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## LATE RAILROAD NEWS

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Mohler Said to Have Petitioned the Road Men to Build From Riparia to Lewiston.

What about the railroad situation? Are the railroads going to resume construction work in the Snake and Clearwater countries, and if so how soon? These are the questions that are now occupying the minds of everybody up this way. Nobody but the railroad people themselves can answer them and they won't. However by the latest information given out by the daily papers seems to justify the belief that before many weeks there will be developments in railroad matters that will cause no weeping and wailing on this reservation. In the meantime we will study the questions above and wait, hoping for the best but being prepared for the worst. As regards late developments pertaining to the resumption of construction work by the O. R. & N. Saturday's Tribune says: A rumor was in circulation in the city yesterday that word had been received from Portland that President Mohler had again petitioned the Union Pacific for authority to build the extension of the O. R. & N. from Riparia to Lewiston, and that Mr. Mohler gave out the

statement that he was sanguine the authority would be granted. The rumor accredits Mr. Mohler with the statement that trains would be running into Lewiston by fall. It is said this development is the result of pressure brought to bear on the company by Portland business men, who are losing a large amount of the Lewiston country's trade, which now goes to the Sound cities over the North Pacific, and the petition, it is said, has gone to Mr. Harriman with an ultimatum from the Portland business men.

Portland, it is understood, will not object to having Lewiston the terminus of the Riparia extension for the present. If the road builds to Lewiston, however, it could hardly afford to make that city its terminus for very long.

A later issue of the Tribune contains the following: "There was much railroad talk in the city yesterday due to the receipt by the local O. R. & N. office of a tariff on grading outfits over the line west of Huntington. The belief was frequently expressed that the O. R. & N. was preparing to place graders on the Riparia and Lewiston extension. Inquiry at the O. R. & N. office brought out the statement, however, that the schedule was arranged for contractors who will do considerable dry culvert work on the main line west of Huntington." As the O. R. & N. has no dry culverts on its boat line into Lewiston, some significance must be attached to the sending of the schedule there.

## MAY CUT SOME TIMBER

### FROM PUBLIC LANDS

Farmers Allowed to Take Fifty Dollars Worth Yearly For Farm Purposes

The recent actions brought by the United States against trespassers on government land, for cutting timber, has created a wrong impression. A number of farmers called at the United States land office in this city yesterday, says the Statesman, and asked if farmers or other bona fide settlers are allowed to cut government timber, they being under the impression that they could not do so. The officials informed them they could cut timber for use in any manner on their ranches, but not an amount to exceed \$50 stump value. This amount may be used annually, thus giving the farmer an abundance of timber for all purposes, except possibly when fitting up a new place. In such cases, if more is needed, application must be made to the secretary of the interior. Such a request is never denied where the use for which the timber is to be put are legitimate and tends toward making a home of a newly settled piece of land.

### Reed's Creek Placers

The Eureka Pacific Mining company, organized in Ohio, has within the last two years acquired large holdings in the old Reed's creek placer ground and according to late dispatches is preparing to do a lot of development work this summer. Fourteen miles of ditch have been built, the water being brought clear from the head of Reed's creek. These old placer diggings, which contain 500 acres lying up and down Reed's creek for nine miles, have never been systematically worked, although they were discovered in 1861. They are situated in a wildly picturesque spot in the heart of the Clearwater mountains, being about 20 miles back from the North Fork and between 40 and 50 miles by wagon road and trail from Orofino.

### Elks at Spokane

Spokane Elks are just completing a new \$60,000 home and they propose to dedicate in a manner such as has never been dreamed of in the Pacific Northwest before. They will have a 15-days jubilee occurring during the time of the Interstate Fair, will initiate a class of 200 members, give a street fair and midway, and generally paint things purple. Their new temple will be the first one ever built entirely by an Elks' lodge in the U.S.

### European Wheat Crop Short

In Europe, the wheat crop is short. In many sections it is practically a failure. That means that Europeans will have to import more wheat and corn from the United States. The wonder is that the European crop situation does not have more of an effect on the wheat market. The difficulty is that there is no organization to protect prices. It has been shown in the case of corn what can be accomplished in the direction of raising prices to a fair level, and the experience should encourage those interested in wheat to organize, all over the world, if necessary, to establish prices for the grain that will return a profit to the producer.—Statesman.

C. F. Parkins, the well known Cold Springs citizen, was in Peck over the Fourth.

### Dropped Dead at Nezperce

J. N. Miller, a well known farmer of Russell ridge, died suddenly at Nezperce shortly after noon Monday. Mr. Miller was a painter by trade, was engaged in painting a house in Nezperce at the time of his death. According to the first announcement of the sad affair received here by telephone he was seen to suddenly fall to the scaffolding upon which he was working. A number of men at once went to his assistance but life was extinct before they reached the scaffolding. The family was notified and the remains were interred in the Nezperce cemetery. Mr. Miller was formerly a residence of the Poltich country but for the past five years resided on his homestead on Russell ridge. The wife and nine children survive him. The bereaved family has the heartfelt sympathy of the whole community in their sorrow.

### Mrs. Black Dead

A telephone message was received here Monday from Nezperce announcing the death of Mrs. Florence E. Black, which occurred at the family home at that place about noon Monday. The deceased was the wife of F. M. Black and the family formerly resided here, where she had many friends by whom she was highly esteemed. Mrs. Black had suffered for about two years with liver trouble. Last fall she went to the Moscow hospital where she underwent an operation. After remaining at the hospital for several months she returned to Peck, removing with her family to Nezperce this spring. There seemed to be no material improvement in her condition until about two weeks ago, when her ultimate recovery. The change proved only temporary. The husband and four children who survive her have the sympathy of all in their hour of bereavement.

