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## BUILDING OPERATIONS ON CHURCH AND DWELLINGS BEGIN--REALTY ACTIVE

With the coming of the early Spring weather, building operations and realty transfers have taken on a bright outlook.

Ground was broken this forenoon for the new \$25,000 Methodist church, and this afternoon formal exercises inaugurating the construction work were held this afternoon at 3:30.

Rev. J. T. Moore, pastor of the church, had charge of the exercises. Rev. J. T. Abbett of Eugene, district superintendent offered prayer and made brief remarks appropriate to the occasion. Rev. Robert Bishop of Creswell also made a few remarks. Rev. Will N. Ferris read the Scripture reference, I Cor. 3:9-23, and also pronounced the benediction after the 200 or more assembled had sung, "Nearer My God, to Thee."

Miss Margaret Morris, whose splendid gift makes the church possible at this time, turned the first shovelful of earth to mark the beginning of the work.

### Other Work Under Way.

T. J. McCracken last week purchased from J. O. Richmond of Newport, formerly of this place, a lot on C street between Sixth and Seventh, and this morning removed the small dwelling from the lot, preparatory to the erection of a bungalow.

George Perkins, who has the work well along on the residence being erected by Al Perkins for W. N. Long, this morning broke ground for a second dwelling

## FIRST COUNT TO BE MADE NEXT WEDNESDAY EVE.

Next Wednesday the first count will be made in the News-Merchants' Piano contest, and at that time an award of \$10 in gold will be made to the contestant having the largest number of votes. Winning this prize in no way interferes with contesting for the piano, but is intended solely to give the early workers a bit of encouragement. Yes, ten dollars in gold, is a real nice little bit of encouragement, now isn't it?

Contestants will be interested to know that the Swarts & Washburne have had coupons supplied in denominations of 6 1-4 votes, to be given with each 25c purchase, instead of the 25-vote coupons given with \$1 purchases.

Next Thursday the News will announce the results of the first count, and then the contest will be on in earnest. Save all the

his brother is going to have put up.

G. R. Smith of Douglas, Alaska, today purchased the Herring 3 1-2 acres in West Springfield, making the deal through Gore & Rowe.

E. E. Basey of Oriso, California, was in Springfield last week and sold his 1-2 block on West D street to Jud Dorin. Gore & Rowe made this deal also.

George Brassfield bought of Ed. Vaughn a one-acre tract in Douglas Gardens.

On Friday J. E. Staniger sold to J. W. Coffin the 50-foot lot on B street adjoining Mr. Coffin's home on the east.

### Cogill House is Sold.

H. Cogill last week sold his five-room house on C street between Seventh and Eighth to J. O. Root, who will take possession shortly. The lot is 64 by 120 feet and has a modern five-room house, Bean & Allen made the deal.

### NEW ROAD WAITS UPON RECLAMATION

### No Strahorn Lines Unless State Credits Conference Accomplishes Aims.

"Unless methods are devised for reclamation, drainage and colonization of the millions of acres of unused lands in Central Oregon, the projected lines of the Oregon, California & Eastern allway company will not be built," said President Robert E. Strahorn, who returned this morning to Portland from his home at Spokane. He came here to take up matters relating to preliminaries of the railway project and to prepare for his attendance as one of the delegates of the Portland Chamber of Commerce at the land credit conference at Salem next week.

"I am not concerned any more about the details of the railway project, but I am deeply interested in what will be done at the Salem conference to provide for extending state credit to irrigation, drainage and colonization undertakings of merit," continued President Strahorn. "The development work, as I have said publicly, must be pushed or there will be no railroad built under my auspices, because Central Oregon could not support it if built. Some plan must be adopted to let the ordinary poor but ambitious man in; some way to make room and care for this class of farmers who are generally the best workers."

President Strahorn stated that during the severe winter weather the engineering parties in the field had been forced to lay off only one day. The railway line has been located from Bend south 30 miles to near Fort Rock valley and from Bend about the same distance east well into Millican valley. From Lakeview northward to Silver Lake the line has been finally located, leaving a gap from north to south on the Bend-

Lakeview division of only about 35 miles out of the 170 miles total distance.

Referring to the city election at Bend Monday, the people voted overwhelmingly to issue \$30,000 of bonds for purchase of land for the railway's terminals, President Strahorn said the action was a long step toward assuring construction of the railway. Most of the land through the heart of the city, a distance of two miles has been donated, the present worth being \$150,000, and the money from the bonds will be used to buy the minor piece of land needed for terminals at Bend. It will next be in order for the people of Bend to provide the required right-of-way from their city to Fort Rock, which they have agreed to do, Mr. Strahorn said.—Telegram.

