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## WORK COMMENCED ON O.-E. ROAD

### Big Contractors on the Job.

Burns is Promised a Branch Line on the Trans-Oregon Road.

A dispatch to the Oregonian from Boise says: The Utah Construction Company recently let a subcontract to the Baube Bros. Company, of Salt Lake City, and active construction work will soon be on in the Walhem Canyon, west of Ontario, on the Oregon & Eastern, the new Harriman east and west road, which is to tap central Oregon. Thousands of dollars' worth of supplies are being sent out of Boise daily to the railroad camps scattered along the right of way of the new line.

The Banks Bros. Construction Company have been working on the Emmett extension of the Idaho Northern, also a new feeder of the Harriman system, but their big outfit is now being moved from Western Idaho into Eastern Oregon to handle the new contract. On its arrival in Vale it will be taken overland to mile post 66 by way of Juntura.

W. L. Wattis, of the Utah Construction Company who has general supervision over the grading and contract work, informed railroad men here this week that laborers will be rushed along the right of way with the opening of Spring, and within a month several thousand men will be put on by the sub-contractors. He estimates that probably three years will be occupied in grading the right of way and laying rails east and west across the State of Oregon, by which time train service can be operated.

Burns, the county seat of Harney County, which is located just 22 miles north of the present trans-Oregon line, was a few days ago promised a branch line by Assistant General Manager Carl Stradley, of the Oregon Short Line, as soon as the Oregon & Eastern is completed to Odell. In a letter shown to railroad men here, Engineer Stradley says: "It has always been and still is my idea that the proper way to serve the future development of Harney Valley, after the main line construction has advanced through that country is by means of a belt line railroad, so laid as to divide as nearly as possible the length of the haul for the outlying lands between the main line and branch or belt line; in other words, best to serve the whole country."

"We are now engaged on our main line construction and have no authority yet for feeders or branches. These will be taken up at the proper time when location of the same has been determined upon. We can then take up right-of-way matters."

Burns has made the railroad builders an offer of free railroad terminals for the branch line.

It is given out here by railroad men connected with the construction work that the branch line to Burns will leave the main line near Dog Mountain, north of Malheur Lake, where Stradley and Harney County bankers have 1000 acres of land for a townsite.

The tract is located five or six miles northwest of Narrows, a trading center between the two lakes.



## News Snapshots Of the Week

Edwin Hawley, one of the best known railroad men in the United States, died suddenly in New York. He began his business life as an errand boy at a salary of \$4 a week. General Sir Robert Baden-Powell, hero of Mafeking and the founder of the boy scout movement, arrived in this country to review the work done here. As a result of the killing of a woman during the strike riots in Lawrence, Mass., Josephine J. Eitor and her lieutenant, Arturo Giovanni, were arrested. Clarence Darrow, chief counsel for the McNamara brothers, was indicted for alleged complicity in the attempted bribery of Robert V. Bray, a juror, and George Lockwood, a prospective juror. Reports from London state that ex-King Manuel and Dom Miguel of Braganza, pretender to the fallen throne of Portugal, have effected a reconciliation and that Miguel loaned the exiled king \$4,000,000 to help him regain the throne.

## The Oregon & Eastern is erecting a large number of buildings at Vale for the construction department, offices, warehouses, bunk houses and other necessary temporary buildings.

C. S. Osburn, construction engineer, is in charge and expects to have the buildings completed for occupation by next week. Vale has been selected as the chief distributing point for the new road, and all supplies will pass through the railroad officials in charge there.

Railroad men here declare that intermountain residents will be able to travel over the short cut across Oregon to the Panama Pacific Exposition at San Francisco in 1915, when the Oregon & Eastern will be operating a fast train schedule. The Oregon & Eastern will by that date be connected with the Central Idaho, now being constructed from Richfield through the Camas Prairie country to Boise, which is now built to Prairie City and will be completed this year to Boise.

