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## GREAT CENTRAL R. R.

### The Route Across the Cascades is Located.

#### Will be Completed Soon.

Locating Engineers are at Work Proposed Route Near Silver Lake.

The Oregonian tells of the recent return to Portland of Major I. D. Kinney, chief engineer of the Great Central Railroad, from a trip to Coos Bay. He spent two weeks at Coos Bay and at Roseburg. He announced that he had settled the route of the railroad between Coos Bay and the Southern Pacific—that it would practically be the route of the Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern, forming the junction at Roseburg. His plan is to build up to the present line of the Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern, at both ends, then by the Spreckles road if it can be had on reasonable terms; if not, to parallel that road. This does away with all possibility that the road will get out by way of Drain or Eugene. It is definitely settled that it will go to Roseburg.

Major Kinney also brought the news that the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company had taken up its option for the land grant of the Oregon Central Military Wagon Road Company, a deal involving \$2,000,000. The Booth-Kelly Company did this on the assurance of Major Kinney that the Great Central Railroad would go and that it would afford adequate transportation facilities for the timber on the grant.

Another important announcement was that Nelson Bennett, the well-known contractor, who built several hundred miles of the Northern Pacific, will undertake to construct the Great Central Railroad and the contract for that part between Empire City and Roseburg will be formally awarded at the first meeting of the board of directors to be held in a day or two. That stretch of road is to be ready for operation within 15 months from the date of the contract. The work will be done through the instrumentality of the Empire Construction Company of which Mr. Bennett will figure prominently.

Several subcontracts have already been let. Henry Stengstacken, of Marshfield, will get out the piling for four miles of trestle. D. W. Small, of Walla Walla is already at work on a contract for grading the remaining three miles between Empire City and Marshfield. He has a dozen teams of his own at work, and the remainder of his force he will hire from among farmers of that locality. C. E. Cook has taken a subcontract for grading from Myrtle Point toward Roseburg, where some heavy cuts are to be made. He has 75 horses in Eugene that were started for the new work last week.

All who are interested in the Construction Company agree not to go too heavily into the risk of construction in an Oregon winter. The plan is to get the work well organized along the line and proceed carefully with certain points during the winter, and to have everything ready for crowding construction in the spring.

"I told you some time ago that we would begin active construction work on the railroad by September 1," said Major Kinney. "Well, it was September 3 when the work was actually begun. That was not a bad miss, was it?"

Chief Engineer Kinney says the wharf at Empire City is completed, and crews of workmen are busy on the new town site of Bangor, and on the Belt Line Railway. He reports a notable change in the sentiment of Coos Bay people toward the Great Central enterprise, who are now warmly supporting where they were formerly distrustful.

The chief engineer expresses great regret that all the myrtle of Coos county has been secured by San Francisco people, who will take it to the Bay City for manufacture. At Myrtle Point he found men grubbing out myrtle stumps for shipment to San Francisco, and a Mr. Hall, who represents the California people, told him \$16 a ton was paid for that wood. Mr. Kinney has offered \$20,000 as an inducement to have the wood manufactured into furniture on Coos Bay, which offer has been taken under consideration.

On his way out Major Kinney spent two days in Roseburg. There he said to the people that the Great Central Railroad would be built, and that Roseburg would be the point of its intersection with the Southern Pacific line.

In answer to the question, "Has the route through the Cascade range been determined upon?" Major Kinney said:

"It has; and while it is no part of our policy to show our hand at this time, I can state positively that a route through the range has been decided upon."

"We are asking nothing of the people of Douglas county except their good will and in return we promise them a rail outlet from tidewater at Coos Bay to Salt Lake City as soon as it is possible to construct it."

"Do you care to state what railway interests are associated in the enterprise?"

"Further than the fact prominent eastern railway men are interested, and that not one share of stock is for sale, I cannot speak of that matter."

"Do your plans contemplate the use of the Spreckles road?"

"If the road can be purchased reasonably, yes. If not we can set our stakes at Myrtle Point and proceed independent of the old line."

"I infer from your statement that the locating engineers are on hand ready for business?"

"They are. A locating force is now at work on the west end and the corps now with me will commence from this point. This force will be augmented by an additional corps from Portland. Seventy-five head of horses have been purchased at Eugene and the preliminary work will be commenced at once upon their arrival at Roseburg."

The Examiner does not pretend to be on the "inside" with information regarding the Great Central, but it is a safe proposition to wager that it will strike Lake county in the Silver Lake section.

—Lakeview Examiner.

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## CROOK COUNTY FARM

### What May be Done in This County.

#### Fine Fruit & Vegetables.

The Home of Orlando Parrish on Hay Creek—A Model of Modern Methods.

On the banks of Hay creek about twenty seven miles north of Prineville, one may see what can be done by industry and good management in the way of making a home in this county. Not many years ago Orlando Parrish and his estimable family left the Willamette valley with the intention of trying their luck in the pioneer portion of the state lying east of the Cascades. They came to this county and settled on the land that is now their home. Like the majority of the pioneers who have conquered the western wilderness, they found many difficulties and obstacles to overcome before they could enter into the fullness of happy content, that is supposed to be the lot of the prosperous farmer, but by dint of hard work, in a few years they were enabled to begin the harvest and now in the autumn of their lives, they can look back with feelings of pleasure on the past, well content with what they have accomplished. Mr. Parrish is a progressive farmer and has some good ideas as regards getting the most good out of the products of his farm. He intends in the near future to erect a large barn for the purpose of fattening cattle, and believes that this county is an ideal place for turning off the finest beef in the west. He claims that the old-fashioned way of feeding sheep oats cut and mixed with chopped grain and an occasional feed of tubers, will produce the best results obtainable. Should Mr. Parrish's experiment prove successful he will enlarge his plant and increase the output very considerably, as he has a large area of farming land and can produce all the feed for a large number of cattle and will thus be enabled to turn off his products at a fair profit. Being the pioneer in this line, his efforts will be watched with considerable interest by other cattlemen, and should the results be as good as anticipated, there will be a large number of feeders take up the same system and Crook county will become one of the most noted of cattle feeding counties in the west. We hope that Mr. Parrish will meet with the success he so eminently deserves in this line.

