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## RAILROAD TO CONNECT WITH LINE AT BEND

Officials Announce Extension of Line from Riverside to Near Harriman--Is Claimed Construction Will Never Cease Until Bend is Reached--Shorten Distance to Portland and is Much Easier Grade

## SHOPS AND DIVISION POINT AT ONTARIO

Twohy Brothers, Big Railroad Construction Firm of Portland, Now On Ground Securing Data for Their Bid for Contract--Division and Shops Coming When Road is Finished

Railroad from Ontario to Bend. Division point at Ontario. Huge machine shops at Ontario. Long Planned Railroad Activity in Ontario Starts with Construction of the O. W. R. & N. West of Riverside.

That actual construction work will start soon after the first of July on the extension of the O. W. R. & N. from Riverside to Harriman, a distance of thirty miles, is the substance of a statement given out by J. D. Farrell, president of the O. W. R. & N. who passed through Ontario last week on his way to the interior to look over the proposed route of the new line from Riverside to Bend. Coincident with this announcement is the appearance in Ontario this week, of a prominent capitalist from Portland, who is here looking over the country, and who says he has information, emanating from headquarters, that Ontario is to be a division point, the O. W. R. & N. acquiring the Short Line from Huntington to Ontario, and that this city will be the site for huge machine shops, all to come with the completion of the new line into Bend. Moreover, this man states that when the construction work once starts on the new extension, that it will never cease until the line is completed into Bend. While no authoritative statement that the line will go to Bend, has been given out, it is claimed this is now the intention of the O. W. R. & N.

The O. W. now owns and operates a line from the Dalles to Bend. And it is claimed the line from Ontario will connect with this. It will mean a shorter distance to Portland than over the present main line through Baker, LaGrande and Pendleton, and will mean a far easier grade, for the mountain haul will be eliminated. Twohy Bros., the largest railroad construction firm in the northwest, is after the contract for the construction of the new line. John R. Twohy, E. E. Twohy and M. S. Boss, all of the firm of Twohy Bros., passed through Ontario last Thursday enroute to the proposed new line to look over for their bid for the contract.

That Ontario is to secure the division point and shops, comes from the Portland capitalist, who is close, in a business way, to railroad officials of Portland, and who is in a position to know. He says the plan is an old one, and that he has known for over a year, that this would some day be carried out. He says it will come with the completion of the line from Ontario to Bend. Large holdings of land by the O. W. R. & N. Company adjoining the city limits on the south, adjacent to the right-of-way of the O. S. L., will be utilized when the division point and shops are established, he says.

According to the statement of this man, a large lumber mill in Bend has just arranged in Portland for a loan of \$150,000 to improve their plant and to start cutting timber which they have been holding, waiting for the line to Ontario to be completed.

## MORE HOME SEEKERS TO HARNEY COUNTY

Party of Eighteen Pass Through Ontario for the Interior

Another party of prospective home seekers passed through Ontario Monday on their way to Harney county to look over lands of the Oregon-Western Colonization Co. There were eighteen men in the party, most of whom came from Burley, Idaho. J. A. Morrison, local manager of the firm accompanied them.

A large number of people have passed through Ontario for the interior during the past spring, and a great majority of them have found suitable lands, and have purchased farms. There is a vast amount of good farming land in Harney county which can be purchased at reasonable figures and on easy terms, and, with the extension of the railroad into the valley, the land is being fast settled up, and large land holdings are being cut up into small farms.

The railroad soon to be constructed west of Riverside, and will probably reach Harriman, in Harney Valley, before many months. With transportation facilities, that section of the state will become one of the best agricultural sections in Oregon, and

## HOW TO STAMP OUT THE FIRE BLIGHT

County Agriculturist Tells How Menace May be Done Away With

W. W. Howard, county agriculturist of Malheur county, has this week issued a very interesting interview on fire blight. This has become a serious menace to fruit and orchards over the entire country, and has recently entered Malheur county. There is a way in which the blight can be stamped out, and the method is explained in the following:

"Fire blight has been given so little attention during former years that this year, when the conditions became at all favorable for its development, it has ruined the crop in some orchards, especially the two varieties, Rome Beauties and Jonathans.

This disease can be gotten under control in a very short time, if the proper methods are followed, but it is a case of fight or be ruined. Indifference cannot be tolerated any longer.

"This disease is a bacterial disease, notwithstanding the fact that because many people are looking for land in the country to be opened up.