## Do Not Want County Division.

It is the belief of the Central Oregonian that the people of this section will not take kindly to the proposal to divide Crook County at this time. The railroads have been in the county less than a year and, as is generally conceded, conditions in the county are unsettled. The centers of population have been changing constantly during the past eight or ten years, so that the ultimate status is merely conjecture.

The populace will be slow to appreciate hasty action tending to enforce any readjustment of boundary lines in Crook County before conditions are ripe for it. The move for division at this time is, as is generally the case, inspired by petty office-seekers, whose evil designs will be discovered in due time.

The farmers of this county, because of the recent lack of transportation facilities, have been greatly hampered in making the progress for which they are striving, hence they are unable to bear the increased taxation which would result should the county be divided at this time. This paper believes in a square deal for the farmer, and not in advancing the designs of professional office-seekers.

The northern section of this county is composed chiefly of dry land farmers. If, as is proposed this section were made a unit in the proposed division, the burden of supporting a county administration would be a mill stone about their necks, which, in their emaciated condition, would sink them to the depths of a bottomless maelstrom.

## West Side Political Caucus at Bend

Bend Bulletin: A political caucus attended by Republican voters of Bend, Redmond, Metolius, Madras, Laidlaw and other towns, was held at the Pilot Butte Inn Saturday night. The purpose of the meeting, which was quietly called, was to discuss the political situation in respect to candidates for county offices. It was decided that the voters of the various precincts get together and express their preference for men, so there might not be a superabundance of candidates in the field.

Owing to the fact that the Oregon Trunk did not arrive until after 3 a. m., the meeting did not get started until the early hours Sunday morning. A number of visitors came in on the late train going out at 6:30. Among those who were here were: Mayor Jones, J. W. Brewer, J. A. Wilcox, Editor W. C. Walker, G. E. Dobson, G. D. Wells of Redmond; W. D. Barnes and J. B. Wimer of Laidlaw; W. B. Lottman and Frank A. Perry of Metolius; P. T. Atkins of Wadlers.

## Must Get Your Claims in At Once

District Forester Geo. H. Cecil has just received information that March 31, 1912, has been set by the Department of Agriculture as the latest date on which claims under the General Deficiency Bill, approved March 4, 1911, can be presented for casualties and disabilities suffered by temporary employees while fighting fire on the National Forests prior to December 1, 1910.

Mr. Cecil believes that all claims originating in Oregon and Washington properly payable under this act have already been presented, but in case there are any still outstanding they may be submitted at once to the Forest Supervisor in charge of the forest where the accident occurred.

## Spring Samples Just Received.

Spring and Summer goods for ladies' ware; latest out. Made to order. 5 per cent discount for all orders sent in before February 24. Leave orders at Hamilton's confectionery store. 2-1-1m Mrs. J. N. Wright.

## Laying Pullets for Sale.

I must sell my mixed hens to make room for full-blood and offer the following at bargain prices: 1 dozen Leghorns; mostly pullets; all now laying. 1 dozen mixed hens and pullets at a bargain. Also offer a good 50-egg incubator cheap. Eggs for hatching. White Wyandottes, Anconas and S. S. Hamburgs. J. S. Fox, "Braceide," Prineville, Feb. 1st.

## The 1912 Wool Season Has Opened

A few sales of early shorn wool have been made in Eastern Oregon, marking the opening of the 1912 season. About 10,000 head of mutton sheep have been shorn to date and the wool bought by Portland dealers. The prices paid, 14 to 16 cents, are about the same as were paid last season for the early clips.

No buying of wool on the sheep's back has occurred in Oregon yet. There are buyers in Nevada who are contracting at 14 to 14 1/2 cents. Operations in the Triangle have ceased temporarily. The balance of business that was done there before the buying stopped was a surprise to most dealers.

Commenting on the early trading throughout the Southwest, the Boston Commercial Bulletin says: "During the week purchases of the new Arizona wools have been made. As yet, of course, only a very few clips have been taken, but there has been some buying. The prices paid are not learned with exactness, but are understood to have been in the range of 15 to 16 cents, or about what the same clips netted the consignors last year in these particular instances."

