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RAILROAD IS TO BE BUILT

Harriman Line to Cross Cascades in Spring.

FEEDER FOR CROOK

Line to Be Extended into Klamath First on Way Across State From Natron East.

The announcement that the Harriman people will begin the construction of the proposed Natron-Ontario line across Central Oregon early in the spring is now being made as authentic. The \$4,160,000 set aside for new roads in Oregon is to be used in building from Natron near Eugene, south-eastward through the Diamond Pass in the Cascade mountains into Klamath county. As soon as entrance has been made into Central Oregon, work will also be commenced on feeders from this main line north into the Agency Plains district in this county and south to Klamath Falls.

The Oregonian of December 7 says:

If all of the \$4,160,000 set aside were to be used in constructing 150 miles of track through the rugged passes of the Cascades and to the eastern slope of the mountains, the average cost per mile would be approximately \$27,733. This would not be excessive and points very plainly to the fact that it is the Natron line that is to be constructed with the "set aside and official" announced. Central Oregon will be griddoned with railroads within five years, according to the belief of all railroad men and official announcements already made. The Natron extension will be the forerunner of other lines to come. Once across the divide of the Cascades, the Harriman line will have the entire central part of the state in its grasp. A southern extension will join Klamath Falls and that district with Portland. An east and west line will reach across the state to Ontario and a junction with the main line of the O. R. & N., while from this artery will branch veins of steel to the north, which will tap all the valleys and plateaus south of the Columbia that are now waiting for the extension of the Heppner branch, the Columbia Southern, the Great Southern and the Arlington-Ontario branch of the O. R. & N.

The first step in all this progress will be taken when Spring has opened the mountain passes and the construction of the Natron line is begun. The other schemes will be started as soon as the eastern terminal of this new line has crossed the divide of the Cascades and has by that crossing laid open the entire Central Oregon country to the construction of the other lines.

Immense orders have been placed with various sawmills for railroad ties, the purchasers of which are not known as yet to the mill managers, some of these orders being placed at the mills of the Booth-Kelly Company at Springfield and Colby, and it is believed that the ties are for the Oregon Eastern.

In the issue of December 6 the Evening Telegram published the following:

The Agency Plains Feeder is to take the place of the proposed Columbia Southern extension. While not officially admitted, it is known there is no intention on the part of the Harriman officials to further attempt to push the Columbia Southern south to the Bend country. With the Agency Plains line from the main road across the state, it is stated, the best of the territory that would be tapped by the Columbia Southern, if pushed as previously contemplated, can be cared for and without the necessity of shouldering the engineering features that would be encountered beyond Shaniko.

GOOD LAND IS OPEN

Crooked River Basin Said to Be Attractive for Settlers.

From information gathered it appears that the great Crooked river basin which is located beyond the headwaters of that stream 80 miles above Prineville in this county, offers splendid inducements for settlers, and lands here-in are available for either home stead or desert entry.

The soil is said to be of the very best type of the rich sagebrush land, free from rock, with excellent water which can be reached at a depth of from seven feet below the surface, down. Irrigation is possible by either reservoirs or pumping systems. The land is described as being quite similar to that which is being taken so eagerly by settlers in the Christmas Lake region and the Journal's informant, who has acquainted himself with the

nature of the soil by working with it during the past four years believes that it is peculiarly adapted to the growth of alfalfa, on account of water being so near the surface and its remarkable fertility under cultivation. This man is M. J. Lemons and his faith is so strong that he will next year sow 20 acres to alfalfa. Mr. Lemons filed on a claim there, comprising 320 acres, in 1902.

This basin is a great sagebrush covered flat containing about 60,000 acres, now used principally as a cattle range. Surrounding it is juniper timber suitable for fuel and for fence posts. Eight miles distant is the border of a great tract of pine timber extending eastward across the state for hundreds of miles.

Mr. Lemons says that in the many years he has been in this region he has never seen snow lie on the ground to a depth greater than six inches. The elevation of this tract is about 4200 feet above sea level.

This is only one of the many similar undeveloped resources of Crook county, which are waiting for man's hand and brain to build an empire within itself, and doubtless but few years will pass before these lands now open for settlement will be taken and transformed into prosperous homes. There is said to be room in the Crooked river basin alone for 300 homes.

Footing Up the Tax Roll.

Assessor J. D. Lafollette is finishing the final work of footing up the tax roll for this year and expects to have the entire list completed and summarized inside of the next week. The industrial census which he took of the county this year will then be completed so that its most important features can be published.

Fire Department Election.

Ed Hodson, of Company No. 2, was re-elected chief of the Prineville Fire Department and Frank Foster, of Company No. 1, was elected assistant chief at the election held last Monday night. Over forty votes were cast and there was considerable good natured rivalry in the contest.

ADDS INSULT TO INJURY

The Oregonian Publishes More Lies.

PAPER GRINDS ITS AX

City is Thoroughly Aroused—Steps Will Be Taken to Counteract Newspaper's Treachery

The Oregonian during the past week has shown no signs of relenting in the publication of its unscrupulous falsifications regarding the Crain case and the residents in this vicinity. Those familiar with the facts, and that is inclusive of the entire community, fail in words of denunciation of the journalistic filth in which the Oregonian has mixed its hands. The continued publication of unqualified falsehoods, which lack the slightest basis of truthfulness, is a source of wonder and amazement, especially in view of the reputed standing of the Oregonian in newspaper circles. Perhaps the worst feature of that paper's unwarranted prevarications is the fact that its slanderous articles have gained credence not alone in this state but throughout the nation, and with the peculiar gloat of revengefulness sated, the Oregonian flaunts the comments of the various local and state papers which have taken the matter up.