## MANY VISIT CHAUTAUQUA.

Many Ontario people have attended the Chautauqua at Payette the past week. A large crowd motored over Sunday, and again Monday night, another specially large number were in attendance. Among those who went over Sunday were Judge and Mrs. Dalton Biggs, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCulloch, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wood and their guest Miss Ethel Sels, Mr. and Mrs. E. Cope, Dr. and Mrs. Weese, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kerfoot, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Greig.

of certain circumstances, some persons say not. The bacteria enter the plant through the blossom or through the stomata, or through wounds caused by insects. The bacteria can also enter through the twigs if they are in a tender condition caused by fast growth: Over irrigation, heavy rains, or application of fertilizers that induce heavy growth, lays the trees more liable to blight. Fruit growers will recall that this year the blight followed the heavy rains.

"It is of little benefit to cut out the blighted twigs at this time, for it is self-limiting, that is, the bacteria are all dead. Where twigs have been allowed to grow on the larger limbs or water sprouts allowed to grow on the trunks or roots, the disease may have entered the soft tissues of the bark on these limbs or trunk and here form the cankers where the germs remain alive until the following year. These cankers may develop so large that they will kill the limb or the entire tree, but the most serious phase of it is that these cankers throw off a sticky substance, through the bark which is very attractive to insects. This sticky substance is filled with the active germs and as the insects travel from the cankers to the blossoms or tender twigs, they carry the infecting material with them.

"These few hold-over cankers are the seat of the following outbreak, and to get rid of the disease, they must be destroyed. It is a simple treatment but must be thoroughly done, for insects are free to travel long distances. Every tree in every orchard must be inspected and all cankers removed, for it is useless for one orchardist to cut it out if all of his neighbors do not do it also. Those who are indifferent should pull out their trees so that those who do wish to grow fruit can do so. This is the policy that has eliminated the disease from the Hood River valley and has brought it under control in the Rogue River valley. This is the only remedy known and so orchardists should be prepared to clean up the orchards this fall. It is a serious enemy unless taken in hand, and it is calling for vigorous action here.

"There are a few cures being advertised by persons, but the experiment stations have not found one, and any individual that found one would first seek their recommendation, and so do not invest in them. Spraying with strong winter strength lime sulphur just before the blossoms open so as to coat over any undiscovered cankers and so render them less attractive

## KNOCKED FROM HAY STACK.

Otis Bullard, the fifteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bullard, living nine miles south of Ontario, met with a painful accident Sunday when he was knocked from the top of a hay stack by a hay derrick. Both arms were broken at the wrists, and the young man was severely shaken up by the fall. Dr. Weese was called and reduced the fractures.

## SHORT LINE HAS A BIG PAYROLL HERE

Averages Ten Thousand Dollars Monthly--Big Shipping Point

That the Oregon Short Line is maintaining a monthly payroll of ten thousand dollars, was the statement of a Short Line official who visited Ontario Monday. Few Ontario people have realized that the payroll of the railroad company was so large here, and it is something unusual for such a large railroad payroll in a town that has neither a division point nor machine shops.

While this is the main line terminus for the branch line running to Riverside, and which is to be extended to Harriman in the next few months, traffic is not yet so heavy on that line that it is necessary for the railroad to keep a large number of men at work. There are from ten to fifteen employees working in the depot and freight department, as this is one of the heaviest shipping points on the main line, and this runs up the payroll considerably.

The total of ten thousand dollars is reached, however, by the addition of the men of the bridge gang, which is now stationed at Ontario, rebuilding the steel bridge across the Snake River between Ontario and Payette.

## RADER AND NEWTON WIN SCHOOL ELECTION

Frank Raden was reelected school director for a term of three years, and M. E. Newton was elected clerk for one year, at the school election held last Monday. Mr. Raden secured 157 votes out of 227 cast, his opponent, J. A. Williams, securing 70. Mr. Newton was elected with a vote of 127, and his opponent, C. C. DeFrees, secured 109 votes.

Considerable interest was taken in the election, and a large number of people met at the west side grade school building promptly at 2 o'clock in the afternoon when the nominations were made. Voting continued from that time, as provided by law.

to insects has proven of some value, however.

"This disease can not be considered a serious drawback to this county as a fruit growing section for the disease is country wide, and the remedy if thorough is sure. The commercial fruit growers of this entire section will necessarily have to organize this fall and compel a general cleanup."

## TWILIGHT GAME IS SOURCE OF MUCH FUN

What is said to be the start of twilight baseball in Ontario, with the ultimate organization of a league, was the ball game last Monday evening between players of the east side of Main street against the west side. The game furnished a lot of fun for the players as well as the grand stand, and there is still some doubt as to which side won. Unlike the league game last Sunday, there was no accommodating jack rabbit needed to furnish real sport for the bleachers, and there was something doing in the game every minute.

