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SPEEDY CONSTRUCTION OF TROLLEY LINE THROUGH VALLEY IS PROMISED

ALLEN BACK FROM NEW YORK WITH ROAD FULLY FINANCED

Awaits Granting of Franchise in Ashland to Start Construction Work—Would Like to Meet Residents of Valley in Order to Discuss Route to Be Followed by Line—Pacific & Eastern on Over the Cascades.

BRINGING the money to construct an up-to-date interurban trolley line from Grants Pass to Ashland, John R. Allen, builder of the Pacific & Eastern railroad, has returned from New York City to complete details for the speedy construction of the electric road. He also announces that the work of constructing the Pacific & Eastern from Butte Falls eastward over the Cascades will be pushed with the same rapidity which has characterized the construction of the line. Mr. Allen will remain a month or so here, then go to New York for a brief trip, returning to make the Snowy Butte orchard his summer home.



"The proposed interurban trolley line has been entirely financed," said Mr. Allen, "and the money for building it is ready. Construction work will be started as soon as the city of Ashland grants a franchise. The people of Ashland, by a vote of two to one, amended the city charter so as to permit the council to grant a fifty-year franchise, so that it is evident they want the electric line, and I expect the council will soon grant one. I am going over Monday to meet the council."

"I have not yet decided upon the route of the trolley line. It has not yet been determined. I am here for that purpose and would like to meet the citizens of the various towns and the orchard owners who are desirous of having the line run through their property, and talk the matter over with them. I will be either at the Hotel Nash or the Pacific & Eastern offices for the next week or two to discuss routes. I have not yet chosen the streets to run on or the station sites, but would like to hear from residents and those interested."

"The trolley line will be well built, with the latest equipment. It will be designed for both freight and passenger traffic. The rails will be heavy and the construction similar to that of the Willamette Valley line—a first-class, permanent road."

"As I stated before," concluded Mr. Allen, "construction work only awaits the granting of a franchise in Ashland. As soon as this action is taken work will be begun and pushed to a finish as rapidly as the Pacific & Eastern has."

"I will make my home in the Snowy Butte orchard, and brought my housekeeper and servants from New York with me for that purpose. Over half of the Snowy Butte tracts have been sold, and I am very well pleased with the experiment of selling an old orchard into small tracts. I don't care whether the rest are sold or not, and am willing to hold them myself as a home."

"Fine progress has been made on the Pacific & Eastern. The road will be open to Butte Falls by the middle of June."

SNOW AND RAIN MIDDLE WEST; OREGON WARM

Lake States Suffer Heavy Damage From Blizzard—Follow Early Spring and Thousands of Dollars' Damage Is Done—Many Farmers Are Ruined.

PORTLAND, April 23.—Both record heat and record cold were reported from various parts of the middle west and the far west today. In the lake states extreme cold, accompanied by heavy winds, was reported, while a storm on the great lakes tonight, almost unheard of at this time of year, is blowing a heavy gale and shipping is endangered.

On the coast, all points in Oregon report extraordinary warm weather. In Portland the glass reached 88 at 3 o'clock. At Roseburg 92 was the record heat for April. Eastern Oregon reports warm weather with dry winds. Los Angeles reports early crops dried up by the warmest weather known in the history of that section. San Francisco registered 87 in the shade. The early strawberry crop, reported at San Francisco from Southern California, was all but ruined.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 23.—The storm raging over the middle west today is one of the most unusual ever known in this section of the country, and it is feared that heavy damage to crops will result. In many sections cold-weather records for the season have been broken.

Snow in many places visited by the present storm has never before fallen so late in the year, according to advisers received.

The storm follows an unusually early spring. During March through the entire section now being swept by snow and wind, warm weather prevailed. March registered warmer in Minneapolis than in Los Angeles.

It is feared today that besides the usual minor storm damage, heavy loss has been suffered in the fruit-growing region. Although the full extent of the damage cannot yet be ascertained, it is believed that the apple orchards of Missouri have suffered heavily and that in Michigan other damage has been done.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 23.—The thermometer at St. Louis registered 28 degrees. This is the coldest that was ever known here at this time of the year. A driving snow is falling. Continued cold is predicted and it is feared that the fruit has been heavily damaged.

CALUMET, Mich., April 23.—A 70-mile blizzard is sweeping this section today. Lake Superior has been lashed into fury and is storm-swept for its entire length. The storm extends from Duluth to the Soo. Six inches of snow have fallen.

Warning was issued at Duluth before the storm struck and only a few vessels are believed to be anywhere on the lake.

Wires on land are down and communication and traffic are delayed. It is estimated that the storm has done thousands of dollars' worth of damage.

Clark-Henry Ready For Work

Three Carloads of Grading Machinery Arrive and Work Will Soon Start on Streets—Camp in Whitman Park.

The Clark-Henry Construction company unloaded three carloads of wagons and machinery at Medford Saturday and are making preparations to commence work on their contract for paving in Medford as soon as the men and machinery can be assembled.

Ground for the location of the plant has been secured in the Whitman Park addition, and the rock will be brought from the Rogue River Granite company's plant at Gold Ray.

