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MAYBE HARRIMAN WILL BUILD A RAILROAD

Threatening Statements Continue to Be Made by General Manager O'Brien---Wizard Still Juggles with Choice of Routes

General Manager O'Brien of the Harriman lines in Oregon has just returned to Portland from a trip to Chicago, where he visited the head offices, and says that he anticipates orders to commence work on the railroad to Central Oregon within the next sixty days. The choice of routes is still up in the air he says. Personally he favors the Deschutes River route, although the cost of the construction is far greater than to build either from Shaniko or to extend the Corvallis & Eastern. He gives the estimated costs of the three routes to Redmond, each approximately 125 miles long, as follows:

From Shaniko \$900,000.
Corvallis & Eastern \$2,000,000.
Deschutes Route \$4,500,000.

The Oregonian has the following interview:
"Authority will probably be given us to start work on the Central Oregon line within the next two months," said General Manager O'Brien, of the Harriman lines upon his return yesterday from an extended trip East. While Mr. O'Brien's trip was largely a personal one, he dropped in at Hariman head quarters in Chicago and New York and talked business with the heads of the system. Some of this talk

naturally, was about the mid Oregon project that promises to be Oregon's biggest piece of railroad construction during 1909.

"They are figuring out which is the best route to reach the Central Oregon territory," said Mr. O'Brien. "We have several alternate surveys reaching the same district. Just which is the most practical one to build, grades, cost of operation and difficulty of construction being considered, is what has not yet been decided.

"I favor the Deschutes route because I think we will get the best grades, capable of the easiest operation, that will in the end prove the most economical line to build and maintain. It is naturally a line of low grades following very closely the Deschutes River for a long distance."

"Three different lines into interior Oregon are being considered for the Harriman line. One is up the Deschutes, another south from Shaniko, being an extension of that feeder of the O. R. & N., and a third is the extension of the Corvallis & Eastern east from Detroit, across the summit of the

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RANCHERS KILL 4371 RABBITS

Jacks Are Easy Game in the Deep Snow

During the big snow of the ten days' cold period, Jan. 5 to Jan. 15, the ranchers living on Poverty Flat, between 6 and 9 miles northwest of this city, organized a big rabbit hunt. In one week they shot 4,371 rabbits, the highest single day's score being 1,004, with an even 1,000 the concluding day. The hunters believe they have broken all records for rabbit extermination.

The snow was so deep, 22 inches on the level, and the cold so severe, 29 to 35 below zero in the nights, that the rabbits, losing all their animal sagacity and fleetness of foot, roamed about in droves like bands of sheep, seeking for food that was not, except under the heavy coverlet of snow. J. T. Creamer, with Fred Grimes, the

leaders of the hunt, shot 30 rabbits without moving from a spot where he shot the first one, and this man killed 94 that day. Shotguns were mostly used, though some of the men had rifles.

Not long ago a big rabbit drive was held on Agency Plains, near Madras, this county, with rather disappointing results. Another drive was held by Lamonta ranchers, 22 men slaying 355 rabbits in six days. In the present drive, during six days from 5 to 13 men killed 4,371 rabbits by actual count, but of course the high score was due to the deep snow.

The Poverty Flat ranchers say they have materially helped the local merchants in their business in preparing for this hunt. Six new guns, valued at \$150, and some \$300 worth of ammunition was used. Cartridges are now at a premium in Prineville. Men like C. B. Dinwiddie and A. Kester, who could not personally participate in the hunt, contributed their share of ammunition.

Notwithstanding the large number of rabbits killed, there are still hundreds of rabbits left. The men are, therefore, preparing a second concerted crusade against the pests in the form of two parties, the losing side to furnish an oyster supper.

In every section of Crook and neighboring counties the rabbits have died by scores and hundreds as a result of the deep snow and bitter weather. Unable to make their way across the fields or in the juniper timber, the rabbits have traveled along the country roads in swarms. Every rancher going along these roads, nearly, has a dog with him and these hounds invariably gave chase to the rabbits. Today it is impossible to pass a hundred yards along any road without seeing the carcasses of one or more rabbits lying torn and bitten to death by the way. The dogs don't eat their prey, but the coyotes do and the latter are enjoying a veritable feast. Some ranchers are beginning to figure out an equally effective way of killing off the coyotes.

So hard put to it have the rabbits been for sustenance that in some instances they have trotted along the main streets of this city. It has been possible, even, to knock them over with clubs.

PRINEVILLE HAS NEED OF FIFTY MORE FIREMEN

This Was the Gist of Speeches Made at Annual Banquet---Report of the "Great Spludge" Given by the Fire Department.

