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AN ELECTRIC LINE

From The Dalles to the City of Dufur.

Why Not to Prineville?

It Would Be a Paying Investment and of Great Benefit to the Country.

Were there an electric road from The Dalles to Dufur there would be no interruption of the farmer trade because of bad roads or severe weather. It is one of the improvements that would build up trade in The Dalles and also develop the resources of the country.—Dalles Times-Mountaineer.

Why not extend it up the river to this place? If a road to Dufur will benefit The Dalles one to Prineville will be as much greater benefit as the distance is greater. The initial power plant can be located at the plant on White river where The Dalles now gets its light and power, and relays can be put in anywhere along the line, as the Deschutes will furnish an unlimited amount of energy. An electric road from here to The Dalles would mean more to this place than all railroads, contemplated and otherwise, in existence. We would then have a cheap system to water transportation and freight rates would come down to nominal figures.

Again, the benefits to be derived by The Dalles from such a system are incalculable. From a town of no special importance it would become one of the greatest distributing points in Eastern Oregon, in fact it would assume the station held by it prior to the advent of the railroad, when it was the distributing point for the whole of interior Oregon and Idaho.

This matter is well worthy the consideration of the citizens of The Dalles, as without such a system they will be relegated to the row of back numbers and with the advent of many railways throughout the interior they will gradually fade away and their town become one of the memories of a dim and distant past.

Such a road is feasible, practicable and would be a paying investment from the beginning. The proposition merits more than passing notice, and we hope that the matter will be taken up by those most interested and something done looking toward the construction of one at an early date.

This is not the first time that the JOURNAL has contended for this road and it will not be the last. With the advent of the Columbia Southern in this county there will be great changes take place, and as the road is now planned to leave this place on the side it will be only a short time until the business will be taken to some point on the railroad. Such being the case it stands us in hand to consider ways and means to offset the damage to our business interests, and this road to The Dalles will be the easiest way out of the difficulty as it will not cost any more than a bonus to the railroad would amount to and besides would give us much cheaper rates to Portland.

Portland business men and investors would do well to consider

this matter as it would mean holding the trade of this part of the state for all time, whereas if we do not get it we will have to look to the Corvallis & Eastern or some of the many projected roads that will give us connection with San Francisco.

From Lamonta.

William Sands and Lawn Paterson have about finished plowing.

We acknowledge a very pleasant visit from J. C. Banks last Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Ireland are recovering from a severe attack of lagr ppe.

Jake Stroud is greatly improving his residence by having a nice fence placed around it.

A chinook yesterday and today has taken most of the snow off and the remainder is disappearing rapidly.

George Hendrix has 120 acres of ground broken. His real estate holdings are 240 acres and he expects to get every acre of it seeded this season.

Much credit is due Mr. Keady, the editor of the JOURNAL and other public spirited and prominent citizens for the great interest they have taken the past few months in all matters tending to the upbuilding of the country.

Crops place more money in circulation than any other factor in trade, because they are more general. The old saying that when the farmers are prosperous everybody prospers cannot be gainsaid. With good crops the farmer buys more, and that necessarily must increase trade both for the merchant and the manufacturer, thus giving profit and employment to thousands that make up our city population.

The main features of interest in the country around Lamonta, including Willow creek, lying east and the country west to Haystack mountain is the splendid stretch of wheat land, divided into ranches rarely of less than 160 acres. Much of it is made up of ranches ranging from 300 to 600 acres, making some of the finest wheat farms in Crook county. Conservative estimates of the amount of new ground that was broken last year and will produce its first crop this season, place the amount at almost double what it was last year.

There are many interesting things in every issue of the JOURNAL that will be of benefit to its many readers. It gives many readers a singular pleasure to find a writer telling them something they have long known and felt, but which they have never found any one to put in words for them. The thoughts and ideas conceived in noble brains and given a more solid form, put in words. A sort of body. A single noble idea from one noble mind so fitted out and started on its career in the world, can go on and onward, illuminating and firing other minds in its course, leaving its luminous track behind it. The traces of its passing will be very evident, it would be impossible to overestimate its influence when it becomes translated into works and lives.

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LAMONTA, Or., Jan. 31, 1902.

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CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Of Second Congressional District

To Meet February 8

Same Date as State Organization—Great Contest Being Waged for Representative.

The republican congressional committee of the Second Oregon District will meet at the headquarters of the republican state central committee in the Chamber of Commerce building at 2:30 p. m., February 8, in pursuance to the call of Chairman J. S. Schenck, of The Dalles, which was published in The Oregonian of yesterday. Probably the most important subject that will come up for consideration of the committee will be the question of reapportionment. The date set for the meeting is the same time fixed for the meeting of the republican state central committee, and the congressional committee will probably be largely guided in its deliberations by the action of the larger body. Local politicians do not attach any special significance to the call being issued at this time. As a matter of fact it has been expected daily since Chairman George A. Steel sent out the call for the state organizations. The members of the congressional committee are as follows, says the Oregonian:

Baker, David Wilcox; Clatsop John C. McCue; Columbia, G. W. Barnes; Crook, C. M. Cartwright; Gilliam, F. T. Hurlburt; Grant, William Farre; Harney, Chauncey Cummings; Malheur, W. A. Sisson; Morrow, B. F. Vaughan; Multnomah, Robert T. Platt; Sherman, A. J. Ginn; Umatilla, William Thompson; Union, Henry Proctor; Wallowa, F. A. Clarke; Wasco, J. S. Schenck; Wheeler, Charles Hilton; The officers of the committee are: Chairman, J. S. Schenck, The Dalles; secretary, Robert T. Platt, Portland.

