

ELECTRIC LIGHT WAR TO START

Siskiyou Power Company is Certain to Invade Local Field and Compete With Rogue River Electric Company—Surveys Are Made.

That the Siskiyou Power company will bring their power line from the Fall creek plant to Ashland and distribute power in the Rogue river valley in connection with the Condor Power company is practically a foregone conclusion now. Engineer Harvey J. Barker finished the Ashland end of the permanent survey Saturday and Engineer John C. Hoyle completed the Fall creek end Friday.

General Manager Orin O. Steel was in Ashland several days last week arranging for the immediate construction of the line. The first work is the clearing of a 15 foot right-of-way which will be in charge of Albert Young and a crew of 40 men. The line avoids the heavy timber, and the distance between Ashland and Fall creek is 23 miles.

Mr. Steel states that 200,000 pounds of No. 2 copper wire and 5000 insulators are en route from New York. Red fir poles 41 feet high and 7 inches top have been ordered and they will be put on top of concrete bases. The line will be of special wood-tower construction, 19 towers to the mile. The transmission line will carry current at 60,000 volts.

The power line will cost approximately \$10,000 though other expenses connected with it will require an additional \$25,000. When completed it will tie into five different plants operated by subsidiary companies, affording opportunities to fall back on in case of emergencies.

The line will be connected with the Ashland Electric Light & Power company's plant in Ashland and the Fall creek plant. The A. E. L. & P. Co. own a franchise in Ashland and distribute the power from the Condor Power company from their present generating plant at Gold Bay. A contract for 25 years exists between the two companies, being the result of a trace entered into several years ago whereby the Siskiyou people kept on the other side of the line. Recent events have reopened their respective points of rivalry and the Condor company is erecting another big generating plant at Prospect, Upper Rogue river.

The Siskiyou people then started their movement to connect with their Fall creek plant. The municipal hydro electric plant in Ashland creek canyon will be connected up in a fortnight and Ashland will soon be engaged in selling light and power to Ashland citizens. In case the city sells more power than its plant can generate it will fall back on the Condor company for its reserve power.

With that end in view Ashland has filed a suit in the circuit court, mandamus the Condor company, as a common carrier, to sell them juice at the same rate it sells to the A. E. L. & P. Co. The Condor company has invited the suit and declares it is the law and that as a common carrier it must sell alike. Besides that it is anxious to do so. Both companies have broken their contracts with each other repeatedly and there has been much friction for some time between them. The A. E. L. & P. Co. is the only concern owning a franchise in Ashland, hence the only way the Condor company can get into this city is through the franchise named or through the city's system.

The franchise of the A. E. L. & P. Co. was issued some 23 years ago and was without time. In litigation over the matter the company claimed a perpetual franchise. The city claims that it is a terminable franchise and that the city can, after the expiration of its 5-year contract with the company for the lighting of the streets, which expired in October, begin proceedings in the circuit court to terminate the franchise.

Moors Kill 14 Soldiers. PARIS, May 18.—The minister of war today received dispatches stating that a trench detachment was attacked by rebel Moors near Deboud on Tuesday and two officers were killed and 12 men killed and wounded. The French repulsed the tribesmen after a hard fight.

All Drinking Beer. MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 18.—There was no abatement today in the heat wave that has enveloped this city since Wednesday. A number of prostrations are reported today and the death list has reached a total of five.

Haskins for Health.

BLIND-PIGGER IS CONVICTED

Edward Black is Adjudged Guilty of Crime—Sentenced to Pay a \$100 Fine—Was Target for Policeman's Gun When Captured.

ASHLAND, May 18.—In a crowded court room yesterday afternoon, Edward Black, the blindpigger who was arrested by Chief Carille Saturday night, was found guilty of the crime and fined \$100 and costs. He must remain in jail for not over 30 days in case he can't raise the amount of the fine.

Black was arrested together with Joseph Loomis, a younger man who was charged with having aided in the disposal of the liquor. Black was believed to be the more culpable of the two and was tried first. Attorney Kelly, of Medford, defended him. Attorney Richardson represented the city and the case was tried before Justice Hurt.

The court room was early crowded with men and when the trial started the walls were lined and the door jammed with inquisitive spectators.

The first witness called by the city was Thomas H. Williams, a barber living on Helman street. Williams said he had become acquainted with Black and when that he was dispensing whiskey from his room in a lodging house on Fourth street. Williams said he went to the rooming house between one and two o'clock Saturday morning and, after some difficulty, found Black's room and asked for a bottle of whiskey. He said he could identify Black at that time as the man who was fairly light. He secured a pint bottle of whiskey and told Black he hadn't any money to pay for it then, but for Black to call at the barber shop the next day and get his money. Williams said he was to pay 75 cents for the bottle of whiskey, about two-thirds of it consumed, was introduced as an exhibit and Williams identified it as the same he had bought from Black.

