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HILL RAILROAD COMING

NEW OWNERSHIP IS ANNOUNCED FOR THE N.-C.-O.

President Young of the Hill Lines Gives Out That They Will Enter San Francisco Over N.-C.-O. and W. P.

The following announcement of railroad news, taken from the Portland Oregonian, is of incalculable importance to this country, and is probably one that is deserving of more credence than any to be made yet. This information coming directly as it does from Mr. Young gives us hope that the great Hill line is surely to invade the Goose Lake valley. This announcement bears out the mention in the Examiner a few weeks since that early news of the extension would soon be given out, and coupled as it stands with reports and rumors regarding an early movement of the Oregon Trunk south, the Examiner confidently expects to see these hopes realized. The Oregonian says:

A combination of interest that will prove an entrance of the Hill lines into San Francisco and for the Gould road into Portland is a probability early in the new year, in connection with which Joseph H. Young, president of the local Hill lines, now is in California.

Acquisition of the Nevada, California & Oregon road now operating between Reno, Nev., and Lakeview, Or.,

is one detail of the plan that calls for early development. While this is a narrow gauge line, work on converting it into standard gauge already is under way. Between Reno and Doyle, Nev., where it connects with the Western Pacific—the Gould line to San Francisco—it has been completed.

It is understood that the Hill interests have arranged with the Western Pacific to take over the line under joint ownership and connect it with the Oregon Trunk, now operating to Bend in Central Oregon.

This connection will make the link between Portland and San Francisco complete, and will allow the Western Pacific to run its trains into Portland over the Oregon Trunk and North Bank roads, and will give the Hill lines their much-sought entrance into San Francisco over the Western Pacific.

It always has been the plan of the Hill interests to invade California over the Oregon Trunk. The Oregon Trunk, in fact, was built with that end in view. The route south of Bend into the Sacramento valley has been surveyed. Continued on page eight

The Pullman was overturned and crushed along the rocks at the side of the roadbed. The chair car was partly overturned.

Engineer Albertson quickly stopped the train and most of the passengers alighted unassisted. Two in the Pullman, however, were taken out from the wreckage after a miraculous escape. They were J. L. Mathews of Beckwith and Miss Ruth Jacks of Quincy. They were found by the mail clerk and express messenger within a foot of two large rocks which had penetrated the car and were wedged in such a manner that had the train moved a foot further they would have been crushed to death. As it was they were removed without a scratch.

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LEGISLATURE WILL BE REPUBLICAN

Will Elect U.S. Senator By Ratification Of Electorate

The Oregon legislature, which will convene at Salem, January 13, will be overwhelmingly republican. All the legislators are of this political persuasion except two democrats in the senate and six democrats in the house.

The progressive party, as such, will have no representation in either house. There are six or seven among the republicans elected who were endorsed by the progressive convention, but all these had previously received the republican nomination at the party primary.

The legislature will elect a United States senator, but this will probably be nothing more than to ratify the action of the electorate, which designated in the November election Harry Lane, a democrat, of Multnomah county, to be successor to Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr. All of the members of the legislature subscribed to statement number one, which binds them to cast their vote in the senatorial election for the candidate for senator who received the highest popular vote.

Bills to simplify and expedite the procedure in the courts will be presented.

All members of the local Odd Fellows lodge are requested to be present this evening at 7:30 o'clock at a special meeting in the I.O.O.F. hall.

LEASE FROM STATE IS TRANSFERRED

C. M. Sain and Associates Sell Salt Deposits to Eastern Capitalists

C. M. Sain of the Summer and Abert Lake Salt and Borax Works came down Saturday from the camp to Summer Lake, and while here met Mr. Ellis Mallory, of Los Angeles, consulting geologist for the project.

Messrs. Sain and Mallory and W. G. Young, also of Los Angeles, held the original lease on the lakes from the state. On a recent trip to New York City Mr. Mallory consummated a deal with a syndicate of that city transferring them the lease for a consideration of \$1,000,000 in six per cent bonds. This transfer which is formed in a lengthy document was recorded last week with County Clerk Payne.