### Will Go to Portland

Thomas Kirby, who is one of the commissioners from this state for the Lewis and Clark centennial to be held in Portland in 1905, expects to leave for Portland Monday to attend a meeting of the commissioners from the states interested in the event. The meeting is called for the purpose of arranging a line of action in preparing for the centennial. The other commissioners for Idaho are Mrs. E. Green of Nampa, and E. W. Johnson of Boise. Mr. Kirby states that he will endeavor while away to secure a sash and door factory for Peck.

### At Joseph's Home

The Indians had a big celebration at Nespelim, Chief Joseph's home. Nearly all the northwestern tribes were represented—big delegations. Horse racing, foot racing, a big parade and a barbecue were the features of the blow-out. The celebrations at this place will be a regular thing hereafter. The first was held last year and at that celebration a pathetic incident occurred, said Professor Meany, who is writing a history of Joseph's life. As the old chief and his band rode by, a number of widows stood by. When the depleted ranks of the once mighty chief filed past they broke down and wept in the memory of former days.

D. J. Wann took a trip to the town of Mohler and return Sunday, visiting relatives. He stated that the people up that way are in good spirits. Crops are looking fine, although some of the ranchers seem to think that is heading a little prematurely. The Mohler butter factory is running and is turning out a fine quality of butter.

## ANNUAL SPOKANE FAIR

### SEPTEMBER 10 TO 21

Big Show Will be Held This Season With Many New Features Added. Italian Band.

The Eighth Annual Spokane Inland Fair will be held in September this year, beginning on the 10th and closing on the 21st. It will be held on the new fair ground recently purchased by the Association, within the east city limits, to which there will be ample electric and steam car transportation. It will comprise the following departments:

- Fruits, grains, grasses, roots and vegetables.
- Art, needlework and floral culture.
- Horses, cattle, sheep, swine etc.
- Machinery department, showing all the latest inventions.
- A fall intercollegiate and individual athletic meeting covering the last two days of the fair.
- Nine days' horse racing, for which entries are being received from all the prominent stables between California and Minneapolis, and for which \$10,000 in purses has been set aside.
- The Royal Italian Band, the greatest musical organization on the continent, 50 artists, will supply the musical attractions, at a cost to the management of \$5,500.
- This fair will be under the direction of a newly organized \$30,000 joint stock company, and is given for the benefit of all of the citizens of the Inland Empire.

## THE GLORIOUS FOURTH

The Fourth was appropriately observed in Peck. From the early morning light which was heralded by booming of anvils, all through a long sultry but delightful day until late into the night, the air was rent with the rattle of firecrackers, sounds of singing, speeches, dancing and everything else that usually adds to the uproar and enjoyment of the national holiday.

The forenoon exercises, while short were appropriate and excellently rendered. The allegorical part of the parade, the liberty car with Miss Florence Parks as Columbia, Dr. Lyle as Uncle Sam and the States represented by young ladies and children with crowns and sashes, was very pretty. The exercises at the grounds were heard by more than 400 people. The able reading of the Declaration of Independence by Mrs. Kaylor, the speech by Rev. W. E. Beach and J. B. Cordier, and all the other numbers on the program were received with hearty applause.

In the afternoon there was a ball game between Abaska and Steele, the former winning the game by 4 tallies.

The races resulted as follows:  
Men's race... 1 E. A. McKay.  
2 J. H. Lents.  
Girls race:  
... 1 Avis Thornton.  
... 2 Ada Attebery.  
... 3 Lela Hall.  
Boys race  
1 Charley Freeman.  
2 Floyd Ogle.

The result of the bucking match will be reported as soon as we hear that the horse is captured. Owing to the pressure for time we are unable to give an extended write-up of the celebration this week.

Peck capitalists will no longer be inconvenienced by having to put revenue stamps on their bank checks.

The new barn on D. M. Wing's place is nearly completed, and is quite an addition to his other improvements.

J. P. McFadden, of Southwick, brought a load of cherries in from his Potlatch orchard Tuesday. He stated that the prospect for a large yield of all kinds of fruit in his vicinity is very good. Grain also looks fine and the country generally has a very prosperous appearance.

Mr. and Mrs. Herres and Mrs. Kirby drove over to Kendrick last Sunday, returning next day accompanied by Mrs. Barton Strain and children, who came over to spend the Fourth, and Sam and Nellie Hall, who have been in Kendrick since early spring.

On my return from Portland I expect to hold a series of auction sales of everything. Farmers having anything they wish to sell can bring it in and it will be sold free of charge on sale days. The first sale day will be Saturday, July 20, and will probably be every Saturday thereafter. Thos. Kirby.

F. M. Black and Nelson Wade have purchased two lots south of Charley Miller's blacksmith shop and will erect thereon a livery and feed barn 48x80 feet. They are at present engaged in hauling lumber for the building which will be erected as soon as possible, says the Nezperce Herald.

A dispatch says the two men calling themselves Rosmer and Smith, held for trial at Lewiston on charges of cattle stealing, are Jack Reed and Frank Vickery, and are both well known in the Moscow country, Vickery having been released from the county jail early in May.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hatter, pioneer residents of the Volmer country, came over Sunday for a visit with the family of their daughter, Mrs. Prinsoph Peterson. They like our gentle climate and think have a fair prospect of becoming a good town; they may conclude to locate here and go into business.

L. J. Herres has prepared a petition to be presented to the board of commissioners at their next session, asking that a slight change be made in the Russell ridge road where it crosses his place. The change as proposed will throw the road about eight rods north of the present right-of-way and then parallel the right-of-way for 60 rods, thus making a more gradual grade and avoiding a long stretch of swampy road.

### LADIES

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