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## FIGHTING FOR DESCHUTES ROUTE

### Half a Dozen Harriman Surveying Crews Now At Work in Canyon--Nelson and Party On Long Auto Trip to South

"We are having a pretty big fight for the Deschutes route through Central Oregon. Building a road into that part of the country isn't all plain sailing. Harriman has half a dozen surveying crews in the Deschutes country now and it looks as though it were going to be a race to see who would get there first."—W. F. Nelson in the Oregon Journal.

That Mr. Nelson's view of the Central Oregon situation is justified by the facts seems certain when it is known that the Southern Pacific has sent four surveying crews out this week from the office of Chief Engineer Boschke, that they were taken to Shaniko in a special train, arriving there at 2 o'clock in the morning, and are now at work on the Deschutes route.

Ever since the first survey for the Oregon Trunk Line was made Mr. Nelson and his associates who were concerned in the contracts for the building of the North Bank road, have been at work securing rights of way from the mouth of the Deschutes river, at Deschutes, to Madras, 90 miles south, in Crook county. The trunk line has secured 95 per cent of its right of way, and through the Deschutes canyon, the most important part of the route, has secured a grant from the government of 100 feet on each side of the track.

W. F. Nelson of the Oregon Trunk Line and a party, including R. J. Martin of Kansas City, president of the Oregon Valley Land company; K. A. Martin, an irrigation engineer, and H. A. Hunter of the Oregon Military Road Grant

company, have left Portland for an extended trip over the line of the Oregon Trunk through central Oregon and down to the California boundary. It is possible the party may continue through the Sacramento valley to San Francisco.

A big touring car has been shipped to The Dalles and is being used by the railroad and land men on their trip. They started from The Dalles Tuesday morning, going up the Deschutes valley to Madras, and from there continuing south through Prineville, Bend, Odell and to Lakeview, in southern Lake county. After going over the upper division of the military road grant the party may continue on its way through the Sacramento valley, coming out at San Francisco and returning to Portland by rail.

The party, it is said, will go over a portion of the route of the Nevada, California & Oregon railroad, which is now building north, and has rails laid within four miles of Lakeview.

While the Harriman system is breaking all records in getting surveying crews into central Oregon so as to beat the Trunk Line to the

rich country of the interior, still another line, the McCloud River railway, has surveyors out working north from the present terminus of the McCloud road at McGavie, in Siskiyou county, California, to Klamath Falls. Thus northern California and southern and central Oregon are practically the center of new railroad building for the West.

## Madison Square Theatre Company

Fair week will be enlivened in Prineville by the reappearance of Lowe's Madison Square Theatre Company, which played here to packed houses and gave such general satisfaction a year ago during fair week. Mr. Lowe's troupe will begin its engagement at P. A. A. C. hall Monday evening and continue up to and inclusive of Saturday night, October 12 to 17, with the exception of Friday night, which will be given over to a dance by the Ladies' Annex of the P. A. A. C. club. The company is stronger than ever this season and will meet with a warm reception.

## County Fair Will Open Tuesday of Next Week

### ESTABLISHING ALTITUDE MARKS

Geological Survey Reaches Prineville After Four Months Work

PRINEVILLE'S ELEVATION 2872

Interesting Figures of Altitude of Points Along the Line From Klamath Lake North

United States geological surveyors captained by L. F. Biggs are expected to arrive here today after a long journey overland from Ashland. The party came by way of the mountains to Upper Klamath Lake, Fort Klamath, Klamath Marsh, Rosland and Bend. From here they will take wagon back to Ashland, where the line they ran found its inception.

Elevations of the surface have been taken every mile, the altitude in each case being marked on a stake driven into the ground. Each stake bears this legend: "U. S. Geological Survey, \$250 for meddling with this plate." In some instances, especially in the cities and towns, brass topped stakes were firmly implanted in rock walls, showing the altitude.

The geological surveyors visited the world-renowned Crater Lake in southern Oregon, finding the elevation at the water's edge to be 6,177 feet. Where the trail drops over the crater's edge above the sharp descent to the water's edge the elevation above sea level is 7,076 feet. At one place where there is a sheer drop of 2000 feet to the water, though off the road, the altitude is 8,177.

Other elevations established by the federal crew are: Klamath Lake, at water's edge, 4,139; Fort Klamath 4180; Klamath Marsh 4529; Beaver Marsh 4640; Odell 4453; Rosland 4226; Paulina Creek at Caldwell ranch 4190; W. P. Vandeventer ranch 4182; Fred Shonquest place 4172; Lava Butte road at base of butte 4507; Bend 3629; Prineville 2872.

