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## FIRST RAILROAD MOVE IS MADE

Steps Are Taken Towards Building an Electric Line from Columbia River Into Crook County.

Filing of a water right this week on the falls at the mouth of Wil-low creek, where electric power can be generated with but little difficulty, is the first definite move to be taken towards securing transportation facilities for this section of interior Oregon. Negotiations are now pending, too, with the Willamette Valley and Cascade Mountain Wagon Road Company to secure a lease or the right to purchase from them Steel Head falls below the lower bridge on the Deschutes. At these two points sufficient electrical power can be developed to supply a current capable of running electric cars from the Columbia to the central portion of Crook county.

The action taken this week is in line with the proposition outlined by Archie Mason some time ago when he visited this city. In representing Portland and Eastern capitalists he was in a position to state that if the business men here advanced enough money to build the first ten miles of road south of the Columbia and secured right of way the balance of the distance to Prineville, the necessary funds would be forthcoming with which to take up the bonds. When here last week Mr. Mason stated that only the securing of right of way was now necessary to enlist the necessary capital, and steps were immediately taken to seal the agreement and advance along the lines proposed.

The prospective line will touch the Columbia at The Dalles or some point on the Portage road and will continue southward through the canyon of the Deschutes river to the mouth of Trout creek, thence eastward across the Agency Plains to Crooked river and up the latter stream to this city.

## UNCLE SAM TO AID MALHEUR

The people of Ontario and Malheur county are agitated on the subject of government irrigation. The consulting board will meet at Pendleton about the first of the month and will then go to Ontario to consider the project. While there is much speculation on the subject, the more conservative believe that there are nine chances out of 10 that the government will decide in favor of the immediate building of the Malheur reservoir.

A vast area of land lies idle in the county, rich and capable of producing everything that grows at an altitude of 2,000 feet, and it only needs water to make this the garden spot of Oregon, so the people declare. They say they have the advantage of Klamath county in a difference of nearly 2,000 feet in altitude, and that in soil they lead every other portion of the state. With irrigation Malheur will immediately spring forward in population, advancement and improvement generally at an unprecedented rate.

The contemplated scheme, if carried out, will reclaim nearly 127,000 acres of land. This will be watered from a reservoir about 12 miles long which is to be constructed in the Malheur canyon on the Malheur river, about 30 miles from Ontario. Owing to the peculiar formation at that point the reservoir can be built cheaply and the water supply will be ample for all practical purposes to supply the area named. There will be a few pumping stations to supply more inaccessible nooks and corners, but the cost of these will be small enough to make the work feasible.

It is asserted that should the

reservoir be built, using Malheur canyon, as contemplated, that it would cost the railroad company at least \$2000,000 to build above the high water mark through the canyon. This amount or even more, it is said, will be claimed by the railroad company should the government build the reservoir as damages. But the people believe that it would pay the government to build the reservoir even at this cost. The vast area of lands thus reclaimed will soon pay the cost to the country. It is estimated that at least 1,000 families would be added to Malheur county at once, which would mean an immediate increase of 5,000 population.

## WOOL BRINGS HIGH PRICE

Mill Bros. are among the first to sell their wool this season in Morrow county. The clip of about 25,000 pounds was sheared early. Bob Wilkinson, of The Dalles, was the purchaser and the price paid was 17 cents per pound, says the Heppner Gazette.

E. J. Burke, representing the Pendleton Scouring Mills, made quite a cleanup in the lower part of Morrow county during the past week. Mr. Burke purchased the clips of B. P. Doherty, McCabe Bros., Frank Kilkenny, Ed Mc-Daid, James Carty, Pat Carty, Pat Currin, C. C. Curtis and Doherty & Mc-Daid. The wool will aggregate between 300,000 and 400,000 pounds. The prices ranged from 13 1/4 to 14 1/2 cents per pound.

G. W. French has sold his clip of 6000 fleeces, amounting to about 50,000 pounds to Sam Wilkinson for 15 cents per pound.

The first new wool of the season was received Saturday at the warehouse of the Morrow Warehouse Milling Co. The wool was sent in from Spray by W. Potter.

The wool sales for the past week total about 535,000 pounds, at prices ranging from 15 to 18 cents per pound, says a dispatch from Echo. The sales were made to the Pendleton scouring mills.

Large sales of Montana wool before that article is removed from the sheep's back are reported daily. A special to the Record from Billings says Fraser Bros., who have been buying large clips on contract, have turned over 1,500,000 pounds of contracted wool to Jeremiah Williams Co., of Boston, at 20 1/2 cents per pound. Fraser Bros. only a few days ago disposed of 1,000,000 pounds of contracted northern Wyoming wool.

## WORK ON NEW MILL COMMENCES

Work on the new flour mill of the Madras Milling & Mercantile Company was expected to commence this morning. The company had expected to start work on the mill last Monday, but owing to the bad roads leading to the sawmill in the mountains it has been very difficult to obtain any kind of lumber, and up to the present week it has been about impossible to haul out timber for sills and other large pieces with which a building of this kind will have to be constructed.

Teams are bringing out the material as rapidly as possible, and the construction of the mill will be pushed rapidly as possible to completion.

Mr. Putts, president of the mill company, says the flour mill will have an output of about 50 barrels per day. The building will be 30x40 feet and have three stories and a basement. The engine and boiler room will be erected just back of the main building. The Madras Milling & Mercantile Company will in the future erect a store building about 40x70 feet, but work on this will not commence until the grist mill is about completed and ready to take care of the incoming grain—Madras Pioneer.

