

GIGANTIC BATTLE NOW ON FOR EASTERN OREGON

Hill and Harriman Both Struggling for Mastery of This Great Inland Empire

Portland Journal, 24. Oregon's greatest railroad war is impending. The scene of the first battle is in the Deschutes canyon, opposing generals are directing the fight from eastern and western railroad offices.

"We're going to build a railroad up Deschutes river into Central Oregon," John D. Porter, senior member of the railroad contracting firm of Porter Bros. announced with finality while in Portland this morning. Then he proceeded to give convincing verification of the statement.

"We have purchased the Oregon Trunk Railroad company's right of way. It antedates anything that Harriman has. Our surveys have been accepted. All we have to do is to build and we're going to build quickly. The road will be of the best possible construction. Every consideration of expense, every detail of construction has been provided for. During more than a year we have been quietly preparing for this move, but in every instance secretly so that no knowledge of our plans could get to the opposition.

Expects a Hard Fight. "We expect a fight that will make new history in railroad construction. This, because in places the Harriman survey overrides ours, unnecessarily, too. Ours, though, is the senior right. We will hold what we have.

"Bridges will only need be built across the Deschutes in about three places. The cost of construction will be entirely reasonable. At all places along the narrower part of Deschutes canyon there is room for both roads. "The Harriman people have been doing the dog-in-the-manger act in affording Central Oregon transportation facilities. This is the real fact; Harriman never intended to build up the Deschutes. He staled the people with fake surveys, intending all the time to enter the state from the south by Klamath Falls and turn all interior traffic and business into California and San Francisco.

Conditions Have Changed. "Conditions have now changed. We have gotten in there ahead of him. We have everything absolutely our way and we will build our railroad without reference to any others; Harriman will build, too, now that the great richness of the Central Oregon country has been forced home to him."

Showing that feeling between Porter Brothers and the Harriman system is not of the best, it is reported that never have the O. R. & N. lines been used in moving supplies to the Deschutes canyon. Working with the utmost secrecy water transportation has always been used. Nearly every day recently the Bailey Gatzert has been carrying out of Portland from 10 to 15 head of horses, which will be used in construction work.

Every plan has been successful. The wagons are moving out on the right of way. Men are on the ground and construction is beginning in charge of Johnson Porter.

"Porter Brothers are building the new line," declared T. D. Porter emphatically when asked if Hill was not back of the enterprise. "That announcement is enough for the present," he added. "Porter Brothers have control of the situation and will build for the people of Central Oregon a railroad that will bring business to Portland.

Have No Terminal. "Neither have we decided on a terminal. We are going to get out in the country where anyone could build a railroad and we can go as far as we like and as far as business justifies. We know that opening up the new country will be certain in results. We don't ask any guarantee of a stipulated profit on the investment made."

Porter Brothers built the North Bank road in the face of great opposition. This they did for Hill, and in a way that won the magnate's cordial approval. It is more than suggested in railroad circles that Hill is making good his declaration once made that he would sometime penetrate interior Oregon, but no announcement of this kind was made by Mr. Porter this morning.

Wrestling Match

A wrestling match will take place Sept. 6th at the Snider Opera House between Nels Jepson, of Lakeview, and J. C. Cravens, of Klamath Falls. The purse is for \$200, or \$100 on side bet. Tickets will be sold 10 or 14 days before date of match, and at the door. Doors open at 2:30 and off at 3 p. m. Both are good men and the contest will prove an exciting one.

Gov. Benson has turned down the governorship bid, and desires to run on the ticket as Secretary of State.

Government Free Farms are Nearly All Gone

According to the Commissioner of Agriculture there are only 5,743,097 farms in the United States. There are nearly 100,000,000 people now in the country, and the census is growing every day. Population increases, but the acreage stands the same. Can you not see what this means? Only one to 20 of the present population can now own farms. Have you got your farm? If not get busy now for yourself, and those dear to you, who are dependent upon you for their future welfare.

DESERVED PRAISE OF WORTHY MEN

An Alturas Paper Gives O. V. L. Co. Credit for Boom

The Alturas, Calif., New Era, of the 17th inst., has a long article upon the placing of a steamer on the lake, from which we clip the following extracts:

For years and years, there has been talk of a steambot for Goose Lake valley, but not unlike the myth of tapping the lake, did the scheme always die a natural death. It has remained for the Oregon Valley Land Company to bring this scheme to a realization, and at last a real, live steambot Goose Lake will surely have.

