

Mystery Shrouds Purpose of Rail Survey in Linn County

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12.—Mystery continues to surround the survey of a railroad right of way which has both termini in Linn county and which apparently would eventuate in a line to tap something more than 500,000 acres of fir timber on the western slope of the Cascade mountains in that county.

Through recent news from Albany has indicated purchase of certain strips of right of way and a potential station property located in Lebanon, deeds of conveyance have not been filed and identity of the real purchasers remain undisclosed. Where deals have been made cash has been paid, thus masking identity of the buyers.

M. J. Lynott, timber dealer, who has an office in Portland, appears in the role of promoter of the new rail project. J. F. Myers, said to have served many years as a county engineer and surveyor in a southern Washington county, has headed the gang of surveyors which ran the survey lines from Conser, near Albany, southeasterly through Lebanon to Sweet Home and thence to Foster. There has been no concealment of the fact that Mr. Myers regularly obtained the survey gang payroll funds by calling at an office in the Couch building, Portland, in which Mr. Lynott maintains an office.

Men Refuse to Talk. Both Mr. Lynott and Mr. Myers have maintained tight-lipped silence when questioned about the project. One theory advanced by rail and timber authorities has been that Mr. Lynott, knowing that a logging road eventually will be needed to tap the huge timber stands at the foot of the mountains, adopted the role of a promoter and hopes to sell his

project to those who own the timber. A second theory, perhaps more generally held, is that Mr. Lynott is only a go-between, acting for the timber interests or one of the two railroads serving the western portion of Linn county. The roads are the Southern Pacific and Oregon Electric.

The rumor has been circulated in the past that the projected road eventually would be pushed across the Cascades and link up with the Great Northern-Southern Pacific line which soon will connect Bend with Klamath Falls. It was held that either the Southern Pacific or the Hill road might contemplate such a connection.

Engineers Scout Rumor. Engineers thoroughly familiar with the territory, and especially with the height of the Cascades lying to the east of Foster, spot all the glamour that would attach to such a west-to-east rail link by saying bluntly that it can neither be constructed nor would serve any practical purpose. Among engineers who scout the idea that anything more than a logging road can be developed along the line of the Lynott survey is Frank I. Towle, Jr., of this city. Mr. Towle, it happens, has checked both the new survey and the timber stands of the area involved. The map indicating the proposed rail route and timber ownerships, as it appears with this article, was prepared by Mr. Towle.

Mrs. Brewer Returning. Mrs. Irma Brewer plans to resume her position at the Club some time after a vacation of more than a fortnight.

Secretary's Children Must "Help Out"

Although he lives in one of Washington's finest homes and is regarded as a millionaire, Secretary of Labor James J. Davis believes in teaching his children to wash dishes and help with the housework. The secretary, an immigrant boy, worked for years in the steel mills of Pennsylvania. The secretary, Mrs. Davis and their five children are pictured above. Left to right, the children are Jane, Jewel, James, Joan and Jean.



Old Garments are Needed. People of Klamath Falls who have garments they are unable to use are asked to call the Salvation Army. Any number of families are in need of warmer clothing and the Army headquarters is making a plea to the people of the city to assist in making the needy comfortable.

A Chicago society woman offered her left ear for sale. Well, what use has a lady for an ear, anyway?

DANCE OF HARD TIMES PROVES GREAT SUCCESS

Ashland Men Hunt Ducks and Geese in Keno District; News Notes

(Special to the Herald) (Velma Snowgoose, correspondent)

KENO, Dec. 12.—The "hard-time" dance given on last Saturday night proved one of the most enjoyable dances given in this section for some time.

Mrs. Elizabeth Henderson, Klamath county music instructor, called at the school and gave the pupils their usual instructions in music during the past week.

Chester Wilson motored to Klamath Falls during the past week on business.

H. G. Enders, with a party of friends from Ashland, spent last Sunday in this district hunting ducks and geese.

Roy Nelson returned home the first of the week from San Francisco, where he spent some time visiting with Ed Palsma.

Mrs. Inman of Albany, who spent the past several weeks visiting with her mother, Mrs. Thomas McCormick, Sr., has returned home.

George Trefren of Butte Falls, who spent the past three weeks visiting with his sister, Mrs. C. Snowgoose, has returned to his home.