## Wending School Holds Big Rally

A standard school rally was held Friday evening in the church, at which there were over four hundred people in attendance. The regular meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association was held in conjunction with the rally, and at the business meeting which was held in the early part of the evening, it was decided to lengthen the school term from eight months to nine months. Following the business session a splendid program was rendered by the school children. The numbers which received highest praise were the choruses from "Pauline" sung by the upper grade and High school girls, and which were endorsed freely, the dramatizations by the primary pupils, and the thirty minute play which was rendered in a highly pleasing manner by pupils from the third, fourth and fifth grades.

Addresses were given by Supervisor A. I. O'Reilly, Prof. Ayer, of the University of Oregon, and Prof. Allen of O. A. C. Mr. O'Reilly presented the certificates of Standardization from Supt. Churchill, and Prof. Allen emphasized the value of an education, both in dollars and cents and in character building. Prof. Ayer spoke on the home side of education and urged parents to give their children some form of an industrial education at home, and to teach them responsibility by giving each child specific duties, e.g. the care of a horse or a cow.

Following the addresses of the evening, refreshments of ice cream and cake were served by the ladies of the Association, under the supervision of the committee: Mrs. G. C. Sumner and Mrs. Hicklin.

The next meeting of the Association house on the evening of April 14.

**WENDING NOTES**  
On Tuesday evening, March 14, a farwell party will be given by the people of the town, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Yancy, who are soon to leave and live on their farm near Junction City.

General Superintendent Hogan of the Booth-Kelly Co., spent Thursday visiting the mill and conferring with the men in charge. Later in the day a readjustment of wages was announced.

The Parent-Teachers Association play is announced for Friday, March 17.

All Hood River sawmills expect to operate by May 1, with 600 men.

## OREGON HAS A FUEL FOR AUTISTS RIGHT AT ITS VERY DOOR

Denatured Alcohol Has Many Qualities as Fuel and is Made From Sawdust

The United States government is authority for the statement that a substitute for gasoline or at least an active co-worker with the present motor spirit may be manufactured right here and in many other localities throughout the United States. H. B. Oakleaf, whose specialty is forest products, in a chat with the writer, pointed out some of the salient facts in the situation and showed how communities in the northwest could make their own motor fuel.

The substance is just plain denatured alcohol, originally ethyl alcohol, denatured to avoid the government tax on ordinary grain alcohol.

Mr. Oakleaf says that in quantity it should be made here on the Pacific coast at a cost not to exceed 12 cents per gallon and possibly a cent or two lower.

The possibilities of producing it are said to be immense. For instance, in taking a trip down the Columbia river, or through any part of the northwest for that matter, one sees hundreds of saw mills and a little bit to one side, the refuse burner a place where all the saw ends, and saw dust and such waste is burned up under the open sky. Engineers have said that it is but a question of time when our tonnage will be moved by alcohol instead of gasoline.

The government has been advocating the more extensive use of alcohol for some time. Other sections, which are not so fortunate in the matter of cheap material from which to produce it such as mill waste, have other materials which can be handled as cheaply as this waste product of the lumber industry.

The government forest service has just issued a bulletin in which are some rather terse hints on the solution to the cost of gasoline. It says:

"The value of most of the wood waste produced today is limited to its fuel value in the production of power at the mill. Methods for its closer utilization have been worked out, but compared to the total, the amount so utilized is almost negligible.

"Furthermore, most of the large lumber mills produce so much more waste in excess of the amount needed for power that the waste burners are still in use, involving not only the loss of large amounts of wood, but an actual fixed charge to get rid of it.

"Owing to the bulkiness of the stuff, a limited amount of handling is absolutely imperative. The mechanical condition of the waste is one of the greatest stumbling blocks to its use for ordinary purposes. Saw dust and shavings are too finely divided to be of use in the manufacture of paper or pulp production. For those purposes the fiber has been made too short or has been too much lacerated in the process of reduction, so as to make its use impossible.

"Another objection to handling for any of the present uses is, that the wood waste comes in all forms from the mill, from small slabs to the finest saw dust. Separating it into the various grades for the specific purpose is too big a task, so the

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## BEET SUGAR FACTORY TO COME IF ROOTS TEST RIGHT AND GROWERS CONTRACT

If tests being undertaken on a large scale prove the Willamette valley a good beet sugar country, and if growers will contract to furnish the product of 5000 acres for a period of five years, a factory of the Utah-Oregon Sugar company will be erected in the vicinity of Springfield, involving an outlay of at least one million dollars.

This was the announcement made in Springfield Saturday by A. Nibley of Grants Pass, representing the Utah-Oregon company, which is erecting a factory there.

