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## TITLE OF FISH LAKE COMPANY PASSES TO CUMMINGS AND ASSOCIATES WILL SPEND \$2,500,000 IN PLACING ROGUE VALLEY UNDER IRRIGATION

### PATRICK WELCH, WELL KNOWN CAPITALIST OF SPOKANE IS PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY

AFTER expending \$150,000 in preliminary work and surveys, Fred N. Cummings of this city and his associates have taken up the option they have held since March, 1909, on the Fish Lake Ditch company and the Jackson County Improvement company, the title passing to them. The purchase price was \$425,000. By the terms of the purchase Mr. Cummings and his associates must expend \$150,000 additional on construction work within the next 12 months. When completed the project will represent an expenditure of \$2,500,000 and will have placed 55,000 acres in the Rogue River valley under irrigation, aside from 7000 acres the company plans to reclaim on what is known now as "the desert." The deal is the greatest in the history of Southern Oregon.



FRED N. CUMMINGS.

For the past year and a half Mr. Cummings has been undauntedly working on his plans to give the Rogue River valley a first-class irrigation system. He secured an option on the Fish Lake Ditch company holdings and then began the task of enlisting capital. In this he was successful. Recently the Rogue River Valley Canal company, with a capital stock of \$1,500,000, was incorporated to carry on the work of the Fish Lake Ditch company, and Roguelands, Inc., with a capital stock of a like amount, to supplant the Jackson County Improvement company. Both are close corporations.

#### Comprehensive Survey First Made.

After securing the option on the Fish Lake Ditch company, Mr. Cummings began a comprehensive survey of the valley, and in this work expended \$30,000. One of the terms of the option was that Mr. Cummings should continue construction work on the system. This was done, and to date no less than \$150,000 has been expended.

#### The Officers of the Company.

The officers of the new company are: Patrick Welch of Spokane, president; R. K. Neil, vice-president; F. N. Cummings, sole manager; Irving Worthington, chief engineer, and Porter J. Neff, local attorney. Isham N. Smith of Portland heads the legal department. To Mr. Smith's ability is due much credit for the successful conclusion of the deal.

Within the next few months the company will have all of that land under what is known as the Hopkins Canal, comprising 2700 acres under water.

#### Will Expend \$2,500,000 in Valley.

When Mr. Cummings and his associates have completed their plans they will have expended \$2,500,000 and will have placed 55,000 acres of land in the Rogue River valley under irrigation. To complete this task five years will be necessary, although they expect within two years to have three main conduits completed. When completed, the system will be one of the most comprehensive found in any section of the northwest and will consist of approximately 350 miles of distributing laterals, aside from the main canal from the intake on Little Butte creek to the Bradshaw drop, which, when enlarged and completed, will have a capacity of 250 second feet of water. The undertaking is a gigantic one, and it is the greatest individual undertaking in this section.

#### Are Now Expending \$10,000 a Month.

The company is now expending about \$10,000 a month in construction work and surveys. They are also locating what will be known as their high-line canal, which will follow the foothills around the valley above the 401 ranch, Hillcrest and on south to Talent, from where it will swing around the valley back of the Burrell orchards on to the Jacksonville school-house and on to the foothills west of Central Point. An intermediate canal is also under way. This canal will lie between the Hopkins, or low-line, canal and the high-line, and will skirt south and circle in just south of Medford. The Hopkins canal is now being enlarged. From these three main canals innumerable laterals are to be constructed, so that each 40-acre tract in the valley will be placed under water.

#### To Utilize Horse Power.

From the Bradshaw drop around to Yankee creek the company will build a high-line canal. In Yankee creek they will construct a powerhouse, utilizing the fall which they can attain there to lift water into the high-line canal, which will pass through the Owens gap and hug to foothills until Talent is reached. The aeration which this canal will place under water is shown by the fact that it will pass back of the 401, shoot through over the Hazelrigg divide, across the upper end of the Merrick orchard, pass above Hillcrest, cut across Westerlund and swing around the valley above the North line of the Mountain View orchard, near Talent. This will give an altitude high enough for the canal to pass back of the Burrell orchard and cover that immense tract. This canal, when completed, will run close to the Jacksonville school and from thence on north to Central Point.

#### Will Reclaim Seven Thousand Acres of Land.

In addition to the irrigation plans the company will reclaim some 7000 acres of land known as "the desert," which is shown to be productive when water is placed upon it.

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### APPLE SHOW IS NOT TO RAISE WINESAP RATE

Advise rowers in Wenatchee That Other Sections Do Not Think That Variety of Apple Should Be Placed on Par With Newton and Spitz.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 15.—Trustees of the third National Apple Show have instructed Ren H. Rice, secretary and manager, to forward the following letter to the Commercial club at Wenatchee, Wash.:

"At today's meeting of the National Apple Show trustees, answers to the telegrams sent last week, requesting opinions on a proposal to raise the rating of the Winesap in the scorecard were read, and the following results were noted:

"Three commercial clubs and three carload exhibitors recommended raising the Winesap to 9-10.

"Three commercial clubs and three exhibitors voted against raising the Winesap from 8-9.

