

HILL'S LINE TO BUILD ON SOUTH

Great Northern and Western Pacific Will Construct 228 Miles of Road.

Washington.—The Great Northern and the Western Pacific railroads were authorized Friday to build 228 miles of new construction connecting their systems between Klamath Falls, Or., and Keddie, Cal.

The decision, announced by the interstate commerce commission, culminates one of the longest drawn and bitter legal battles in the history of Western railroading and assures the San Francisco Bay region of a second great transcontinental rail link with the East.

Virtually every prominent railroad official and counsel in the West was assembled last fall at San Francisco when the Great Northern-Western Pacific application was presented in a 10-day hearing before Commissioner Charles D. Mahaffie.

Under estimates presented to the commission, new construction would cost the Western Pacific \$10,066,176 and the Great Northern \$3,570,620, a total for the entire project of \$14,936,796.

"Compared with the benefits which will accrue to the people of the West and Northwest through establishment of new competitive routes, cumulating the interchange of products, the advantage of a diversified car supply, additional passenger service and the development of the local territory the moderate capital outlay here proposed seems amply justified," the commission concluded.

Under the authorization the Great Northern will construct 80 miles of the new road from Klamath Falls, Or., south to Bieber, Cal., and the Western Pacific would build 112 miles north from Keddie, Cal., to Bieber.

The two roads jointly would construct a 36-mile branch extending from Lookout to Hambone, Cal.

The principal importance of the new line, the commission stated in its findings, is a bridge or connecting link between the systems. The new line would give to Klamath Falls shippers the advantage of competition to the South, which they do not now enjoy, the commission stated. The only material diversion of traffic from the Southern Pacific between Klamath Falls and Keddie would be lumber at Westwood, estimated at some 4000 carloads, the first year, the commission said.

Prizes Awarded Cougar Hunters Who Destroyed 341 Big Cats In Year

Salem.—By killing a total of 20 cougar during the twelve months ending June 1, Bud Kintzley of Fall Creek, Lane county, won \$175 in cash offered by the state game commission and won for himself the title of "champion cougar hunter of Oregon." George W. Ramsey of Estacada and Tony Erlebach of Tillamook each accounted for 17 of the "big cats" and are tied for second and third prizes of \$125 and \$100 respectively. It is probable that the game commission will give each \$112.50. For fourth and fifth prizes of \$60 and \$40 four men are tied with kills of 12 cougar each. They are Charles H. Erwin of Hoaglin, Gard Sawyers of Elkton, William Clark of Oak Ridge, and Harry Wright of Glide.

During the contest period a total of 341 cougar were accounted for in all sections of the state. This exceeds by a considerable figure the record of any previous year. There is a state bounty of \$25 on each cougar killed in Oregon woods, but to inspire hunters to increased activity and thus aid in the protection of deer the commission offered, more than a year ago, prizes totalling \$500 to be distributed among the five leading hunters. By the activity which followed the offerings of the prizes it is safe to say that several hundred deer were saved. A cougar is said to account for the killing of at least one deer a week throughout each year, and makes greater inroads among deer than do hunters during open season.

Harold Clifford, state game warden, is pleased with the results of the contest and intends to recommend to the commission that a similar contest be held over the coming twelve month period.

Nine At Poker, In Jail

During a little poker game in Joseph Gorman's room on Maypole avenue, Chicago, one of the players held four jacks and an ace, while a comrade held four aces and a jack. The net result was bluff! Bingo! Sock! And nine poker players are now in jail. Nobody has explained how five aces and five jacks came into the same deck, but the general opinion is that, since it was a gentleman's game, the playing card company must have made a mistake.

Require Fire Permits

Effective until September 30, campers in the Umatilla national forest must be provided with fire permits, according to word issued from the central office at Pendleton. The permits, good for 10-day periods, are issued by rangers and other members of the forest service.

Northwest Flora Fast Disappearing Says An Oregon State Botanist

Oregon State College.—While the average citizen is demanding beauty of line and color in almost everything from cars to kitchen kettles, he is still ruthlessly and thoughtlessly destroying the wild flowers and shrubs that give beauty to his surroundings.

