

McKENZIE PASS WILL OPEN EARLY THIS YEAR

McKenzie pass over the Cascade between Eugene and Bend will be open a month earlier this year than it was last year if present conditions continue.

Seven huge drifts, some places 12 to 14 feet deep, stretch for a mile over the crest, while the level snow extends for about 16 miles, ranging from two to three feet in depth.

A survey of conditions was made last Sunday by representatives of the motor stage company operating over the pass route from Eugene to Bend, using their snow motor to make the round trip.

MT. HOOD LOOP ROAD WILL SOON BE OPEN

Approximately 14 miles of the Mt. Hood Loop road is closed by snow, according to a measurement made Sunday. Automobiles are using the road from the Portland end to Wapinitia Junction, about three miles beyond Government Camp. There are one or two drifts in this section which force one-way traffic. From Wapinitia Junction to the beginning of the switchbacks below Bussard's point an average of 18 inches of snow was found. The switchbacks and one mile beyond, as well as all other exposed portions of the road, regardless of elevation, were found bare. Snow was lodged only in protected places. There is no ice on the bare places.

From Bussard's point to Barlow pass the snow averaged 12 inches deep, with drifts up to three feet, and from the pass to White river the road is solid with snow averaging about two feet deep, with drifts up to 4 1/2 feet. The White river bridge is bare of snow, as is the road a half mile beyond. From that point to Bennett pass, about half the roadway is bare.

At Bennett pass the snow is five feet deep. From Bennett pass to Hood River meadows the snow is approximately four feet deep, with drifts up to five feet. For about 1 1/2 miles north of Hood River meadows the depth ranges about 3 1/2 feet, and then drops off suddenly to 2 1/2 feet and continues about that depth down to the snow line at the bridge crossing the middle fork of Hood river. This is about 34 miles from Hood river.

The surface of the road is soft, the winter's frost having raised up the oil covering placed on the highway last summer to lay the dust. No heavy dirt slides were found, and the few small slides are not large enough to hinder traffic. Three large trees have fallen across the road. The snow is dry and not packed. No layers of ice were found between the snow when measurements were taken.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

To the officers and members of Eureka lodge No. 121: We your committee on resolutions of sympathy of the death of Charles Nelson Thompson, father of Brother N. W. Thompson, beg leave to submit the following:

Whereas the Silent Messenger of death has removed from this life the father of our brother; be it so Resolved that we extend to our Brother N. W. Thompson our heartfelt sympathy, confident that our Heavenly Father in his infinite mercy and kindness will roll away the dark clouds; and be it further

Resolved that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of Eureka lodge, and a copy be sent to N. W. Thompson under seal of Eureka lodge No. 121 of Moro, Oregon.

Brotherly submitted,
E. E. Barzee,
D. E. Clark,
Hugh Chrisman

NEW TREASURE HOARDS

Despite war's setback of scientific progress, as applied to the useful arts and needs of peace times, civilization seems to be moving onward with surprising velocity. Our grandfathers lived in a day when whatever research and discovery was going on seemed to net little that could be applied to everyday uses. Those who have looked into the matter are of the opinion that the slow movement of progress a generation ago was due principally to the absence of the urge which comes from a great necessity.

The soil of the United States as it existed 50 years ago was rich from the deposits of recently cut forests. Lumber was cheap and plentiful, water supply abundant and uncontaminated, there were hundreds of thousands of square miles of free range for cattle and live stock while inland streams and the woods were alive with edible fish and game. Food and shelter for man and beast were easily supplied and the thousand other wants as we know them today, did not exist.

Nothing lasts forever, not even the natural resources of a country as great as this, and a quarter of a century ago substitutes began to be sought out. Soil began to lose its great surplus of native fertility and chemists set to work to determine the missing ingredients and students began to search out sources from which the deficiency could be supplied. Some began to see that lumber was mounting in price and that forests, unprotected, would not last forever. The result was that substitutes for wood were sought and means devised for granting a longer life to the timber going into construction. Brick began to be used more extensively for construction, and slate supplanted shingles on the roof.

Similar changes came about in food supplies for man and beast. Neglected, or ignored, sources were called upon, the outstanding discovery being that many common vegetable sources would yield needed oils and fats previously supplied by meat animals.

Each invention seems to bring into use some new product or force, which has been dormant or wasted down through the ages, while conservation and salvage of waste are continuing and most of the old resources. Each discovery seems to be but a challenge to some other line of research. The twentieth century realizes that we are only scratching the surface of the possibilities which lie beneath the sea and the mountain. Discovery is going ahead so fast that the next generation may look back on this as an age of crude instruments and limited discovery. All the straws now blowing point that way at least.

The giling crew employed by the engineer department of the state highway commission has completed the work between Heppner Junction and Arlington and will soon finish the work as far as Blalock. When this is completed the crew will move to Biggs and begin work on the Sherman highway which will be oiled as far as Wasco. The work this year has been done by a different method than that attempted previously. The entire road surface is scarified after having been soaked with water. The oil is then applied, and penetrates to a depth of several inches. Although the newly oiled portion is almost impassable for 24 hours, within a day it becomes as smooth and hard as a floor, motorists who have been over the road declare.

S. P. Brisbane drove to Hillsboro last Friday to attend to legal matters connected with the Agnes Brisbane estate of which he is administrator.

