

A BIG BLAST OPPOSITE MOSIER

An electric spark that ran along a wire far into the heart of the basalt mountain opposite Eighteen-Mile Island, on the Columbia River today set free 1400 kegs of implosive powder, and the resulting explosion rattled windows at Mosier, two miles away, across the river.

With a roar like a broadside from a battleship, the cliff marked for destruction crumbled as an egg shell crumbles in a man's fist, and fell away from the mountain side. The precipice, 80 feet high and 50 feet back from the river, was reduced to a huge pile of broken stones, with hardly a piece larger than a man's head. As the mass of rock toppled into the river a big wave formed, which ran foaming to the opposite shore and broke on the bank.

The blast was laid and fired by men in the employ of J. P. Johnson, a contractor for the Portland & Seattle Railway, and the three mines of explosive took a crew of men two months to make ready for today's shot. Powder that was exploded amounted to 25,000 pounds and the blast cost the Portland & Seattle Railway between \$6000 and \$7000. The explosion threw down about 40,000 cubic yards of rock, demolishing a cliff with 200 feet frontage on the river, 150 feet in height, and running back into the mountain 50 feet. The shot piled up rock just where it is needed to make a grade along the face of a mountain that rises sheer from the river.

A main tunnel 50 feet long was driven into the face of the cliff on a level with the grade of the railroad. At that depth, two branch drifts were run at right angles, one 75 and the other 45 feet in length. Three mines of blasting power were then laid, one at the end of each tunnel, and rock lightly tamped behind the explosives, while a wire was laid to each cache of powder for setting all three off simultaneously by electricity. The work of preparing and firing the blast which is one of the biggest ever shot along the Columbia, was under the general supervision of Engineer W. G. Saylor, in charge of a division of the Portland & Seattle construction.

Preparations for firing the blast today were carried out carefully and the explosion, which had been set for 10 o'clock, took place exactly on time. A workman placed far back on the mountain made the electrical connection that fired the shot. When the blast was fired it shook the mountain so that rocks rolled down into the river from the tops of cliffs at some distance away.

It was feared the explosion would cause such a big wave that Eighteen-Mile Island half way across the Columbia, would be flooded. The island has a solitary inhabitant, Tom Hennessy, and word was sent him of the time of the explosion so that he could take his valuables and escape to the mainland. The wave however, did no damage to the island.

Announcement of the blast had been made, and many of the people of the nearby country turned out to see it. To those who saw it, it brought to mind the fabled duel between Mount Hood and Mount St. Helens when the two volcanoes threw stones at each other and demolished the Bridge of the Gods that Indian legend asserts stood but a short distance below where the blast was fired.

An Indian stood by and watched the white man's thunder demolish the landmarks of his fathers. He gave no expression of how he regarded such big medicine save by a shrug of the shoulders and a short exclamation. He then stalked haughtily away.

A drummer at Mosier, who lately came from California, seized his gun and ran howling into the street, declaring his intention of going still further in his search for a country where there were no earthquakes.—Oregonian.

Gen'l Passenger Agent Craig Resigns.

A. L. Craig, who for 10 years has been general passenger agent of the O. R. & N. system, has resigned to become general passenger traffic manager of the Great Northern with headquarters in St. Paul.

Mr. Craig has been closely allied with the development of Oregon during his connection with the O. R. & N., and is one of the most capable and popular railroad men in the west.

Speaking of his resignation, the Oregonian says:

General Passenger Agent A. L. Craig, of the O. R. & N., has accepted the position of passenger traffic manager of the Great Northern with offices at St. Paul, will leave for the west about June 25. He will take possession of his new position on July 1. This can be definitely announced from authority that cannot be questioned.

Mr. Craig will not make a formal announcement for a few days yet, but it is known from the sources that he has decided to leave the Harriman service and go with the Hill road.

As head of the Great Northern passenger department, Mr. Craig will take a much more prominent position in the passenger service than he has about double the salary that the Harriman officials pay to the head of the passenger department of the O. R. & N. Few men could afford to disregard such a splendid opportunity for advancement. Coming as it does to Mr. Craig, wholly without solicitation, it is a splendid testimonial of his ability in the railroad business.

Weather Report.

Weather Observer Beals gives the general summary of last week as follows:

"An excess of cloudiness prevailed during the week, and while clear weather occurred on the 15th and 16th in the northwest counties and on two or three days in the southern and central sections of the state, the total amount of rainfall was not excessive, and all rivers and streams have slowly fallen. The mornings averaged from one to two degrees below normal, but the afternoons, on account of cloudy weather, were much cooler. A general clearing in the Willamette valley, especially in the coast counties. The soil is well moistened and a spell of bright, warm weather is now desired. No frosts occurred and the winds, while high in a few localities, were not damaging; their prevailing direction was from the southwest."

Advertised Letter List.

Advertised letter list for week ending June 18, 1906: Bennett, Minnie; Hall, J. M.; Mattie; Leizer, Mr.; Ann; McComb, Mrs. J. L.; Whitteghly, Mrs. Bertie; Anonett, Fred; Boston, Mrs. H. C.; Cox, G. H.; Davis, M. E.; Foust, Jennie; Grunard, John; Hildt, H.; Ingram, Mitchell; Labo, H. C.; Leonard, E. R.; Lewis, Ole Mack; Rowford Miller, J. W.; Miller, G. A.; Miller, Raymond; O'Brien, Harry; Ponder, Wm.; Rilly, James St. John; Walter, Stevers, Fred; Watson, H. H.; Wheeler, W. H.; Wm. M. Yates, P. M.

Prune Situation in California.