Mr. Sain has been retained by the company under a two year contract as field manager, as has been Mr. Mallory as consulting geologist. The lease as transferred binds the New York Company to the same contract and conditions with the State of Oregon as did the original lease to Mr. Sain and associates.

While all the development work has thus far been confined to Summer Lake Mr. Sain informs us the next action will be to place a dam in the Chewaucan River below the Northwest Townsite company's dam. This water will be used for irrigation purposes in the Chewaucan and Summer Lake valleys, and thus divert the inlet to Abert lake preparatory to conserving the salt and borax deposits in that water body. He says that considerable money has already been spent in preliminary and development work. The company is under a \$10,000 bond to the state under

a four year lease and the contract calls for a specified amount of work to be done on the properties each year, but the showing made on one lake applies to all property under lease. Mr. Sain stated his confidence of the Oregon Trunk railroad being constructed south, but said that in the event that this did not materialize his company was capable of building its own line to transfer the mineral to outside markets. This would be either an electric or rail line to Bend or Lakeview. The money paid the State for this lease goes into the school fund, and thus through the efforts of Mr. Sain a good purpose is being served two ways, that in assisting the state and developing a new industry for Lake county that has indications of reaching enormous proportions.

WAR STILL RAGES ON RABBIT PEST

Another Drive Will Be Held Sunday on The West Side

The rabbit drive on the West Side last Sunday was a success considering the cold day. Quite a few people braved the storm and went from Lakeview. The count of the day's catch showed that 795 rabbits were killed in the corral while it is estimated that about 50 were killed before reaching the pen. G. D. Arthur was captain of the drive. Another drive was to have been held yesterday but it is reported that this was postponed until next Sunday.

With the recent heavy snows conditions should be favorable for a very effective slaughter on the bunnies next Sunday and it is expected that a large crowd will turn out.

Thompson Will Speak

This year's session of the Oregon Irrigation Congress at Portland, on January 9 to 11, promises to be even better than last year's. Members of the legislature will attend in order to get in touch with land and irrigation questions of importance to the state. The program is being arranged so that the needs and requirements of every locality in the state can be presented and proper publicity given.

On the program of resolutions to be offered by resolution committee on proposed legislation, Honorable W. Lair Thompson of Lakeview will speak.

ACCIDENTAL SHOT CAUSE OF DEATH

Bitrollo Arealia Has Fatal Accident in Chewaucan Valley

The person found dead last week near the ZX ranch, as stated in the Examiner, proved to be Bitronio Arealia, a sheepherder in the employ of Simon Juanto, who found the body near the "White House" on the ZX ranch. Coroner Wallace was informed Wednesday evening of the man's death and that he died of heart failure. He departed to the scene Thursday morning, and upon investigation found that death was caused from the effects of a bullet wound from a high power rifle. The ball entered the left leg inside below the groin, and ranging in an upward course lodging just under the skin on the hip. While the bullet struck no vital spot is presumed that the man died from the loss of blood. He had crawled considerable distance from the spot where the accident occurred before he died. The barrel of the gun which had been broken from the stock was found near the body. It is presumed that the accident was caused by Arealia falling upon the stock probably breaking the gun and causing the fatal discharge.

A coroner's inquest was held Monday at which it was determined that death was caused accidentally.

Mr. Wallace wired the Reno Employment Bureau, through which Mr. Juanto secured the services of Arealia, advising them of the situation. They answered that the man had an uncle in California who would send instructions for disposing of the body, but as no word was received up to Tuesday afternoon of this week, the remains were interred in the local cemetery.