It is claimed the batting order of one nine became somewhat mixed, and as an official scorer could not be found, there is some doubt as to just how many runs were made. Anyway everybody had lots of fun, and more games are to follow.

## ONTARIO GETS READY FOR FOURTH

Celebration Spirit Has Hold of the Whole City This Week

EVERYBODY IS GETTING READY Several Merchants Have Already Started to Build Floats for Parade

The spirit of the celebration has taken hold of Ontario this week, and the business houses, organizations and individuals have started a systematic preparation for the celebration of Uncle Sam's birthday, which is to be observed here Monday, July 5th. Never before has there been more interest taken in a Fourth of July celebration, than is now shown in this one, and the result is guaranteed to be the most fitting celebration of the nation's birth that has ever been accomplished by Ontario.

Unusual interest is being shown by several business houses, in the big street parade in the morning. Several firms have already started to build floats, and one firm has planned a display for the street parade that will cost upwards of a hundred dollars. Assurances come from many sections of a large crowd. Weiser people are making preparations to celebrate in Ontario and advices from there say a crowd of a thousand people from that section alone, may be expected.

Judge Dalton Biggs has been selected as the speaker for the day, and will deliver the Fourth of July oration in the city park in the afternoon. The Nampa baseball team will be here for a two days' battle with the local nine, during which the Ontario team will attempt to wrest first place position in the per centage column, from the Idaho aggregation.

Arrangements are fast being completed for the tennis tournament in which clubs from Weiser, Payette, New Plymouth, Fruitland and Ontario will strive for first honors. The baby carriage parade is another feature of the celebration that is attracting interest.

The sports committee has arranged a series of events that will be highly entertaining. In the evening, this committee has arranged a water fight between members of the fire department, which is a feature entirely new to this section of the country. The big day will close with the fire works at night, and which promise to be out of the ordinary.

## BIG TRANSFORMER IS BURNED OUT

The huge transformer at the substation here of the Idaho-Oregon Light and Power Company burned out last Saturday morning. It was necessary to secure supplies and mechanics from Boise to repair it, and the power could not be used for pumping irrigation water until Tuesday morning. Little effects from the accident have been noticed in Ontario, as the power was turned on for city use within a few hours after the transformer burned out.

## COUNTY MEET HERE.

The Malheur County Woman's Christian Union met in a County Institute at the Baptist Church Tuesday, June 15th. Number in attendance, morning, 40; evening, 56; number wearing the white ribbon, 32. Nyssa and Vale were represented by delegates. A delightful dinner was served in the Sunday School rooms at noon, and luncheon to the visitors in the afternoon. A splendid program was rendered, and all went away feeling that it was a day well spent.

Arrangements were made for a County Convention to be held at Nyssa, in August, and the Nyssa people desire a full delegation to enjoy a good day with them.

## D. C. McDONALD STRICKEN.

D. C. McDonald, a well known railroad man of this section, and agent at Fruitland, was stricken with a paralytic stroke while at work on his homestead near Middleton, last Friday. Mr. McDonald had secured a three months leave of absence from his position as agent at Fruitland, and, together with Mrs. McDonald, had moved to the homestead for the summer. He was taken to Caldwell for treatment.

## THIRTY CARS SHEEP TO CHICAGO MARKET

Kidwell & Caswell Ship Two Train Loads Fat Sheep East

Thirty cars of sheep, comprising two train loads of fifteen cars each, and including some twelve thousand head of sheep, have been shipped from Ontario to the Chicago market, one train load going Saturday, and the other going Tuesday. The sheep belong to James Kidwell and H. B. Caswell, comprising the firm of Kidwell & Caswell, Portland commission firm, and have been on range out from Brogan. Mr. Caswell and Mr. Kidwell have both been in Ontario for several days. Mr. Caswell left Saturday for Chicago where he will receive the sheep and place them on market. Mr. Kidwell is remaining here to care for their interests at this end.

Mr. Kidwell stated that there was eight or ten thousand head of sheep near Brogan still belonging to the firm. They also have several large bands of sheep in the Heppner country.

## ONTARIO EASILY DEFEATS BOISE NINE

The Idaho-Oregon league game here last Sunday between Boise and Ontario was one of the poorest games played on the local diamond this season. The Boise team was in poor condition and the local team did not have to play good ball to beat them. The score was 9 to 4 in favor of Ontario. This places Ontario second place in the percentage column, with Nampa at the lead. Fans are looking forward to the two games here with Nampa on July 4th and 5th, and expect a real treat at that time.