This company have become famous for their large business deals and ventures, and its name to day is in the mouths of all. They are converting deserts into fertile valleys, building irrigation canals of magnitude, and have sold contracts for land to no less than 12,000 people from all parts of the world.

These people must get into this country by some means, and it is up to the Oregon Valley Land Company to get them here at a nominal price. The company expect to have the road and boat service in operation before six weeks, and are pushing the work with all possible speed.

Despite the comment to the contrary, the residents of this county should hail with delight the advent of this company to this county. It is spending thousands upon thousands of dollars here, and will cause more people to come here and do more to advertise this country than has ever before been done by every resident of the county. This is actual development.

And when their road is in operation and a real live steambot trends the placid waters of the beautiful lake, think what it will mean to this part of the world. Think what a summer and health resort this county will develop into.

To the Oregon Valley Land Company whoever you are, and from a where ever you hail, we lift our hats to you.

WESTON REACHES SAN FRANCISCO

A Man, 71 Years Old, Walks Across the Continent

Pedestrian Weston, 71 years old, who accomplished the remarkable feat of walking from the New York postoffice to San Francisco postoffice in 105 days was much put out in his failure to accomplish the journey in 100 days. He got on on time until he struck California, where the hot weather was too much for him, and crippled his feet, so that he did not make good time. The following prescription Weston uses on his feet: Dissolve one coffee cup of crystallized salt in from six to eight quarts of water. Bathe feet in this for twenty minutes. Dry well and then rub with witch hazel. Guaranteed to cure sore blisters, will prevent corns, callouses, blisters and tender spots.

Fossil Bones Discovered

A bed of prehistoric fossil bones has been recently discovered in Pueblo valley in Northern Humboldt county, Nevada, near the Oregon line. This discovery is in the vicinity of Thousand Spring Creek and already a party of professors and students from the University of California are inspecting the find and gathering specimens. A number of skulls and bones of the mammoth and other extinct animals have been found. The country contains a petrified forest—beds of lignite coal, and in places some fine fossils were picked up. The opal bed has been located, but the bones are there for the first appropriator.

Hogs, live weight are \$9.05 in the Portland market. Just wait till Hill gets here with his railroad, and Lake county will show the world something in the hog producing line that will open the eyes of the Pacific Coast.

HARRIMAN NOW BUYING THE RIGHT OF WAY TO LAKEVIEW

Corraling Pit River Canyon, to Shut Out Hill From Building to San Francisco

The Examiner is informed on the very best of authority that right of way agents of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company are now actually in the field buying right of way out of Alturas, and are headed for Lakeview!

What does this mean? Nothing more nor less than actual construction in the near future! But, from where, and to what point? The Harriman system has no rails laid nearer than Reno to the south, and none closer than Weed to the west.

Why this hurry, then, at this particular spot? Surely, some one must have scared Harriman into immediate action! Our word for it—That man is James J. Hill.

Very well, but why? For the simple reason that the one feasible outlet from south-eastern Oregon to San Francisco is the narrow canyon of the Pit river between here and Alturas.

Unless Mr. Hill also wants to go through that canyon, at a greater expense of construction, the thing is done!

We shall see what will be the result of this sudden awakening of Mr. Harriman.

Jim Hill has the reputation of being something of a goer, and a stayer! once he sets in to do a thing, as Mr. Harriman has learned before, and more than that, the sympathy and the support of the people of Eastern Oregon.

THE IDEAL WOMAN

By the Rev. Dr. LYMAN ABBOTT of New York.

THE ideal woman must discard all shoes the size of which makes walking well nigh impossible. She must not consider her hands when it comes to a question of work. She must TAKE EXERCISE AND LET PAINT AND POWDER GO IF SHE DESIRES RED CHEEKS. She must not be the servant of the milliner and dressmaker. She must not change her styles at the dictation of men in Paris. HER HOME MUST BE HER PALACE, and she must be industrious, sympathetic, energetic, enthusiastic, motherly and a true friend.

A woman's idea of modern industry is playing bridge whilst morning and night. Her idea of modern life is to be supported by some one else.

