

which is on Maury mountain and the other is on Ochoco creek twenty miles east of Prineville. At each of these sites they cut sights of first-class lumber, supplying the demand for miles around. They have large stocks on hand now and it is their purpose to keep them so in order that customers will not be compelled to purchase green lumber direct from the saws. As may be seen in the accompanying picture their mill on Ochoco is beautifully located in a fine body of yellow pine and their other one is similarly situated.

THE PILOT BUTTE DEVELOPMENT CO.

About October first, last, there was organized in this county, and incorporated under the laws of the state, The Pilot Butte Development Company.

The principal objects of this corporation are to obtain water from the Deschutes river for the purpose of reclaiming a vast amount of what is commonly known as "Desert" land; to lay out the town of Pilot Butte, thirty miles southwest from Prineville on the Deschutes river; to build dams and in other ways to develop the vast water power of the Deschutes river, that at the present time runs its entire course without turning a single wheel.

At the head of this enterprise is Mr. A. M. Drake, formerly of St Paul, where he has been interested for years with his father in railroad and land business. Ill health compelled Mr. Drake to leave St. Paul and the past three years, accompanied by his wife, has been spent seeing the world and striving to regain the lost health.

Hearing of Central Oregon, its pure water, vast pine forests, clear bracing air, they spent several months in carefully looking over the advantages of Crook county. How well pleased they are one can take for granted, when it is known that they have built themselves a snug log house for their winter quarters at Pilot Butte, where they will make their future home, and just as soon as the proper lumber can be produced on the spot will build them a modern residence.

It is clearly shown by the work already accomplished that Mr. Drake has had experience as an organizer. While he has able assistants, every detail in regard to carrying out of plans comes under his personal supervision.

The work, as planned by the company, has been thoroughly and carefully considered. Other projects of a similar nature have been investigated, and it is prepared to profit by their failures as well as their successes.

An up-to-date saw mill, with modern appliances for the manufacture of commercial lumber of all kinds that are in demand in that section, is now under construction, an electric light plant, general store, hotel, and school, will be erected within a short time.

At present there are no lots in Pilot Butte on the market, as the town is not yet surveyed or platted. Work, however, in this is being pushed forward along this line, and no doubt will soon be ready to be placed at the disposition of those wishing to settle there.

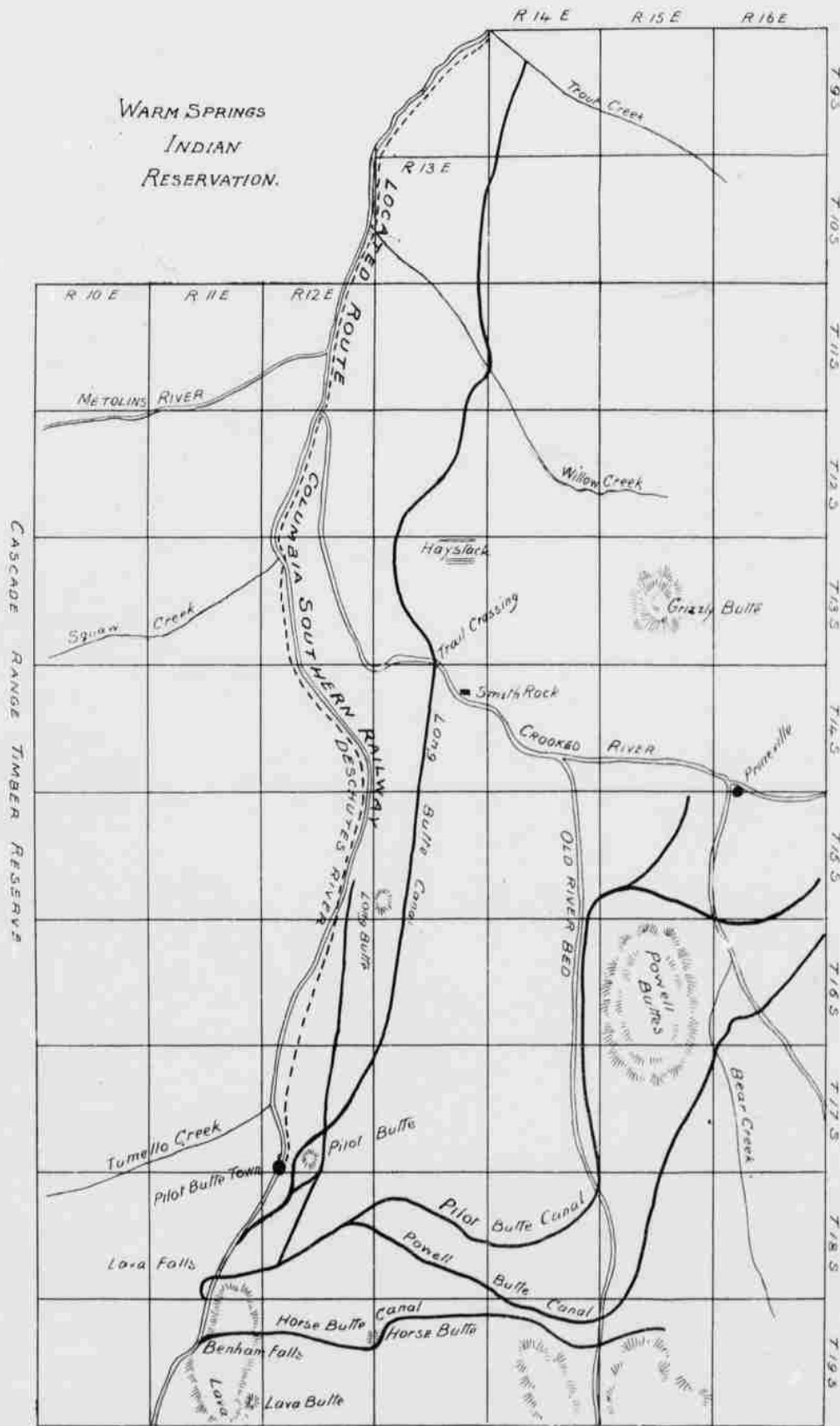
Work has been going on for some time by a comparatively large force of men in building log houses, barns and ample accommodation for a large force of work-

men. Two parties of civil engineers have been in the field most of the time since August, and more help will soon be employed along this line.

The engineers are now just now completing plans for a medium sized flume and canal work on which will be started at once, which will furnish water for Pilot Butte, and also be of sufficient size to reclaim a few thousand acres of land lying in that immediate vicinity to be completed by June 1st, 1901.

Some of the future plans contemplated by the company can be seen by a glance at the accompanying map. While no locating has been done on these lines of canals shown, it is known by the actual surveys of the company that such lines are practical. To carry out the plans, however, as are suggested, will take more than a million dollars, many years of hard work, and give employment to hundreds of men.

When these plans have been carried out, they will reclaim lands that are now worth-



MAP SHOWING DISTRICT TO BE IRRIGATED BY THE PILOT BUTTE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY.

An experimental farm is to be established in the spring and a practical man will be employed, fruit trees of many varieties are to be set out, and experiments along the line of raising all kinds of fruits, grains and grasses.

It is proposed to do everything possible for the future settling up of the country, which cannot help but come just as soon as it is surely known that land and water are to be united.

less, and make homes for thousands of people.

It is the desire of the parties interested in this company to secure the very best class of settlers, people who have higher aims than merely to get the most and best of everything for themselves.

A school equal to any in the state will come in due season, and no doubt a public library will follow, in fact, Pilot Butte is certainly to be a twentieth century town.