"Two commercial clubs were willing the raise to apply, provided the McIntosh Red were raised another point.

"Two carload exhibitors failed to answer, although second telegrams were sent to them.

"This leaves the situation with a vote of six in favor, six against, two conditional and two unansweres.

"Under these circumstances the trustees do not feel justified in making the additional raise of one point as requested by you. We feel that it would not be fair to make the change and that our proper course should be to adopt the ratings recommended by the growers in the convention last fall.

"In doing this we appreciate the feeling of Wenatchee growers, that they were not fully represented at that meeting, and we had earnestly hoped that the proposed change would meet with more favor, particularly in view of the fact that Wenatchee has been most loyal to the National Apple Show.

"It is our sincere hope that meetings held during the apple show next fall will be better attended by representatives from all the districts, and that further changes in scoring will be recommended in fairness to the Winesap and some other varieties which, in our opinion, will place competition on a fairer basis in the future.

"P. S.—One of the answers contained the information that if the Winesap were raised as requested there would be no exhibit from that section."

### MEDFORD NATATORIUM OPENS SUCCESSFULLY

Big Crowds Fill Shows and Natatorium Thursday Night When the Amusement Park Opens.

The Medford Natatorium & Amusement company opened the grounds Thursday night and it looked as if almost everybody in town was there.

The Miller Amusement company, which conducted the carnival features, put up a number of good shows and they were all crowded until late

### NICARAGUA AFFAIR COMING TO A CRISIS

Intervention of United States is Probable—Cruelty Shown American Engineer Adds Another Unpleasant Chapter to the Affair.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 15.—That the Nicaraguan affair is coming to a crisis and that intervention by the United States is probable is the belief in official circles here today, following the reports of the mistreatment of William P. Pittman, an American engineer, held captive by Madrid.

The latest reports of the cruelty shown the American accentuate the feeling already existing and have added another unpleasant chapter to those that have occurred since the Nicaraguan revolution began and one which, it is expected, Secretary Knox will settle later. American life and property are threatened in the little republic, according to advices received here today.

Among the incidents that have occurred since the beginning of the war and which have given unpleasant hours in the state department are the release of the steamer Venus from the port of New Orleans under an alleged false statement, and the bombardment of Prinzapuloa, an undefended city, where there are a number of American interests.

The Venus, which was held for a time in New Orleans, was allowed to clear after those responsible declared she carried a general cargo for Nicaraguan ports. The vessel afterwards was transformed into a gunboat for Madrid and was used in his operations along the eastern coast. It was the Venus that threatened to bombard Bluefields, an act prohibited by the commander of the United States gunboat Paducah, stationed there.

The bombardment of Prinzapuloa aroused anti-American feeling and it is declared helped to tangle the situation. The detention of Dr. C. A. Burghheim of New Orleans, held as a prisoner of war without cause, has made matters still more complicated.

All these things, taken together, have given what is regarded in diplomatic circles here as ample cause for intervention on the part of the United States. It is expected that official action will be soon taken and that the Pittman case will be discussed at the state department.

Latest official reports indicate that Madrid violated his pledges regarding the treatment of Pittman. Dr. Burghheim is said to have been arrested merely because he attended the wounded of General Estrada's army.

A ten-minute "struggle" in writing a want ad—and you'll sell that property as sure as—taxes!

in the evening. The "Midway" was thronged all the time.

Did you ever see so many pollywogs in a pool that they could hardly wiggle? Well, that's the way the swimming pool looked last night. At times if another bather should have entered the tank it would have overflowed. The plunge was occupied entirely by men and boys, to the exclusion of the ladies.

While unable to announce an exact program for the future, the management has decided to give a "Ladies' day" Monday afternoon from 2 to 4, during which time no one but ladies will be allowed in the plunge.

### THIRD TERM FOR TEDDY IS BOOMED

Says West is Strong for the Colonel and That His Popularity Alone Can Save Presidency to the Republicans—Started by Thompson.

NEW YORK, July 15.—Theodore Roosevelt and President Taft will speak from the same platform at Knoxville, Tenn., in October. Roosevelt today accepted the invitation of the managers of the Appalachian exposition to deliver an address on October 17. A week later President Taft will make an address at the exposition.

A third-term boom for Roosevelt was started today by former Ambassador Thompson, who represented the United States in Mexico. He called on the colonel and after his conference he said to the newspaper men that throughout the west there was an undeniable sentiment in favor of another term.

"I employ 400 executive officers throughout the west," Thompson said. "I asked them to ascertain the feeling toward Roosevelt. They unanimously reported that every one favored a third term for Roosevelt. During my travels I have not found a single Republican who is not convinced that Roosevelt must be named for the presidency if the Democrats are to be beaten in 1912.

### CRIMINAL IS SURROUNDED BY CORDON POLICE

Man Named "Most Skillful Criminal of the Age" is Today in Hiding, But Police Say He Has No Chance of Escape.

LONDON, July 15.—Surrounded by a cordon of regular police and Scotland Yard detectives, Hawley Crippen, called the "most skillful criminal of the age," today is in hiding in London with his beautiful young companion, Mlle. Ethel Leneve, with little prospect of escape, according to the authorities. While the police believe they have Crippen caught in an extricable web, the detectives are directing their energies toward ascertaining the movements of the suspected man at the time his wife, formerly Belle Elmore, a Polish noblewoman and famous singer, was murdered.