R. W. Kruggal and father of Ashland spent Thursday in this section on a goose and duck hunt.

Gerald Rutledge and Lucille Crossin were absent from school on Thursday on account of illness.

Ray Trefren and Merritt Tugate of Butte Falls are spending several days at the Snowgoose ranch where they are trying their luck on a duck hunt.

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MANY VISITORS IN HILDEBRAND

Joe Bauchon Leaves for Visit in San Francisco; News Notes

(Special to the Herald) (Esther Michael, correspondent)

HILDEBRAND, Dec. 12.—Joe Bauchon left on Saturday for his home in San Francisco to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Miss Dorothea Michael, accompanied by Forrest Hess, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Michael on Sunday.

T. P. Michael and son Marvin were business visitors in Klamath Falls on Monday.

Miss Dorothea Michael has returned to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Leonard Ritter was a business visitor at the Jacob Rueck home during the past week.

Charles Linn delivered chickens to the Klamath Falls market on last Tuesday.

H. J. O'Brien was a business visitor at the Joe Smyth home on last Sunday.

Mrs. T. P. Michael and three daughters, Dortha, Olga and Esther were visitors with Mrs. N. Reakins.

H. J. O'Brien was transacting business in Bonanza one day last week. Mr. O'Brien is installing a telephone at his home and intends to put the telephone line from his place to the Pete Lorenz mill.

Miss Abbey Returning. Miss Helen Abbey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Abbey will return home on Friday from University of Oregon to spend the holidays here with relatives and friends.

An Oregon man was operated upon, and his stomach was found where his heart should have been. All women who cook for husbands know there isn't a grain of news in that.

Markets

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12. (A. P.) Wholesale prices: Butter steady. Portland dairy exchange net wholesale prices: Cubes, extra, 47½¢; standards, 47¢; prime firsts, 46½¢; firsts, 45¢. Creamery prices: Prints 3¢ over cube standards.

Eggs steady. Fresh standard extras, 40¢; fresh standard firsts, 38½¢; fresh mediums, 33¢; undersized, 28¢. Association selling prices, extra, 42¢; firsts 40½¢; mediums, 36¢; undersized, 26¢.

Bids to the farmer: Butterfat steady; 48¢ station, 49¢ track, 51¢ fob Portland.

Poultry steady. Heavy hens, 18¢ 21¢; light 19¢ 14¢; springs, 20¢ 21¢; broilers, 23¢ 25¢; Pot in white ducks, 30¢; colored nominal; turkeys alive, 30¢ 35¢.

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PUPILS ENJOY PARTY AT MISS GROVER'S HOME

News Notes of Ivan Told By Evening Herald Correspondent

(Special to the Herald) (Mary Gay, correspondent)

IVAN, Dec. 12.—Miss Jennie Grover, who teaches school here, gave an enjoyable party for the pupils one evening this past week. To guests enjoyed making home-made candles.

Ted Sanders was among the visitors at the Worden school during the past week.

The honor pupils, those not absent so far this year, include Christina Gay, Elsie Sanders, Gordon Van and Mary Gay.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wharton of Tennant, California, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gay on Sunday.

Ted Sanders and Clyde Towns from Worden motored to Klamath Falls on Tuesday.

Miss Kathleen Nurse from Worden went to Klamath Falls on Monday and came back Tuesday.

Lydia Gay of Worden was absent from school for a few days this past week suffering with a heavy cold.

Lyle Gordon and Herbert Gordon went to Keno on Tuesday.

A. W. Shur visited with his daughter, Mrs. Ben Gay of Worden during the past week.

Frank Sexton, county club leader spent one day of the past week at the Worden school.

Mrs. Elizabeth Henderson, county music instructor, visited at the school on Wednesday and expressed herself as highly pleased with the progress the pupils are making.

T. J. Sanders and Clyde Towns motored to Central Point on Thursday and are expected back soon with a load of apples.

Use of Chains On Siskiyou Is Suggested

MEDFORD, Dec. 12.—While the Pacific highway is covered with three feet of snow at the summit of the Siskiyou mountains, it is open to travel through

the use of snow plows which have been working overtime. It has been a number of years since snow fell to such a depth so early in the season, but three feet of snow generally falls there every winter. The depth is reported to be somewhat less on the Greenspring mountain where the road is also open. For safety's sake, motorists are advised to use chains when traveling in the mountain country as the highway is inclined to be slippery.

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