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Rail - Highway Engineers Will Tunnel Mountain

Engineers of the O. W. R. & N. Co. and the state highway department have agreed upon joint action in an attempt to stop a sliding action of the mountainside east of Mosier.

The rail line contemplates driving shafts and boring tunnels just east of Mosier, where the action of subterranean streams causes a constantly settling and shifting of the earth's surface over a considerable area. The tunnels, similar to those constructed west of Cascade Locks, where the rail line had to fight these same conditions, will control the underground flow of water, it is expected.

It is stated that the rail company had already expended \$7000 in building retaining walls and driving piling in a vain effort to prevent the slide. The Columbia highway, since its construction in 1921, has sunk six feet for a length of 500 feet, and maintenance crews find it necessary constantly to fill in the grade.

Fifteen and a half million feet of government timber in Coos county, tributary to Coos bay, was sold at Roseburg in four separate lots. The four tracts, all of which were O. & C. grant lands, carried 4,000,000 feet of Port Orford cedar, which sold for \$7 per 1000 feet.

Confident that the petition to the interstate commerce commission for permission to build a road from Sprague river east to Lakeview will be granted, the Oregon-California & Eastern Railroad company has ordered a survey and location of this projected extension.

Governor Pierce, at the request of a large number of water users in the Hood River district, ordered the attorney general to intervene, in a suit involving certain water rights which is to be appealed to the United States supreme court by the Pacific Power & Light company.

A full-grown coyote walked through the business section of Canby and then went back to the timber unharmed. Coyotes have become quite numerous in the section and because of this fact the Union Hill farmers have organized a "coyote club" with a view to exterminating the pests.

Oregon received \$1,450,000 for improvement and maintenance of its rivers and harbors during the fiscal year beginning July 1, according to allocations of funds made by the board of army engineers. Allotments are as follows: Columbia and Willamette rivers between Portland and Vancouver, \$683,000; Columbia river and tributaries above Celilo falls, \$6000; Coquille river, \$16,000; Coos bay, \$750,000; Coos river, \$3000; Clatskanie river, \$7200; Willamette river, above Portland and Yamhill river, \$17,400.

BILL THE BARBER SAYS

MANY BOOTLEGGERS ARE SLOWLY BEING WON TO PROHIBITION. THEY ARE ADDING MORE WATER TO EACH BOTTLE.

Crooked River Bridge To Be Wonder View Point

The construction of a bridge across the deep Crooked river canyon on the California highway was authorized recently by the state highway commission. In uniqueness the bridge will rival the Oregon Trunk railroad bridge and will be located a short distance above that world famed structure. It will be about 349 feet high and about the same distance in length, each bridge end resting on the canyon natural rock wall for support with no supporting central piers. Including approaches and the building of new road grade to the bridge from the highway, the cost is estimated to be approximately \$180,000. When completed the bridge will eliminate what is now a dangerous grade in getting into and out of the canyon.

F. E. Fagan, wife and daughter Florence motored to The Dalles from Woodburn on Tuesday, from which place Mrs. Fagan and daughter continued by stage to Moro where she visited with her parents, A. M. Young and wife, until she returned to The Dalles this Saturday. In the meantime, Mr. Fagan motored to Spokane where he was one of the speakers on the program at the meeting of the Inland Empire Teachers association held at that place on April 8th, 9th and 10th.

The state land department in March turned over to the state treasurer \$120,128.34.

Out of the 70 teachers employed in the schools of Bend, all but 14 will return next year.

Albany school children will undergo a daily inspection until danger from diphtheria is past.

The state tax on gasoline and distillate collected on sales made during February aggregated \$201,309.25.

During the month of March Jackson county expended \$616 for bounties on 86 coyotes, 21 wildcats and one wolf.

Fourteen teachers and 64 pupils have been reported out of school at Bend because of more or less mild cases of influenza.

George S. McCord of Baker was appointed a member of the state board of dental examiners to succeed F. W. Hollister of Portland.

The state livestock sanitary board has refused to modify the quarantine against the importation of California cattle, sheep and swine into Oregon.

National guard troops from All Seaside on June 12 where field maneuvers will be in progress for 15 days.

A high school band concert will be held in Corvallis Saturday. Bands from Albany, Medford, Ashland and Seaside have served notice that they expect to attend.

The Astoria school board has let a contract to Robart & Gearhart for the erection of a new junior high school in the east end of the city, at a cost of \$79,000.

All building permit records in the history of Portland were broken during March, according to a report issued by the building inspector's office, which showed that during the month a total of 1580 building permits were issued for a total of \$4,540,105.

L. W. Peare and Arthur Covell were sentenced at Marshfield to hang in the state penitentiary at Salem May 22 by Judge Kendall, who for the second time passed the death penalty upon the two men who were convicted two years ago of first degree murder.

Provisions of the statute revoking the license of a person guilty of driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor are clearly mandatory, and the license can only be restored by issuing a pardon, Attorney General Van Winkle has advised Governor Pierce.

ALONG LIFE'S TRAIL

By THOMAS A. CLARK
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FALSE FACES

BILL WITHERS and I—Bill lived across the road from us—had been reading "Bentley Burrows, or The Skeleton Hand," a tale of ghosts and bandits and general horror, continued from week to week in "The Saturday Night," a literary journal which our hired man bought every week at Cole's drug store in town. Shivering with fear, I was just finishing the last chapter in the dusk of a dull November evening, when I heard a knock at the door. I called "Come in," as was the polite custom in our community, and to my horror a real bandit entered—leather leggings, big revolver, bristling moustache, and all. I was frightened for a moment, and then I caught sight of a lock of curly red hair sticking out through a hole in the sombrero and a freckled ear protruding. It was only Bill Wither wearing a false face and trying to fool me.