Mrs. Crippen was sent to her death in the lonely house at 39 Hill-drop Crescent, Islington, about February 2, the police believe. The Crippens were alone in the old structure, save for the frequent visits of Mlle. Leneve, between whom and the dead woman there existed bitter antipathy.

The man who is alleged to have killed Mrs. Crippen was a trained physician and surgeon. He was a man, the police say, used to the handling of the scalpel and the knife, expert in compounding and giving drugs and scientifically trained in the knowledge of their effects.

All the time the quicklime was eating the body Crippen lived in the house with Mlle. Leneve, whom he introduced to neighbors as "Mrs. Crippen," according to the police. They charge that the letter to his wife's stepister saying Mrs. Crippen

### KING TAKES RIDE IN AN AEROPLANE

BRUSSELS, July 15.—King Ferdinand of Bulgaria was the guest of Aviator De la Mains this afternoon on a brief aeroplane flight near the capital. The Bulgarian monarch was not in the air long, as he experienced considerable difficulty in breathing. He appeared delighted with the short aerial journey, but expressed no desire to become a follower of the dangerous sport.

### PENNSYLVANIA OFFICIALS HOPE AVERT STRIKE

Unions, However, Give Little Promise of Not Going on Strike—Have Large Defense Fund and Are Now Ready for Long Fight.

NEW YORK, July 15.—In spite of the disagreement between the Pennsylvania officials and the officers of the trainmen's and conductors' organizations, it is believed here that a strike may yet be averted. The company positively refuses to advance the wages or make other concessions and the men generally believe the case is hopeless and ready to strike, but the officers of the unions still are hopeful of amicable adjustment.

The unions have large defense funds and are ready for a long, hard fight. The railroad officials are preparing for a possible emergency, but still give out hopeful statements when asked about the situation.

#### Officials May Act.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 15.—Chairman Knapp of the interstate commerce commission and Commissioner of Labor Neil have not as yet been requested to act as mediators in the threatened strike of the trainmen and conductors on the Pennsylvania railroad. They are ready to act if their services are requested as arbitrators under the Erdman act.

### PAVING W. 10TH NOW COMPLETED

Clarke-Henry Company Have Finished First Stage of Work—The Work Highly Pleasing to Property Owners.

West Tenth street was visited by many interested citizens Wednesday afternoon to investigate the finished product of the pavement being put down by the Clarke-Henry company, and the verdict was unanimously favorable.

The paving company is working every plan to expedite the work of laying the pavement, and the rapidity with which they have been accomplishing things augurs well for the future.

South Holly is now ready for the top dressing and Central avenue is being brought to grade in preparation for the cement foundation.

Altogether the work of the Clarke-Henry company has been very satisfactory.

Every hour of every day the want ads are "settling" things, accomplishing things in this city. They find buyers, sellers, traders, workers—they introduce people who have business to do with each other.

### SEASON OF GRASS FIRES NOW HERE

Department Called Out at Noon Today to Check Flames in West Medford—Residence of W. F. Isaacs Endangered, But Saved

The season of the grass fire is at hand. During the noon hour today the department was called to fight a fire on West Main street which endangered a number of residences, among them being that of W. F. Isaacs. A barn was burned, but prompt measures prevented any considerable loss.

The fire started from a grass blaze which escaped from control. The grass over an entire block was burned. The only building destroyed was a barn.

During the next two months probably a number of fires will be reported, as there is considerable dry grass in the city. Last year a grass fire was the cause of the destruction of W. C. Green's handsome residence on Orange street.

### BANDITS FAILED IN ATTEMPT TO ROB LABORER

Following Delivery of Pay Checks, Three Bandits Attempt to Hold Up Crew, But Run Into Unexpected Fight Instead.

CLEVELAND, O., July 15.—One man is dying and two are suffering from serious wounds today following a battle near North Olmstead, between three bandits and forty members of a Lake Shore railroad construction gang, whom they attempted to rob.

The laborers received their pay envelopes last night. Shortly after midnight the bandits entered the camp and with leveled revolvers ordered their intended victims from the bunkhouse. They were collecting the pay envelopes when railroaders, who had slept outside the main bunkhouse because of the intense heat, opened fire on the outlaws. The robbers returned the fire and for several minutes the fight continued. When the bandits fled three laborers were found unconscious on the ground. Sheriff Heirsins, with a posse of deputies, started for North Olmstead early today in automobiles. Other posses are on the bandit's trail.

### ELKS IN GREAT AUTO PARADE IN DETROIT

DETROIT, Mich., July 15.—A gigantic automobile parade was held in Detroit today in honor of the Elks in annual convention here.

Thousands lined the route of the parade. Automobiles of practically every manner were represented. So great was the throng and so intense the heat that the city automobiles were kept busy.

The Elks will wind up their week of gaiety tomorrow.

For a city of demoralized streets, Medford, torn up for paving, heads the list.

Green Historical Society City Hall