Comparative Rainfall for 1926 Crop Year

The following record of rainfall at Wasco, Moro and Kent has been furnished to the Sherman County Observer by Superintendent D. E. Stephens of Moro Experiment Station. The record at Moro is taken at the station, at Wasco by W. E. Tate and at Kent by J. E. Norton, all using accurate government instruments.

	MORO Precipitation	WASCO Precipitation	KENT Precipitation
September, 1925	.55	.52	1.28
October, 1925	.54	.58	.22
November, 1925	.98	.93	.90
December, 1925	1.33	1.34	.31
January, 1926	1.09	1.08	1.06
February, 1926	1.97	2.43	1.67
March, 1926	.10	.08	.28
April 1 to 12	.99	.44	1.54
Total	7.85	7.45	7.76

GRASS VALLEY ELEVATOR CO. PAYS DIVIDEND

An event of real importance took place at Grass Valley on Saturday, April 10, the object of which was to tell the world that one farmer organization in Sherman county was able to meet all odds and still come out in the lead.

Along about war time a big cry was made that the only way to make money in wheat was for farmers to put up their own elevator and warehouse and handle their own farm product. The farmers of Grass Valley made a cautious survey of the project as laid down by such men as Professor G. R. Hyslop and Professor H. C. Scudder of the Oregon Agricultural college. After this investigation was accepted as satisfactory the next move was finance, and that proved to be a very small stumbling block. The scheme was finally launched and completed in record time.

Then came the trying years of 1920 and 1921 in which many of our farmer organizations were falling by the wayside, in what was at that time called a period of readjustment in the process of which every farmer felt that he was being individually adjusted to such an extent that it seemed to him that the adjusting machinery itself needed adjusting. But the farmer's organization of Grass Valley stayed in the ring and was doing its usual hard work thru the big efforts of a good board of directors standing four square behind a capable manager with the result that today the books of this farmer organization shows that they now have paid a dividend to the stock holders of 10 per cent and also that they have made an average gain of 15 per cent each year of existence of the company.

It is also worthy of note that practically the same men are now serving on the board of directors today who were instrumental in starting it. President J. J. Wiley, secretary and treasurer Fred E. Cox, W. C. Todd, Gus Engstrom, S. B. Holmes, and manager J. W. Shepard.

All concerns of any importance when paying a dividend or burning off a mortgage usually do so by putting on a big banquet and inviting their friends. Please keep in mind that this was always known as an important concern and the stockholders were fully aware of the importance of their company. So it was agreed to do it right, as the following program will attest.

Banquet Program
Toastmaster J. J. Wiley
Prayer Rev. R. A. Feenstra,
Moro, Oregon.
Selection ... Grass Valley Orchestra
Solo Mrs. Ed. Pierce
Talk F. B. Ingle, Dufur, Oregon, President of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League and also state president of the Farmers Union.
Solo Mrs. Homer Russell
Selection ... Grass Valley Orchestra
Talk Congratulations by D. E. Stephens of Moro station.
Solo Mr. Marl Woods
Reading Mrs. C. L. Peley
Selection ... Grass Valley Orchestra
Talk Professor G. R. Hyslop, Oregon Agricultural College.
Burning of the Mortgage ... J. W. Shepard.

Presentation of dividend to stockholders J. W. Shepard
We may talk of paying dividends and of having a wonderful banquet, but in order to do that you must have help and lots of it, and we know of no way to get that required help except by calling on the ladies. This was done, and the stockholders gratefully acknowledge the debt. The work was carried out by all women of the community. The country was directed by Mrs. J. J. Wiley and their duty was to arrange for the entertainers. The town committee was in charge of Mrs. J. W. Shepard, their duty being to arrange the hall and serve. Mrs. Shepard and her assistants assuredly did themselves proud as the way everything was handled showed that some one was in charge who really understood her business of handling a large crowd on short notice and making all feel at home and much contented.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors who helped us so cheerfully and kindly during the illness and at the time of the death and funeral of our father, C. W. Thompson.
The Family.

Attorney W. C. Bryant left Tuesday for Monmouth where he will meet with the board of regents of the state normal school, of which he is a member. The board will inspect the teachers' training system recently put in effect at Independence and pass on matters connected with the building of the state normal school at Ashland.

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TO THE VOTERS OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT: I hereby announce my candidacy for re-nomination and re-election to the office of circuit judge of the eleventh judicial district subject to the will of the voters of the Republican party at the primary election to be held May 21, 1926. If re-nominated and re-elected, will continue to conduct the affairs of the office fairly and impartially as in the past.
A native of Oregon. A resident of the district for 22 years.
Paid adv. 3-12 D. B. PARKER.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Representative of the 28th Representative District comprising Sherman, Wheeler and Gilliam counties, subject to the will of the voters of the Republican party at the primary election to be held May 21, 1926.
If nominated and elected I will serve the district to the very best of my ability.
Paid adv. E. W. SNELL.

FOR CIRCUIT JUDGE I hereby announce myself a republican candidate for Circuit Judge of the Eleventh Judicial District comprising Sherman, Wheeler and Gilliam counties, at the primary election to be held May 21, 1926. If nominated and elected I will administer justice speedily without fear or favor to rich and poor alike.
Paid adv. E. R. WOODS.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE I hereby announce my candidacy for re-nomination to the office of State Representative of the Twenty-Eighth Representative District comprising Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler counties, subject to the will of the voters of the Republican party at the primary election to be held May 21, 1926.
If I am nominated and elected, I will serve the people of my district to the best of my ability. C. A. TOM.

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