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DESCHUTES R.R. TO BE EXTENDED

Line Is to Join the Klamath-Natron Cut-Off

JUDGE LOVETT SAYS LAND PRICES HIGH

He Says Settlement Is Retarded Owing To Ex- cessive Valuation

Extension of the Deschutes Railroad from Redmond, to which point it is now under construction, to a connection with the Klamath-Natron cut-off is the intention of the Harriman lines, according to Judge Robert S. Lovett, president of the Harriman system, in an interview in Portland last week.

Judge Lovett was otherwise non-committal as to the building intentions of the Harriman lines in interior Oregon. Neither was he prepared to outline the route or indicate what points would be touched.

Previous Belief Confirmed

The statement concerning the extension south from this city gives confirmation to a general belief that has existed that the Deschutes road would not stop here, but would be continued southward to a junction with the line building northward from Klamath Falls.

The Deschutes road is now un-

der construction from a junction with the main line of the O. R. & N. near the mouth of the Deschutes river, up the Deschutes river to Madras and thence to Redmond, a distance of about 125 miles. The extension southward would be approximately 80 miles in length, and form a junction with the Southern Pacific probably at or near Odell, or Crescent. The Southern Pacific has construction forces at both the Klamath and Natron ends of the cut-off, but the middle section is not yet covered.

Land Prices High Except in the Redmond District

"One drawback to railroad development that I noticed," said Judge Lovett, "was the high price which some of the large land owners in Central Oregon have placed on their holdings. Except in the Redmond District, where land prices are reasonable considering the conditions of that section, where most of the land is under irrigation, prices are being held too high."

"My information on this point was gained from inquiries as to prices at which certain lands were held, and I may have been misinformed," continued Mr. Lovett. "But I was told that in the high, dry farming country east of the Deschutes one company having large holdings has placed a price of \$100 and upward on every acre that can be plowed. In the Palouse country and in Idaho lands, concerning the productive quality of which there is no uncertainty, may be purchased for \$70 and upward."

"I am not suggesting any solution for these problems, but merely referring to them as conditions that must be considered before we decide to build railroads into that country."

Taken all the way through Judge Lovett expressed himself as well satisfied with his trip into Central Oregon, and saw a great future for this section of the state.

Activity in the Realty Market

Number of Sales and Transfers Made During the Past week and the Market Shows Healthy Tone---Favorable Business Sites Selling Well

During the past week movement of Redmond realty has been quite active and a number of sales were made to residents and non residents. The prices, while not high, show a steady and healthy growth.

One of the non residents to invest in business property was Charles S. Hoffman of Ruston, Louisiana. He bought 100 feet square on the corner of Fifth and C streets. Mr. Hoffman has every confidence in the future of Redmond and is well pleased with his buy.

B. H. McMickle, a Northern Pacific conductor from Tacoma, and an old friend of J. J. Ellinger of this city, bought 80 acres

one mile west of Hillman, known as the Lucien M. Lewis ranch. This sale was made by Mr. Ellinger. Mr. McMickle and wife were in Redmond several days last week and were so well pleased with the city that he contemplates locating here in business next spring.

One of the important and significant buys was that of Ehret Bros. They bought a 50-foot lot on the corner of Sixth and C streets from E. B. Applegate, a recent arrival. It is rumored that the Ehrets will build on this property, though nothing definite can be learned in the matter.

Mayor F. M. White bought two business lots on the corner of

Fifth and D streets of F. G. Bancroft.

C. H. Brown bought 25 feet on the east side of Sixth near C street.

Chad Irvin bought a 50-foot business lot on the corner of Sixth and B streets of J. J. Ellinger.

Margaret S. Golden of Colville, Wash., bought two residence lots in Ellinger's Addition on the corner of Seventh and Alder streets, and will soon begin the erection of a comfortable home there.

Judge J. A. Wilcox bought two residence lots on the corner of Seventh and Ash streets in Ellinger's addition and will build an attractive residence at once.