After a careful looking over of the prune situation, so far as regards futures, it is our impression that the coming crop in the state will amount to at least 150,000,000 pounds and probably more. Estimates of the prune crop are placing the figures at anywhere from 125,000,000 to 180,000,000 pounds for the state, but we believe that, as near as can be said at this time, 150,000,000 to 160,000,000 pounds will represent the output when the season is over. Of this amount, the rounded figures, Santa Clara Valley will put to 100,000,000 pounds, some think a little less. The state outside of Santa Clara Valley will produce, taking all sections other than that district, a little better than the usual proportion for outside prunes, which is generally one-third of the total; hence, we are figuring that this year should turn out better than 150,000,000 pounds.

So far as future prices go, the market is nominally 23c and 3c for outside and Santa Clara prunes respectively. A number of early sales were made on the basis of 3c for Santa Clara, and this figure was later cut to 25c and again to 23c, and in the past few days some goods have been contracted on the latter basis for Santa Clara, but the figure is not a general one, and the market may be said to be on a 3c basis, with sellers not anxious at anything less, and, in some cases, not particularly free sellers at any figure, as packers have not bought very liberally as yet. Growers' ideas are high under existing conditions, and while producers may object to our expressing ourselves in this fashion, we believe the truth were better published than otherwise in all cases for the benefit of all concerned. Considerable benefit, however, will doubtless accrue to the market generally if growers hold off contracting their prunes temporarily, as they are doing at the present time. What purchases are being made from growers, however, are on the basis of about 22 1/2c at this writing.—California Fruit Grower.

New Irrigating Company at Mt. Hood.

The Glacier Irrigating Company has been formed at Mt. Hood, which will begin operations very soon. The company was formed several months ago but have been waiting the completion of papers, the granting of a permit to cross the government reserves, and other details. They have filed on 3,000 inches of water in Sand Canyon and Fall Creek, and will take the water out of those streams lower down than was contemplated by the Mountain View company.

C. G. Ruff, of Portland, who has a fine ranch in the upper valley, was in the office the first of the week, and says that the new ditch will be built on practical lines, and will be pushed through this summer if possible. The ditch will be 3,000 inches of water in sight, and while not attempting to take it out all at once, will build the ditch with the view of enlarging it as necessities require. He anticipates no trouble in securing the government permit, as the experience of the past will be valuable in going at it the right way. The government is a stickler for red tape, and the slightest detail must be in accordance with the requirements. These details they will endeavor to have correct before they submit their petition.

Mr. Ruff informs us that the Middle Fork company have now secured their permit, after several years' delay, and is now in good shape.

Hall and Bat.

The game scheduled for last Sunday, between Hood River and The Dalles, on the Hood River diamond, failed to materialize. The meet had all been arranged, and thoroughly advertised by Manager Fouts when The Dalles took a look at the moon, it didn't look good. Luna had changed, and The Dalles for a cold chill second its vertebrae it snuffed defeat down the creek and rushing to the phone blew into the ear of Manager Fouts that "it was sick and couldn't come." Fouts fumbled, but the big thing was off and the next best was in order. On learning The Dalles was indisposed members of the Hood River team took the early excursion train on the Mount Hood railroad to rest and view the beautiful and ever changing scenery which passes like a panorama before the eye of the excursionist. Others, with line to invade the realm of the flinty tribe. But the irrepressible Fouts determined to keep the red blood warm beneath the big red apples and the red ripe strawberries, gathering the fragments of his team tied to Columbia Park to cross bats with a picked nine which had offered itself as a sacrifice. The game waxed warm as the "scrubs" piled up runs and in the 3th inning the score stood 16 to 3 in favor of the "scrubs" and Empire Fouts called the game off. In the 4th Reed and Eastman raced from 2nd to 3d. Reed struck the fence and Eastman struck the ground. Reed hit the boards with such force as to be thrown back on the bag which he held, Eastman losing the ball in his "grinder." The game was full of sport and amusement. Next Sunday the game will be between Hood River and the Schillers of Portland on the Hood River grounds. The game will be called at 2:30 and Hood River will send Portland home with a crate of berries and a basket of goose-eggs.

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JOSEPHINE COUNTY FRUIT GROWERS UNION

The Josephine County Fruit Growers Union is to be organized on Saturday, June 23, when a meeting for that purpose will be held by the fruitmen at the Courier office, in Grants Pass at 1 p. m. A thorough canvass of the orchardists of the county has been made and all have signified a willingness to join the proposed union. The cost of membership will be nominal probably not over \$2.50 and the annual dues will be not over \$1. The marketing of fruit and other expenses of the union will be borne by a per cent and the sales made, thus each member will pay in proportion to the amount of fruit the union handles for him. In the purchase of supplies such as boxes, spraying material, etc., the members would be supplied at cost.

The union will be incorporated and the officers will consist of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and nine directors. A manager will be employed on a salary to handle fruit shipments. The president may act as manager or another person may be employed for the position. A committee would make a competent president and manager for the proposed union has been under consideration by the promoters of the organization. Fruit growing is yet in its beginning in Josephine county and but few of the orchardists have had experience in shipping and marketing fruit in large quantities. The largest shippers have been Eisman Bros., who with their father have two large orchards five miles west of Grants Pass. They expect to raise 12,000 boxes of apples this season and already a New York dealer has offered to contract their crop at \$2 per box. They declined the offer as they anticipate a better price. The Eismans are up-to-date orchardists and their same business will be helpful members of the union, of which they have agreed to join.

The Southern Pacific is offering every inducement to stimulate the fruit industry in the Rogue River Valley and the company has given a special terminal freight rate for fruit in carloads billed to Eastern or European markets, the shippers from Grants Pass and other Rogue River points getting the same rates as those of Hood River, Willamette Valley or California.—Courier.

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