THE IDEAL WOMAN DOES NOT CONSIDER WORK UNWOMANLY. SHE BELIEVES THAT WHATEVER CONCERNS HER HUSBAND CONCERNS HER. IF THE IDEAL WOMAN'S FAMILY FUNDS FAULT WITH HER COOKING, SHE DOES NOT BLAME THE COOKING, SHE BLAMES THE FOOD AND CHANGES IT.

WOMAN WAS MEANT TO BE MAN'S COMPANION, AND IF THE IDEA WERE PROPERLY CARRIED OUT THERE WOULD BE NO AFFINITIES.

LAKE COUNTY AND GOOSE LAKE VALLEY TO HAVE A FINE FAIR

A large and enthusiastic, and representative meeting of the Board of Trade was held last evening.

After a general discussion it was decided to organize at once and take immediate action in procuring large and representative exhibit of the agricultural products of Lake county, and of the entire Goose Lake Valley on both sides of the State Line.

In order to bring out the fullest and best display of every variety of farm products that can be grown here, both by means of irrigation, and also by what is known as dry farming.

The object is to show the people who will be here at the opening of the Oregon Valley Land Company lands in September just what can be expected of this region in an agricultural way. It is certain that these new comers will be greatly influenced by what they will see at this Fair. For that reason every part of the county should be represented. Many of these people will want homesteads and many will desire to purchase farms or lands, and their decision in that matter will result entirely from what each section of Lake county and

Goose Lake Valley will have to show them.

Once those people are here, we want to keep them, and there is room and opportunity here for all who may desire to come.

In view of the foregoing it was urged that each rancher be induced to make the best possible exhibit of his products for the good of all.

The time is short but earnest work should produce good results, and especially so as nature this year has been most bounteous in her gifts to this section.

The Examiner will refer to this matter again.

The following are the minutes of the meeting:

July 28, 1909, 8 o'clock P. M.

On motion it was decided to hold a fair in September, 1909.

On motion it was decided to raise funds for defraying expense of fair by subscriptions.

On motion it was decided that three committees be appointed, one to solicit subscriptions, one to secure place for exhibition of products and one to prepare premium lists, each committee to be composed of three persons.

The chair appointed the following committees:

On solicitations, V. L. Snelling, S. V. Rehart and A. H. Hammersley.

On place of exhibition: Harry Bailey, F. M. Miller and Daniel Boone.

On premiums: D. J. Wilcox, Chas. Umbach and W. Lair Thompson.

On motion meeting adjourned to meet at 8 P. M. Friday July 30, 1909.

Mrs. Geo. Hahner and children and Mr. Max Roehl arrived from Chicago yesterday to join their husbands, who recently located on the West side.

Hill is Taking Advantage of Poor Harriman!

Vice President Knittschmitt, the chief lieutenant of Harriman, has come out from New York to Oregon on a hurry call. That Great Northern Pull-Yim Hill, tearing away at Harriman's fence around away at Eastern Oregon, must be a dreadful thing and especially so when poor Mr. Harriman's rheumatism is so bad, compelling him during those strenuous days to remain in "Old Wien, to drink beer and eat pretzels!" It is real mean of Yim to take such an unfair advantage of Ed. But Eastern Oregon people say: Bully for you, Yim!

SUCCESSFUL WITH CHERRY ORCHARD

Rancher South of Lakeview Grows Fine Fruit

F. L. Ross is another successful orchardist, who resides nine miles south of Lakeview. His cherry trees this year produced 400 gallons. Samples of the same can be seen at the office of Drenkel & Paine. Two years ago the same trees produced 1250 gallons. One branch then 2 1/2 feet long produced by actual measurement 7 1/2 gallons. That would be hard to equal anywhere. The varieties are Royal Anne and Lambert. Mr. Ross also has a fine crop of winter apples coming on. He is a comparative new comer from Missouri, having been here about three years, and says the Goose Lake valley is good enough for him.

DEER SHOOTING NOW PERMISSIBLE

Regulations Under Which They May Be Hunted

The deer season will open August 1 and close November 1. A few salient points of the game code relating to deer are noted:

Buck deer—Season open from August 1 to November 1. Unlawful to kill more than five in one season.

Unlawful to hunt between one hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise. No deer meat whatever may be sold.

Female deer—Unlawful to kill at any time.

It is unlawful to use dogs or to watch stands or traps.

No young deer or spotted fawn may be killed.