## MCKAY PROJECT IS NOW ASSURED

Road Company Gives Its Sanction and Money Is Available to Finance the Entire Scheme.

This scheme promoted by the Citizens Business League to irrigate 40,000 acres of land lying north of this city is now practically assured of an early success. Sheriff Smith, who was a member of the committee appointed to confer with Mr. C. E. S. Wood, the Portland representative of the Willamette Valley and Cascade Mountain Wagon Road Company, returned home Sunday evening. He stated that the conference was satisfactory in every respect and that Mr. Wood had assured the committee the Road Company's co-operation in the undertaking, which means the latter corporation will agree to a disposal of its lands as soon as water has been brought to them.

During the committee's absence last week, W. E. Guerin, Jr., who has been a prime mover in the project and who assured the League financial backing in the event of favorable action by the Road company, received a telegram from New York stating that the necessary funds were available with which to construct the reservoirs and canals necessary to reclaim the tract.

Sheriff Smith while in Portland was approached by others who offered enough funds to complete the project, so it is certain that the money will be forthcoming with which to carry the scheme to a successful and early termination.

The amount of money necessary for the reclamation work is placed at \$500,000 and it is believed considerably less than that sum will eventually finish all details of the scheme.

Inside of a few days the financial matters will be definitely arranged and preparations will then be made for the engineering work, after which the reservoirs and canals will be constructed. Sheriff Smith expresses the belief that the final surveys can all be complete by the first of July in which event actual construction of the canals will begin soon afterwards. With the latter work pushed ahead rapidly almost the entire tract can be brought under irrigation before the present year has elapsed.

The district itself is the most fertile and productive in interior Oregon, and its successful reclamation means a host of new settlers in Crook county with the county seat twice or three times its present size. The land when once irrigated is capable of producing an enormous quantity of various kinds of crops, a fact fully demonstrated by the extraordinary fertility and productiveness of the ranches scattered along the Crooked river valley. The latter are all of them surrounded by hundred of acres equally as fertile but at present non-productive because of the fact that they are owned by the Road Company and are, therefore not in the market and consequently go begging for cultivation.

## RANGE WAR LEADS TO MURDER

A report reached Klamath Falls last night from the Lorella district, about 35 miles in a southeasterly direction from Klamath Falls, that two men had been killed in the range war existing in the eastern part of the county. The men are supposed to have been herders, but no names could be learned, and people here are anxiously waiting details of the killing from the remote stock country, with which there is no means of communication except by courier. The trouble is supposed to have

taken place at David Ebler's camp not far from Lorella. Ebler's camp was burned on the night of April 13, following the slaughter of 90 sheep belonging to Creed McKendree, a sheepman ranging in the same district. While the actual marauders were unknown, the sheepmen shrewdly suspected the men really back of the shooting.

After his camp was burned Ebler armed his employes thoroughly and put a close guard over his bands, the announcement being made that further attempt to drive him out would mean trouble. The Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff of Klamath county left for the eastern border several days ago. Neither has been heard from since.

Bad blood between sheep and cattle owners in Southern Malheur was carried over from last season. No serious outbreak occurred in 1904, though sheep have been killed in the past in the Bly district. This spring it soon became evident, however, that the long-pent-up feeling would manifest itself in violence. A few minor incidents are said to have taken place, but the first serious demonstration was April 14, when as previously stated in Klamath Falls dispatch to the Telegram, nine masked men assailed Creed McKendree's camp and shot nearly 100 sheep. From killing sheep to killing men appears to have been a quick step as last news from Lorella stated that the temper of the opposing factions was at danger point.

## CLOSER LINES AROUND HOMESTEADS

The general land office, has prepared a circular letter of instructions, a copy of which will be sent in the future to every person who makes a homestead entry of public land. The letter is intended to acquaint every entryman with the terms and provisions of the homestead law, and the requirements for obtaining land under its provisions so that, in the future, ignorance of the law will not palliate any failure to comply with it. Sixty-nine thousand homestead entries were made last year, and this year they are averaging 4,000 a month.

On the back of the circular letter is printed information concerning the homestead law, the requirements of the general land office, and suggestions to the entrymen, which, if fully followed, would enable him to fully comply with the law in letter and spirit.

The circular letter is as follows: "The papers supporting your recent homestead entry have been received, examined and filed in this office. In order that you may be fully informed as to your duties under this entry, as well as of the cause which may result in its cancellation, you should carefully read, study and remember the suggestions printed on the back of this letter because any failure on your part to cure any existing defect in the entry, or any failure to fully and in good faith comply with the laws requiring residence, improvements, cultivation and proof will be sure to result in the cancellation of the entry and the loss of your improvements."

"Entrymen should constantly bear in mind that any sale, or contract or agreement to sell any of the lands embraced in their entries, or any part thereof, or any interest therein, prior to making final proof, will cause the entry to be canceled, and may even result in the cancellation of the patent should such patent be inadvertently issued."

"It should also be constantly remembered that any false statement made in either the affidavits or final proof, made in support of any entry, will not only cause its cancellation, but may result in criminal indictment and prosecution."

"If at any time you desire any further information that is given in these suggestions, for the purpose of enabling you to comply with the law, or to make proof, you can obtain the same by inquiring, in writing or otherwise, either at this office or of the register and receiver."

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vs ) NOW BEFORE THE JURY  
THE BEST, Defendant, )

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