

CANNOT STAND DELAY

S. P. May Put New Contractor on the Marsh Work

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Apparently the Southern Pacific is not satisfied with the progress of the work being done by the contractors operating the dredges across the big marsh at Hidel, as they are figuring on making a change and putting a new contractor on the job.

C. Franks arrived in the city at evening from San Francisco, and has been intimated that he was not here to Chief Engineer Hood, of the Southern Pacific, to look over the marsh work. At least it is known that he left this afternoon for the lower lake, where he will be met by Construction Engineer Hoy, and together they will go over the work.

Mr. Franks is one of the most successful operators of dredges on the coast, particularly on work on overgrown lands. For years he has been buying and reclaiming swamp lands at towns eight dredges which he has had in operation almost constantly. The embankment across the marsh has been causing the Southern Pacific considerable worry and annoyance ever since the commencement of the work there has been one delay or breakdown after another. New men have taken charge and even the Railroad Company has lent its assistance without success. When Mr. Harriman here he expressed his dissatisfaction on account of the delay in the work. A supreme effort was made to rush the swamp work but with no better success than before. For some time the swamp work is conceded to be a tough proposition. The contractors have done everything in their power to make it go, but no better time is made than in the past, the completion of the road will be seriously delayed.

The work is progressing satisfac-

torily on the cut and fill near Worden and the crew will soon be ready to commence on the road bed across the marsh. If the embankment was thrown up the track could soon be laid and cars could commence hauling dirt from the tunnel and cuts to be used as filling on the marsh.

One of the reasons for the unsatisfactory work on the marsh is believed to be the kind of dredges that are being used. If Mr. Franks undertakes the work confidence is felt that no more delays will occur, as his machines are built especially for this kind of work, and his men have followed this particular kind of work so long that they are familiar with every detail.

A NEW ENTERPRISE.

M. D. Williams Starts a Package Delivery in This City.

An indication of the rapidity with which this city is taking on metropolitan airs is the fact that M. D. Williams has completed arrangements to start a package delivery in the city. It is his intention to eventually do all of the delivering of packages in the city. His business is not to be a baggage or transfer one, being confined solely to the delivery of packages and messages. Already he has entered into contracts with a number of the business houses to do all of their delivery work and as he completes his plans he will endeavor to include all of the stores.

The economy and convenience of such a service is patent. It will do away with the necessity of each establishment maintaining its own special delivery service and result in a great saving each month.

DIVED INTO WIRE FENCE.

Kirby McIntire had an experience recently which was full of thrills for a brief period and at which he now laughs, but what was anything but a laughing matter at the time. It was with C. G. Merrill's threshing crew and on the way to a new setting (ditch) on the side of the separator near a heavy food box. While crossing the bridge over Adams' canal next town a wheel on the side on which he was sitting broke through the planking, causing the machine to lurch his way. Kirby was sure the whole blame thing was tumbling into the ditch with him on the under side, so he made a desperate dive into the water of the canal. A barbed wire fence stretches across the canal, and one of the wires is under water. Of this Kirby did not know until it had caught in his clothing, and held him fast till he nearly drowned and succeeded in getting loose only when the two heavy new shirts he wore were torn to shreds by his frantic exertions. The water and mud were only about three feet deep but it was impossible for him to get his head up into the air until he had torn away from the barbed wire. The separator did not leave the bridge—Merrill's record.

MERRILL RECORD ITEMS.

The wires on Moore Bros. Merrill electric line have been strung as far as the Henby ranch, and there has been a temporary cessation of operations. It will be but a short time until Merrill will have electric light benefits.

Messrs. Sweet and Macbeth, the government soil testers, have about completed their labors in Merrill and vicinity, and have several hundred samples of soil from various localities neatly packed and labeled to undergo analysis by experts at Washington, who will then tell the farmers who crops will prove most suitable to grow on the lands of their locality.

J. Craven, the well known timber cruiser, had a very narrow escape from death last week. He was at the Howard ranch in Drews valley and was preparing to use the telephone when a bolt of lightning struck him on the right arm just above the elbow, ascended to his breast, crossed over and ran down the left side to the floor shattering a chair on which his foot was resting, and rendering him unconscious for about an hour. The lightning left a blood-red streak over its course on Mr. Craven's body, but barring a little numbness no serious effects resulted.

CAMPS NEAR MERRILL

Engineer Outfitting Big Party for Railroad Survey

Supposed to Be the Commencement of the Survey for a Railroad From Alturas to Connect With the California Northeastern at Midland

operation of the machinery. The engine was stopped and pulled along side the separator and a stream of water was played upon the fire and soon extinguished the blaze without any serious damage.

Next week the county's road machine will begin work on the sandy lane leading into Bonanza from the west. Owing to the failure of rain to pack the dirt, the grading done on the roads between Klamath Falls and Olene, and in the direction of Merrill has not resulted satisfactorily. The constant travel has pulverized the dirt and the dust is frightful, making travel highly disagreeable. When the rains come the dust will be converted into mud. All this because the work was done too late, or the rains quit too soon.

WORK AT CLEAR LAKE.

