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## THE WAY OF IT.

Central Oregon is again called upon, according to reports, to bite deeply and caressingly of another railroad bait. This time the rod is held by hands at Dufur, the line dangling southward. The Columbia Southern, dear old soul, is out of it—past to the great beyond, as it were, so far as immediate extension of its rails is concerned, and the Great Southern has a lease on the banks to the disadvantage of all comers.

With the Columbia Southern slighted, shoved to one side and in away that is likely to ride up a right smart piece of temper and make silence reign in that quarter for some time to come, the interior part of the state will feast its eyes upon the steel rails which are surely being laid between The Dalles and Dufur. It is stated that they will be laid to a greater distance southward and that Bend will soon be run over by the steam horse which, tearing up everything in front of it, will eventually connect with the line building northward into Klamath county and thus give a through line on the east side of the Cascades from the Columbia river to San Francisco and California points.

The Great Southern, be it said, began business as if it meant to stay in the territory for some time following the same occupation. It kept still and shoveled dirt. Before it shoveled dirt it acquired right of way and after it had shoveled dirt it began laying the rails. Then came the announcement that it would continue shoveling dirt until it had crossed the state, and that kind of spoiled the whole affair. If it had said half way of a quarter of the way or even as far as Button Springs the populace would have been greatly pleased and waited patiently. But this idea of going clear across the state without stopping to draw a breath is something unheard of, and borders on nightmare. It is barely possible that Central Oregon's kinship to Missouri is making a hard play for a place, but—

## RESULTS AS EXPECTED.

It is reported that the Malheur irrigation project may be defeated by the refusal of the Willamette Valley & Cascade Mountain Wagon Road company to accept the government's proposition and pay its due proportion of the cost of the necessary reservoirs, ditches, etc., amounting, it is stated, to about \$30 an acre.

This would mean a large contribution by this corporation, but when it is certain that lands now worthless would by irrigation become worth from \$75 to \$200 an acre, the reason of this company's refusal is not clear. It perhaps thinks the work will be done anyway, and it will come in for its big share of the benefits, while the small land holders will pay all of the cost.

This is the usual and expected course of such a concern as the W. V. & C. M. Wagon Road company. Having grafted the government out of an immense area of land, much of it very valuable, it is quite in line with its nature to refuse to expend anything to help improve and build up the country, even though it will itself be the chief beneficiary, so long as there is the least chance that other people, co-operating with the government, will do the work.

This corporation is in a poor position to make such a refusal, with even a surface show of grace. It secured a vast tract of the people's land, alternate sections in a wide strip clear from the Willamette valley to the eastern state line, in consideration of which it was to build and maintain a fine wagon road through that region. It got the land; the department and the courts have held that it

was entitled to the land; but the road—well, perhaps that will be built some time by the state convicts. Some little work at road building was done, just enough to make a showing, and an excuse for the officials who were giving away the people's domain by millions of acres, but as everybody knows the people got almost nothing for that great body of land.

This tract was not all desert land; much of it was covered with fine timber, much of it was excellent bunchgrass range; it crossed many streams with valuable water privileges; it was a magnificent gift of a reckless and corrupt government to people who had done nothing for the people to earn such a grant, and who have done very little since to compensate the people for the gift of the territory.

But, as might have been expected, it is not poor John Smith, with his little 160 acres of arid land over in the valley of the Malheur; it is not Jim Jones, who can barely make a living off his too-dry land, and hopes with water to be able to make a living for his family; it is not these worthy, toiling, home-building, state-building settlers who object to paying the cost of this great work, that shall turn a desert into meadows, orchards and gardens—no, it is the W. V. & C. M. Wagon Road company, to which our gracious and beneficent government many years ago made a present of a few million acres of land. But, like the horse-leech, its cry is, give.

And yet there are apparently intelligent people who know about these great land grabs and land-grabbing grafts, and who read of the insolence of such corporate beneficiaries of official rascality, and who wonder at the growth of socialism—at the growing demand that the whole people shall take back their own, the land.—Portland Journal.

## SHOOTING AT HUMAN TARGETS.

The casualties during the 20 days of shooting in Wisconsin are reported at 29 dead and 15 seriously wounded. Every death and injury is believed to have been accidental, the victim having been mistaken for a deer. This death and mishap record, if duplicated in other states, will place deer hunting in the same category with railroad operation and automobile running, when judged by mortality and injury attending it.

