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REAL ESTATE IS MOVING---TRADES AND SALES MADE

Evan Masterson of Springfield last week purchased the J. C. Trotter ranch of 27 acres on the McKenzie near Walterville, making the deal through Gore & Rowe. The same firm reports also trading Mrs. Conrad's property on Fifth street for an 80-acre ranch near Yoncalla. The stock is included with the ranch, and Mrs. Conrad will go at once to take charge. They have a third deal practically completed, but the papers have not passed.

Eugene realty firms report selling to Mrs. Octavia Wheeler of Springfield an acre of ground in the suburbs of Eugene for an investment.

A. L. Churchill, formerly in business in Springfield, has traded his 392-acre ranch on Camp Creek for a 42-acre farm near Santa Cruz, California. The considerations are given at \$10,000.

The George Birtwistle farm of 100 acres near Mabel has been traded to Burt Rupp of Rosebush, Idaho, at \$7000.

Jesse Easton of Walterville has traded his farm, the Stormment place, to Mrs. Mabel E. Taylor of Eugene.

CAMP CREEK PERSONALS

(Special to the Lane County News)
Camp Creek, Ore.—Lawrence Gossier who has been working at Thurston is home now.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sears visited with friends on Camp Creek this week.

Mrs. A. M. Brown and Miss Mabel Duryee were Walterville visitors Thursday.

Will Ruth of Thurston is here visiting at Edd Nyes.

Supervisor J. K. Platts has been working the roads this week.

Miss Lizzie Kennedy is here visiting with her sister Mrs. L. Stephens.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jack.

Mr. David and Guy Stephens were Eugene visitors Thursday.

Dale Chase and Miss Mamie Polle were visitors at Mrs. J. J. Chase home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jack and family spent Sunday with Mrs. J. Commins.

Charlie Miller visited with friends at Thurston Sunday.

A crowd of young folks from here attended church at Walterville Sunday evening.

S. W. COMPANY SELLS SAWMILLS ON MOHAWK

W. J. Zimmerman Purchaser of Three Big Plants

The three sawmills owned by the Southern Pacific company in the timber bordering the Mohawk valley near Marcola, have been purchased by W. J. Zimmerman, of the Zimmerman-Wells-Brown company, of Portland. Mr. Zimmerman has also purchased all the logging machinery and docks at the three mills.

These mills were erected about eight years ago when R. Koehler was purchasing agent of the railroad company. The purpose of the plants was to saw all the lumber needed by the company on its lines in Oregon. The timber was taken from the company's lands bordering the Mohawk valley. The mills operated only a little over

one year, the company evidently concluding that it would be cheaper to buy its lumber from companies than to manufacture it. Since then the mills have been idle. All three of them are equipped with good machinery and each had a capacity of between 70,000 and 80,000 feet a day.

The lumber business was booming while these mills were in operation. Besides these three plants, the big mills of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company at Wendling, and 15 or 20 smaller mills up and down the Mohawk were all operating full blast, giving employment to a great number of men. Those were "flush" times in the little Mohawk valley and Eugene and the other towns of this part of the state received the benefit of the immense payroll.—Register.

COMPLETE COBURG LOG HAULING JOB THIS WEEK

By Wednesday of this week the last of the logs in the Booth-Kelly pond at Coburg will have been hauled to Springfield and the work of several months will have been completed. The supply from Landaxe will continue to come, and by the end of a month logs will have to be shipped in from Wendling again, as the Landaxe shipments are not sufficient to keep the mill busy.

Rev. Wm. Ferris is Baptist Pastor

At the morning service at the Baptist church yesterday, Rev. W. N. Ferris accepted the call which the church extended two weeks ago. His wife, Dr. Ferris, also expressed her conviction that it was the Lord's will and the Lord's work which required them here. Rev. Frank Day, a former pastor, was present and spoke very earnestly, to both pastor and people. He told of his father being one of the organizers of the church 40 years ago and of being deacon. He spoke also of his own conversion and of his first pastorate being in this church. He spoke, also of several preachers having already gone from it and of others making preparation to enter the ministry. The prospects for good permanent evangelistic work in the church were never brighter than at present.

At the evening service Miss Harriet P. Cooper, general missionary of the Woman's American Baptist Home Missionary society, occupied the pulpit and told of the work in great cities, in the mountains, the forests, the prairies and the deserts. She gave personal incidents of the settlement workers among the Jews, Russians, Japanese, negroes and Indians and mountain whites. She told of one young lady in Michigan, baptized by Rev. W. N. Ferris, who is now in charge of a great settlement work. Mention was also made of a young Jew who was driven from home because he had embraced Christianity, who came under the influence of Rev. Ferris in Tennessee, afterward going to Crozier Theological seminary, and is now in charge of Home mission work in California and one of the most brilliant speakers of that great state.

J. H. Newman is developing sales territory for Stuslaw salmon out of Eugene.

Florence expects to have a fruit cannery next year.

