

GRANTS PASS RAISES WAGES OF WORKERS BUILDING RAILROAD

(From the Courier.)

The city council made the laborers on the municipal railway a most substantial Xmas present last night when wages for men and teams all down the line were raised several notches. Men have been getting \$2.25 for a day's work, and a flat rate of \$4.25 had been made for men and teams, but under the new schedule men will now get \$2.50 per day, teams on the slip scraper \$4.75 and teams on the heavier work with wheel scrapers and plows, \$5 per day. These raises were granted by unanimous vote of the council, and with the approval of Dr. Reddy, who in addressing the council said that the city was getting excellent service from the men working on the grade, and that they were entitled to better wages than they were getting. This increase of pay will add \$25 or \$30 to the present daily pay roll.

The public utilities commission filed a report supporting the acceptance of the Dr. Reddy proposition regarding the cashing of \$20,000 in warrants to continue work on the road pending the new vote on the bonds, and also supporting the rescinding of the Helm contract. A new contract along the line of the Helm contract is now being drafted with Dr. Reddy as a principal, and as soon as it is prepared the council will meet to consider and ratify it. A meeting of the council is called for tonight at which time the contract will probably be ready for consideration.

Dr. Reddy suggested that the council authorize the issuance of the second block of warrants of \$10,000 that the cash be ready to prosecute the grading on a more extensive scale during the good weather of the fall. He thought that with these funds available the road bed could be finished to Wilderville and the bridges put in ready for the laying of rails by the time the bonds were again voted. The proposition was put up to the utilities commission.

The mayor stated that he had dispensed with the services of Engineer Harmon, believing his employment to be unnecessary at the present time, but stated that the advice of the council and the commission would guide in the matter. The council took no action and there was no discussion on the subject.

PREACHERS SEND INVITATIONS TO CHURCH

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 20.—There are very few people in Cleveland today who have not been especially invited to attend some church here tomorrow. Because church attendance has not been what church authorities think it should be for a city of the size of Cleveland, the Cleveland Federation of Churches sent out invitation to everyone in Cleveland requesting their presence at some church of their own selection on Sunday, September 21. Rev. E. R. Wright, secretary of the federation, had charge of sending out the invitations. He declared today that he believes he didn't overlook anyone. There are 200 ministers in the Cleveland federation and because the city has been so thoroughly canvassed the largest church attendance in the history of Cleveland is looked for tomorrow.

FLY AERIAL DERBY AROUND LONDON CITY

LONDON, Sept. 20.—Twenty of England's leading aviators today started in the "aerial derby," a 100-mile race around London. The start was at the Hendon aerodrome. The conditions for the race were one complete circuit via Ealing, Brentford, Hounslow, Kempton Park, Esher, Sutton, Purley, Bromley, East Thurrock, Romford, Epping, Hertford and New Barnet and return to Hendon. In addition to a gold cup presented by a London newspaper, for the winner, there were prizes amounting to \$2,000 to be divided among first, second and third. Biplanes and monoplanes of any pattern were eligible. The most prominent entrants were Gustave Hamel, B. G. Hucks, T. C. M. Sopwith, J. G. Hawker, who won a prize for his flight around Great Britain and Sidney Pickles, an Australian.

DON'T PAY TOO MUCH FOR TEXT BOOKS FOR SCHOOL

Salem, Oregon, Sept. 18, 1913.

To the Editor: In our contracts with the various school book publishers the law requires the state board of education to take the prices as reported to us by the state text book commission.

In our contracts, however, we added a clause to which all of the publishers agreed and signed without protest, to the effect that the publisher will not sell any book at a greater price than is charged for such book in any other state in the United States.

This department discovered a short time ago that the Palmer Writing Lessons for primary grades was selling in other states for 15 cents, while the contract price in this state is 20 cents. The higher book, known as Palmer Method of Business Writing, is selling in Chicago for 16 cents while the contract price in this state is 25 cents. We took this matter up with the Palmer people and after threatening to bring suit on their bond we got them to instruct their agent in this state to notify all dealers that these books would be sold for 15 cents and 16 cents respectively. If any of the children in your community have paid a higher price than this they should take the books back and ask for the difference. The J. K. Gill company, agents for the publishers, informs me that the publishers will make the amount good to your local dealer.

That the patrons of the schools may know they need not pay these high prices, I will appreciate your announcement of this notice.