The score of Sunday's game was as follows:

ONTARIO		BOISE				
AB	RH	PO	AE			
Smith, cf	5	0	1	0	0	
Martin, c	5	1	1	1	0	4
Alshire, ss	4	1	0	2	4	1
Druhot, lf	4	0	1	0	0	0
Nadeau, 2b	4	2	2	3	5	0
Fitchner, p	4	3	3	0	1	1
Chapman, 3b	4	1	0	2	0	0
Higgins, rf	3	1	2	0	0	0
Kaupal, lb	3	0	0	1	0	0
Total	36	9	9	27	15	2

BOISE		ONTARIO				
AB	RH	PO	AE			
Snapp, c	4	0	1	5	1	0
Ward, ss	3	1	1	4	1	1
Case, 2b	3	1	2	3	2	0
Brasted, 3b	4	1	2	1	0	2
Harris, lf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Wyman, p	4	0	1	0	2	2
Meacham, lb	4	0	1	0	3	3
Reed, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Bering, cf	2	1	1	1	0	0
Totals	32	4	10	24	16	8

Score by innings: Ontario 0 3 0 0 0 2 2 2 x-9 Boise 0 0 0 3 0 0 0 1 0-4

Summary: Sacrifice hit--Higgins; Two-base hits--Nadeau, Ward, Case, Brasted. Double plays--Case to Case to Meacham(2); Alshire to Kaupal to Chapman; Nadeau to Alshire to Kaupal. Struck out--By Fitchner, 9; by Wyman, 2. Base on balls--Off Fitchner, 3; off Wyman 1. Passed balls--Martin 1; Snapp 3. Left on bases--Ontario 5; Boise, 4. Time of game 1:37. Umpire--Kelleher. Attendance--360.

H. H. Tunny of the Oregon Packing Co., announces the purchase of the City Market in Payette of which he took charge Monday morning. R. Dando will be in charge of the Payette branch of the business.

## PEACH CROP IS LARGEST EVER

Peaches and Cherries are Yielding Bumper Crops Throughout Section

FARMERS MAY CAN OWN FRUIT

One Orchard in Big Bend Section Yield Thousand Bushels Peaches

A record breaking cherry crop, now being harvested, to be followed by a record breaking peach crop, is the lot of orchardists in the Lower Snake River valley this season. It has been estimated that the cherry crop, now ripe, is the largest ever grown in this section, and the fruit is all of a fine quality.

The peach crop is said to be enormous. One orchardist in the Big Bend section is said to have a thousand bushels, and reports from other orchards bear out the claim of a bumper crop. The question of a market for the peaches has come up, and many farmers are considering installing their own canning plants, that their crops may be saved.

F. L. Griffin from the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis, and promoting canning clubs among the school children of the state, was in Malheur county last week, and found many orchardists throughout the county who intend to can their peach crops.

Mr. Griffin states that many boys and girls through the east and south have taken up fruit canning during the summer months, and have made much money from their efforts, and he believes the same thing could be done here.

## MEETING POSTPONED.

The regular meeting of the Commercial Club which was to have been held Monday night of this week, was postponed until Monday night of next week. Many of the members wished to attend the Chautauqua in Payette Monday night, and the meeting was postponed to accommodate them.

E. C. Van Petten was a business visitor to Payette Tuesday.

H. B. Graul went to Boise Tuesday returning yesterday.

Mrs. Gonth and daughter, Mrs. Mamie Hyde, of Baker, visited friends in Ontario Wednesday, while on their way home from Vale.

Miss Mildred Conklin was a Sunday visitor at the home of J. S. Milliken in Ontario.

Rev. D. E. Baker returned from Middleton last Friday where he attended the First Association. Mr. Baker gave an address at the closing service Thursday evening. He reports a splendid spiritual meeting all the way through, and that the next meeting of the Association will be at Payette next year.

Supt. Hutton of the State Anti-Saloon League will deliver an address Sunday morning at the M. E. church and in the evening he will preside at a union rally meeting at the same church.

H. H. Tunny of the Oregon Packing Co., received a telegram Monday from Modesto California, stating that Charles Tunny had been instantly killed there. Mr. Tunny has a brother Charles who is in Canada, and has no relatives in California. He investigated, however, and yesterday found that the dead man was not related to him.

Rev. D. E. Baker, Tom Johnson, Mrs. A. K. Johnson, Mrs. J. S. Jones, Misses Mary C. Ayres, Lucile Biggs, Lois Neece, left Wednesday morning on No. 17, for Haines, Oregon, to attend the Grande Ronde Baptist Association, which convenes at that place Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.