In cross-examination, Black's attorney tried to impeach Williams. He brought out that the witness had had two or three drinks before going up to see Black, but Williams maintained that he was perfectly sober at that time and could positively identify the defendant.

Talent Girl is Poisoned.

Little Lucile Holdridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holdridge, of Talent, became acutely infected with ptomaine poisoning Monday evening. Dr. D. A. Forbes was called and worked over the little girl until late at night. She had repeated convulsions and it was finally decided to summon Dr. Swedberg from Ashland. Extreme measures were taken to save Lucile's life. She was finally brought safely past the critical period and is now doing nicely. It is believed she was poisoned by some food she ate; it is not known just what.

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Haskins for Health.

McGill is Dead. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 18.—The Very Rev. James McGill, C. M., one of the most widely known Catholic prelates in the United States, died at St. Vincent's seminary here today, aged 84.

Card of Thanks. I take this method of thanking neighbors and friends for their kindness in our bereavement in the sickness and death of my wife, Mrs. Mary A. Brophy. FRED M. BROPHY.

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Excursion! Sunday, May 21st. Butte Falls and Return Via Pacific & Eastern R. R. \$2.00 for Round Trip. Train leaves Medford at 8:14 a. m., arrives in Medford at 7 p. m. This is the finest scenic trip in all of Southern Oregon. You'll enjoy this 65-mile ride into Interior Oregon.

Our Correspondents

EDEN PRECINCT ITEMS. Mrs. Len Hughes of Fern valley has been in Ashland for several days helping Mr. Hughes' mother take care of Bob Hughes, who is very ill.

C. D. Fager of Talent came down to C. Carey's Tuesday and took part of his plants up to be set out.

James McDonald of North Talent was in Phoenix Tuesday on business.

Dr. Forbes of Talent was in North Talent Thursday morning.

A. Anning of Sunny Cliff ranch was at C. Carey's in North Talent Thursday.

J. E. Roberts of the X. L. garden was in Medford Monday with early vegetables.

A. Werner, representing the Mail Tribune was calling on the people in a business way last Tuesday and called on your correspondent.

George Alfred of Fern valley was doing trading in Talent last Tuesday.

W. D. Holdridge and Mr. Davis of the Talent State bank were down in North Talent Wednesday on business connected with the management.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ferns of Fern valley attended the show at Phoenix Tuesday evening.

Mrs. E. H. Outman of Medford was visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Frank Outman, of North Talent Tuesday.

A. N. Houston and wife have returned from Klamath Falls, where they went to visit their daughter, Mrs. J. W. Rinehart.

N. W. Brophy of Medford was visiting home folks on Anderson creek above Talent last Tuesday.

JACKSONVILLE. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Stout were over from Medford Tuesday as witnesses in the Gardner vs. P. & E. company case.

Medford attorneys who attended court the first of the week were: Lawlor, Beckwith, A. E. Roames, C. L. Roames, Boggs, Phipps, Welly and Withington.

Miss Cora Bays returned from Ashland Sunday, where she took her sister, Mrs. Zepha Roseline, for medical attention.

A. S. Barnes, formerly sheriff of Jackson county, was down from Ashland Tuesday on business.

Dr. Conroy, Clancy and Seely of Medford were in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Furry of Phoenix are visiting at the home of W. R. Coleman this week.

Attorney G. R. Smith of Grants Pass is attending circuit court this week.

Miss Florenz Dunford was in Medford Sunday, having accompanied her mother that far on her way to Portland.

City Editor Hicks of the Mail Tribune was a business caller at the county seat Tuesday.

Dr. Williamson, a well known nerve specialist of Portland, was in town the first of the week as a witness in the Gardner case. Other doctors subpoenaed from Portland were Drs. N. W. Jones, W. B. Holden and William House.

Miss Grace Henry of Medford spent Tuesday afternoon in Jacksonville.

Mr. Tripp, in the employ of the Southern Pacific, was working at the courthouse last week.

Charles Howard and William Baum of Grants Pass and Conductor Sibby of the P. & E. were among the many who attended court this week.

Emmett Beeson of Talent did business at the county seat the first of the week.

J. E. Harkdull, Otis Murray and H. C. Stoddard and William Gerig were over from Medford Tuesday on business.

Attorneys Trefren, Briggs and McAllister of Ashland were in town on legal business this week.

Haskins for Health.

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