Pleased With the Redmond Booklet

City Recorder Phoenix is in receipt of a letter from Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern railroad, in which he expresses his pleasure at receiving one of the Redmond illustrated booklets. Mr. Hill requested that the Redmond Commercial Club send him all the booklets they could spare and he would see that the literature was placed where it would bring good returns.

Spokesman for job printing.

THE BUILDING BOOM STILL ON

Buildings Going Up in Different Parts of the City

SCARCITY OF LUMBER RETARDS PROGRESS

A Number of Substantial Buildings Will Be Built Here

There is no let up in building operations in Redmond, and the only reason there is not more of it being done at the present time is on account of scarcity of lumber. With the completion of the Roberts Bros. saw mill at Sisters the situation will be somewhat relieved.

G. W. Ferris has commenced the erection of a 25x50 foot building on Seventh between D and E streets, that will be occupied as a feed store. Ben Gotter has the contract.

The M. E. church building is getting well under way under the supervision of Contractor Ben Gotter. The auditorium will be 32x50 feet, lecture room 15x24, and an octagon alcove back of the pulpit 4x18 feet. The belfry will be nearly 50 feet high.

H. M. Smith has nearly completed a comfortable four room cottage on Seventh between C and D streets.

The new building on south Sixth street for the Lamb Feed Co. will be completed and ready for occupancy this week.

It is understood that Mr. Shulohm has plans drawn for a 24x24 brick residence in the eastern part of the city.

J. A. Wilcox contemplates the erection of a residence in Ellinger's Addition at an early date.

Mrs. M. S. Golden also has plans for the building of a residence on her property she lately bought in Ellinger's Addition.

The addition to Norwood & Mendenhall's store on Sixth street was completed this week. F. G. Bancroft has lumber on

the ground for a commodious residence and barn he will build on his place west of the city.

John Tinner will build a 32x50 barn on his place north of the city. He has the lumber now on the ground.

Improvements in Their Store

Lynch & Roberts, general merchants on the southeast corner of Sixth and E streets, have recently been making some decided improvements on the interior of their store that greatly improve the looks of the place and also work to the convenience of the proprietors.

The partition that ran through the center of the store has been removed, thus making one large room. This gives about 30 feet additional space at the rear of the store for the display of goods. The grocery department has been removed to the rear, and a complete rearrangement of the goods in other departments will be made.

REDMOND IS DESTINATION

Many People Preparing to Come to This Section in Short Time

City Recorder Wm. G. Phoenix who recently returned from an extended trip in the eastern part of the state, was greatly pleased at the favorable expressions he heard in that section regarding Redmond and the Redmond District.

The people in the eastern part of the state, said Mr. Phoenix, are well posted as to the progress and resources of this section, and a large number of representative men with whom he talked stated they were much impressed with the future possibilities of Redmond and would visit the city this fall if possible, and if they did not come then they certainly would come when the railroad was completed to this point.

Mr. Phoenix said that the widespread and convincing publicity that Redmond has had through booklet and circulation was beginning to show tangible results, and but a question of now before the rush for Redmond.

"Investors and buyers are just as sure to flock here many months ago as they will run down hill."

Phoenix. "We have the country and opportunities here and outside people are going to take advantage of them," he concluded.

Getting Ready to Put On Water

J. J. Ellinger has had surveyors at work in Ellinger's Addition running lines to bring in water from the west of the addition for irrigation purposes. As soon as the necessary labor can be secured irrigation ditches will be run through the whole tract.

Is Pleased With Redmond

Charles S. Hoffman of Ruston, Louisiana, was in Redmond last week and invested in city property on C street between Fifth and Sixth streets. The deal was made through the Deschutes Valley Realty Co. of this city.