Only 19 miles of rails remain to be laid before Coos Bay is connected with the main line of the S. P.

EIGHT NAMES ON FINAL LIST OF CANDIDATES

Nominating petitions for eight candidates for office in the coming city election were filed with the recorder late Friday afternoon, to be in before the required ten days before the election.

Three independent candidates appeared. E. E. Morrison will run against Chas. L. Scott, the Citizens' candidate for mayor. M. M. Peery, now a councilman, will seek re-election, opposing the candidates of the Citizens' ticket, J. W. Coffin and J. T. Donaldson. H. E. Walker, the present recorder and candidate of the Citizens' ticket, is unopposed. Mrs. Hannah Hill, the librarian, and Miss Lillian Gorrie, treasurer, are seeking election to this office.

Official pamphlets giving the text of ordinance No. 410, licensing and taxing motor-bus lines, and referred to the people, were printed last Friday and distributed to the voters as required by law. The ordinance and the arguments on it made an eight-page pamphlet.

ASSESSED VALUATION \$35,353,640 THIS YEAR

The total assessed valuation of property in Lane county in 1915 is \$35,353,640, according to the summary of the tax rolls completed by Assessor B. F. Keeney. This is \$434,480 less than the total last year, the total on the 1914 rolls being \$35,788,120.

Assessor Keeney explains that a part of the decrease is represented in the assessment of that portion of the Willamette Pacific railway and a few logging railroads which passed to the state tax commission during the year. This year there is assessed on the rolls 41.22 miles of these railroads, with a valuation of \$69,865, while last year there was a mileage of 82.84 with a valuation of \$305,375.

The summary of this year's assessment roll is as follows:

Acres of all lands (O. & C. R. R. lands 298,715 acres, value \$3,20,915) 1,515,718; value \$19,277,615; value per unit, \$12.71. \$38.18.

Acres of tillable lands, 129,510; value \$4,940,510; unit value \$38.185.

Acres of timber lands (O. & C. R. R. lands, 217,558 acres, value, \$2,877,425.) 680,703 acres; value, \$9,610,060; unit value, \$14.117.

Acres of non-tillable lands (O. & C. R. R. lands, 81,045 acres, value, \$443,490) 705,475 acres; value, 4,721,045, unit value, \$6,692.

Improvements on deeded or patented lands \$1,036,435. Town and city lots, \$6,368,700.

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SPRINGFIELD TO HAVE DISPLAY AT BIG LAND SHOW

Through the efforts of Gore & Rowe a display of products from the vicinity of Springfield will be made at the Manufacturers, and Land Products show at Portland. A section of shelf space has been set aside for this display, and a shipment will be made tonight. Messrs. Gore & Rowe already had some fine specimens, especially of corn, and they will supplement these with sugar beets, carrots, and other farm products. They have one pumpkin which weighs 69 1-2 pounds, and it was picked green!

They would be glad to receive other specimens of farm products, and will have them sent to Portland and tagged with the name of the grower.

LOVETT SAYS STRAHORN LINE IN EASTERN OREGON IS NOT BACKED BY U. S.

Chairman of Directors of Union Pacific Says Railroads in U. S. Have Been Taught Economy by the War.

Emphatically asserting that the proposed Strahorn railway across Eastern Oregon was not backed by the Union Pacific, Judge Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the board of directors of that system, today declared himself not unfriendly toward Mr. Strahorn's project.

Judge Lovett has not been in Central Oregon, on his present annual inspection trip over the lines of the Union Pacific and its subsidiary roads. He is well acquainted with the territory, however, having previously gone over it in an automobile.

The impression has prevailed that Robert E. Strahorn was acting in some such capacity in Eastern Oregon as he did in Washington at the time of the construction of the North Coast road. Judge Lovett, however, draws a distinction.

"When Mr. Strahorn was working in our interest at that time we were not ready to make an announcement and did not say anything one way or the other as to his connection with us. In Eastern Oregon he is representing other interests entirely. Those these are I do not know," said Judge Lovett at the Hotel Portland.

Mr. Strahorn's plan involves the construction of a railroad from Arden, just south of Burns, to which point the O. W. R. & N. Co. is building from Riverside an extension of its branch line from Vale. Another line forming a part of the group will join the Lakeview district to the existing Hill and Harriman terminals at Bend, while still another will close the gap between the Southern Pacific at Klamath

Falls and Bend. Under this plan of development trade from Klamath Falls and Lakeview now going to California because of the railroad connections will be led toward Portland. The east and west line will open a new territory, and will give the Portland business houses, in distance to haul, an advantage over the jobbers in Salt Lake City.

As to any possible paralleling of lines in Eastern Oregon because of the Strahorn project, Judge Lovett said the Union Pacific reserved the right to build where business was to be obtained.

Judge Lovett reached Portland last evening, coming from New York in company with E. E. Adams, consulting engineer. From Portland he goes to Seattle, thence to San Francisco and will go east by way of Ogden.