If the camper and tourist continue to dig up, carry away or destroy the natural flora at the rate they have been doing, it will be but a few years, according to Dr. Helen Gilkey, botanist of Oregon State college, until many of the most beautiful native flowers and shrubs of Oregon and the Northwest will be extinct. This, Dr. Gilkey says, has already happened in most of the eastern states.

"The need of immediate action to preserve for future generations such necessities as fuel, building materials, food and power is startlingly evident probably to the majority of citizens," says Dr. Gilkey, "but to the maintenance of those things which have no strictly economic value, most of us have still given little thought."

"The automobile and the general exodus to the country on Sundays and other holidays has proved a temporary menace of great proportions to our native flora. Places formerly inaccessible have been opened up, and thoughtless flower-lovers strip the woods and roadsides of blossoms and shrubbery.

The rarer and more sensitive plants have retreated before civilization—so-called—and in many cases are making their last stand. The next few years may determine their fates."

Some of the outstanding examples of flowers and shrubs once abundant but now permanently gone or fast disappearing from Oregon fields and forests according to Dr. Gilkey, are the small pink orchid called fairy or angel slipper, the Cascade lily, now extinct, and the Trillium or wood lilies which are destroyed, not by removing the roots, but by taking the leaves with the flower so that no food is manufactured and stored for the next year. The rhododendrons are another notable example of wholesale and thoughtless destruction, and there are many others.

A Hatch of Ostriches Is Expected On July 30

If everything goes as it is planned, the Walla Walla valley will have its first crop of ostriches in just 42 days, says the Walla Walla Bulletin.

N. J. Van Skyke, Clyde Harris and Dette Harris, owners of the Vigor Bilt Poultry farm at Freewater, Thursday morning received a "setting" of six ostrich eggs from the Cavston Ostrich farm of Pasadena, Cal., and already one of the big electric incubators at the Vigor Bilt farm is busy with the eggs. The period of incubation on these eggs is 42 days which makes the tentative "hatchday" for the valley's first brood of ostriches July 30.

Just what the owners of ostrich eggs plan to do with them in case they are converted into two-legged birds with plumes and an appetite for old hardware, has not been announced.

Union Gains; Others Decline

Figures released on three counties by Supervisor McIntyre show that Union county gained 386 people in the last decade. The population for 1930 is 17,472 compared to 16,636 for 1920. It is apparent that this gain was made in LaGrande which showed an increase of more than 1100 while other sections declined. Umatilla county showed a decrease of 1447 with a 1930 population of 24,499 compared to 25,946 for 1920. Wallawa county lost 1998 people with a population of 7780 for 1930 compared to 9778 for 1920.

Marriage Licenses Issued

Marriage licenses were issued by the county clerk's office Friday to Thayer Byington, 20 of Cayuse, and Marian Helm Floate, 17, of Pendleton. Nykee English, 24, of Pendleton, and Dorothy Pauline Becker, 17, of Pendleton. Fred W. P. Miethe, legal, of Salt Lake, and Beulah Vesta Hittle, legal, of Freewater.

Fewer Hogs Raised

H. J. Stillings, who has been handling most of the livestock shipments of the community for the past fifteen years, says there are fewer hogs being raised in this shipping district than at any time during this period.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

"Living Letters," will be the pulpit topic Sunday morning. The evening service will be of a patriotic nature, when the pastor will speak of "The Birth of a Nation." There will be patriotic music. Attendance at the Bible school is in the seventies. Come on, let's "hold that line."

New Congregation Edifice

The cornerstone for a new \$50,000 Congregational church was laid in Walla Walla Sunday, following special services. The stone, which came from England to Portland as ship ballast was a footing for the gravestone of Ransom Clark who was buried in Portland in 1850, was laid by the oldest member of the Walla Walla church, Miss Anna Hill.

S. P. Will Not Appeal

Paul Shoup, president of the Southern Pacific, announced his railroad would not appeal from the Interstate Commerce Commission ruling granting the application of the Great Northern for permission to connect with the Western Pacific in northern California.