The first street to be paved will be East Main, as it presents more difficulties than do any of the others. The bridge at the foot of Main is the only crossing of Bear creek for a mile or more north, and the paving company, in order to accommodate the traffic, may be compelled to pave the street half its width at a time for a block or more, until convenient cross streets, allowing the country and sea traffic to come in behind the pavers, can be reached.

Chinese Prince Insults Friends

During Presentation of Gifts He Calls to His Retinue and Abruptly Leaves Room—Chinatown Badly Wrought Up Over Matter.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 23. Local Chinese are indignant and ashamed over the action of Prince Tsai Tao, minister of war, uncle of the emperor and brother of the prince regent of the imperial empire, in deliberately ignoring their gifts, their expressions of esteem. The walls of Chinatown early today were placarded with lampoons of the youthful prince, in which he was referred to as a "child whose ignorance was only forgivable because of his youth."

The action of the prince which aroused the turmoil occurred last night when he abruptly called to his retinue and led them from the room at the Palace hotel when he was being presented with a vase, a punch set and a silver loving cup by local Chinese societies.

New Eyeglasses For Roosevelt

Colonel Discards Famous "Pinchers"—Delivers Speech Before Academy and Delights French by Speaking in Their Tongue.

PARIS, April 23.—Colonel Roosevelt today discarded his famous nose-glasses and purchased a new pair from a leading oculist of Paris. He also bought a number of rare old books here. Later he went to the Academy of Sorbonne, where a dinner of 17 guests was laid. The guests included French Ambassador Jusserand and American Ambassador to France Bacon.

CUTHBERT BOWS TO DEMAND; IS TO MOVE TENT

Proprietors of New Furniture Company Decides to Erect Temporary Quarters Outside of Fire Limits—Will Go On Oakdale Avenue, Near Tent City.

Bowing to the demand of the fire company that they do not erect a tent, as given permission by the city council, for temporary store purposes at Sixth and Central avenue, Cuthbert & Co. will remove the structure to Oakdale avenue, near their tent city.

As soon as the firm found that the council acted without a legal right in giving them permission to erect the tent inside of the fire limits, the company decided to press the matter no further.

The meeting of the city council Friday afternoon was a long-drawn-out affair and was more of a free-for-all discussion on the controversy between the firemen and the council on the matter of the erection of the tent than anything else.

When the tent question came up Mr. Welch spoke in favor of granting the permit to Cuthbert & Co., saying that they had lost out on buildings they had thought to secure for business purposes and should be given some kind of a show.

Cuthbert & Co. presented their side of the case, explaining that the structure was merely temporary and that they had acted in good faith in supposing their authority from the council was ample; also had agreed to tear down and remove the tent as soon as they were through with it. Councilman Eifert thought the firemen were not showing a spirit of fairness, but admitted that the action of the council was not legal.

Merrick admitted that there had been carelessness heretofore, but that, owing to the expense gone to by Cuthbert & Co., thought they should be allowed to go ahead.

The mayor expressed his opinion that the matter lay entirely with the chief of the fire department, and that hereafter he would have entire control and the council would "keep their noses out."

Mr. Butler, assistant fire chief, who had some part in the controversy, made the following statement: "I would like to correct the statement that a fellow business man was trying to keep Cuthbert & Co. out of a place to do business. Holding the office of assistant fire chief, I was ordered by the chief (he being unable) to attend a special meeting had authority to grant building permits within the fire limits. I took no part in the proceedings until requested by a member of the council to give my view in regard to the matter."

"My objection (as a fireman) was, first, that it was strictly against an ordinance passed by the city council; second, because I considered it very dangerous to construct such a building (board walls and tent roof) so close to the business center of Medford; third, because the dry season, with our north winds, would place in jeopardy thousands of dollars' worth of property, if this fire trap was allowed to be constructed; fourth, because I think the property owners in that locality are due to some consideration."

DEMAND THAT WATER QUESTION BE SETTLED GROWS INSISTANT

Unanimous Sentiment Among Leading Business Men That Litigation With Hanley Cease and Wasson Canyon Water Be Purchased—All Say Delay is Too Costly to Welfare of the City—Council May Take Action Soon.

GROWING more insistent each day is the demand on the part of Medford's citizens that the controversy with M. F. Hanley, involving the completion of the gravity water system, be settled through arbitration with Mr. Hanley. The seemingly never-ending litigation, now extending over a year, has thoroughly disgusted the city and now-business men are demanding that the question be settled once and forever.

The demand for arbitration is growing in volume daily. Hardly a man can now be found who is not in favor of meeting with Mr. Hanley and settling the question. The success which Mr. Hanley has had in checkmating the city in the long fight through the courts gives promise of being continued in the future, and for this reason citizens favor arbitration.

Two facts stand out prominently at present in the situation and are given as reasons for demanding arbitration: First—The pipe line must contain water by June 1 or it will deteriorate rapidly when the drying-out process starts, which will cause a heavy damage.

Second—That without an adequate supply of fresh water with the summer coming on, the health of the city will be endangered.

