

RAILROAD ACTIVITY

The McCloud Railroad may be the first to reach Southeastern Oregon to find an Eastern Connection.

The Alturas correspondent to the Adir Argus says that railroad indications are beginning to show themselves along several lines and unless all signs fail the next three years will see a very great development in the interior region of Northern California and Southern Oregon. Leading capitalists of Fall River Valley, who are intimately associated with T. B. Walker, President of the McCloud River railroad have recently been in Alturas. From them it was learned that President Walker recently made a trip into this country as far as the Pope ranch which is on the open plain near Canby. Mr. Walker followed the line of the proposed extension of the railroad and took accurate measurements as to grades, routes, distances and all other matters of interest to a railroad man. It is stated on the above authority that the road will be extended into the Fall River country next summer and the year after will come on to Alturas. The next year it will be pushed still further north, as Mr. Walker, in order to place his lumber in the Eastern country, finds it necessary to push on to a connection with the Oregon Short Line, and in addition to his own business has confidence in the future of the country. It is thought this road will in time prove to be a part of the long contemplated Great Northern Extension to San Francisco, as the Donahue line is already considered tied or pledged to President Hill, and with this line also absorbed an extension from Upton to Mendocino is all that is necessary to complete the line from the north to the bay. In the meantime developments to the south of us are being watched with much interest. The indications seem strong that the Fall River railroad will be the first to tap Southern Oregon.

A Typical South African Store.

O. E. Larson, of Bay Villa, Sundays River, Cape Colony, conducts a store typical of South Africa, at which can be purchased anything from the proverbial "needle to an anchor." This store is situated in a valley nine miles from the nearest railway station and about twenty-five miles from the nearest town. Mr. Larson says: "I am favored with the custom of farmers within a radius of thirty miles, to many of whom I have supplied with Chamberlain's Remedies. All testify to their value in a household where a doctor's advice is almost out of the question. Within one mile of my store the population is perhaps sixty. Of these, within the past twelve months, no less than fourteen have been absolutely cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This must surely be a record." For sale by Lee Beall, Daugst.

Much Maligned Official.

It is said that Marshal Morse, who was ordered by Judge Bellinger of Portland to tear down the Jesse D. Carr fences at Clear Lake, is a much maligned man. It was said of Morse that he did not carry out the court's instructions, but did cut a hole in another man's fence adjoining the Carr barricade.

It was also intimated that Carr's henchmen had bought off the Marshal. The Ashland Record defends the Marshal in the case at issue in the following manner:

"We think these parties are mistaken in at least a portion of the statements made. Deputy U. S. Marshal S. L. Morse would not do anything of the kind—he will obey the orders of the court. The trouble is that the Portland and San Francisco dailies give it out that the fences of the entire 80,000 acres were cut down. The truth of the matter is that only that portion of the illegally enclosed land on the Oregon side of the state line—about 3000 acres—was cut down. A fence just over the California line protected the balance of the illegal enclosure in the State of California where Carr controls the U. S. district court officials."

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There is a live Portland Telegram press agent in Grants Pass. In the Telegram of the 7th inst. this rustling correspondent has two articles that were stolen bodily from The Examiner of two weeks ago and which were sent to the Portland evening paper as hot telegrams. The articles referred to were regarding D. R. Jones' salt mine in Warner, and the Potash mineral claims at Summer Lake, this county. That fellow will surely "get the money."

CULTURE IN MAINE.

It Has a Singular Effect on the Laundryman, the Housemaid and the Cook.

"The next time I go to Maine," said the girl, pausing to chat while she unpacked her trunk, relates the New York Sun, "I take with me a complete celluloid outfit, so as to snap my fingers at laundry agents and the like. With water, water everywhere on the coast of Maine, you'd think it would be easy to get your washing done, but it isn't.

"On the island where I was staying the first week all my things were shipped off miles and miles away to Portland, or Boston or Bath. The laundry agent was a most obliging and delightful boy, a son of an American ambassador or something equally imposing, and a true, thrifty Yankee. He was putting himself through some university by this cleanly summer pursuit. And it was a pursuit, if pursuit means hunting for lost things.

"Well, he took my things Monday, called at the cottage in person, discussed raptly the social news of the island, partook of the ginger ale our host brought out and then went off with our bundles under his arm. Saturday he brought back what there was. It was a very meager display. A lot of my things didn't turn up at all, and all the hooks had been ripped off one of my waists, in an excess of zeal, for fear they would rust. The agent was very sympathetic. I described the things I was shy on. It did seem funny, but he never cracked a smile; he just jotted down descriptions of the missing things in his little memorandum book and promised to look them up.

"You see he went everywhere and I met him at every tack and turn. I ignored his laundry career at dances and clam-bakes and such places, but I am told there were girls who tackled him boldly during the pauses of the Boston dip, or when they were tipped up on the edge of a catboat with him, or anywhere, about things trimmed with Hamburg and others ruffled and edged with tuchon.

"I used to assail him on the wharf when the express boat came in. He was really such a very nice boy and took no end of pains. One by one my things trickled back. He would come up to me on the wharf, bare-headed, his eyes beaming and his teeth gleaming.

"Good morning, there's a petticoat just in, looks like yours," he would say; or 'I've had a letter about that stock, it's been found. It will be along in a day or two.'

"Once he came up very confidently to know if I had pink ribbon run in anything, as there was a corset cover seeking an owner and he thought I might be she, although he remembered I never sent things without taking the ribbons out! Nice as he was, though, I couldn't patronize his old laundry, so I tried various other evils.

"Speaking of the polite little laundry agent makes me think of the lot of people down in Maine who work at anything during the summer to go to college during the other nine months. The man who ran the trunk delivery business was a senior at some university, a terror in Latin and Greek, I suppose, and he certainly was a wizard with the trunks. He didn't look at the cheeks until he got to your house, and then he generally would find he had mixed things. I used to moralize to myself sometimes as to whether educated service is as good as the plain straight kind.

"For instance, the housemaid at the cottage where I stayed knew a lot you didn't expect her to know, but from one to two things my hostess let drop I fancy Ida fell short in the things she was expected to know. One day at dinner one of the children asked her father the French for crumb. He couldn't tell her, although he was educated abroad. We all tried but none of us could recollect the word. After dinner Alice, the little girl, came out and asked her father if miette was not the French for crumb.

"That's the word I was trying to think of," he said. 'Who told you?'

"It seems it was Ida who knew. She got hold of Alice after dinner and said: 'I wanted to tell you at the table, Miss Alice, but, of course, I couldn't speak then.' Ida had studied French for four years and German for three in some New England high school and had aspirations to teach modern languages.

"The cook, we discovered, went in for pure English. We overheard Ida one day describing a man's appearance to the cook.

"He's a short, fat man, sunburned, and generally he wears a cap and white pants," he said.

"Trousers," the cook said, in a really horrified tone, and Ida learned straightway that pants is a vulgar contraction, and one which the cook hated to hear anyone use.

"But culture and pure English didn't hurt the cook's art. I wish you could have tasted her lobster Newburg, or her blueberry cake or her—other things," said the girl, rising and resuming her unpacking with a smile of pleasing recollection.

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