As deer have become less plentiful and their haunts more restricted, a larger number of sportsmen seek game in smaller areas, with a corresponding increase in the danger of mistaking one another for wild animals. In the states where game is still preserved this "mistaken for a deer" problem has become one of the most serious that confronts the public. So many accidental deaths have resulted that in many sections the mortality exceeds that from fires, floods, famine or railway catastrophes.

No satisfactory solution of the problem has yet been suggested. Caution to the hunters has proved of no avail. Sportsmen, of course, object to a law prohibiting deer shooting, and express themselves as willing to take chances. But the slaughter of human beings has increased so rapidly that the public demands that something be done, and in one state it has been suggested that the killing of a person through mistaking him for a deer be made a penitentiary offense.

Of course, the difficulty will be settled when all the deer are killed off, as they probably will be, but in the meantime it is unfortunate to lose so many lives.—Spokesman Review.

Christmas next, then New Year's, then soup from the bones for a week, then the city election.

To the man who goes out into the Powell Butte district for the first time in the past two years, the community presents an aspect totally contrary to its appearance some twenty-four months ago. It has been just about that length of time since a person could travel across the country from the top of the ridge to the old river bed and even as far as the Bend before he came in sight of a house, fence, barn or any other sign of habitation, with the exception perhaps of a couple of the older ranches at the base of the buttes. But a material change has taken place since then and from an open sage brush flat almost the entire district numbering several miles in length has given up to the plow and its accompaniments of fields, fences and houses. Crops have been raised in abundance great areas of land have produced their grain and hay and the work of tilling more soil is steadily going on, a silent tribute to the fact that Crook county's land, even at some distance from water, is just as good and in many respects far better than that in other districts more favored by natural conditions. The Powell butte country is a counterpart of the Agency Plains district in many respects and both have been settled practically during the same period. Neither one nor the other will remain long without its settlers who eventually will claim every tillable acre.

Klamath county is having troubles in its own backyard over the irrigation problem. Some want the scheme placed in govern-

ment hands, others prefer that the project be engineered by a private corporation. The spirit of reclamation, however, is in the air and Klamath county is going to be soaked by one or the other. The government could probably do the job as thoroughly as the private corporation and vice versa, and the quicker Klamath county settles the quarrel with herself the better it will be for the county, its neighbors and the dusty acres whose future productiveness is at issue.

Jack Frost with his cold breath has made himself pretty generally felt around the country during the past week. Three nights in succession the mercury in the thermometers dropped down to the vicinity of a dozen points above zero, which is a trifle chilly for this time of the year. The warm sunny days, however, have made up for the cool of the nights and as long as the snow seeks other places the weather man can be thanked for his generous application of "brite and fare" days in Crook county.

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The members of the Prineville Fire department held their annual election Monday and elected Ed Hodson chief of the department and Harold Baldwin assistant chief. At the regular meeting of Department No. 1, Warrick Smith was elected as foreman to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Harold Baldwin. Charles Lytle was elected to the position of second assistant foreman made vacant by Warrick Smith. Both companies will meet on Wednesday evening, January 4, for a joint initiation of new members and preparations are being made for a grand celebration on the night in question. The branding irons have been taken from their corners and dusted off and many other instruments of torture will be brought into play upon the tenderest who that evening will see and feel more strange things than ever before. A stag supper will be served after the initiation for those who feel well enough to partake of the good things.

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### Maury Items.

Jeff Stewart was called to Prineville Friday to wait on his brother-in-law, George Noble, who is very ill. Miss Ethel Morris, the Buck creek school teacher, was visiting at home Thanksgiving.

Al Stewart, of Paulina, is visiting friends and relatives in this neighborhood.

Roy, the ten year old son of Howard Morris, has been quite ill for the past two weeks, but is now rapidly recovering.

Thanksgiving is past and no snow yet. The day itself was almost as warm as during the summer. We don't often see such fine fall weather in this country.

John Price met with an accident Sunday which almost resulted in the loss of a finger. He was engaged in catching a horse and after throwing the rope over the animal's head caught his finger between the rope and the saddle. The nail and nearly all the flesh from the second joint to the end of the finger were stripped off.

C. L. Roberts, our road supervisor, is building a large dam in the south fork of Crooked river to turn the stream back into its old channel above the bridge. The object of the work is to protect the road a short distance above the bridge which the high waters during last spring were washing away.

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