I have had the experience often since.

I was at a party a few nights ago, where on the surface everything was hilarious. Through the dim light, however, I could see that all the fellows were wearing false faces. About the din of the ragtime sounded out from the long-suffering piano I could detect the hollow unnatural voices issuing through the masks that the men were wearing.

I watched Mary Gay, rosy-cheeked and bright-eyed, and I thought I had never seen a happier and more animated face. She was smiling on every one and showing a vivacity and an interest that held a pleased crowd about her. A few minutes later I came upon her unobserved as she was standing before the mirror in the hallway surreptitiously adjusting her false face.

I ran onto Jim Burton one Sunday this summer at church with his parents. He was looking pleased, attentive, and altogether unsophisticated. As he leaned over to pick a hymn book from the floor I could see how crudely he had adjusted his false face, for underneath he was the same irreligious, irreverent, irresponsible youth whom I had known at college.

The false faces which we wear or see every day seldom deceive anyone. They are like rouge or oleomargarine, or hair dye or face powder—no one ever thinks them real. We put them on to make ourselves beautiful or impressive to our teachers or our sweethearts or the minister or our Creator, but more often than otherwise the lock of red hair escapes or the freckled ear sticks out and gives us away.

Paragraphs of State News

The state irrigation securities commission has extended for a period of six months state guarantee of interest on \$550,000 of bonds issued by the Tumalo irrigation district.

The Eugene chamber of commerce has appointed a committee to investigate flag-growing conditions in the Willamette valley and to act in conjunction with a valley committee.

Poultry production will be greatly increased in the Pilot Rock district this year, it is reported. Indications are that 10 or 12 carloads of chickens and turkeys will be shipped this year.

The Home Telephone & Telegraph company, with headquarters in Medford, filed application with the public service commission for permission to increase its rates on an average of 25 per cent.

The tax levy for 1925, based on the valuations of all assessable property in Oregon for 1924, aggregates \$42,660,338.65, according to a statement by Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner.

Nearly 100 representatives from Salem, Silverton, Hubbard and Woodburn G. A. R. posts and Woman's Relief Corps attended a meeting of Marion County Veterans' association at Woodburn.

A woman was killed, a man probably fatally injured and two little girls badly bruised when the horses of the Halfway-Coraucoia stage ran away at a point about 40 miles northeast of Baker.

Station KFJD, operated by the Oregon Agricultural college, has been dismantled to make way for the new 500-watt class B station, which will be installed and ready for use in the latter part of April.

A hearing will be held in Portland April 6 for the purpose of prescribing freight classifications affecting auto truck owners performing the service of common carriers on the highways of the state.

More than 4700 inquiries relative to agricultural opportunities in Oregon were received during the 30-day period ending March 30 by the Land Settlement Department of the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

The Coos county court has set the \$770,000 road bond election for May 12. The election has three measures, one for state match money, one for laterals and a third for construction of a bridge across the bay in Marshfield.

The Coos county court has voted an appropriation of \$3000 for advertising the county, which will be used in the construction of a proposed arcway at the intersection of the Coos-Douglas state highway and the Pacific highway junction.

The Marion county boundary board authorized an election to determine whether the Gervais union high school district should be dissolved. Petitions asking for the election were signed by six of the seven districts comprising the union high school unit.

Politics and Business Will Not Rightly Mix

"The municipal ownership" cry is subsiding in the United States. The probable reason is that, good as it is as a theory, it does not work out in practice. Men who are competent to run great enterprises are not in politics, and if they are hired to run municipal utilities they are too much hindered by politics. One very bad feature of municipal ownership is that newspapers seldom tell the people the full truth about it. One good feature of private operation is that newspapers will jump on a corporation at the least deviation from service. It is a sad condition when newspapers cease to be watchdogs of the public welfare and become silent accomplices of public incompetence in municipal operation. But, whether privately or publicly operated, public utilities should be strictly amenable to public control. Every franchise should stipulate that. And in municipal ownership, taxpayers should be informed how much of a deficit they are making up.—Henry Ford.

Oregon News in Brief

Unless at least 200 more acres can be produced this spring for sugar beet growing, a beet export from California will not remain at Blinnath Falls for the experimental work; the shipment of commerce officials has announced. George T. Gensinger of Portland was reappointed a member of the state forestry board by Governor Pierce.

The city council, which recently announced that it would cut off all users of city water living outside of the city limits, has passed an annexation ordinance calling a special election May 12 providing for the increasing of the city limits to take in all outside water users adjacent to the city limits who desire to be annexed.

Contracts for the construction of the proposed new state training school for boys at Salem were awarded at a special meeting of the state board of control. The cost of the plant will be \$216,935, exclusive of furnishings. The general construction contract was awarded to Sattergreen Brothers of Portland for \$154,500.

Coos county's cheese output will probably be standardized this year under the Melowest brand. A session of cheese makers, dairymen and sellers was held recently at Coquille, with this matter in view. The county has a great dairying area, but the trouble in the past has been to organize the individual makers and ranchers so a standard product could be sold and guaranteed.

All details preliminary to the construction of a \$1,350,000 general medical and surgical hospital for ill and disabled veterans at Portland, soon will be cleared up. Brigadier-General Frank T. Hines, director of the veterans' bureau, will immediately order an engineer of the bureau to go to Portland from southern California and make an examination of the proposed hospital site.

Practically all of the principal railroads of Oregon and Washington and the Gilmore & Pittsburg and the Pacific & Idaho Northern were made defendants in a proceeding brought before the interstate commerce commission by the Cattle and Horse Raisers' association of Oregon, the Northwest Livestock Shippers' league and the Portland Livestock exchange. Certain rates charged by the carriers on livestock are declared to have been unfair and reparation is asked.

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