

Budd Paving Way For New Railroad Work in Oregon, Belief of Some

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SALEM, Ore. (AP)—The recent conference at the state capital between President Ralph Budd, of the Great Northern railroad, Governor Julius L. Meier and Charles M. Thomas, public utilities commissioner, has given life to speculation concerning new projects contemplated by the Northern lines in Oregon. Conjecture on the subject among those who are interested in development of the state and who are familiar with railroad history, relegated politics far into the background during the past week.

The visit, first declared a social one on the part of President Budd, who on Jan. 1 will become president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy road, proved to be more than asserted. It has since developed. The exact nature of the business discussed during the hour's session in the governor's office has not been divulged by any of the participants but it has been learned that Budd was eager to ascertain the attitude of the new public utilities commissioner on railroad supervision.

There are now no petitions of any kind before the commissioner by any railroad which has led observers of railroad activities to believe Budd was here to pave the way for several projects long in mind.

In connection with the meeting four important events and situations during the past few years strengthened speculation concerning two proposals involving the Northern lines as well as considerable new construction in the western part of the state. They are:

1. Common user with the Southern Pacific over the Natron cutoff. At the time the interstate commerce commission granted permission to the Southern Pacific to construct the route from Eugene to Klamath Falls it was stipulated that common user privileges must be granted to any other road if such were desired.
2. Joint highway and railroad bridge across Coos bay. Several years ago the Northern lines proposed to the state highway commission that in event a bridge be constructed at the mouth of Coos river or over Coos bay, it be made a joint highway and railroad bridge. This proposal was made by the railroad. The bridge, however, has not been constructed or ordered.
3. The recent inspection of the entire Southwestern Oregon section by Budd in the company of engineers and other railroad men.
4. The present long route the northern lines are required to traverse from Portland to San Francisco. In order to reach San Francisco now from the north the trains must cross the river at Portland to Vancouver; go east along the Columbia and cross it again to connect with the Oregon Short line to Bend, then down to Klamath Falls and over its recently connected link southeast to the Western Pacific.

As a result of these situations two proposals left open to the Great Northern have been suggested. The first, the more readily attained, and excellent for passenger traffic, would be to utilize the Oregon Electric from Portland to Eugene, apply for common user over the Southern Pacific to Klamath Falls, and then go south on its completed link. This would also serve to make the Oregon Electric a main line instead of a dead end.

New Construction Involved

The other proposal, to obtain freight tonnage, would involve new construction into Coos Bay. Again the Oregon Electric would be used from Portland to Eugene. From this point an extension would be made from Eugene to Lorane, going southwest, which stretch already has been surveyed.

From Lorane the proposed route, based on surveys and engineering investigation, would extend southwest to the Umpqua river above Elkton. From here it would follow the river to the Coos river watershed above Scottsburg. From this point the road would follow the river into Coos Bay. This route would tap timber tonnage and give the Great Northern an outlet to the sea.

Speculation at present does not carry the route further, but this line would make it possible for the Great Northern to build on southward along the coast to San Francisco, giving the line a direct route into the bay district.

Neither President Budd nor Commissioner Thomas would comment on these proposals.

Joe Waterman, Seattle boxing promoter, will conduct boxing shows in both Seattle and Portland this winter.

New York and Illinois were the largest producers of sand and gravel in 1930 in the United States.

PROMISE PERSONALS

By Mrs. Bertha Carper
(Observer Correspondent)
PROMISE, Ore. (Special)—A son was born Tuesday, Nov. 24, to Mr. and Mrs. Vesper Henderson. Both mother and son are doing nicely.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore died at their home here Tuesday morning. The little boy was taken to Wallowa Tuesday evening and burial took place in the Wallowa cemetery Wednesday. James Sheldon Moore was born near Promise March 23, 1931, and passed away Nov. 24, 1931, being eight months and one day old. The baby had been ill most of its life, but its parents thought it was getting better for several days and its passing was a severe shock to them.

Besides the baby's parents, it leaves its grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Moore of Wallowa, and a grandmother, Mrs. Maude Haney, of Caldwell, Idaho, besides other relatives and numerous friends of the family.

Bill Bursell, who had been staying with his family here, went to Wallowa last week and is now spending a few days at his place on West Crossman.

Mrs. Bertha Carper returned home from La Grande Tuesday evening, where she had been staying with her daughter, Mrs. Edith Lindsey and another daughter, Miss Lillian, who had been ill but who has improved.

Robert Carper returned from Eden Monday, where he had been visiting his brother, Roy Carper, several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolin Gorbett made a business trip to Wallowa Monday, returning home the same day. Their two boys, Wayne and Homer, stayed

with their aunt, Mrs. Nellie Fleishman, while they were away.

Howard and Ralph Carper were at Maxville a week ago taking up some turkeys to ship to La Grande for Thanksgiving.

Clyde Taylor came over from Eden Monday and visited at the C. P. Carper home until Wednesday. He returned and Ivan Carper went with him to help him drive a cow home from Roy Carper's.

Bill Carper and daughter, Arleta, went to Wallowa Monday and took out some fat hogs and turkeys which he intended to sell in Wallowa. Arleta was to consult a doctor concerning her eyes.

