

## DEC RYS STRICT CONTROL OF ROADS

President Rivers and Harbors Congress Does Not Believe in Government Ownership of Railroads.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 1.—Deerying the agitation for greater governmental control of railroads as foreshadowing government ownership, and predicting that the latter would be worse than our present transportation troubles, Rev. Joseph F. Ransdell of Louisiana, president of the national rivers and harbors congress, which will hold its annual meeting in Washington the first week in December, today expressed his views on the waterways problem before the Lakes to the Gulf Deed Waterway convention.

"I believe firmly in efficient regulation and control of railways," said he, "but I am equally strong in opposition to government ownership thereof; and fearing a growth of this sentiment I would like to see the railroads become active promoters of improved and thoroughly utilized waterways, because by doing so they would be perfecting our transportation facilities, the inadequacy of which has done much to spread in America the virus of government ownership of railroads, which has such a strong hold in foreign countries.

"I fear many of our leading railway men are unfriendly to a liberal policy of waterway improvement, and while not in active opposition, they are either totally indifferent or quietly antagonistic. It would be much wiser for them to espouse actively the cause of improved waterways. A slight study of the subject will show that nearly all of our great cities and large centers of manufacturing and business are on navigable watercourses and receive the benefits of water competition in cheapened freight rates and increased facilities, and yet it is in these localities that the railroads do their most remunerative business. If our great river systems were improved thoroughly so that navigation thereon was first class, freight rates would be much cheaper, but there would be such a large growth of population and business of every kind, the cream of which would go to the railroads, that they would profit very largely thereby. As a business proposition it would pay them to have the waterways fully developed.

"The tracks of railroads are so standardized that a car loaded at New Orleans can go to Chicago, Boston or anywhere in the Union without change, and our navigable waters will never accomplish their full mission until they have similar standards and connections. A union of Lake Michigan with the gulf would be a mighty step in this direction, and if followed by proper improvement of all the other rivers in this imperial valley would give us the necessary standard for the richest and most populous part of the republic. The Mississippi is now being joined to the Rio Grande by an interoceanic canal, on which work is in progress; the people of Florida, Alabama and Mississippi are strongly urging a coastal canal from the Atlantic to New Orleans; and the Atlantic coast from Massachusetts to Florida is thoroughly alive to the necessity of an inland waterway from Boston to Jacksonville; hence we may reasonably expect to see in the near future a standard system of canals and rivers that will permit freight to move by water without breaking bulk from nearly every point in the Union east of the Rockies to every other point; just as is done now by rail."

### NEW CASES.

Charles Prim and W. I. Vawter vs. Revenue Mining company—Action to recover money. Charles Prim and W. I. Vawter, attorneys for plaintiffs.

Mabel I. De Roboam vs. William Edwards De Roboam—Suit for divorce. A. E. Reames, attorney for plaintiff.

### DIED.

MALONEY—At Wolf Creek, Or., Wednesday, October 20, 1909, Mike Maloney, aged 54 years.

HAMILTON—At Grants Pass, Or., Thursday, October 28, 1909, Alfred H. Hamilton, aged 38 years, of liver trouble.

### GOLD HILL ITEMS.

H. D. Reed has been remodeling his residence during the past week. J. W. Morris, who resides on Foothills creek, has moved to Gold Hill for the winter.

Arthur Elam of Tehama county, California, has been visiting with Mr. Hodges in Gold Hill for the past week.

H. W. Hulbert of the Grants Pass neighborhood, is here this week visiting with his brother, A. N. Hulbert.

Fred Eddings and party returned from their hunting expedition. They bagged considerable game and had a jolly time.

C. A. Peterson and party returned from their hunting sojourn into the Klamath country. They report a "big time" and plenty of ducks.

J. E. Enyart of Medford and Horace Pelton and R. C. F. Astbury, from Sam's Valley, attended the bank meeting and banquet Wednesday evening in Gold Hill.

Mr. Oxley, who has mining interests in the Sam's Valley district, arrived in Gold Hill Tuesday with his wife and brother-in-law, H. R. Barber. They are from Canada.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Gold Hill bank was held in the bank on Wednesday evening. After the official business was transacted the party adjourned to the Bon Ton, where a banquet and a general good time was the order of the evening.

### DEMONSTRATION TRAINS ARE PROVING A SUCCESS

OLYMPIA, Nov. 1.—The tours conducted by the Washington State college by means of demonstration trains, have proved so successful in the Inland Empire and Eastern Washington that similar excursions will now be made through the Puget Sound district tributary to Seattle. Lectures will be given to the farmers by Professor O. M. Olson and Prof. and Mrs. Lawrence. Mrs. Lawrence will talk to the women on domestic economy. Professor W. S. Thornber, H. T. Rau and L. W. Hanson will also be a part of the traveling faculty. The towns to be visited include Bothell, Snohomish, Arlington, Burlington, Nooksack, Lynden, Laurel, Marysville and Palsbo. The excursion will begin November 1 and end November 11.

### RAILWAY COMMISSIONS NARROWLY WATCH ROADS

SEATTLE, Nov. 1.—The railway commissions in the various states of the northwest are subjecting the equipment of the transportation companies to close scrutiny at this time. The Northern Pacific has received a report on its line in the state of Montana from the local commission, as follows: "You have a good railroad, particularly the main line; track is well ballasted, good sub-drainage, grade revisions and line changes, all of which indicate large expenditure for betterment. The result is a track that is a pleasure to ride over, and these conditions should minimize the accidents incident to travel."