"We want to make a careful test of the Willamette valley as a beet-growing region," said Mr. Nibley, "and in order to do this we want to get the product from

### SECRETARY LANE ON GRANT BILL

Suggests Changes in Chamberlain Measure in Favor of Classification.

Washington, Feb. 29.—Secretary Lane submitted a report to the senate public lands committee today on the Chamberlain Oregon & California land grant bill. Mr. Lane says the interior department is substantially in accord with the Chamberlain bill and the changes recommended by the department merely make it more thoroughly operative. He suggests the physical classification of the lands by the department in lieu of the automatic classification provided by the Chamberlain bill, and suggests that mineral lands be withheld from exploration and entry until after the department's classification. He suggests that the timber on lands classified as timber should not be sold immediately as provided by the Chamberlain bill, but at times and in such manner as in the judgment of the secretary of the interior may produce the best results, and that one clause for the protection of persons residing on the lands December 1, 1915, be amended to require proof of continuous residence from December 1, 1914.

The interior department does not object to the recommendation of the agricultural department that 300,000 acres within the national forest shall be added to such forests.

The proportion of the proceeds for the state and the counties in the Chamberlain bill are declared too large, and the secretary recommends 20 per cent for the state, 20 per cent for the counties and 60 per cent for the federal government. The bill properly makes no provision for granting preferential rights to applicants for the purchase of lands from the railroads.

In the administrative features the secretary commends the suggestion that a receiver be appointed to take charge of and handle the land. The secretary recommends the appropriation of \$100,000 for carrying the legislation into effect and recommends the enactment of the Chamberlain-Ferris bill with the suggested amendments.

In the house committee Forrester Graves urged that the Chamberlain-Ferris bill be amended to add to the national forests the grant lands now within the forest boundaries.

Section of Nehalem highway near town of Jewel to be built at once.

\$15,000 school to be erected at Knappa.

Water furnished by Oregon Power Co., to Independence tested and found to be pure.

Walker will erect a new high school.

Tillamook cheese factories prosper, total output \$620,503.23 in 1915.

200 acres of land. We will pay the farmers \$4.75 a ton for the beets they produce this year, the company absorbing the rest of the \$1.15 a ton freight to our new factory at Grants Pass. At the plant we are paying \$5 a ton and that is approximately what we would pay here if a factory were built in this vicinity.

"The only condition we make is that the land be irrigated. The beets must have water at the right season, and we cannot take the risk on unirrigated land.

"If we can secure assurance of the 200 acres, we will bring in the seed, and we will send experts here to assist in the planting, cultivation and harvesting of the crop. What we want to know is whether or not the valley will produce a sugar beet that we can use."

Mr. Nibley left Saturday evening for Grants Pass. It is understood a portion at least of the 200 acres required for the test had been secured. Beets raised last year in this vicinity were taken by Mr. Nibley to the University for analysis.

Mr. Nibley stated that the first year the beets should run about 12 tons to the acre, which at \$4.75 would bring \$57. The average yield is more like 20 tons an acre. The total cost of raising the beets is \$40, showing a good profit for the grower.

Edwin E. Cox of San Francisco, and Mr. Shields, of Anderson, Shasta county, California, representing Holland capital, were in Springfield with Mr. Nibley, and are investigating the W. L. Benham irrigation project with a view to financing it. They will remain in this vicinity for a few days.

The three gentlemen were shown about the country by Welby Stevens.

## Gravel Trains Will Start Wednesday

Some delay at the "front" prevented the gravel trains from the Springfield pits leaving today to begin the ballasting operations on the Willamette Pacific. However, Trainmaster Williams has the shovel located in the pit ready for work, and can get the gravel out any time. He states it is expected the first gravel can go forward Wednesday of this week. Two train loads a day—50 carloads—will be sent, as has been done before. Two road engines will take a full train from Springfield at 6 in the morning, and will pick up the second train load at Blair street, Eugene, the pit engine taking the loads over from the pit.

There is a section of track eight or nine miles long north of the Umpqua, to be ballasted at this time, and then the trains will have to be taken off while the Umpqua bridge is being put in place.

Passenger service to Coos bay points will begin just as soon as the tracks are ballasted, but freight service will not start until mid-summer, after the bridge is completed.

### PARKER AGAIN CANDIDATE

Sheriff James C. Parker on Saturday filed his declaration as candidate for re-election, paying the fee of \$20 instead of having petitions circulated. "Efficiency, economy and enforcement of all laws fairly and impartially," will follow his name on the ballot.

### NOMINATING BLANK

Springfield, Ore. ....1916

I hereby nominate or suggest the name of .....

Address .....  
a lady worthy to become a candidate in your "Popular Voting Contest." I present this name with the distinct agreement that the management shall not divulge my name. This does not obligate me in any way whatever.

Signed .....

### 25-VOTE COUPON

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