This department is endeavoring to do all that is possible in securing for the boys and girls of Oregon, books at as low a price as they can be secured anywhere in the United States. We will continue our investigations on every book contracted for use in our schools.

J. A. CHURCHILL,
Superintendent Public Instruction.

The king now not only refuses to allow her to accept a tenant, but declined her offer to sell him her rights for \$25,000.

MINERALOGISTS PRAISE RESOURCES SOUTHERN OREGON

Dr. B. R. Winchell, state mineralogist; Dr. Riber and Judge C. B. Watson, geologists, and Professor French of the Oregon Agricultural college, and Holly Hall of Jacksonville, guide, have finished the mineral survey of Jackson and Josephine counties for the state bureau of mines, having spent the entire summer investigating. They report that they found almost all minerals in this territory and excellent prospects for many large mines.

They collected a great deal of data, took numerous samples and will compile an authentic description of the mineral resources and possibilities of southern Oregon.

Drs. Winchell and Riber returned to the University of Wisconsin, where they will classify the samples secured and compile the data. Both are convinced that this is one of the richest countries in minerals left undeveloped and their report will probably stimulate mining on an extensive scale, as they are recognized authorities on the subject.

The party also made an accurate survey of the Oregon Caves, their extent and formation. They spent some time at the Blue Ledge district and other copper sections. They surveyed the Alameda, the Braden, the Greenback, the Monumental, the Opp and other developed properties, as well as examined numerous prospects.

Dr. Winchell, who was chief of the party, expects to return next summer and complete the work. He states that he never saw such fine fruit as is grown in the Rogue River valley, a finer climate or a pleasanter place to live.

GUNBOAT SMITH MATCHED TO MEET SAM LANGFORD

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Gunboat Smith of San Francisco and Sam Langford of Boston are matched today to meet here in a ten-round bout September 26. The bout will be staged by the Garden City Athletic club.

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PREPARING TO DREDGE FOR GOLD ON ROGUE RIVER

With the ground cleared for operations upon the arrival of the dredging machinery, the great gold-bearing bar at Dowden's Falls, three miles up river, awaits the experiment that will determine the future of the mining dredge industry upon this section of Rogue river, says the Gold Hill News.

Stockholders of the company, which has secured by option, purchase and location, the right to work the big bar, are confident that the operation will pay from the first scoop of the dredge, and have the comforting results of an extensive prospect of the bar to sustain their belief. Repeated tests have shown the property to yield well over a large area, and 140 acres comprise the ground to be worked. With the holdings to be worked is included the greater portion of the well-known Lyman orchard, which, though famous for the excellence and yield of its fruit, are agonists believed infinitely more valuable as dredging ground, and were content to pay a round figure for.

The dredge, which will be of the dry-land type, operated from a car upon trackage, is an innovation among dredgers, and its employment upon the Gold Hill project will be watched with great interest by mining men. Advice to A. E. Bamber, representing the active management of the company in this city, are to the effect that the machinery will have been completed, tested and in readiness to ship within the coming month. Contract for the construction of the dredge is with a Tacoma firm, while the concentrator will be built at Seattle.

PAT M'ARTHUR SEEKING TO SUCCEED LAFFERTY

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 20.—C. N. McArthur of Portland, speaker of the house at the last legislative session, has today announced his candidacy for congress to succeed A. W. Lafferty. McArthur is a republican.

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MURAT; DECEIVED LONDON GIRL WHO SIGNED AS WIFE

LONDON, Sept. 20.—Vera Harris, who wrote letters to Dr. Ernest Muret, held in New York on a technical charge pending investigation of his alleged counterfeiting operations, and who signed herself "Your loving wife," is not Muret's wife. This fact was established today by Miss Harris and her mother.

The mother explained that her daughter, when a child, knew Muret in London and had corresponded with him since he went to New York. "My daughter," said Mrs. Harris, "signed herself 'wife' playfully. Muret has deceived us all. We believed him an honorable man."

Mrs. Harris also declared Muret called daily at their home during 1911 and that they never suspected even when he left suddenly for America that he was not all right.

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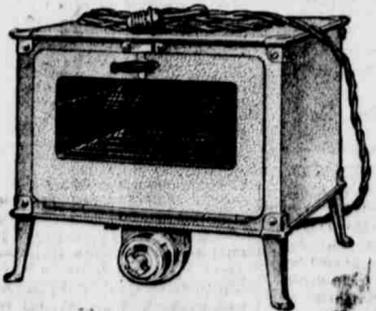
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