The surveyors left Ashland, Or., June 15, thus consuming more than three months in their painstaking task.

### FARMERS BRING WHEAT TO MILL

Wheat, bushels of wheat, tons of wheat, great wagonloads of wheat, is being hauled to the Prineville Flouring Mills. Quite a large percentage of this wheat comes from the Madras country. Although it is admitted that there is less wheat this year than formerly, there is certainly enough for home consumption whatever may be said of wheat for export by way of Shaniko.

One has only to visit the local mill to note the truth of the foregoing assertion. At almost any hour of the day may be seen from two to a dozen wagons full of wheat awaiting their turn to unload, while all inside the mill is hustle and bustle. The elevator, with a capacity of about 16,000 bushels, is overflowing, filled to the roof, and of this 8,000 bushels came in during the past two weeks. In other parts of the mill sacked wheat and loose wheat is being stored for the following year's milling. It is wheat, wheat everywhere.

The Prineville mill pays from 50 to 60 cents a bushel cash for wheat delivered, and gives 88 pounds of flour to ranchers in exchange for each bushel of wheat when desired. Ranchers who have hauled wheat to Prineville from the Madras country say that the mill there is exchanging only 28 pounds of flour per bushel, and that may be one reason why so much wheat is being hauled here.

### Everything in Readiness for Most Successful Meeting in Crook County

## STRINGS OF RACE HORSES HERE

Dr. James Withycombe, Director of the Oregon Experiment Station, Will Come in Person to Judge and Award Premiums on Livestock

Dr. James Withycombe, director of the Oregon Experiment Station at Corvallis, has notified Secretary Macleod of the Fair Association that he would be here in person next week to judge the stock exhibited at the Crook County Fair to be held at Prineville from October 13 to 17. There is no better man in the northwest for this purpose, especially when judging the points of fine cattle, and Crook county is fortunate in securing his services.

Jesse Windom of Culver and G. Springer of Culver, are only a few of the exhibitors of fine stock this year. It was J. H. Gray who, a couple of weeks ago topped the Portland market with a bunch of his extra fine Herefords, the mates of these will be shown at the fair. Mr. Gray will also have an exhibit of Poland-China hogs. Mr. Biggs' prime Durham cattle are well known, and he is figuring on having them before the public next week. T. H. Lafollett will show hogs and chickens, Mr. Windom will have hogs and grain, as well as cattle. Mr. Springer will send horses, cattle, hogs, chickens and farm products. And these are only a few of the leading exhibitors.

Ten new stalls for large stallions have been built this year in addition to the ten already up. The stallions will arrive in a day or two.

Among the race horses now at the fair grounds may be mentioned one owned by J. A. Herron of Marshfield, twenty Lamonts and Wade Hampton; Brandy and Dutch Belle, the latter a big gray, owned by Elmer Clark of Paulina; Crescerton, Dr. Rowell and Teddy Roosevelt, all worth seeing; Full Sister, John H. and John B. Most of these horses have good records, one or two are unknown here. Word comes from The Dalles that half a dozen horses will be here from that place. John Henderson, who has charge of the racing program, predicts one of the best meets yet held in the county.

Hay, cut on the grounds, is piled in three large stacks for the use of stock entered. All grass and high weeds have been cut. The track, though still heavy with dust, is being leveled and worked up, and will doubtless be in fair condition for the races. Roofs will this week be placed over the temporary shed frames on the south side of the grounds. Hydrants and wells will provide an abundant supply of water for all parts of the grounds. All is ready except the exhibits.

Herman Poch, who lives just off the Ochoco road, three miles north-east of Prineville, will spring the real surprise of the fair in the shape of an exhibit of native furs. Mr. Poch buys hides and pelts, tans them himself and manufactures therefrom overcoats, rugs, boas, muffs, laprobes, etc. He uses badger hides, wildcats, coyotes, bear, cougars and anything else he can get. About the first thing he will have at the fair will be a big cougar skin obtained from Silver Lake, tanned and made into a rug. He is one of the most up-to-date tanners and taxidermists in the West.

## INSTITUTE OF GREAT BENEFIT

### Teachers Adopt Resolutions of Thanks to Those in Charge of the Work--Ex-Superintendent Dinwiddie Is Presented With Token

Another teachers' institute is history in Crook county, and it was the best and largest teachers' institute ever held in Prineville. Sixty-eight teachers from all parts of the county registered at the high school the first day, Wednesday of last week, and ere the closing lecture had been given Friday evening

nearly thirty were present. The list of first-day attendants was published in the Journal last week. J. H. Ackerman, state superintendent of public instruction, and L. R. Alderman, of the Department of Education of the University of Oregon, who with County Superin-

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