On his home place he has some of the finest fruit we have had the good fortune to look upon for a long time. There are numerous varieties of apples that are breaking down the trees with their weight of ripening mellow globes. Plums, prunes and other fruits are just as good and of the finest flavor. We were treated to some fine cider that was blended with rare good taste. Beautiful shade trees surround the home and the barnyard is full of turkeys and chickens, with a goodly sprinkling of fine pigs. Surrounded as they are with the many comforts of life and

not a few of its luxuries; with their family of boys and girls well grown to manhood and womanhood, that any parents might well be proud of, it would seem that the lot of these estimable people had indeed fallen in pleasant places.

#### MARRIED.

PAYNE—MCCENNAN—At the residence of the bride's brother, J. M. Hollingsworth, in Detroit, on Wednesday morning, October 1, 1902, Rev. Robert Pierce officiating, B. M. Payne of this city, and Mrs. Martha F. McCennan, of Detroit.

Mr. Payne is the accomplished county clerk of Linn county and an old time playmate of the JOURNAL editor, who hastens to join with the happy couple's many friends in wishing them all the happiness possible under the circumstances. While in Shaniko Morris told us he was under obligations to be back home, for proving up on his timber claim, by the first of October. The above clipping from the Albany Herald accounts for his anxious look, towards the other members of his party and his great desire to have them "hurry".

GIBSON—BALFOUR—At the residence of the bride's parents, on Buck creek October 1, Mr. Randolph Gibson and Miss Zoe Balfour were united in marriage by County Judge Booth.

Again has the ranks of the school ma'ams of this county been invaded and one of the fairest of the fair ones taken. If this thing continues there is no telling where it will end and the little innocent children will have to fall back onto the tender mercies of men teachers. Seriously however we are glad to add our feeble mite to the congratulations that are being showered on the happy couple and to wish them all the happiness possible. May sunshine round their pathway ever play and the head of the house never forget to leave plenty of stove wood cut when he goes to town. The young couple are among the most popular in their section of the county and start out in life with bright prospects. A large concourse of guests were present and numerous presents were received. The young people have the thanks of the editor for the nice cake they forgot to send him.

#### DIED.

Hon.—At his home on Upper Ochoco, of congestion of the nerve centers, Friday October 3, at 2 a. m. J. W. Hon.

John Wesley Hon was born in Iowa, March 30, 1848, and crossed the plains when ten years of age, with his mother, his father having died a short time prior to the time of starting. He located in Linn county where he resided until 1886, when he came to this county and has since made his home on the Ochoco where he died. He leaves a wife and one son to mourn his death. Mr. Hon was one of the pioneers of the state and was always identified with the upbuilding of the country, and he will be missed from among us. Slowly and sadly passing from earth are these sturdy pioneers that blazed the way for the present generation and a sense of loneliness steal over those remaining, as they read the notice of another gone before.

## NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

### Items of Interest Gathered Here and There

#### Some Stolen, Others Not

Outlings From Our Exchanges—News Notes of the Week—Timely Topics.

Commander McLean, of the Cincinnati, which is now stationed at Colon, has sent a dispatch to Secretary Moody, saying that he had issued strict orders to warring forces in Columbia, concerning interference with the traffic of the isthmus.

The monthly statement of the public debt, issued from the Treasury Department, shows that at the close of business September 30, 1902, the debt less cash in the treasury amounted to \$957,415,887, which is a decrease of \$10,675,434 as compared with September 1.

A young lady who is looking forward to 1904 wants to know whether in proposing the girls should get on their knees? It was referred to the courting editor, and he says the question is not sufficiently clear. He wants to know whose knees?

The site committee of the Lewis and Clark Fair has been working steadily and has accomplished much. It has obtained concessions from the owners of the fair site and has requested the Northern Pacific to lay a track 200 feet long to the exposition grounds. No difficulty has been experienced in obtaining both requests.

A San Francisco rabbi gives a new interpretation of the design of the American flag. To an audience of immigrants, largely Russians, the other day, he said:

"Do you know why the Stars and Stripes are in the flag? I will tell you why. They show that America has stars for those who behave themselves, and stripes for those who do not."

Manny Howard, the noted stock ruster, has again been sentenced to the penitentiary by Judge Eakin in the circuit court of Baker county. The sentence this time is for five years. He was sentenced for seven years before, and served for a time in the penitentiary, when he was released, pending an appeal to the supreme court.

The largest individual wool sale ever made in Baker county, or the state of Oregon, was that consummated by S. A. Heilner of Baker City in which he disposed of this year's clip to a Boston house. The wool sold included clips from both Baker and Grant counties and the lot weighed about 600,000 pounds. It was sold to Koshland & Co., Boston, for \$750,000.

Speaking of the hop crop, local agents of a Milwaukee concern claim that the United States will produce 220,000 bales, divided as follows: New York State, 25,000; Washington, 25,000; Oregon, 90,000; California, 55,000; and 50,000 divided between Wisconsin and Michigan. The brewers who are fighting for low prices claim that the consumption will not be more than 170,000 bales, hence a large surplus.