The prime need of the Prineville Fire Department is more men. While the city has fire fighting apparatus enough to require 100 men to properly handle it, the rolls of the two fire companies show an active membership of less than fifty.

This is the main point emphasized in the speeches made at the annual banquet of the department last Friday evening by W. F. King and Fire Chief B. F. Johnson, who have a closer knowledge of the affairs of the department than any other two men in the city. Both strongly urged the need of better fire protection, and both showed conclusively that the way to accomplish this was by the enrollment of every business man as well as other property owners and every able-bodied male citizen, as members of the fire companies.

W. F. King furthermore strongly urged the purchase of a chemical engine, and while he realized that it would require effort on the part of the city to secure it, said it would be a good investment and that the proper way to get the move started was to get the question under general discussion.

The suggestion made by both gentlemen was that every business man and property owner in Prineville join the fire department. If they are too busy or have not the inclination to attend the regular monthly meetings let them pay the 25c fine and give the organization their hearty support in every way possible. The initiation fee is only \$1.00.

Unless this is done, or some other action taken to keep up the interest in the fire department, it is the opinion that the volunteer department will go to pieces and the city will then face the proposition of keeping up a paid department.

As a matter of fact about one-half of the members of the fire department at present are not property owners and have nothing to protect from destruction by fire. These young men, together with about 25 property owners have up to this time, protected all the property in the city.

In the opinion of Chief Johnson this is not right. Mr. King wants to know why the property owners and business men do not owe their encouragement and support to the organization to the extent suggested. They fail to see why the fire department, which is self-supporting, should not have the active help of these property owners who are not members and who contribute nothing to its support, yet have all the benefits of protection from fires as a result of the efforts of others.

It is this very sensible appeal that is desired to be put squarely up to the property owners who are doing nothing to build up the department and increase its efficiency. The firemen are not begging for financial support. They only want the co-operation of those who have property to protect and their assistance to protect the property of every other resident in the town. The way to give this assistance is to join the department and help keep alive the interest of the fire fighters in the organization. The possibility of fire is a constant menace to property. The best way to fight it is with a solid organization of firemen, and that is just what those who know best are asking for.

There are two companies now organized, with an active membership as stated of less than 50. The equipment consists of two hose

carts, a hook and ladder truck and a big hand engine or pump.

"What we need is more men," says the fire chief, "to handle apparatus. Our firemen are very efficient for their number and we have enough when it is only a false alarm, but when we have to go up against a real fire, we are short. We have enough to handle two of the four pieces of apparatus. We need another full company for the hook and ladder truck, and could very well use another on the hand engine. And by the way that old hand pump is all right when handled properly. It is good for two lines of hose with pressure equal to that from the hydrants."

There it is. Fifty firemen in Prineville, where one hundred are needed. One hundred ninety-one voters cast their ballots in the city election last month. There are too many that "don't belong."

The Prineville Fire Department certainly did itself proud in the way of a banquet and "Great Spludge" at the annual meeting last Friday evening in Belknap's Hall. The firemen with their families and invited friends attended to the number of about 130, the program was excellent, and the banquet, served for the firemen by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church, was one of the finest ever served in Prineville. It filled a "long-felt" want.

This function was different from the annual banquets given heretofore in that the previous banquets were all "stag" affairs, while this one was for "yourself and lady."

At about 6 p. m. the company began to assemble in the lodge room of the second story, and shortly after 7 the program commenced with selections by Morgan's orchestra. The following numbers were rendered, each being of special merit.

PROGRAM.

Vocal solo..... Miss Ella Daw
Reading..... Miss Lella Garfield
Piano duet..... Misses Estes and Crooks
Selection..... Orchestra
Vocal solo..... Miss Lorene Winnek
Vocal duet..... Miss Conway and
..... Randolph Ketchum

B. F. Johnson, who presided, then announced that a committee had been appointed on refreshments and that the committee was now ready to report, and that the company would now go downstairs and receive the report. On reaching the banquet hall an inviting scene was presented—the long tables loaded with all the good things such only as the Presbyterian ladies of Prineville are able to bring together. The motion was made unanimous and each one present proceeded to adopt to himself whatsoever portion of "the report" that looked good to him. There was chicken, ham, salads, olives, pickles, jellies, breads, fruits, pies, cakes and ice cream, coffee, cocoa, and most everything else that's good, with a cigar for the men who smoke, the last with the compliments of Mr. W. F. King.