GRUMAN'S FINE MOUNTAIN RANCH

Raises Small Fruits and Some Fine Vegetables

W. O. Cressler and wife and Mrs. Della Cobb and Geo. Haakins autored out to Cox Creek on the West Side Sunday, and stopped at the ranch of Barney Gruman. There they found big pans full of fresh, luscious strawberries, all ready at hand for a big short cake, which with a fine string of brook trout, made a meal a king might enjoy. Mr. Gruman's place is up in the mountains, and such strawberries, raspberries and the like, that he produces cannot be excelled anywhere in quantity or quality. He also has one of the finest gardens in the county. This, too, are up were most people imagine nothing will grow. Mr. Gruman's fine garden and berry patch goes to prove that the half has not been told of the productiveness or capability of this Golden Goose Lake Valley.

Looked Good to Yim

It is claimed that the Pacific & Eastern railway from Medford across the Cascades by way of Crater Lake, can reach Central Oregon on a lower grade than is possible for Harriman's Klamath-Natron line, now under construction. From Medford there is a water level route to the ocean at Gold Beach. Hill is a stickler for low grades and deep water outlets.

The Examiner was the first newspaper in Oregon to get at the real facts as to the invasion of Hill into Oregon. And that is giving some for a weekly, when there are such dailies in the state as the Portland Journal, Telegram and the old Oregonian wheezing along in the rear!

BIG PORTLANDER PAYS EASTERN OREGON A VISIT

Tells Some Wholesome Truths About Our Section, and Predicts a Bright Future

Francis L. McKenna, one of the prominent real estate men of Portland, after making a trip from the Columbia river, up the Deschutes and through Eastern Oregon to Klamath Falls, in the Herald of the 24th inst., enthusiastically talks of Jim Hill's invasion of Eastern Oregon, as follows:

"This section is the most wonderful in Oregon, and the future will see may great fortunes made in Eastern Oregon. I have for some time looked with a good deal of suspicion on the reported invasion of this state by the Hill railroad, but any doubts ever had were quickly dissipated after I made the trip. He has by all means the best right of way for a railroad in to interior Oregon. He is so situated that the Harriman people will have to come to him. Wherever their interests conflict he has by far the best of it. His line is the most practicable and the most cheaply constructed.

"Few people realize what the resources of interior Oregon are, especially those living in that section. I presume that history will repeat itself, and the newcomer will be the man who will, as a rule, reap the harvest in the development. I have found many people here—residents and property owners—who have been most too willing to discourse on the drawbacks they think are to be found here. Ten years from now you will hear these same people tell you how much they could have made if they had pursued a different course. It is so the world over. It was so in Portland.

"No state in the west will see the same amount of development that is to be made in Oregon in the next ten years. The people are talking of it all over the country, and when they talk it means that they are sure to come."

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DYNAMITE

Team Paws a Box of It With no Serious Results

The Alturas Plaindealer tells of this exciting experience with dynamite: Ben Lauer and Mr. Shimp went up to Goose Lake Saturday and had an experience they will not soon forget. Ben was driving his fine team, and arriving at the boat landing, tied the horses to a juniper tree. It happened that some one left a box under the tree in which was ten sticks of giant powder. This, of course, was all unbeknown to Ben who, after tying his team went about his business. When he returned one of the horses was standing with his foot in the box, and had trampled the powder into a shapeless mass. The other horse had got wound up in such shape that it was necessary to cut the tree down to release him. How the powder escaped explosion is a mystery, and Ben considers he is very lucky, as there was enough powder in the box to have blown his \$500 team and carriage to the kingdom come. It is safe to say that the next time to which Ben ties his team he will see that there is no box of dynamite near.

Recovered Horses

Harney Times, 17: All the horses known to have been stolen recently on Silver Creek have been recovered, but the men accused of the theft have not been caught. The animals belonging to W. C. Cecil were found on the range but the stock belonging to W. L. Best had been disposed of to Wm. Welch, at Izoce. It seems two strangers sold Mr. Welch nine head of horses for \$400, but eight had belonged to Mr. Best.

It is reported the men went to Canyon City thence out to the railroad, claiming they had to be in Pendleton at once.

Harriman is advertising for 1,000 men to work on railroad construction from Klamath Falls. The Sumpter Valley railroad wants men and teams. The Porter Bros. of the Oregon Trunk up the Deschutes are scouring the country for men and teams. All this means business.

Farmers need Lake County Land.