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### GIVES NOTICE OF EXTENSION

#### Great Southern Proposes to Build Its Line Into Crook County During Present Year.

The most promising news to be given out in railroad circles for several years relative to the laying of the rails into Crook county, comes from Seattle in the announcement that the Great Southern, which at present is building between The Dalles and Dufur, will be extended at once into Crook county, the objective point being Bend. Telegraphic dispatches convey the following.

All mystery regarding the Great Southern railway projected south and north from The Dalles is cleared away by John Hemrich of Portland, who is now in the city. This is the road which gave to the Washington Trust company a deed to its right of way this week, in consideration of the latter guaranteeing its \$5,000,000 issue of bonds.

According to Mr. Hemrich, who is president of the road, the Great Southern plans the immediate construction of 42 miles of the road southward. Grading for 30 miles has already been completed, and Mr. Hemrich says steel for a greater part of this distance is on the ground. By July 1, he says, the road will be operated for full 30 miles.

This extension takes the road as far as Dufur, the heart of a rich agricultural district. He estimates that after the line is in working order it will cost \$2 a ton to move wheat out of the district and last year there was a crop of 1,200,000 bushels.

The new line runs out from The Dalles west of the Deschutes river Mr. Hemrich says the objective, point, Bend, has long been a town that the Columbia Southern desired to reach, but grades prevented earlier building.

Owing to the topography of the ground not until the Great Southern has reached a point 75 miles south of The Dalles will it become a competitor of the Columbia Southern. From that time until the Great Southern crosses the Deschutes river, 30 miles further on, the two lines will fight for business, after which the Great Southern will come again into its own territory.

Neither Mr. Hemrich nor the local capitalists interested with him have any fear of a building war on the part of the Columbia Southern. The Oregon Railroad & Navigation company, to which it has applied, has refused to help it, and it has remained at Shaniko where it will probably stay for years to come.

Just when the line will be extended to Bend, 115 miles distant from The Dalles, Mr. Hemrich is unable to say but states that it will be constructed with as little delay as possible.

"While our route lies north from The Dalles into the state of Washington," said Mr. Hemrich yesterday, "we have not considered the matter of building in this state. We can get a good crossing at The Dalles if we want it, but that is a matter that will be taken up at another time. We are going to operate 30 miles of the track in time for this year's crop, south of The Dalles. Then we will extend 15 miles further to a point near Kingsley, and that is as far as we can talk of our plans at the present time, other than in the general statement that the road will be hurried through to Bend."

existing laws while others define new crimes and provide for their punishment. Some relate only to such offenses as the violation of game laws, acts which involve no great moral wrong, while others are designed to prevent acts which are greatly injurious to public morals or which endanger property.

A wife-beating law was enacted in the form of an amendment to the law for the punishment of assault and battery. The amendment provides that any person who shall be convicted of assault and battery upon his wife, shall, in the discretion of the court, be sentenced to be whipped not exceeding twenty lashes, the punishment to be inflicted by the sheriff, constable or marshal.

A new forest fire law established a closed season from June 1, to October 1, during which time it is made unlawful to set fire to slashings or fallen timber, or on timber land, or in the vicinity of grain-fields, without first securing a permit from the county clerk. No fee is required for a permit which must be granted on request, the purpose being to restrict the setting of fires and keep a record of those starting fires. Violation of the law is punishable by a fine of \$1000 to \$10,000 or imprisonment from one month to one year, and half the fine goes to the informant.

The hunters' license law will go into effect May 18, after which time it will be unlawful for any person to hunt on grounds not his own unless he has secured a license and paid a fee of \$1. Violation of the law is punishable by fine of \$25 to \$100 or imprisonment five to thirty days.

"Jumping board bills" will be punishable by fine of \$20 to \$1000, or imprisonment ten to fifty days, after May 18. The law on the subject declares that it shall be presumptive evidence of intent to defraud if any person shall fail to pay his bill on demand, unless he has made known in advance his inability to pay.

### SCHOOL LAND DEEDS HELD UP

In reply to questions submitted to Governor Chamberlain, Attorney General Crawford this morning rendered an opinion holding in substance that the State Land Board had authority to cancel all deeds and certificates to school lands wherein fraud appears on record, but that it is not within the power of the board to take arbitrary action in the matter. In other words, fraud must be alleged and proven before the board has authority to cancel certificates of sale, says a dispatch from Salem.

In accordance with this opinion the State Land Board this morning adopted an order holding up all questionable applications and certificates, without regard to time until the state grand jury can have completed its investigation. In all cases where fraud is charged upon applications for the purchase of school land, the board will take the matter under advisement and give the holders of certificates a chance for hearing before final action is taken.

The Attorney-General's opinion, in which he suggests that whether or not the board has power to arbitrarily cancel certificates it would not be wise to exercise the same, raises a point of dispute as to what policy the board should adopt in the matter, with the result that a division occurred in the adoption of a motion to that effect. The question submitted to the Attorney-General is based upon the records of the Land Office pointed out by the State Land Agent and points out that a large number of applications for the purchase of school lands filed November and December, 1900 bore evidence of fraud, in that signatures were fictitious or fraudulent.