Mayor D. F. Stewart was called upon for a speech and he made a good one. He said: "I have done pretty well before, but have never done quite so well as I have tonight." This sentiment so exactly filled the bill that it brought forth three rousing cheers for the mayor. W. F. King and Fire Chief B. F. Johnson spoke at greater length, the principal thoughts of their addresses being covered in the first part of this article.

At the close of the banquet the company dispersed with many pleasant memories of the occasion of the 1909 annual "Great Spludge" of the firemen.

SALE WILL CONTINUE ALL MONTH

Odds & Ends SALE

10 PER CENT FREE GOODS GIVEN AWAY

Take advantage of our Odds & Ends Sale. We have decided to continue it during this month, to close out all our winter goods, preparatory to invoicing. BE SURE TO CALL. If you don't see what you want, kindly notify us of what you want and we will try to hunt up a bargain for you.



Ladies Outing Flannel Night Gowns, reg. 75c val. now 55c
Reg. \$1.25 val now 95c

Ladies heavy outing flannel, beautifully trimmed, \$1.75 value now \$1.25

Ladies heavy outing flannel night gowns, embroidered, reg \$2.50 value, now \$1.85

Childrens and Misses Outing Flannel Gowns 45c to 55c
Ladies Heavy Outing Flannel Petticoats, now 55c

One-Third Off on All Ladies and Misses Suits and Coats

Don't overlook this department many new suits and coats recently received, & being bought at a bargain we can show you the greatest values of the season

Infants Fancy Jackets

Beautiful finish, 65c, now 40c
Knit Jackets, extra warm, \$1.25 now 85c
All Wool Sweater Jackets, 75c to \$1.25
Stork Diapers, \$1.00 to \$1.25 per set



Odds & Ends Sale includes 25 pieces Outing Flannel heavy weight, long knap, best colors, regular 12 1/2c values, at 9 1/2c
Extra heavy outings, regular 15c values at 11 1/2c

Heavy Fast Color Dress Flannelettes—includes blues grays, reds, browns, regular 12 1/2c at 10c

Fine Dress Flannelettes—in polkadots and other fancy patterns, during sale 12c

Best Quality Heavy Kimona Cloth—finest ever brought to the town, selling until this sale at 20c 16 1/2c

Men's Clothing

Odd Suits, values \$12.50 to \$20.00 at less than half price.
Odd Pants, values \$2.50 to \$6.00 at one-half price.
4 doz. Odd Dress Shirts, values \$1.50 to \$2.50 98c
5 doz. Odd Hats at 85c
Overcoats—closing out odd lots at One-third off.



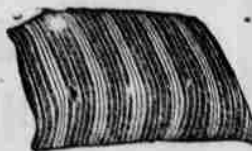
Boys Short Pant Suits

MOTHERS—We are putting out about 2 doz Boys Short Pant Suits, ages 3 to 10 years, at one-half regular price—all good weight, but odds. Don't overlook these.

Ladies Fleece Lined Hose, "Eiffel" brand, reg 20c values at 14c
Ladies Fleece Lined extra Heavy "Eiffel" brand, regular 35c values 25c
Ladies Famous "Black Cat" Hose, regular 15c 10c

Bedroom Necessities

Pillows, genuine feather, reg. \$1.75, \$1.23 pair
Wool batting, 1 lb bats 28 1/2c
Knitting cotton for tying comforts 4 for 25c
Cotton Blankets, Genuine Army Blankets, Sheetings, Comfort Outings and Calicoes, all with the profit taken off.



Ladies Comfort Fleece Lined Shoes—regular \$2.00 grade at \$1.60
\$2.50 grade at \$2.00

Odds & Ends of Slipper Stock at Cost
Womens Low Top Felt Lined Slippers, \$1 val at 65c
A few doz. pairs odd pairs Ladies and Childrens Shoes at one-half price.

Odds and Ends of Crockery, Glassware, Tinware and Kitchen Specialties at about half price

GROCERY SPECIALS

Canned Jams and Jellies, regular 20c val, full wt. 12 1/2c
Campbell's Condensed Soup, asstd flavors, reg 15c 8 1/2c
Soft Shell Crabs, 1 lb full wt, reg 40c at each 25c
Canned Hominy, 2 lb tins, reg 15c at 3 for 25c

LADIES FURNISHINGS

Ladies Fine All Wool Vests, Black, reg. \$1.65 85c
Odds and Ends in other lines at one-third off
Ladies Heavy Wool Gloves, 50 and 75c odd pairs at 33c
Odd pairs of Ladies Winter Hose in both Fleece and Wool, Shawls Fascinators, Flannelette Wrappers, Kimonas, at less than first cost

C. W. ELKINS—Big Department Store—Prineville, Or