

THE OREGON SENTINEL.

SATURDAY MORNING, March 13, 1869.

I also inclose copy of a bill, No. 776, introduced into the Senate.

I have nothing to say as to the claims and rights of either company but in view of the fact that the articles of incorporation of the west side company were not filed in the office of the Secretary of State until after its designation by the Legislature in 1866—in view of the fact that the east side company cannot file its assent, as required by the sixth section of said act, the time therefore having elapsed, I am apprehensive that the benefits of said act will be wholly lost to the State unless something is done to prevent it. Will you be good enough to advise me if there is anything in the action of your Department or the views you entertain of the matter making unnecessary the proposed legislation.

Yours truly,
GEORGE H. WILLIAMS,
Hos. O. H. BROWNING,
Secretary of the Interior, Washington,
D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
WASHINGTON, D. C., January 29, 1869.

Sir: I have received your letter of the 18th instant, and the accompanying copy of Senate Bill, No. 776, to amend an act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Central Pacific railroad, in California, to Portland, in Oregon, approved July 25, 1866, with other papers relating to the subject.

Said act of 1866 required the Legislature of Oregon to designate a company organized under the laws of the State to locate and construct so much of said road as was in Oregon, and that the company so designated should file its "assent" to the act of Congress within one year after its passage.

By a resolution adopted by the Legislature October 19, 1868, the Oregon Central Railroad Company was designated to locate and construct said road in Oregon. Two companies called the Oregon Central Railroad Company claim to have been so designated. These, it appears, are locally called the east side company and the west side company.

At the date of the adoption of said resolution by the Legislature neither company had been organized as required by the laws of Oregon. The west side company, however, filed its assent in this department within the year.

By a resolution adopted by the Legislature in October, 1868, the east side company was designated. The purpose of this bill, as understood, is to authorize this company to file its "assent" without prejudice to the rights of the other company, and you ask for an expression of my views as to whether there is any necessity for the proposed legislation.

In reply I have the honor to state that as the matter now stands the grant, so far as the portion of road in Oregon is concerned, lies suspended, while the grant for that portion of the road situated in California is still in force, and some legislation by Congress is necessary to revise the grant for the Oregon portion of the road.

The proposed bill, if it becomes a law, will, in my opinion, accomplish that purpose.

On the 18th instant I declined to act upon maps filed by the west side company "in the absence of a judicial decision as to the rights of the claimants or some action by Congress upon the subject." I inclose a copy of said letter.

The papers which accompanied your letter are herewith returned.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

O. H. BROWNING, Secretary,
Hos. GEORGE H. WILLIAMS, United
States Senate.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
WASHINGTON, D. C., January 13, 1869.

Sir: I have received your letter of the 11th instant, asking that certain maps filed by J. Gaston, Esq., under the act approved July 25, 1866, as showing the location of the railroad from Portland, in Oregon, to the northern line of the State of California, may be accepted by this Department.

In reply, I have to state that as there are two companies of the same name claiming under the laws of the State of Oregon the benefit of the grant made by said act of 1866 I must decline, in the absence of a judicial decision as to the rights of the claimants, or some action by Congress upon the subject, to comply with your request.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

O. H. BROWNING, Secretary,
S. G. RUD, Esq.,
Care Hon. H. W. Corbett, United
States Senate.

A motion was made to recommit the bill to the committee on public lands which was carried. This kills the bill. The Committee will not be able to report it again this session.

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SAMUEL HARRIS,
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Jacksonville, June 25th, 1868.

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Laud Officer, Rossburg Oregon, Jan. 8th, 1869.

JOHN KELLY, Register.

Addison R. Flint, Receiver.

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