton	13 3/4	15 3/4
La Grande	17 1-2	19 3/4
North Powder	18 3/4	20 3/4
Huntington	20 3/4	22 3/4

To all points on the Pendleton branch, which extends toward the Washington boundary, the reduction is from 15 3/4 cents per 100 pounds to Portland. The first three stops on the Elgin branch show a reduction of from 19 1/4 to 17 3/4 cents, and to the other points on the same branch from 19 1/4 to 19 cents per hundred pounds. To Heppner, Condon and Shaniko the reduction is from 18 to 16 cents, on the Pilot Rock branch from 20 3/4 to 17 3/4 cents per 100 pounds. The last reduction is the heaviest made in today's order and amounts to 3 cents, or nearly 14 per cent of the old rate.

Hearings by which the evidence was gathered have been held in eastern Oregon, in Portland and in Salem. Numerous witnesses were examined both on behalf of the commission and the railroad company.

The order affects not only wheat, but all other grains, including oats, rye, barley, flaxseed, buckwheat, screenings, corn, malt, flour and mill feed in catload lots, shipped from any point on the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company's line east of Tumwater to St. Johns, East Portland, Albina, Maegly Junction and Stockdale.

THE JUVENILE BOSTONIANS

"Berta's Billion" Opera House Saturday Evening October 9th.

It is with pleasure Manager S. L. Spencer, under the auspices of the Commercial club announces the appearance of the famous Juvenile Bostonians for one night Saturday, October 9.

This organization of clever girls needs no introduction to amusement seekers of Athena. It might be added they are a little older but a little better. Their appearance at this time after an absence of over two years, should be heralded with much joy as no organization ever playing the West ever afforded more wholesome fun and amusement to young and old than did these clever children. Babe Mason, the shining star of the company, has again been secured and will more than delight her auditors with her funny songs and comic antics. The tinkling music and catchy songs which are heard on the streets for many days after have invariably been furnished by this company and among the bright sparkling numbers to be offered this time are "Whistle If You Want Me Dear," "Hello People," "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now," "How Did the Bird Know That," "The Boogie O-o-gie Man," "Everybody Knows It's There," also the famous Moon Beam Quartette, and Edith McClaire, the yodler, will render some new and most pleasing numbers with appropriate effects and costumes. The scenic investitures and light effects used, will prove a revelation to theatre-goers, and as the Juvenile Bostonians have in the past played to capacity houses, it might be a good suggestion to advise securing seats at an early date.

Reception to New Pastor.

Monday evening the auditorium of the M. E. Church was the scene of a most happy gathering, when the members of the church and their friends assembled to welcome the new pastor, Rev. A. O. Hammond and his wife, recently arrived from Michigan. The address of welcome was made in happy vein by Rev. H. E. Ryder, and responded to most feelingly by Rev. Ham-

mond, who expressed himself as most favorably impressed with his new charge and the west in general. Short addresses were made by E. B. Harris of the Christian church, and Mr. H. Beverly. A substantial lunch was served in the dining room by the ladies of the church.

Bell-McPherrin.

Saturday at 2:30, Miss Edna McPherrin and Mr. Allen Bell of this city were united in wedlock, Justice Joe Parkes, of Pendleton, performing the ceremony in his office in that city. The bride and groom were attended by Miss Gertie Luna and Mr. Charles Brown. The wedding party returned to Athena Sunday evening, where the new wedded pair received the congratulations of many friends. They will make their home in this vicinity.

MUST PUT ON A LOCAL TRAIN

Railroad Commission Orders Mandamus Proceedings

District Attorney G. W. Phelps of Umatilla county, has been instructed by the railroad commission to institute mandamus proceedings in the circuit court for Umatilla county to compel the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company to comply with the order of the railroad commission directing that the local train service between Portland and Pendleton that has been abandoned be again inaugurated.

The instructions were given the district attorney as the result of the agitation for better service started by Judge Stephen A. Lowell of Pendleton, and because the commission believes that the railroad company has not been maintaining a service that is adequate and in compliance with the order of the commission.

The order referred to was made by the commission in September, 1907. In compliance with it the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company put on a local train between Portland and Pendleton but the service was changed May 16, 1909, and the train operated as an interstate train between Salt Lake City and Portland.

"The commission does not consider that the present service complies with the order," reads the instructions mailed to Mr. Phelps, "and as there have been numerous complaints coming to us the commission has decided that proceedings in mandamus be instituted as perhaps the most expeditious method of remedying the situation."

The East Oregonian says the Pendleton-Portland local train is to be re-established, probably next Monday morning and before the fifteenth of this month, sure. This was the statement made by Arthur C. Spence, attorney for the O. R. & N. company. Spencer says the arrangements for this train were made several days ago and that the state railroad commission was aware of this fact when it issued instructions to District Attorney Phelps, Saturday, to bring mandamus proceedings to compel the railroad company to put on this train.

Press Auto Goes Through.

The Philadelphia Press courier, carrying a message to Seattle by relay auto, passed through Athena Monday evening at 5:40. Walter McCormack in a Franklin drove the messenger from La Grande to Walla Walla in four and a quarter hours via Pendleton. The object of the relay is, as the Press claims, to determine the use of an auto in time of war. It sets up the hypothesis that the country west of the Mississippi is in the hands of the enemy, who control the railroad, telegraph and telephone lines. It is necessary to send a message across the continent and the automobile is chosen as the means.

Six Bits Grows to Fortune.

With 75 cents, an ax, a grub hoe, a large family and lots of grit and confidence J. G. Peters, a prominent fruit raiser began work six years ago in his 95-acre ranch near Wenatchee. Since that time they have grubbed sagebrush, planted orchards, raised vegetables, and today, with 2500 apple trees of the best commercial varieties bearing, Mr. Peters is reaping his reward. Spitznberg, Jonathan and Staymen Wineap trees are heavily laden, many of them yielding five and six boxes to the tree. His income this year will be several thousand dollars.

Hung Jury

The jury in the Morse horse-stealing case failed to agree after being out 18 hours, and was discharged by Judge Bean Saturday afternoon. It is impossible to determine definitely how the vote stood, and on which points the jury failed to agree, but it is reported that six of the jurymen stood for conviction and six for acquittal.

No Car Shortage this Fall.

James J. Hill chairman of the Great Northern board has decided that there would be a car shortage this fall for the crop movement. Mr. Hill announced plans for the construction of the Oregon Trunk line, to be built up the Deschutes river. How far the road would be extended he said had not been determined.