COUNTY TAXES LOWEST

EIGHT AND ONE-HALF MILLS FOR ALL PURPOSES

This Levy is Against 11 3-4 Mills Last Year—School Tax Is Increased—All Special Funds Included in One Levy

The County Court in its regular January session this week fixed the tax levy for Lake county for 1913 at a total of eight and one-half mills. The levy was made after very careful examination by the court of the taxable property of the county as shown by the assessment rolls returned by the assessor for the year of 1912, and of the probable amount of money necessary to pay the expense of the county this year.

The levy for the several purposes was ordered as follows:

For county purposes	-.0021
For county schools	-.0027
For county roads	-.0025
For state tax	-.0012
Total levy for all purposes, mills	.0085

The tax levies required for the school bounty fund, the county high school fund and the county school library fund have been included in the levy made for county purposes, and when the taxes are collected the required amount for each of the funds shall be transferred from the general fund.

These levies have been included in

the levy for county purposes for the reason that the clerical expense necessary to the extensions of each levy on the assessment rolls by the county clerk, and also the segregation to the different funds by the sheriff is saved to the taxpayers of the county.

The tax levy this year is undoubtedly the lowest of any county in the state.

The levy for school purposes has been increased to provide for the increase in school census and the better and higher standard of schools throughout the county. The general fund includes about \$2500 for the county high school fund that was voted at the last general election. While the road fund has been reduced the levy will give more money for road construction work than last year as nearly all road machinery has been purchased and a good supply of steel culverts is now on hand.

The above tax levy certainly shows that our county officials did indeed exercise careful consideration in all matters and when we hear of high taxes in other counties of the state and on the entire coast we will think with pride of our home management.

EDUCATORS URGE BETTER TRAINING

Many Resolutions Adopted at State Convention of Teachers

The state convention of teachers of Oregon which was attended by Superintendent Willits of Lake County closed last week in Portland.

J. H. Ackerman, president of the Monmouth Normal School, becomes president in the place of Charles A. Rice. The other officers are: First vice-president, J. Percy Wells, of Jacksonville; second vice-president, H. H. Herdman, of Portland; secretary, L. A. Wiley, of Portland; treasurer, E. F. Carleton, of Salem, and Salem was chosen as the next meeting place.

A committee of seven was appointed to form resolutions and suggestions. They include, in addition to the adoption of the National Education Association's suggested reform of the high school curriculum, the placing of teachers on a higher plane by fixing a minimum standard of professional preparation before permission to teach is granted. In this way many teachers of the present day would be eliminated, making a normal school training, as a minimum, essential. It was also recommended that the state should appropriate directly to the general school fund more than it had done in the past, that the county high school fund law be amended so as to give at least \$40 for each pupil of the first 20, \$30 for each of the second 20, and \$25 for each pupil over and above that number.

Mines Are Paying

A message from Alturas to the Sacramento Bee, says:

Viewed from a mining standpoint the past year has demonstrated the permanency of many good mines in the High Grade district and has insured the future of the Hess camp, twenty-five miles west of Alturas. One mine in the latter district is averaging \$4,000 a month in gold and the coming season will with improved machinery and the opening of adjacent claims make this camp one of the best payers in the north end of the state.

The Lakeview Encampment lodge next Thursday night will hold initiation and installation of officers, followed by a banquet. All members are asked to be present.

Buying Spring Stock

A. E. Florence, president of the Lakeview Mercantile company, and G. L. Dunbar and wife left Tuesday morning of this week for San Francisco to purchase the spring 1913 stock of goods.

The Lakeview Mercantile company is one of the strongest mercantile establishments in Southern Oregon. The new stock will be shipped in time to be placed in the large and commodious quarters in the Heryford building, and when the store is fitted up in its new location it will be one of the biggest concerns in the state outside of Portland. The stock Mr. Florence will purchase in San Francisco, he says, will be the finest that can be secured. Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar will return in about ten days while Mr. Florence's business will keep him in the city longer, it is expected.