"Railroad conditions in the East are improving, due partly to the large crops and the war orders. The depression has taught the railroads economy. Some roads are a little under the standard for maintenance now, but the Union Pacific has kept its equipment to a high figure throughout. For this reason we are not afraid of any car shortage. In fact, I notice the bulk of the wheat here in Oregon and Washington has not yet begun to move to any great extent."

In answer to a question as to the possible merging of the O. W. R. & N. Co. into the Union Pacific for operating purposes Judge Lovett declared it is the company's purpose to leave local administrative matters to its men on the ground. He emphasized however, the direct relation of the coast company to the Union Pacific system as a whole. He told why a part of the ticket auditing formerly done in Portland is now done in Omaha.

"A ticket from Chicago to Portland formerly had three coupons, one for the Union Pacific, one for the Oregon Short Line and one for the O. W. R. & N. So while only one interest was involved returns had to be made to the foreign roads from Omaha, from Salt Lake and from Portland. It was an archaic system of auditing, and should have been discontinued years ago."

The head of the Union Pacific characterized the rumors of the resignation of President Farrell, of the O. W. R. & N. as "moonshine, I think."

He said he had heard nothing of Mr. Farrell's taking such a step. He also disclaimed any knowledge as to the plans of the company in securing a joint user privilege on the Milwaukee system's branch to South Bend on Willapa harbor. The Milwaukee now has the right to use the O. W. R. & N. branch to Grays harbor, and a reciprocal right on the new Willapa line has been discussed locally.

BUSINESS MEN PROPOSE LAND DISPOSAL PLAN

That the Southern Pacific is paying taxes in Oregon at the rate of \$2000 a day, and that its total operating cost in Oregon is \$8100 a day, was one of the startling statements made at the banquet of the Business Men's club Friday evening by Judge Wm. Colvig, tax and right of way agent of the Southern Pacific company, who was the principal speaker.

That the Southern Pacific company pays almost 15 percent of the taxes of Lane county was another interesting statement of Mr. Colvig's. His topic, however, was the O. & C. land grant, and he covered the subject thoroughly, giving statistics as to the amounts of land involved, the taxes paid and the services rendered by the railroad in the carrying of war supplies.

His address brought up a general discussion of the whole subject, and more particularly of the question of getting the lands developed. After the question had been discussed from many angles, the following resolutions were offered and unanimously passed:

Resolved that it is the sense of this meeting, that our delegation in Congress be and are hereby instructed to favor such action by Congress as will require the Oregon and California Railroad Company, to immediately, and within six months after the date of such enactment by Congress, to open a General Land Office in the City of Portland, Oregon, for the disposition of its Grant Lands within this State and which office shall be required to receive and file all applications from actual settlers for any portion of the said Grant Lands and to sell the same to such applicants, according to the terms of the original Land Grant, viz: at a price not to exceed \$2.50 per acre and in quantities not greater than 160 acres of land to any such actual settler and shall maintain said Land Office and receive such applications for full period of six years from the date of such enactment, and that after the expiration of said term of six years, all the rest, remainder and residue of said Grant Lands shall be vested in and become the absolute property of the O. & C. R. Co. in fee simple.

Provided, however, that the O. & C. R. Co. shall continue to maintain the said Land Office hereinafore provided, receive applications for the purchase of the unsold lands of said Grant and sell in quantities, not exceeding one section of land to each applicant and at a price per acre not greater than the average assessed valuation placed thereon by the respective Counties in said State, in which such lands so sold are situated.

(Congress should define what constitutes an actual settler.)
Fifty members of the Business Men's club, and their guests, attended the banquet, which was given in the old Reapers hall. M. M. Peery was the toastmaster, filling that office gracefully.

Attilla Norman, vice-president and general manager of the Oregon Power company, was the first speaker, and he complimented the town upon having an interest in the plant here, which is rated as one of the most efficient in the state.

Charles Robison, deputy prosecuting attorney of Multnomah county, spoke in the interest of the Lane Products show, and incidentally read a strong sermon on the necessity for community harmony if best results are to be obtained.

E. J. Frasier of Eugene also spoke briefly.

Rowe brought in a sample of the syrup, which is being sampled and found excellent by those easterners who are familiar with the sorghum of the east. W. C. Myers also planted sorghum this year and finds it does well.

IF YOU SAW

our carpenter's tools you would not accept any others. Finest quality tooled steel, edged to a perfect finish and the finest hand-turned handles procurable. Everything imaginable in hardware. Make no mistake, our guarantee protects you always. Prices a challenge to the other fellows.



Beaver-Herdon Hardware Company

Finds Sorghum to Be Profitable

Hoimer Taylor, who has a farm between Coburg and Harrisburg, planted two acres of sorghum this year, and is now crushing the cane and boiling down the syrup. He planted it in tracts for different treatment and finds that he is getting from 60 to 90 gallons of syrup from an acre of the cane, and is selling the syrup at \$1 a gallon. Nate