### WORK ON WASHINGTON LAKE CANAL IS STARTED

SEATTLE, Nov. 1.—Actual work on the construction of the Lake Washington ship canal has been started. This project, which has been agitated for many years, will give Seattle a fresh water harbor, something novel for an important seaport. By materially enlarging the shipping facilities of the Northwest, this undertaking is an important aid to commerce, the success of which means much to the whole state. The federal government will share in the expense of construction. Suitable ceremonies attended the turning of the first shovel of earth by former Governor J. H. McGraw at the portage near the south entrance to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition grounds.

### BUILDING CRIBS TO PROTECT CREEK BANKS

In order to protect the east bank of Bear creek from high water, Messrs. Kahler and Collins have built 11 cribs in the bed of the stream to turn the water and have three more to build. The cribs will protect the bank all along the east side and any property owner who wishes to assist in the work may do so by seeing Mr. Kahler or Mr. Collins and contributing.

## WORK TRAIN LAYS OFF FOR FEW DAYS

Soft Track Makes It Impossible for Train to Continue at Work.

The work train of the Pacific & Eastern which has been engaged in distributing ballast material along the track for the past month or more has been temporarily laid off on account of rain and soft track, the big engine used on the train being too heavy for the unballasted roadbed. The work of distributing the gravel has been completed to the top of the hill just east of the Bear creek bridge from the Eagle Point end and there now remains but a short stretch from there to the junction with the Southern Pacific to finish. Work will be at once resumed as soon as the present wet weather ceases.

### CIRCUIT COURT NEWS.

Bertha M. Eddy vs. Arthur L. Eddy—Suit for divorce. Decree by default.

Dora Helms vs. James Helms—Dumour sustained.

M. F. Hanley vs. City of Medford—Motion to strike out part of answer to the amended complaint taken under advisement.

Emma J. Wayker vs. Jesse G. Walker—Divorce decree by default. J. E. O'Brien vs. Lucy M. O'Brien—Divorce; decree by default.

Effie May Eerrill vs. W. B. Jackson, administrator estate W. H. Bradshaw—Set for trial on November 16.

E. F. Winkler vs. N. C. Noon, Jr., et al.—Suit to quiet title. Decree by default.

D. A. Pattulo vs. Fred V. Blakeley Ada J. Blakeley—Judgment by default.

Eliza J. Lewis vs. C. W. Palm—Dismissed.

Bertha S. Barnum vs. Oregon Transcontinental company—Suit to quiet title. Decree by default.

Sarah E. King vs. David King—Divorce. Decree by default.

### PROBATE COURT.

Estate James McCarron—Inventory and appraisement filed showing estate valued at \$2000.

Estate of Julien A. Julien—Order made appointing W. B. Jackson administrator and Polk Hall, John S. Orth and A. B. Saling, appraisers.

Estate of Thomas Buckman—Order made allowing executrix extension of time in which to file inventory and appraisement.

Estate of Arthur Pool—Final account of administrator filed and November 30, 1909, set as day for final settlement.

Guardian Gilberta Rosenstock—Order made appointing A. F. Rosenstock guardian. Guardian's bond filed.

Estate Isla Fern Murphy—Inventory and appraisement filed showing estate valued at \$5032.35.

Estate Herman Lawrentz—Inventory and appraisement filed showing estate valued at \$1750.

Estate of John Biluvenue—Final order and decree.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

I. N. Thomas to J. A. Perry, 39.23 acres in township 37, range 2 west ..... \$42,000

E. S. Morton to Alma V. Morton, 160 acres in section 32, township 34, range 3 west

Dell G. Morgan to E. F. Peer, land in section 10, township 40, range 1 west ..... 1,600

A. L. Casick to J. P. Johnson, 240 acres in section 20, township 37, range 2 east ..... 10

Linda Austin to A. P. Talent, lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, block 1, Edwards Place Addition, Medford ..... 10

H. C. Stoddard to L. Elwood, lots 1, 2, 3, block 4, Sunset Park ..... 600

M. Elwood to H. L. Griffin, lots 1, 2 and 3, block 4, Sunset Park ..... 300

R. H. Austin to Agnes C. Cota, lot 2, block 1, Sunnyside Addition, Medford ..... 10

### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

W. Estell Phipps and Clara Rader.

### SAVAGE CREEK ITEMS.

M. J. Rick went back to work on Tuesday on the Southern division bridge gang after being home a few days to see his youngest daughter, Helen, who is ill with paralysis.

Mr. Kinkle contemplates putting in four acres more of strawberries. He made \$700 off of his first crop of three and one-half acres. He has berries till after Thanksgiving.

The bridge at Woodville is progressing rapidly, and the people of Savage Creek will soon only have two and a half miles to go for mail and supplies.

John Kinkle has been ill with gall stones. He is now able to be about, but suffers severely at times.

The Misses Susie and Hazel Rick will attend the institute at Ashland.

Ernest Kinkle is hauling wood to Grants Pass every day, taking advantage of the fine weather.

J. C. Savage and family are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller on Applegate a few days.

The weather is fine for plowing, and the farmers are taking advantage of it.

Charles Kinkle commenced work at the new schoolhouse at Woodville today.

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