John Carper took several fat hogs to Wallowa last week. Charles Carper returned to his home Thursday after spending a week with his uncle, Tom Bennett, on Sunny Side. Mrs. Bennett returned Thursday from Enterprise. The old people are intending to move to Wallowa for the winter.

Some real winter has been experienced here, the temperature falling to six degrees below zero Saturday night. On Wednesday snow had fallen to the depth of 18 inches. The farmers are not all provoked because deep snow means lots of moisture for the coming season. The ground was in excellent condition for getting no frost in it. At Maxville the snow is 30 inches deep on the level. The Wallowa-Maxville mail carrier uses his car to the Cox place and takes the team and sled from there on to Maxville.

Mrs. Helen Wallace, who lately returned from The Dalles, where she underwent an operation for gonorrhea, is greatly improved and has gained several pounds in weight. Mrs. Wallace was away about three months. She visited her mother in Tillamook while away.

in number at least 75 per cent in the last two years and advocated that bag limits be reduced from 15 to five birds. As an added conservative measure he urged that sportsmen kill only drakes.

FOUR CUCUMBER SEEDS START FARMER'S INCOME
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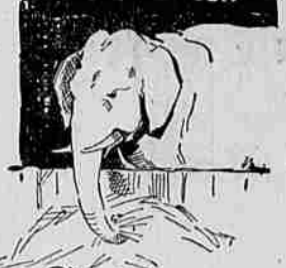
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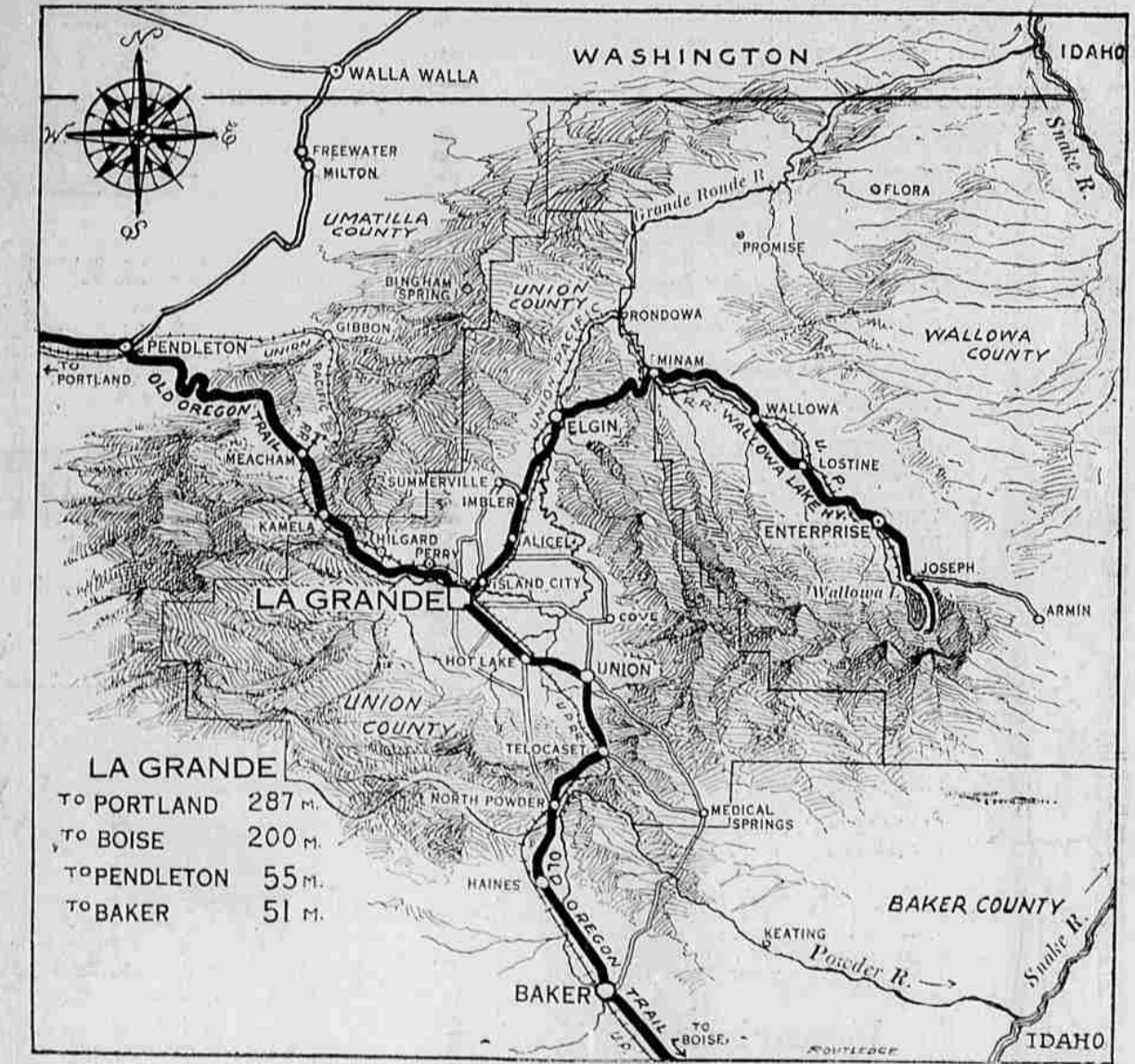
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