P. O. Parsons, C. J. Heidtman, Jas. H. Driscoll and H. L. Holgate drove up to the site of the Clear Lake dam last Sunday on a hunting trip and, incidentally to see how the government work is progressing. They bagged a number of birds but saw no large game. They report that the road crew, under the direction of Mr. Boller, are making rapid progress and will complete the highway by the coming Saturday. So far as it was completed the road was in splendid condition, smooth and with no heavy grades. There are about fifteen men in the camp and all these will be transferred to the dam on completion of the road, and the force increased to probably 100 men.—Bonanza Bulletin.

VOTERS CAN REGISTER.

The Registration books will open for the November election on next Monday, September 21, and remain open up to and including the 20th day of October. Parties who registered in April for the spring election will not have to register again, but all other legal voters should visit the County Clerk's office and see that their names are put on the register.

FALL MILLINERY OPENING.

The ladies of Klamath Falls and vicinity are invited to attend our showing of Fall Millinery, on Monday and Tuesday, September 21 and 22. All the latest styles on exhibition. RUNK & SCHNEIDER.

FIRST CAMP THIS SIDE OF MARSH

Sub-Contractor Campbell Began Work Today on Roadbed Two Miles Below City Near Race Track

A. M. Campbell, a sub-contractor for Erickson & Peterson, began this morning establishing a camp on the southwest corner of the Enterprise tract near the new fair grounds. This is only two miles from the site for the Klamath Falls depot, and at the end of the dike which was thrown up by the Adams dredge.

Mr. Campbell has the contract for the construction of the road bed for one and one-quarter miles, which includes a small fill and a cut through the hill on the Reames place. This is practically the only cut to be made between the depot in this city and this side of the marsh at Midland. It is all dirt and stone work and will not be a difficult job.

It is believed that this is only the first of a number of camps to be started in the near future on the road this side of the marsh. It has been reported that a sub-contract has been

let for the cut to be made northeast of this city, between the Hot Springs addition and the Upper Lake, and that camps are to be established soon and work commenced early this fall.

DEATH OF V. MULLEN.

Vorheis Mullen, who came here a few days ago from Ashland with his daughter, Mrs. G. K. VanRiper, died at her home in this city last evening. The deceased was 81 years of age.

The funeral will be held from the VanRiper residence at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Interment will be made in the Klamath Falls cemetery.

FAREWELL SERMON.

The evening sermon at the Methodist Church tomorrow will be Rev. Conklin's farewell address. He leaves Monday morning for Salem to attend the annual conference. He expects to ask for an appointment in a lower altitude for the sake of his boy, who has had nervous prostration.

Dr. F. R. Baker and family, and Thomas Ball, arrived last evening from Portland. They will go to the Upper Lake for a few weeks outing.

The City is having a new crosswalk constructed across Fourth street on the south side of Main.

BONANZA BULLETIN ITEMS.

J. G. Cantrill, recently of Prineville, has leased the Big Springs Hotel and feed stables for a long term, and will take charge next Monday. He understands the art of pleasing the public and will get a goodly share of hotel patronage. He expects to invest quite largely in Bonanza.

For butter fat the Bonanza creamery is now paying 20 cents per pound, butter prices warranting an increase. This is the ruling price now paid for butter fat by the larger creameries on the railroad, although of course in the cities higher prices obtain. Recently two or three outside creamery men have visited the county looking for a location, but stated that the prices paid by the Bonanza creamery for butter fat are too high, considering the distance from the main butter markets, and that they could not compete with such prices.

On last Monday the Cline thresher came near being consumed by fire. For some reason, which no one can tell, the separator was discovered to be on fire shortly after moving to the barley stacks of the L. D. Burk place. Mr. Burk smelled burning straw for some time and thought it was the engine but becoming interested he jumped upon the separator and discovered the fire smouldering there and being fanned into a blaze by the

Engineer B. F. Knowlton, of the Southern Pacific, has been in the city since yesterday making arrangements for the establishment of railroad survey camps near Whitelake. Mr. Knowlton admitted that he was to make a survey near Merrill but in what direction or for what purpose he would not state. He went down on the boat to Hidel this afternoon for the purpose of buying some of the stage company's horses.

The crew will consist of thirty or forty men and from the arrangements being made for stock and supplies, it would indicate that an extensive survey is to be undertaken. Mr. Knowlton opened negotiations with J. F. Adams, R. M. Anderson and other Merrill parties, who are in the city, for the purchase of a number of horses, including a driving team.

The camps are to be outfitted at Merrill and whatever supplies will be necessary to ship in will be brought from the terminus of the California Northeastern and taken by boat to the landing on the Lower Lake near Merrill.

It is believed that this crew is to make a survey from Alturas to connect with the railroad at Midland. The survey will probably follow the lake shore as far as Whitelake, thence to Merrill, and from there go around the east side of Tule Lake and thence to Alturas.

Papers of incorporation have been filed for the construction of a road out of Alturas, but it is not known whether it will come by way of Merrill and Klamath Falls or go out by way of Lake county, and it is supposed that this survey will be made for the purpose of determining the location of the route. The establishing of this large surveying crew in the southern end of the valley, will make things lively around Merrill this fall.

AUCTION SALE.

I will sell at public auction at the old Miller ranch, 5 1/2 miles southeast of Klamath Falls, on Wednesday, September 30, several good driving and saddle ponies, farm implements, wagons, stoves, beds, furniture, household goods and hundreds of articles too numerous to mention. Most anything you need on a ranch. Sale commences at 10 a. m. H. V. MITCHELL.



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