

FLEISCHAKER IS GIVEN OPTION ON GRANTS PASS R. R.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 25.—(Special.)—Ralph D. Schneeloch of Portland, believed to represent the Fleischaker interests of San Francisco, has an option on the Grants Pass railroad and his plans call for the completion of the road between Grants Pass and Crescent City, Cal., where the government has been spending large sums in developing the harbor. Engineers have been checking former estimates and statistics are being tabulated as to tonnage in sight. The line will tap a rich mining region and timber.

The road is constructed from Grants Pass 15 miles, while 10 miles are built on the Crescent City end. There is a gap of 70 miles to connect these two ends and it is roughly estimated that the construction will cost between \$3,500,000 and \$4,000,000.

This railroad was started by Grants Pass people to escape from the Southern Pacific. The original plan was to connect the Josephine county town with the harbor on the northern coast of California and give southern Oregon a seaport and the advantages of water competition. The people bonded themselves for \$200,000 and contracted with Dr. J. F. Reddy to start the road and he built 10 miles. This was in 1914 and the officials were J. F. Reddy, president; Phil Metschan, vice-president, and R. A. Letter, secretary-treasurer.

Teahy Brothers took the line over and built an additional five miles. Then the war interfered. The project languished for a few months ago when Mr. Schneeloch acquired an option, for it was believed that he would be able to finance the undertaking. Mr. Schneeloch went over the proposed line with C. C. Van Arsdale of Lewiston, Idaho, who was one of the builders of the Grand Trunk Pacific for the Canadian government.

The new Redwood highway, from Crescent City to Grants Pass, has taken some of the right-of-way which the railroad had intended using, so that there has been some surveying as well as rechecking of former figures and estimates.

An application for a certificate of necessity is to be filed with the interstate commerce commission by Mr. Schneeloch, which is the first step toward resuming construction. This will probably require a hearing and in anticipation of this, data are being assembled to show the need of the road and what business there would be for it.

If built, the road would also connect with Brookings, Ore., in Curry county, and the fertile Smith River in California, north of Crescent City. From Brookings there are now two feeders into timber, one into a redwood stand.

Grants Pass interests have been trying to have the railroad completed for several years and various prominent business men have come to Portland from time to time for conference. The recent warfare between the Great Northern and Northern Pacific on one hand and the Southern Pacific on the other developed since Mr. Schneeloch obtained his option and began laying his plans, but in a desperate fight between the big lines the Grants Pass-Crescent City road may benefit.

LUMBER CO. FIRE AT FALLS CITY

SALEM, Ore., June 24.—Fire swept through camp four of the Cobbs Mitchell Lumber company, west of Falls City today and was burning directly toward the company's big mill at Valseg, and the town itself, according to reports received here at noon today. Another fire is burning near camp three, twenty miles southwest of Dallas. Fire wardens and men were being rushed from Dallas and Falls City to fight the flames. A dry northeast wind was fanning the flames.

EUGENE, Ore., June 24.—Reports were received here this afternoon that a timber blaze had broken out in the woods near South-Kelly Lumber camp No. 33, above Wendling. The fire started accidentally where logging operations were under way. Logging has been suspended while the crews are fighting the blaze, is the report received.

PORTLAND BUSINESS MAN TAKES HIS LIFE

PORTLAND, Ore., June 25.—Harry F. Woodhead, local manager of a correspondence school, ended his life by jumping into the Willamette river from the Broadway bridge last night. His body was recovered today. Relatives were unable to account for his act. He had appeared cheerful yesterday and had just recovered from injuries suffered in an accident several months ago.

Two Drowned in Portland

PORTLAND, June 22.—Savko Sol-36, 23, jumped into the river yesterday north of the Broadway bridge. His body was recovered last night. Doane Sutherland, 17, was drowned when he fell from the river steamer Tahama.

Edith Mason Has a Baby. CHICAGO, June 24.—(A. P.)—A cablegram from Milan today announced the birth of a daughter yesterday to Edith Mason, Chicago opera prima donna, and wife of Giorgio Polacco, musical director of the company.