A member of the committee stated recently that the body was regarded as being a Moody machine by a majority of one vote. Chairman Schenck is a partisan and active supporter of Congressman Moody, and is recognized as a prominent lieutenant of the Wasco county statesman. On the supposition that Mr. Moody's friends are in control of the committee, it is to be supposed that the congressman's wishes in regard to the date for the congressional convention will be considered. From gossip current in political circles it is rather probable that a division of opinion has already taken place in the Moody forces as to the advisability of holding the convention before or after the state convention. Arguments are set forth by each side, and it will need the decision of the representative himself to settle the difference of opinion. The importance of State Senator Williamson's campaign for the congressional nomination is regarded as serious or frivolous, according to the source of the information. The adherents of Mr. Moody say that the boom is dead of inanition; that those who started it neglected to furnish nourishment to develop it into a healthy political child. Predictions are made by the Moody faction that it

will be a walk-over in the convention, and that there will be nothing to it at any stage of the game but Malcolm A. Moody. Representative Moody is expected to return to Oregon subsequent to the meeting of the committee and previous to the convention. The exact date of his arrival is not known, and whatever information has been received by his closest friends has not been generally disseminated.

However, the foregoing is not to be taken as indication that Mr. Williamson's friends have given up the fight. To the contrary they confidently assert that he will not only have a majority of the Wasco delegation, but that he will come down to the convention with three votes to Moody's one. The campaign is being waged along the line of what Moody has not done, rather than offensive acts of commission. In The Dalles the burning issue pertains to the opening of the Upper Columbia, and the Williamson faction is charging Moody with incompetence in that he has accomplished nothing along this line during the four years he has been in congress. The nucleus of the Williamson supporters is in a crowd of business men at The Dalles, who believe Mr. Moody's opponent of sufficient strong personality to obtain a hearing in Washington on issues of vital interest to Wasco county. They say that Mr. Moody is not a happy speaker, and cannot urge bills that should be introduced for the benefit of the district before the committees, much less before the house. On the other hand Mr. Williamson is pointed out as a young man who has made an enviable record as a state legislator and that his past augurs well for his future.

There is no doubt but that the fight is being made in Wasco county. Neither candidate seems to have given consideration to counties in the district except those in the immediate vicinity of The Dalles. The fight is apparently being made along the lines that whoever wins out in Wasco will be able to secure the nomination. The old story is being revived that Senator Fulton will use his influence with the Clatsop county delegation in return for Mr. Williamson's withdrawal from the race for secretary of state, leaving the field free to F. I. Dunbar, the present incumbent. But since Senator Fulton's insistent demands on behalf of Mr. Dunbar he has launched a boom of his own, and may find it necessary to readjust his political obligations and use the Clatsop county delegation elsewhere.

The new apportionment, if one is made, will probably be on the same basis as will be used by the state central committee, in which event the representation in the congressional convention, under the existing and new apportionment, is as follows:

County—	Present	New
Baker	9	11
Clatsop	12	10
Columbia	6	7
Crook	5	4
Gilliam	4	4
Grant	7	7
Harney	3	4
Malheur	4	4
Morrow	5	6
Multnomah	70	67
Sherman	4	4
Umatilla	13	14
Union	12	11
Wallowa	5	5
Wasco	10	12
Wheeler	4	4
Total	161	163

NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There

Some Stolen, Others Not

Callings From Our Exchanges—News Notes of the Week—Timely Topics

The case of Fannie E. Hindman, respondent, vs S. M. W. Hindman, appellant, was argued in the supreme court at Salem Tuesday. J. N. Duncan and W. R. Bilyeu appeared for the respondent and J. K. Weatherford for the appellant.

Hon. M. A. Miller, of Lebanon, has again been appointed state lecturer for the Modern Woodmen of America. His first term expired last July, and his reappointment follows as a result of a speech which Head Consul Northcutt heard him deliver at Eugene last summer.

Wade and Dalton were hanged in the jail yard of the Multnomah jail last Friday for the murder of James Morrow. They both professed religion before shuffling off and both ate a hearty breakfast of chicken before going. No work, plenty of good grub, good clothes and great notoriety are inducements for the hobo element to commit any crime.

The Indians on the Umatilla reservation are very much exercised over a recent order from the Indian commissioner which requires them to cut off their flowing locks and to cease wearing their brilliant blankets, in fact to become attired in the garb of civilization. It is noticeable that the Indians have made some headway, as instead of going on the warpath on account of these indignities, they are determined to fight it out in the courts.

A great political campaign has been completed and the choice, which may reasonably be supposed to have been a compromise, has been announced. There were no republicans, no democrats, no populists—and those who know the traits and desires of those involved will tell you without hesitation that there were no prohibitionists—on either side of this battle. It was a fight for the honor of being chief of the tribe of Umatillas and the power of ruling over them on their reservation home. To-Wath-Tui was the winner, and Chief Joseph of the Nez Percés acted as the board of arbitrators.—Walla Walla Union.

Resolutions of Condolence.

Whereas, The All-Wise Father has seen fit in his wisdom to call from his earthly home our beloved brother, Albert E. Smith, therefore be it

Resolved, That Ocelona Lodge No. 101, A. O. U. W., extend its heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family in this their hour of affliction.

Resolved, That the charter of this lodge be draped, in mourning for the period of 30 days, as a token of respect to the memory of our brother; that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the lodge; that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased brother and a copy sent to each of our city papers for publication.

Respectfully submitted,
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