Two Women Arrested

Two women were arrested at Pendleton Saturday, charged with passing bad checks. The women driving a car bearing an Idaho license, passed the check at the Bruce Ellis service station.

PENITENTIARY HOLDS 48 LIQUOR VENDERS

Report That Prohibition Is Flooding Institution Un-supported By Facts.

A Salem special to the Oregonian says that reports circulated throughout the state that the congested condition at the Oregon state penitentiary were due to liquor law violations were set at rest when Henry Meyers, superintendent, made public a report showing that only 47 of the 901 prisoners now in the institution are serving terms for infractions of the prohibition statutes.

The report shows that the largest number of prisoners in the penitentiary are serving terms for larceny, with burglary a close second. There are a total of 165 men and women incarcerated for larceny, while 108 prisoners are serving terms for burglary. In 85 cases commitments were received for assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon. Eighty-four prisoners are serving terms for statutory offenses, while 97 men were received at the prison on charges of forgery.

While liquor law violations apparently receive wider publicity than other crimes at the present time, the prison records show that 78 men are serving terms for murder, which is nearly twice the number of persons in the penitentiary for prohibition law infractions. Eighteen men were committed for manslaughter. A total of 32 men and women are serving terms for obtaining money by false pretenses. Prisoners committed under the statutes regulating perversion number 12.

There are 22 men incarcerated for the crime of assault while armed with a dangerous weapon, and 10 for assault with intent to kill. Six men are serving terms for arson. In 39 cases commitments were received for assault to rob. Two men are serving terms of perjury, 2 for polygamy and 6 for robbery. There were 7 commitments for receiving stolen property, 2 for obtaining goods under false pretenses and 3 for kidnapping.

Robbery by force, not being armed with a dangerous weapon, resulted in 8 commitments. Two men are serving terms for assault of an officer and 2 for attempted burglary.

The following summary shows the total number of prisoners in the state penitentiary, together with the number committed for various offenses: Assault, 2; assault of officer, 1; assault of officer in attempt to escape, 2; assault, being armed with a dangerous weapon, 22; assault with intent to kill, 10; assault in connection with statutory offense, 14; assault to rob, 39; assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon, 85; attempted forgery, 1; attempted burglary, 2; crime against nature, 2; attempt to commit statutory offense, 3; arson, 6; aiding and assisting in attempt to escape, 1; burglary, 198; destruction of property, 1.

Forgery, 97; having revolver, being unlicensed, 1; having concealed firearms and having previously been convicted of a felony, 1; incest, 3; kidnapping, 3; liquor law violations, 47; larceny, 165; manslaughter, 18; murder, 78; forging prescription for narcotics, 1; non-support, 3; obtaining letter from postoffice addressed to another person, 1; obtaining goods by false pretenses, 2; obtaining money by false pretenses, 32; obtaining property by false pretenses, 6; perjury, 2; polygamy, 6; robbery, 6; robbery by force, not being armed with dangerous weapon, 8; robbery by fear, 2; statutory offenses, 84; receiving stolen property, 7.

Selling morphine, 1; taking girl under 16 for marriage without consent of parents, 1; taking and using automobile without consent of owner, 2; threatening to commit felony, 1; willfully applying funds of state bank, 1; perversion, 12; seduction, 1. Other crimes, involving offenses, number 6.

The report showed that the Oregon penitentiary now has the largest population in its history. Based on the number of commitments received during the past year, officials estimated that the population of the prison would exceed 1000 before February 1 of next year.

Lamb Killing Bear Dispatched

The East Oregonian reports that Stoney Maef, hunter for Smythe Brothers, reported to the office in Pendleton that he had killed a big brown bear after the animal had destroyed six lambs in the mountains in the vicinity of Goodman ridge in Umatilla forest. The bear dogs were called out and one of them was badly chewed in the fracas with the bear.

