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## STATE-AIDED RAILROADS.

Submission to the people two years hence of a constitutional amendment permitting the state to build railroads or aid in their construction as provided by the act passed by the recent legislature, is an excellent move. For one thing, it has stirred up Harriman to activity, and this alone more than justifies the move.

State-aided or state-built railroads are not a new thing. They do not portend anarchy or socialism. They are a feature of almost every civilized government under the sun—and have nowhere resulted disastrously.

When a railroad is built in Canada, the government guarantees the bonds. When the Union, Central and Northern Pacific were built, the federal government aided so substantially that huge fortunes were created for the builders.

Oregon must take the lead in the development of her own resources. People of outside states cannot be expected to invest money developing a section that Oregon people neglect. Oregonians must show faith in their state, or others will not have faith in it.

It is hard to secure money for railroad building nowadays, hard even for Harriman. But with a state guarantee back of the bonds, it would be easy, even in the tightest money market, to secure needed funds for railroad building.

It is entirely probable that Harriman would be the first to avail himself of state aid to construct Oregon railroads.

## FULTON AS A FEDERAL JUDGE.

Recognition of Medford's growing importance is shown in the bill that has just passed congress creating another federal judge for Oregon, who will divide his time between Medford and Pendleton.

Senator Fulton is the father of this bill and in all probability will be appointed as a judge to fill the position. His appointment will give general satisfaction. Mr. Fulton's ability and law learning are unquestioned, even by his political enemies, and he will make a fine judge as he has made a good senator.

The fact that Medford was designated as the site for a federal court is due to Mr. Fulton's friendliness to this city. He drafted the amendment creating the new judgeship and the selection of Medford instead of some other city is due solely to him.

The more big men Medford wins as residents the better off the city is, and Judge Fulton is cordially invited to make this city his permanent home.

## PLANT SHADE TREES.

Ladies of the Greater Medford club are to be congratulated upon their effort to have a tree planting day. It is hoped that everyone will co-operate and that at least 10,000 shade trees be planted to ornament and beautify streets.

One great drawback to Medford is the lack of shade trees in yards and streets. Trees and foliage do much to soften the unsmooth lines of a new town, to hide the monstrosities of architecture and the conglomerate collection of shacks and buildings that disfigure many sections.

Now that the spirit of civic improvement prevails, with the paved boulevards should go shaded avenues, so that Medford will attract the homeseeker as the leafy grove entices the wanderer on a sunny day.

## WHAT PAPERS SAY

NO REFERENDUM LIKELY.

(Valley Record)  
 There will probably be some agitation in various parts of the state to the Grater Lake appropriation, but it is our judgment that there will be no referendum. The newspapers of the state are not opposing it, and most of them are actively and aggressively for it, and it is such a new and novel feature that there has been no reaction for any fanatical feeling to be worked up, and it may pass along in the time of drawing the money before any politician will try to make political capital out of it in some sections of the state among people who never heard of the world famous character of this scenery. Yet this critical period may pass by.

The Oregonian could easily knock it, but it is not likely that it will. The railroad company has the Oregonian's ear and the great and world wide character of the advertising that will result in consequence of making this route naturally obstructive to tourist travel, naturally obstructive to tourist travel. The program is a good one, and it should be carried out it will dem-

strate its great value and benefit not only to the state, but to the happiness, comfort, health and pleasure of the feet and highest interests of millions of people. Time will show the mind that looks at the matter in a narrow spirit and would destroy the project with a hasty and ill-considered vote.

Grater Lake is one of the seven wonders of the world and it behooves the people of Oregon to look to it as one of the best things to be done in a reasonable and judicious manner of getting to and from it.

The plan proposed divides the expense as equitably as it could possibly be done, and we must trust the competency and good judgment of the several departments that will have to be made in the management of the appropriation, and see that the money is judiciously expended and the best result obtained.

## BREAKS UP GANG OF KLAMATH FALLS THIEVES

KLAMATH FALLS, O., Feb. 27.—Charles Jolly was found guilty yesterday of having stolen 15 horses in this county last December. The horses were sold by a man named C. J. F. Walker who had planted a trap and had a man named Jolly, who was a member of the gang, to help him.

## TRAVELS MANY MILES TO SECURE BANK BOOKS

YREKA, Cal., Feb. 27.—Because his mail was delayed and he forgot to telegraph for information, Harold Greene, 54 years of age, one of Yreka's most highly respected citizens made a futile trip of 5000 miles spending nearly \$200 and these weeks of time to secure two bank books which reached the Yreka postoffice two days after he had left for the east.

Greene returned a few months ago from Philadelphia after an absence of more or eight years from his home country. During which time he visited England, Germany, France and other countries of Europe, and the eastern part of the United States. Having left money on deposit in two savings banks in Philadelphia, he wrote his agent in Yreka to deposit and forward the money to him.

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