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TO CELEBRATE SPIKE DRIVING

O. T. L. Line Officials to Name the Date

OFFICIAL "OPENING" NOT YET DECIDED

Freight Contracts on Oregon Trunk Line Now Being Made

The construction train on the Oregon Trunk Line reached Madras last Saturday, and that city will be the terminus of the road for some time. The Oregonian of the 9th says: Whether the line will operate out of Metolius, beyond Madras, has not been determined. Grading to Metolius has been completed and the rails will be laid into the city this week. Traffic officials of the Hill system are figuring out a freight schedule to go into effect March 1, after which shipments for inbound and outgoing

material will be accepted for passage over the new line.

While no ceremony will attend the completion of the line into Madras at this time, it is probable that a formal "entrance" of the much-coveted country or a "spike driving" may be arranged later. This was the plan suggested by Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern on his last visit to Portland.

In that event it is likely that James J. Hill, father of the Deschutes Valley line, known to the world as the Oregon Trunk, will preside at the ceremony.

According to Mr. Hill's idea the celebration will be delayed until later in the year when the weather is such as to permit open-air exercises and conditions for travel are better. It would be possible to operate a special train out of Portland the morning of the day chosen for the exercises, run to Madras, or Metolius or the point selected for the function, and return to Portland the same day. Mr. Hill would invite state officials and prominent residents of Central Oregon to places of honor, but he also wants the general public as spectators. Although he has not taken definite steps to have this program carried out he is giving it serious consideration.

Detailed plans for the construction of the Oregon Trunk are in the hands of Mr. Stevens and any such programme will be conducted from his office. Whether an official "opening" will take place has not been de-

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LIBEL ON THIS PART OF STATE

Dispatch in Portland Paper Is Untrue

CITIZENS INDIGNANT OVER THE MATTER

Senator Chamberlain Gives Out Glaringly False Interview

A dispatch from Washington, D. C., published in the Portland Journal of Feb. 8th is a gross misrepresentation of conditions in Redmond and this part of the county.

The dispatch in question is an interview with Senator Chamberlain in which he is quoted as saying, when speaking about Redmond and this section: "there has been an abnormal boom in real estate in that section, and until values are more fixed and titles secure business in that section will have to be conducted

with extreme caution to avoid losses".

The above statement is absolutely untrue and without foundation of fact.

There has been no "abnormal boom in real estate" in Redmond or the Redmond District. The price of real estate here has been at a reasonable figure and within the reach of the person with small means. Real estate prices have only advanced as the country settled up and conditions would warrant.

It has been a steady, healthy increase in values, and no "abnormal boom".

As for title to lands being insecure, as the dispatch above would lead one to infer, this is another gross misrepresentation.

Titles to all property in this section are as good and secure as anywhere in the United States, and there has never been any trouble here on that score.

No more prosperous section in Oregon can be found than in the Redmond District, and those who know the conditions as they obtain here can see the injustice of the interview given out by Senator Chamberlain.

Appreciated the Corn Cakes

A. J. Haney and I. P. Hewitt took Sunday breakfast with Ashley Forrest at his ranch near the city—and Haney said that when it came to making corn cakes that Forrest could give anyone 51 cards in the deck and then beat them out.

BUSY SEASON FOR REDMOND

This City Center of Railroad Developments

EAST AND WEST LINE TO CONNECT HERE

Harriman Officials Favor Redmond for Railroad Center

"Redmond, it is expected, will be the center for extensive railroad developments the coming summer and even a longer period by the Harriman system that will reach all parts of the state that are now without and in need of railroad connections."

The above is what has been given out by an official who is in close touch with the policy of the Harriman people.

The line from Redmond to Odell—on the Natron-Klamath cut-off of the Southern Pacific—has been projected and is included in the list of improvements authorized by the Eastern men last week. That this will be built within the next few years is the belief of well posted railroad men.

According to plans already outlined in the executive office of the company the proposed line from Vale, in the eastern part of the state, to the Southern Pacific, also is expected to connect with Redmond.

In building south from the Columbia River the Harriman line occupies the east side of the Deschutes River, while the Hill road is built on west bank. At a point 71 miles south of the Columbia the Hill system crosses to the east side and for ten miles both lines will operate over a joint set of rails.

At the 81-mile post the two lines branch out again and run over separate tracks to Culver Junction, 130 miles south of the Columbia. From Culver Junction to Redmond the grading has been completed and track-laying depends upon the time the bridge across the Crooked River is finished.

Construction trains alone are now operating from the O.-W. R. & N. Co. line to Willow Creek, but as soon as the road to Redmond is completed a regular freight and passenger service will be placed in effect. It is yet too early to determine the time when Redmond will be reached, but Portland Harriman officials are confident that they will be able to operate into that city early in the summer.

Dozen Buick Cars Have Been Ordered

The Moore-Elkins Auto Co. of this city, have placed an order with a Portland house for the delivery of one dozen Buick cars the coming spring and summer.

This company is operating auto stage lines out of Redmond and connect with the Buckley Stage and Express line from Shaniko. Autos run to all points from this city, and quick time is made. The company also has a line of autos operating between this point and Shaniko. It is the policy of the company to accommodate the travelling public, and they will take passengers to any point in Central Oregon.

Chad Irvin is getting in many new goods at his furniture store, and is pricing the articles so moderate that it is an inducement to buy of him.

SPECIAL Reduced Prices



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27.50 Suits cut to 20.00
25.00 Suits cut to 18.00
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"The Head to Foot Clothier." Redmond, Or.

YEOMEN HOLD SOCIAL SESSION LAST WEEK

Redmond's New Organization Have an Enjoyable Evening

A pleasant social session was given last Wednesday evening in Ehret's hall by Redmond Yeoman Homestead No. 3049. It was an invitation affair and about 150 guests were present.

An entertaining musical and literary program was given from 8 to 10 o'clock. All of the num-

ANNIVERSARIES ARE CELEBRATED SUNDAY

Two Powell Butte Homes Are the Scenes of Happy Gatherings

Last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bain in the Powell Butte district, was celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary. A number of friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Bain gathered beneath their hospitable roof to help celebrate the occasion in a commemorative man-



Picture of the Redmond Bank of Commerce, Sixth and D streets

bers on the program were well rendered and enthusiastically received by the audience.

At 10 o'clock the floor was cleared for dancing which continued until midnight.

The Yeomen organization is both a beneficial and social organization and is fast gaining in membership. Regular meetings of the homestead are held twice a month.

An appetizing dinner was served and the day was passed most pleasantly by the assembled guests, who, before departing wished their host and hostess many happy returns of the day.

The other birthday anniversary was at the home of Allen Wilcoxen where a jolly party gathered to help him appropriately celebrate the event. Several from Redmond were present to participate in the festivities of the day.

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