Mr. Hoffman was well pleased with Redmond and surrounding country. One condition that appealed to him, he said, was that the agricultural country around Redmond was so well settled up and showed such a prosperous growth. He also realized that Redmond was a city with a bright future, and congratulated the property owners on their conservatism in keeping the price of real estate within reasonable figures so that persons of limited means could invest.

M. E. LADIES TO ENTERTAIN

Musical and Literary Program to Be Presented August 26th

The Ladies Aid of the M. E. church of Redmond have made arrangements to give an entertainment in the school house Friday evening, August 26th beginning at 8 o'clock sharp. An interesting and varied program has been prepared, consisting of literary and musical numbers. During the evening lemonade and cake will be served. The price of admission is 25 cents, children under 10 years free, and the public generally is invited. Following is the program:

Prayer—Rev. Fox.

Music—Orchestra.

Reading—Mrs. Colgrove.

Vocal Duet—Misses Smith and Brown.

Reading—Miss Harader.

Instrumental Duet—Messrs. Wright.

Instrumental Music—Miss Brown.

Reading—Mrs. Huffman.

Vocal Solo—Miss Kemp.

Dialogue—"Woman's Rights Convention"—Mrs. Sherwood, Misses Covert, Brown and Whitney.

Vocal Solo, guitar accompaniment—Miss Pratt.

Reading—Mrs. Harader.

Guitar Solo—Mrs. Adams.

Vocal Duet—Messrs. McEwing and Aldredge.

Reading—Mrs. Sherwood.

Instrumental—Miss Smith.

Reading—Mr. Hunt.

Music—Orchestra.

Mixed Quartet.

Pleasant Trip Over Mountains

Guy E. Dobson, president of the Redmond Bank of Commerce, who was married in Portland on August 4th, arrived home last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Dobson came in over the mountains, and the trip consumed five days. Mr. Dobson states that both he and his wife enjoyed the trip immensely.

OREGON TRUNK TO MEDFORD

Pacific & Eastern Line Will Be Utilized

WORK SOUTHWARD IS TO BE RESUMED

Expected Grade to Be Completed to Madras by September 15

Confirmation of the reports frequently published that it is the plan to extend the Oregon Trunk Line across the Cascade Mountains to Medford in the Rogue River Valley was given recently by John F. Stevens, president of the road.

In building into Medford, the Pacific & Eastern, now owned by the same interests that are building the Oregon Trunk Line, will be utilized. The Pacific & Eastern is now in operation in an easterly direction from Medford for a distance of 15 miles, and an extension of 16 miles to Butte Falls is rapidly nearing completion.

"It is a part of our general construction plans in Oregon to build the Oregon Trunk railway through to a connection with the Pacific & Eastern," said Mr. Stevens. We would have no use for a short, detached railway in Southern Oregon, such as the Pacific & Eastern. The Oregon Trunk will probably absorb the Medford railway and the road be known as the Oregon Trunk."

Mr. Stevens also stated that grading is not in progress west of Butte Falls on the Pacific & Eastern, and that the resumption of construction south of Bend would probably begin before further work was undertaken on the western end of the route.

On the Oregon Trunk Line the grade, it is expected, will be fully completed to Madras by September 15. Between September 1 and September 5 the car ferry at the mouth of the Deschutes, which will be operated pending the completion of the bridge across the Columbia at Celilo, will be ready to begin transporting rails across the river.

The first 70 miles of grade are now ready for the rails. One hundred miles of steel are now on the way and there are on hand ties sufficient to lay 65 miles of track. Track laying will begin early in September, and will proceed at the rate of 1 1/2 miles a day. The distance to Madras is about 110 miles, so more than 2 months will be consumed in laying rails before Madras is reached.

Grading south of Madras is proceeding rapidly, and it is planned to have the grade to Crooked River ready for the rails by the time the track is completed to Madras. Steel will then be hauled in for the big bridge across the Crooked River canyon and the work pushed on toward Redmond, where grading also is in progress.

Going to the Mountains

G. L. Ehlers, cashier of the Bank of Redmond, Chad

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