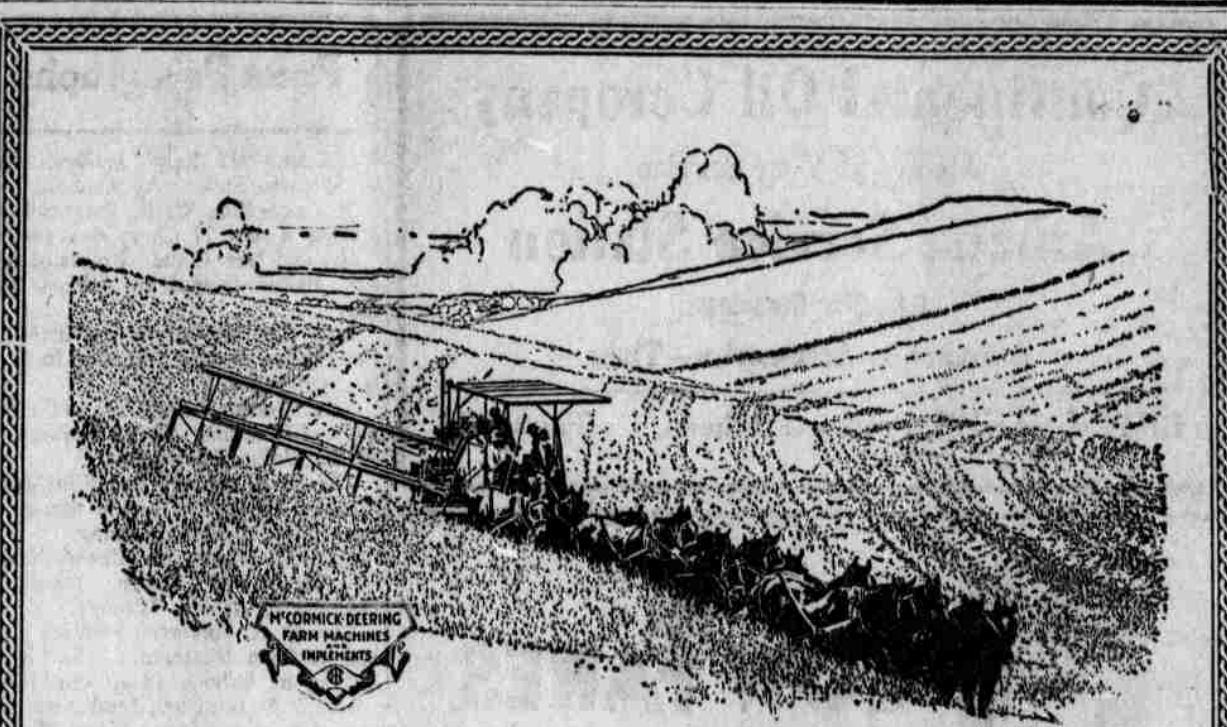
Cherry Harvest Over

The cherry harvest is almost over in the Milton-Freewater district and as far as past seasons go the crop has been one of the lightest in many years. For several days Bings and Lamberts have been bringing only six and eight cents a pound to the grower. The crop this year showed a greater number of culls than other years also.

Circulator In Limbo

Robert E. Dennis, 31, a petition circulator, who had been employed by the Oregon State Grange to circulate initiative petitions for the "people's water and power utility district constitutional amendment" is in jail at Portland, charged with violating the state election laws by writing in a name other than his own on an initiative petition.

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We Golf and Drink To Excess Says Doc

Spokane.—Golf is harmful and alcoholic liquor has its benefits, Dr. William Muhlberg, Cincinnati, president of the association of the insurance medical department, believes.

Speaking here, Dr. Muhlberg said: "The average man who plays golf goes out to the course, dubs a shot, gets mad, tears his hair, maybe throws his club away or breaks it up, and as a result, increases his blood pressure. Instead of playing the game for the enjoyment of it, he bets so much a hole, strives to beat his opponent, often plays more holes than he should and over exerts himself.

The average American, he said, does not know the meaning of repose. He worries about business, frets because his neighbor's car is better than his, and instead of resting in his leisure time, he spends it worrying, dashing madly somewhere in his car, or in some form of violent competitive exercise.

"A little bit of alcohol is good for mankind, we find," he asserted. "It soothes the nerves and makes his outlook on life brighter. The Italian gets good from his wine, and the German from his beer, but the American gets little but harm because the average American drinks as he does everything else—to excess."

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