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OREGON TRUNK ROAD WINS RAIL FIGHT

The Oregon Trunk railroad was authorized to construct a line from Bend to a point on the S. P. track, provided an agreement can be reached whereby the S. P. will grant trackage rights from the point of connection to Klamath Falls, according to a decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Tuesday May 11.

The Oregon-California and Eastern was authorized to construct certain lines in Klamath and Lake counties, on the condition that "if the Oregon Trunk should fail to reach an agreement with the Southern Pacific for trackage rights over the Natron cut-off, they would be given rights on the O. C. and E. line between a point of connection and Klamath Falls.

The commission authorized the acquisition by the Southern Pacific of the O. C. and E. and the Nevada-California-Oregon railways by purchase of their capital stock.

The authorization given the S. P. to acquire the O. C. and E. was granted on the condition that an agreement be reached whereby the Oregon Trunk will be enabled to operate either over the O. C. and E. line or over the Natron cut-off.

The Central Pacific line was authorized to construct a line in Klamath county and in Modoc county, California.

"No attempt will be made to prescribe details of an agreement which must be left to the carriers," said the I. C. C., "but we shall be glad to use our own office to help bring about a satisfactory conclusion.

"We shall expect the parties concerned to notify us immediately of their rejection of the terms and conditions imposed," continued the commission, "or to immediately undertake in good faith to come to a satisfactory agreement. The record will be held open for such further orders or proceedings as are deemed necessary."

The Oregon, California and Eastern's proposed line would run from the northerly terminus at Sprague river as follows:

Northerly 63 miles to Silver Lake in Lake county; from a point on the proposed Silver Lake branch approximately 20 miles north of the Sprague river, northwesterly along the Williamson river approximately 15 miles into Klamath county; from Sprague river southwesterly 65 miles to Lakeview.

The Central Pacific's proposed line would extend from Klamath Falls to Cornell, Modoc county, California, a distance of 36 miles, and from Cornell to Alturas, Modoc county, a distance of 62 miles.

C. A. Hart, member of the law firm of Carey and Kerr who represented the Oregon Trunk line is confident they can meet the conditions imposed.

The first step in the construction of the Bend, Klamath Falls line will depend upon orders from the Great Northern Pacific system at St. Paul.

All location surveys have been made, and construction contractors have been over the proposed line from Bend to Klamath Falls or from Bend to a point on the Natron cut-off, so that no time will be lost in starting work on this line.

NEW DRY CLEANING AND TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT

With the arrival of W. M. Wilkie, from Bend, Oregon, Central Point will have a new dry cleaning and tailoring establishment, after having been without such utility for several years. Mr. Wilkie, who has been in the business for some time and who was at one time connected with the intelligence department of the government, expects to open this week with the latest up-to-date equipment.

George Ross who recently received three broken ribs from a fall from a loaded wagon of wood, was up town Sunday for the first time since he received his injuries.

CAMP JACKSON TO HAVE MANY IMPROVEMENTS

Major T. E. Riley of Salem and Lieut.-Col. A. W. Cleary of Portland were in Medford last week to complete arrangements for Camp Jackson. The improvements over last year are as follows: A complete sewer system to accommodate the 40 camp kitchens; erection of new kitchens for the seven additional companies that will be here this year; enlargement of the present kitchens; cement bases for all kitchens; erection of 23 permanent latreens to take the place of the temporary ones used last year; enlarging of mess halls; a warehouse 20x80; putting floors and roofs on all mess houses where canvass was used before; construction of a bayonet training course; extension of the lighting system; grading of the streets; and other things that will bring everything up to first class shape.

This year there will be no down town parade, but on Friday, the 25th, a big parade will be held to which all of Southern Oregon is invited. The governor and other public men will be present on this day.

The advance detachment equipment and supplies will arrive on June 1st on a special train and everything will be in readiness when the entire command arrives on the 15th.

Over \$200,000 will be spent by the government here this year. The command will entrain for home on June 29th.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY SUCCESS

Ivan Skyrman as Seymour Sites, wealthy and temperamental banker, made a decided hit in the class play, "The Wrong Mr. Wright," presented by the Junior class of Central Point high school before a capacity audience in the high school gymnasium Friday night, May 7.

Miss Elinor Saubert, director, produced the cast from wholly inexperienced players.

John Blackford, as Lord Brazenface, carried the part of an English "lady killer" to perfection. Not once, at inopportune time, did his monologue drop from his eye. Gertrude Shaw as a jazzy maid to Julia Bonds, niece of Seymour Sites, did a good job of capturing the lord.

Harold Head as Wayland Clingstone and Bertha Eicher as Arabella Clingstone, both friends of the Sites during college, received much applause.

Leota Reams as Julia Bonds, Roger von der Hellen as Fred Bonds, Raphael Benson as Captain Crosby, Marion Patterson as Henrietta Oliver, the feminine detective who "captured" Sites, and Donald Wilson as Clews, Henrietta's assistant; all performed creditably. Scott Hamilton bowed and scraped with all the grace of the professional bell hop.