### WILL ERECT A FINE BUILDING

#### Two Story Brick Hotel Will Be Built on the Present Site of the Prineville.

A new two-story brick hotel building, to cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000, will be erected this summer on the present site of the Prineville hotel. The deeds transferring the property on which the present building stands from B. F. Allen to Mrs. C. E. McDowell were signed this week and specifications for the new building will be here soon from the architects in Portland who are working on them at present. As soon as received and accepted arrangements will be completed for the immediate construction of the new building.

The latter will occupy the site of the old building and the two lots north of it, necessitating the moving of the Review office.

Inside of the next two months the old building will be moved back a distance of 125 feet where Mrs. McDowell will continue her hotel service until the new brick structure is completed and ready for occupancy which will be probably not later than the first of September.

### MOVE MADE TO GUARD RANGE

Not by violence, but by "every legal means," is the Grant County Range Protective association living up to its motto, "Grant County Grass for Grant County Stock." At the last regular session, held in Hamilton the last of March, satisfactory progress in the campaign against outside sheep was shown to have been made. The most important step so far taken was that of closing all private roads to the undesirable class of stock, and seeking regulations for more carefully guarding the public high ways. For the accomplishment of the latter, a resolution was adopted asking the county court to use its authority as far as it legally may, in the restriction of the number of sheep allowed at any one time on the Monument bridge across the North Fork. This is the only means of ingress into the county along the line of the river, and by regulating the passage here it is hoped to make the crossing a more serious matter to outside owners, as well as guard more carefully the structure itself.

It is evident that this regulation, provided any such as possible, will exercise a hindering influence upon the very unwelcome visitors. But if the full plans of the association carry, there will be other difficulties for the wandering herdsmen. Private owners along the enforced line of march may not allow the herds to graze on their ranges and in their pastures. And lastly, it is expected that road supervisors will use more energy in enforcing the law regarding the reparation of damaged roads. Everyone of these means are not only legal, but in harmony with the best interests of local conditions in the country through which the sheep are driven.

But the above remedies are to be exercised only after the sheep are fairly into the county. The process of getting in is no light one, and already Umatilla and Morrow county sheepmen are complaining loudly of the delay and expense of crossing the boundary lines under the new law taxing outside sheep. Reinforced by this measure, the entrance of outside sheep will be scrapped to a finish, and when once within the home territory, their passage through the county will be beset by determined but lawful opposition.—John Day News.

### HEAVY SALES OF EASTERN OREGON SHEEP

The first exact figures on Oregon sheep sales made this spring, up to April 6 have been compiled by James Hackett, the well known sheepman of this city, says the East Oregonian. The following sales have been made and the sheep will be delivered at once. The entire number given in this statement will be shipped out from the territory tributary to the Columbia Southern & Heppner branch railroads. The prices are not given except in a few instances. Following are the shipments to be made:

Bicknell and Oxmon, of Chicago	60,000
Hailey and Saunders, of Salt Lake	35,000
Tim Kinney, Rock Springs, Wyoming	40,000
Rea Brothers, Forsythe, Mont.	25,000
J. B. Long, Great Falls Mont	20,000
C. A. Buckley, Heppner	10,000
Otto Kohler, Heppner	10,000
Wallace, Fargher, Heppner	5,800
O. E. Farnsworth, Heppner	7,000

Total ..... 212,800  
In addition to the above to be shipped out from the Heppner branch and Columbia Southern, Bicknell and Oxman have contracted 12,000 in Wallowa valley, which will be shipped from Elgin making a grand total of 224,800 known to have been contracted in Oregon to above date.

### WOOL CLIP WILL BE ENORMOUS

Probably 20,000,000 pounds of wool will be taken from Oregon sheep this spring, and at the hundreds of ranches over the state preparations are being made to start the machinery for making this immense clip. The yield will, it is said, be a few million pounds larger than that of last year.

At some of the ranches clipping has already begun. The sheep are in fine condition, and many of the owners of flocks believe they will not have to be dipped this spring for scab or mange. The federal bureau of animal industry will make a careful survey of the situation, and will enforce the law rigidly in every case where disease symptoms show in flocks that are to be sold or shipped out of the state for feeding or marketing.

It is expected that bureau will enforce the law of dipping much more generally than was done last year, when this requirement was waived at the request of growers and shippers, excepting in a few aggravated cases of infected herds. This year the sheep ranchmen are prepared to acquiesce in the general enforcement of the law, as they recognize the necessity of stamping out scab and mange on Oregon sheep ranges.

It is estimated that fully 500,000 Oregon sheep will be sent over the state line this season, and practically all of these will have to be dipped at once. In case of pronounced infection in a flock every sheep will have to be dipped twice with an interval of 10 days between dippings.

The government bureau has made a rule that all unexpended sheep must be dipped once before they are driven into any shipping corral or put aboard cars. The dipping must take place within 12 miles of the shipping point, and nearer if there are intervening flocks or trails where the sheep may be exposed to scab or mange enroute to the place of shipment. Experts from the bureau must visit each flock and oversee the dipping.—Journal.

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### NEW LAWS BECOME EFFECTIVE MAY 18

Twenty-five criminal laws passed by the last legislature, will become effective May 18. Some of these are merely modifications of