PUTNAM RENEWS FIGHT TO SECURE BANK DEPARTMENT

SALEM, Ore., June 24.—(A. P.)—A second action to compel the return of the office of the state banking department to Salem from Portland, where it was recently moved by Frank Bramwell, state banking superintendent, was initiated here this afternoon when District Attorney John Carson, acting upon relation of George Putnam, editor of the Capital Journal, filed mandamus proceedings directed against Bramwell and Sam Koser, secretary of state and custodian of the state capitol building, to compel compliance with the state banking code enacted by the last legislature, requiring the maintenance of the main office of the department here.

The suit is similar to a previous mandamus action brought on relation of Mr. Putnam, except that it seeks action under the new law.

The complaint alleges that in maintaining only a desk in the capitol building, superintendent Bramwell is not complying with terms of the law which specifically requires that the main office of the department shall be maintained in Salem.

The first action brought under the old law Bramwell filed an affidavit of prejudice against Circuit Judge McMahony and when he failed to comply with the court's order to appear and explain his grounds for alleged prejudice he was cited for contempt of court and fined \$50. The contempt finding was appealed and now is in the hands of the supreme court.

3 MEN SHOT IN MOONSHINE WAR

BRISTOL, Virginia-Tennessee, June 24.—(A. P.)—In a pitched battle between moonshiners and officers today on Paint creek, sixteen miles below Greenville, Tenn., Deputy Sheriff Rollins was killed and Emanuel Hollins, his father, and C. P. Carter, were critically wounded.

Four automobiles carrying heavily armed men were rushed to the scene and Federal Prohibition Agent Shelton has asked for assistance from Johnson City officials. Agent said more trouble is expected when the officers reach Paint creek, the scene of several similar battles in the past year.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ENROLL 100 PER CENT

PORTLAND, Ore., June 25.—Twenty-five hundred Portlanders have already enrolled for the Defense day test July 4. The committee in charge has announced that the Knights of Columbus have enrolled 100 per cent with 400 men. Other organizations are expected to enroll in a body.

PACIFIC PEACE DEPENDENT ON COMMUNICATION

SEATTLE, June 25.—(A. P.)—"If peace on the Pacific ocean is to be preserved, there must be adequate communication across that ocean, particularly for news reports so that full knowledge may be had on each side of events and opinions of the other." V. S. McClatchy of Sacramento, told the twelfth annual convention of the National Foreign Trades Council here today. McClatchy is chairman of a special committee of the foreign trade council.

Reliable daily news reports, he said, can be maintained only when facilities in speedy transmission are offered at a low word rate for use of independent news associations.

In an address on "Fostering American Abroad," Frederick J. Koster, a prominent San Francisco business man declared that in the phrase was involved "the whole question of world leadership."

"America," he said, "with her great population, her enormous wealth and the energy of her people, their inventive genius which stops at no obstacles, however great, living under a system of government devoted to the theory of liberating that energy, and providing for that equality of opportunity which enables every citizen to develop to the limit his capacity, should know no limitation in the contribution she can make to the progress of the world."

"Then we should sell America abroad because it is good business, it is good morals and because of America's position, it is in inescapable obligation."

A fool there was and he gave her the gas,

Even as you and I; And he found, too late, that he couldn't pass,

Even as you and I; And his friends remarked—"What a fool he was!"

Admitting he did as every fool does Even as you and I.

A man out of air is like a fish out of water.

DEFENSE LAWYERS IN MONKEY CASE MAP OUT PROGRAM

DAYTON, Tenn., June 25.—(A. P.)—Although details yet remain to be worked out, it became known early today that the defense attorneys for John T. Scopes, charged with violating the Tennessee law prohibiting the teaching of evolution in state public schools have completed a working cause.

The remainder of the day, it is said, will be given over to the working out of details, determining just what experts will be called and looking toward the naming of individual expert witnesses.

One difficulty is confronted in this respect, attorneys for the defense indicated.

Scientists, they said, had particular dislike for attorneys and appearing in court rooms and answering questions, and entering will take up the question of the constitutionality of the law.

Experts will be brought to testify to the effect that virtually all science touches upon the question of evolution. This, they will argue, virtually will prevent the teaching of all scientific subjects in the high schools and colleges of Tennessee.

A third point to be brought out by the defense will be based upon the different constructions that may be given the biblical account of creation, in connection with their plan of this phase, the defense indicated that many biblical authorities and divinity students will testify.

Through the construction of the Tennessee law, it is pointed out no particular version of the Bible is designated. It might apply equally, attorneys say, to either the Greek bible, the King James version, or any other of several translations.

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