Willard Seymour and Donald Robbins as policemen sought to arrest Sites. Sites thought differently.

The plot was laid in a Virginian hotel where Sites had gone, planning to find his cashier who had forged a \$50,000 check on him. He took the name of Mr. Wright.

Henrietta Oliver, the detective, arrived at the same time in pursuit of the forger, who, it was reported, had assumed the name of Mr. Wright. She got her man.

Miss Saubert, coach and director, is to be complimented on her able handling of the play, which, according to those who saw it, was the best high school play produced here in years.

KELLY AND DUBBS TO BUILD

Central Point will have two more new homes according to the reports received here. Roy Kelly and Harry Dubbs have purchased two lots on Fourth and Third streets in block 74. The lots were bought from Geo. Fox, local real estate agent. L. O. Davidson was awarded the contract and construction has started on the houses.

The students of the Sams Valley high school will present "Forest Acres" Friday night, May 14, as their annual school play. Work on the production has been progressing rapidly and a good play is anticipated.

MURRAY CHEATS THE LAW BY HANGING SELF

The body of Tom Murray, notorious Oregon bandit, under sentence of death on the gallows, for the murder of John Sweeney in the prison break of August 12, 1925, was found hanging from a steam pipe in Murray's cell Monday.

Suspended from the steam pipe by a rope made of sheets, reinforced at the loop by shoestrings, the body was discovered by Raymond F. Ochs, the death watch.

Believing, apparently, that further effort to save himself from hanging was useless, he took his life rather than entertain a crowd of persons at daylight. He died sometime between 9 and 11 o'clock Sunday night.

Throughout the ten days' trial from October 5 to 15 last, and during his confinement since, his nerve has never weakened. The note left on his bed savored of sarcasm and contempt for authorities. Written with crayon on the back of a picture the note reads: "Before going south with that money I have on the books, please pay the paper man, (D. S.) what I owe him.

"Mail the two letters if you want to; one to the folks and one to Attorney Robinson of Portland News.

"I killed Sweeney, Jones killed Holman. Kelly and Willos shot no one or even at anyone.

"T. M."

"Going south," in the language of the convicts, means "sticking the money in your pocket."

(D. S.) the paper man, is Dave Smith, doing life for the Clairmont Tavern murder of Portland.

The two letters referred to by Murray worry prison officials as they cannot be found, either in Murray's cell or at the postoffice.

Attorney Robinson is Charles Robinson an Astoria lawyer, who has been engaged in the defense of two men accused of murder. He has been writing articles for the Portland News.

Murray tried to shield Kelly and Willos in his suicide note, as he did in the trial, it is believed. In the note the pronoun "I" and the name Jones were underlined. Officials have held that Holman was killed by Kelley.

The picture on which Murray wrote the note was a landscape painting done by Willos, and given to Murray to adorn his cell.

Murray was 23 years old. His prison record began in California under the name of Joe Johnson, when he was received at San Quentin to do four years for first degree burglary. He was paroled to relatives in Western Oregon, where he behaved for a year and then robbed a bank at Florence, Lane county, with a man named Eddie Walker. He was given 20 years.

He broke prison first on March 28, 1924, and was captured at Jefferson. A second escape, August 24, was executed by swimming along the prison millrace and sawing through the bars as the race runs under the prison wall. He was caught at Butte, Montana, September 15.

The third and final attempt at freedom was the tragic break of last summer for which he was sentenced to hang.

On several occasions Tom Murray told the chaplain at the penitentiary that it would be easy to commit suicide. He planned to return to the Catholic faith, and was to take his first communion Monday.

FORMER RESIDENTS HERE

The Duncan, Wallace, Faber and other families here are enjoying a visit this week from the Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Beatty, formerly of Central Point, now of Merrill, Oregon, where Mr. Beatty is pastor of the Presbyterian church. These people are on their way from Cottage Grove to their home.

Mrs. Simington of Dunsmuir California, left Wednesday for her home. She had been visiting her father O. R. Pankey.

SOLICITING ENDED FOR GIRLS' JUVENILE HOSPITAL

The ladies who have been soliciting funds for the Juvenile Hospital for Girls, Portland, have closed their work in this section.

It is expected that this institution will, directly or indirectly, benefit the entire Oregon populace, yet it has required a great deal of perseverance, time and effort on the part of the solicitors and in some cases, a sacrifice on the part of the givers.

Everyone connected with this work in any way, whatsoever, is entitled to much credit.

The amount from this section of the field was \$116.05, all collected. The solicitors and helpers were: Mrs. G. E. Fox, chairman, Mrs. Luther Stancliff, Mrs. Robert Moore, Mrs. Louis Grimes, Mrs. Florence Stephenson, Mrs. Ruth Hagedorn, Mrs. Sid Richardson, Mrs. Merle Kindie, Mrs. W. M. Tetherow, Mrs. Casper Miller, Mrs. Clyde Boles, Mrs. Leonard Freeman, Mrs. A. T. Lathrop, secretary.

AN AMBITIOUS FARMER

This office has been privileged to meet several of our nearby farmers the past week.