The Mail Tribune yesterday secured the views of a score or more of local business men regarding the situation and out of that number only one stated that he favored fighting to the bitter end—but that he did not wish to be quoted one way or the other in regard to the matter. Following are a few of the interviews:

Dr. E. B. Pickel—Arbitrate by all means and get the question settled. Better spend a few dollars than leave the health of the city in danger.

W. I. Vawter—Compromise, and do it in a hurry. It is sound business sense.

Dr. J. F. Reddy—If it had been my personal affair it would have

MAYOR CANON PASSES BUCK TO COUNCIL

While admitting that the city's greatest need at the present time was to settle the water controversy with M. F. Hanley, Mayor Canon passed the buck to the city council by stating that it was up to them to say what should be done.

"I am willing to do whatever the council thinks best," stated the mayor, "but I believe that the case will be settled so that the city can go ahead, in May, when Judge Calkins hears the case. It is an unfortunate affair and one which injures the city—I would like to see it settled, but I want the city to fare as well as possible." Members of the council favor arbitration with Mr. Hanley conditionally.

been settled eight months ago. It is poor business to delay the matter long. Close it at once.

John R. Allen—Get a wholesome supply of water as soon as possible. I offered last fall to give \$1000 to have the question settled. The city cannot stand the delay longer.

J. E. Enyart—Arbitrate at once. The matter should have been settled long ago.

L. E. Wakeman—Close the matter as soon as possible. Give us good water and at once. Edgar Hafer—Medford must have the water. What is a few dollars compared to the loss to the city through a ruined reputation for health?

H. C. Garnett—Give us water at any cost and end this litigation which never gets anywhere.

J. D. Owell—We need water above everything else. Let's have it settled at once.

95 Persons Die In Flood Waters

Damage Aggregating \$2,500,000 Has Been Done in Territory Contiguous to Kragativatz, Which Was Destroyed.

BELGRAVIA, Servia, April 23.—Ninety-five persons have been drowned within 24 hours in the flooded river Morava, according to reports brought here today. Two hundred others have been injured by the storms prevalent in the river valley. The river was reported to be rising rapidly and further damage and loss of life is almost certain.

Russians Drive 10,000 Jews Out

Feared That Action at Kieff Is a Prelude to Anti-Semitic Demands Throughout Russia—Wholesale Expulsion.

BERLIN, April 23.—Ten thousand Jews were driven from Kieff today by the Russian authorities, according to advices received here.

Premier Stolypin says the wholesale expulsion was made because the Jews had settled in Kieff without first obtaining the permission of the Russian government. Those of the Jews who have always lived in Kieff were allowed to remain in the city.

Binger Hermann Dangerously Ill

Ex-Congressman Lies at Death's Door in Roseburg Home—Doctors to Hold Consultation This Morning.

ROSEBURG, April 23.—Binger Hermann, former member of congress from this district and one of the best-known politicians in the state, is lying at the point of death at his home in this city.

The physicians who have been attending him say a consultation will be held in the morning.

Rioters Still Busy In China

Feared Uprising Will Spread to Other Provinces—If This Occurs Government Will Be Unable to Protect Foreigners.

LONDON, April 24.—Dispatches today from China say that rioting is continuing in Chang Sha and the Hunan province. It is feared that the uprising will spread to other provinces.

Should the uprising become general the foreign office fears that the Chinese government will be unable to protect foreigners.

REALTY SALES FOR THIS SEASON TOTAL OVER TWO MILLION AND HALF

DURING the past week Rogue River valley orchard land has sold, unplanted, for \$428 an acre, while a bearing orchard has changed hands at \$2375 an acre. These prices set a new record for those paid in the northwest for orchards and are based upon the production of the land. Hence they are simply another tribute to the superiority of

the Rogue River valley as a fruit-growing district. During the present season over \$2,500,000 has been paid for fruit lands in the Rogue River valley. Many large sales have been made, chief among which was that of the Burrell orchard for a half million of dollars. Subdivision is the keynote of op-

erations in the valley today. Nearly every large tract has been sold and is being placed on the market in 10 and 20-acre tracts, which afford a family a comfortable living. Among the large sales which have been made this season is the Burrell tract for \$500,000; Hamilton tract, \$125,000; Haggadine tract, \$249,000; Cox ranch, \$120,000; Hanley

ranch, \$100,000, while many other places have been sold for prices ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000. The past week has been exceptionally fine for the real estate business. New records were established in the prices paid for land, while the market was brisk. Sales reported were: Cox, \$120,000; Burrell tract, \$45,

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The sale of the John Cox place, just south of town, established the new price record for unplanted orchard land. Two hundred and eighty acres were sold for \$120,000, or \$428 an acre. This price was not paid by blind investors, but by men who carefully looked over the situation first and found what the production of Rogue River orchard land really is.

The record price for bearing orchard was established when C. H. Burkhardt of Philadelphia, Pa., paid \$28,500 for 12 acres of pears in the Burrell orchard, or \$2375 an acre. This was an exceptional fine buy. The sale was made by John D. Owell. Never before was there such a prosperous realty season in the Rogue River valley, but others are on their way.