It is safe to say that Prineville is more thoroughly aroused than it has ever been before, and the feeling prevalent was fully and freely expressed at the meeting of the Citizens' Business League Tuesday night, which crowded the lower floor of Athletic hall to the doors. U. S. Deputy Marshals Watts and Mitchell, who were sent here from Portland to investigate the Crain case, were particularly requested to be present at the

meeting that they might learn the facts, but they did not attend.

It is the opinion expressed among business men and residents, almost without exception, that drastic measures should be taken to counteract so far as possible the Oregonian's treachery. With this end in view, the League by unanimous vote adopted the resolutions published elsewhere in this issue. A copy of these, accompanied by a supplementary letter setting forth the facts, out of which the Oregonian weaves its willful misrepresentations, will be mailed to every wholesale house in Portland having commercial relations with the business houses in this section. Additional copies will be sent to all of the commercial and business associations, the irrigation companies with headquarters in Portland and to many of the papers throughout the northwest. To the commercial organizations in Portland the detailed facts will be given more fully, and promise has already been secured that these bodies will take hold of the matter in a decisive way. With this work accomplished by the last of the week, the local Business League will take steps in another direction to correct the slander of the Oregonian.

W. A. Laidlaw, J. W. Blaine and R. W. Wilson, of the Columbia Southern Irrigating company, were in the city Monday and Tuesday and made a personal investigation of the stories and insinuations they had read in the Oregonian.

"We found the articles in question," said Mr. Laidlaw, "utterly devoid of foundation. We satisfied ourselves both through investigation and personal inquiry among those in a position to know. These unwarranted attacks of the Oregonian are doing the country a gross injustice, besides creating a wholly false impression of this community. People get the idea through these malicious statements of the Oregonian that the district is a lawless one and overrun with a criminal element while nothing could be further from the truth. We feel the effects of the Oregonian's work in our business. Prospective settlers on the irrigated tracts read the slanderous matter in the Oregonian and naturally do not feel like coming to a country to reside where such lawlessness, as the Oregonian states, exists. As soon as we get back to Portland we shall lay the facts before Secretary Richardson of the Commercial club, and we believe the truth of the matter will be put to him in such a light that decided action will be taken by that organization."

Resolutions Adopted by Citizens' Business League in Reply to Unjust Attacks Made by Newspapers of Portland.

Whereas, The City of Portland, Oregon, as voiced through its press, has for the past ten days, wantonly, falsely and maliciously attacked the integrity and honor of the citizens of Prineville and Crook county and has by aspersions and innuendoes accused its citizens and public officers of crimes and misdemeanors too palpably false and ridiculous to be considered seriously, and

Whereas, Such false and wanton accusations and innuendoes have been spread broadcast through the Portland press, and have been accepted as facts by a large portion of its readers to the great detriment, damage and humiliation of a sparsely settled and helpless community of law abiding and patriotic citizens, and

Whereas, The City of Portland, through its press, has persisted in its calumnious and libelous assaults to the extent that it can no longer be endured without protest, and

Whereas, We fully realize our helplessness and weakness in attempting to refute false impressions spread by the great metropolitan daily newspapers, though hidden behind the venomous ebullitions of a social outcast and moral leper who acts as their local correspondent, and

Whereas, We, the Citizens' Business League of Prineville, as a member of the Oregon Development League, of Oregon, are legally and morally entitled to the support and co-operation of the businessmen and citizens throughout the state in our endeavor to throw off and refute the unwarranted and cowardly stigma and assault cast upon our community by the City of Portland through its powerful press, therefore be it

Resolved, By the Citizens' Business League of Prineville, as a branch and member of the Oregon Development League, of Oregon, voicing the unanimous sentiment of every law abiding citizen in Central Oregon, that we denounce the recent utterances of the Portland press as regards our community and citizens, as false, slanderous and cowardly, well knowing our absolute inability to give this refutation the same publicity that the Portland press gave the venomous accusations.

Resolved, That our merchants and businessmen, through their wholesalers and jobbers in the City of Portland, demand an immediate retraction of the unwarranted accusations and innuendoes cast upon our community and citizens by the Portland press.

Resolved, That since we have always invited the most searching investigation of our city and county affairs, the continuous oppression of the Portland press can no longer be given the charitable consideration of sincerity, but must of necessity be taken as venomous spleen and a wanton desire to do injury.

Resolved, that the City of Prineville, and Crook county, and the Seventh Judicial District are blessed with an uncontaminated judiciary, and always have been, now are and always will be found dealing lawfully and justly with its offenders without the advice or interference of the Portland press.

Resolved, That we brand the recent police court episode, so greatly magnified and distorted by the Portland press, as a disorderly incident only, and the ridiculous attempt of the Portland press to connect it with the recent land fraud trials in Portland, is a wanton and flagrant desire to do unwarranted injury to our community and citizens, and actuated by a spirit of political jealousy and premeditated desire to poison the minds of the public against its honored officers.

Resolved, That the present attitude of the City of Portland, as voiced through its press, toward our businessmen and citizens, has caused strained commercial relations to exist between our merchants and the merchants of Portland, and if such attitude is continued it can only result in complete severance of commercial relations.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes and a copy be furnished the different commercial organizations of Oregon and the Northwest for dissemination.

Adopted by unanimous vote of the league, December 12, 1905.
T. M. BALDWIN, President Citizens' Business League.

Attest: M. R. ELLIOTT, Secretary.