We are glad to make the acquaintance of these people and visit with them, for we have often had a feeling that we should like to try farming and stock raising but the printing business seems to have become a fixed habit with us, so we stick.

One of the gentlemen we have in mind is Louis A. Salade, Jr., of Seven Oaks. Mr. Salade is specializing in the breeding and growing of Shropshire sheep and we recently noticed an article in "The American Sheep Breeder and Wool Grower," telling of Mr. Salade's work in this line. Accompanying this article on the opposite page are to be seen 12 pictures, mostly of the sheep, though we notice here and there the picture of a little girl, Mr. Salade's daughter, who has been his assistant in the industry.

This article tells us that on being discharged from the service Mr. Salade was listed as totally disabled. However, he was able to do work that was not too heavy, so he started in the sheep business with three lambs and the "loan" of a mother. One lamb bloated and died from eating green alfalfa, another when bred, produced twins. The third lamb was sold for meat. Later, his alfalfa fields were used as food for a small band of Rambouillet sheep. These proved to be a most hardy stock and later a band of Hampshires was pastured. Mr. Salade studied, experimented, and read, gaining all the information possible on these varieties. He finally decided to start building a band of pure-breds for himself. In trying to decide on the best breed for his purpose he had to keep in mind conditions under which the flock would have to be kept; climate, etc. He then decided on Shropshires, partly because of their fine, well-rounded appearance in their natural state.

The increase has been excellent and if born in the night he would take the lambs with their mothers into individual lambing pens as soon as it was light enough to see. In this way, not a single lamb was lost after it had been taken into the pen. The breeding is, of course, important and Mr. Salade would be glad to answer questions in regard to that to those who are interested. Mr. Salade's health has improved with the work and he finds this employment interesting and profitable.

POSTMASTER MERRITT VISITS CITY

Elmer Merritt, postmaster of Merrill, Oregon, and the son of C. M. Merritt who recently purchased the Norcross place, was here visiting his parents Saturday night. Incidentally he was in the valley to attend the Muscovite ceremonial at Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hamilton had as their guests Sunday, old time friends and school mates they knew in Kansas, Mr. Bert Kelefrew, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Eunice Wilkins of California.

NORTH POLE DISCOVERED BY BYRD

The first airplane to fly over the north pole was American built and piloted by an American naval officer, Lieut. Commander R. E. Byrd.

Lieutenant Byrd by flying over the north pole was the first of ten arctic expeditions this year to achieve its goal.

Three days later the Amundsen party in a dirigible accomplished the same feat.

By airplane, Lieutenant Byrd did in 15 hours and 30 minutes what it took Admiral Peary eight months to do.

He was congratulated by President Coolidge, Secretary of the Navy Willbur, and from fellow explorers and rival expeditions.

Leaving Kings Bay Sunday at 1:50 a. m., Greenwich time, he sailed until a bubble sextant of his own invention informed him he was over the north pole. He took observations and returned to Kings bay at 4:20 p. m., completing a non-stop flight of 1600 miles in 15 hours and 30 minutes.

If he can establish a base at Pearyland, it is probable he will attempt a flight across the Arctic basin to Alaska.

Steaftanson, Arctic explorer, expressed enthusiasm over the flight, and predicted extensive developments and explorations in Arctic exploring. He also expressed doubt as to whether a base could be established at Pearyland. He believes though, that flying in the Arctic country is no more dangerous than any other flying.

Byrd has two objectives—flying over the north pole and a flight to the northwest of Pearyland in search of unknown land. In the latter expedition he may fly from Pearyland to Alaska.

WEDDING BELLS

A very pretty wedding was solemnized Tuesday afternoon, May 11, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Lewis, when Miss Pearl Pankey became the bride of Mr. Albert Stewart, of Portland. The ceremony was performed by Rev. B. K. Belknap, of Medford, under an arch of roses and honeysuckle. The bride's attendant was Mrs. Robt. Simington, sister of the bride; the groom's attendant being M. Coturri, of Portland.

After the ceremony, light refreshments were served, after which the couple left for Vancouver, B. C., on a wedding trip. They will be at home in Portland after June 1st.

Mr. Stewart is special agent for the Southern Pacific and is located at Portland.

Miss Pankey has grown to womanhood in Central Point and has many friends who will miss her from their midst, but who wish her all the joy possible, and of which she is so deserving.

Best wishes of all are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart.

LEEVEY'S STORE ROBBED

By breaking the glass in a 12x16 inch window section in the store-room of the Leever Hardware Store, some amateur robbers gained entrance to the store and stole five rifles from the gun case, Sunday night. This is the second time the store has been broken into in the last week. Monday May 3, the store was entered in a similar manner by breaking the office window, however, no goods were stolen and money in the cash register was not bothered.

The doors were left open and the lights were left on and they made no effort to cover up their deed. The police have been notified and immediate action is being taken to recover the rifles and catch the law breakers. No clues were left this time as before when they left a "jimmy," a small iron bar, was found lying by the McCaskey account register.