Chautauqua Circle

The Lakeview Chautauqua Circle will meet next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. A. Bieber. Program: Roll call; current events; "The Afterglow of Greece," Powers, chapter I, Mrs. A. Bieber. "How Art Became Christian," Powers, chapter II, Mrs. E. D. Everett. "The Bursting of the Bonds," Powers, chapter III, Mrs. T. V. Hall. "The First of the Moderns," Powers, chapter IV, Miss Maud Knight.

N.-C.-O. MEETS WITH ACCIDENT

South-Bound Train No. 2 Leaves the Track Near Likely

The Nevada State Journal gives the following account of the N.-C.-O. derailment which occurred last week near Likely: Train No. 2 of the Nevada-California-Oregon railway, bound for Reno was derailed at 11 o'clock Thursday morning ten miles south of Likely, and although the Pullman and the chair car were damaged, none of the thirteen passengers were hurt. Two members of the train crew were injured, one seriously.

The escape of the passengers is attributed to the moderate rate of speed at which the train was traveling and the fact that the accident occurred on a straight and level stretch of track. The engine jumped the rails, carrying the chair car and Pullman after it.

WELL CLAIMS TWO MEN AS PRISONERS

Two Homesteaders Nearly Meet Death Near Stein Mountain

R. E. Koonts and William Carroll, two men of Catlow valley, 100 miles south of Burns near the Stein Mountain range, had the experience of being prisoners in a well, 85 feet deep, for six days before they were rescued from the perilous position, both of them near death. The well had become dry when on Tuesday, December 17, by means of a windlass, Koonts descended into the well to deepen it. Carroll followed hand over hand down the rope, and when about 20 feet from the bottom the rope broke and Carroll fell, breaking both legs. Koonts tried to climb the sheer walls of the well and when within 25 feet of the top he slipped and fell to the bottom, seriously bruising himself. A second time he tried to climb up, on the fifth day of their imprisonment, and reached a point 15 feet below the surface, when he became exhausted. At that time he heard a wagon passing, and his shouts brought a neighbor to the well, who drew both men to the surface. Both were in a dangerous condition from their injuries and exhaustion and were as quickly as possible taken to the nearest homestead, two miles away, where restoratives were applied. A physician had to be called from Burns who made the 100 mile trip in record time to aid the injured men, and he reports that both will recover.

For further particulars, call on address O. M. Gardner.

Gold Watch Lost

Last—I carried a gold watch thirty years, a present from my uncle, and lost it Monday in Crooked Creek valley. It has a D. O. K. K. Portland, Oregon, fob. I had the watch when I got out of the car at the lower bridge and must have dropped it in walking through the canyon to the stage road below, not missing it till I arrived in Valley Falls. Will the finder please write me, Paisley, Oregon? C. M. Sain.

ZERO WEATHER HAS MADE APPEARANCE

Thermometer Drops About Six Degrees Below In Lakeview

Last Friday and Saturday here witnessed the coldest period of the season. Being that the government weather instruments for this section are about four miles out of town and no reports have been given out here the exact temperature is unobtainable, but various small thermometers about town registered all the way from 3 to 8 degrees below zero during the coldest time. The cold weather made itself felt in many ways, water pipes bursting and the light plant being crippled for a short time. The weather moderated considerably the first of the week and as a consequence about six inches of snow has fallen on the level, with it much deeper in drifts and in the mountains.

Methodist Church Notes

In spite of the cold a splendid Junior League was organized Sunday. Mrs. O. M. Gardner is the superintendent and this means success. All children and youths are invited to the meetings every Sunday at 3 P. M. Characterized by her usual big heartedness Mrs. Harriet Walters presented the Sunday School with a new twelve-foot U. S. flag, which will remain in the church as a lesson in patriotism. During the protracted meetings at the Baptist church we will not hold any night services. Our morning will be as usual, only better. Good music will be furnished. And our aim will be to deal with live subjects. The subject next Sunday morning is "The World-consciousness of Jesus." You want to hear this discussed.