"Contracting in Utah, according to latest accounts, has slackened up a bit. Several reasons are alleged for the cessation of activities. One is that certain large houses, who entered the arena, found that prices were advancing too rapidly and so purposely submitted bids that were unnecessarily high in order to put the market out of the reach of other buyers, believing that this action would stimulate sellers to hold for a later advance."

"Whatever the reason may be, considerable wool is reported taken within the past two or three weeks, some estimates placing the total contracted at close to 10,000,000 pounds, almost all of which appears to have been in the Triangle section. Prices actually paid are reported at 14 to 15 cents and in some instances as high as 16 cents for choice medium clips."

## Eggs for Sale.

White and Brown Leghorn eggs, \$1.50 for 15. Leave orders at Elkins' store, or phone independent. 2-8-11 J. W. STEWART.

## Lots for Sale.

Three good residence lots for sale. Inquire of Mrs. Lively. 2-8-11 Pure-bred White Wyandotte cockerels for sale. RAY V. CONSTABLE, Adairson's Drugstore. 11-2-11

## Choice Land for Sale.

120 acres dry land on north slope of Powell Butte; over 100 acres tillable; \$1000 worth of improvements on place, also 20 acres wheat in ground. Ditch lateral running through place. Dry soil. \$18 per acre. Inquire at Journal Office or write LAVERNE SAARS, Prineville, Ore. 12-30-3mp

## Cannot Find the Contract

Salem, Or., Feb. 12.—Discovery today that there is no record what even in the minutes of the state land board meetings of the state having ever negotiated a contract with the Deschutes Land company, in regard to the reclamation of a tract of land with water from the east fork of the Deschutes river, may give Governor West the whip hand in settling the controversy which has existed for some time between the administration and J. E. Morson, president.

The contract held by the Deschutes Land company is supposed to have been negotiated with the state land board under the date of September 25, 1907. Search of the records of the land board meetings fails to show that the land board ever considered the contract in a formal meeting or in any way authorized it. State Engineer John H. Lewis acted as assistant clerk of the board, his clerkship being confined to matters pertaining to arid lands. The records show that meetings of the land board were held on September 23 and 25, 1907, but the Deschutes Land company contract is not mentioned.

Governor West and other members of the present state land board have been endeavoring to induce Mr. Morson of the land company to give the settlers better terms for water than he proposes. The land board refuses to give the company permission to sell any water rights under existing conditions. To avoid this order, the company has been selling options, calling for a contract at some future date. The Governor has been trying to get a list of options that have been issued, but the land company refuses to give one.

Since the discovery that no records has been made of any contract between the state and the land company, the question arises whether the land company has a legal contract, even if bona fide signatures of the state officials are attached to it.

## Piano for Sale.

Good piano for rent or sale cheap. Enquire at Journal office. 2-8

\$50,000 for Farm Loans. See Brenton Jones, Metolius, Oregon. 3-23p

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Rick Wood, Rick Wood. Any amount you want; quick delivery. PRINEVILLE FURS, EXCHG. 1-18

White Wyandotte Eggs For Hatching. \$2 per 15—E. E. EVANS, Prineville, 2-4-11

## POLITICAL POT BEGINS TO BOIL

### Lightning Rods Up in Every Direction.

### SPRING CAMPAIGN IS ON

Many Good Citizens Would Like to Serve the County.

Since the Republican caucus, or convention, or whatever you want to call it, was held at Bend, political matters in Prineville have been looking up. People are beginning to take notice. They notice also that if the different sections of the county are to have representation in the county court they must do more than "take notice."

The Bend meeting endorsed H. C. Ellis for county judge; Banker Brewer of Redmond for joint representative; William Van Allen of Redmond for assessor; Howard Turner of Madras for clerk, and Willis Brown of Hay Creek for commissioner.

There was no core for Prineville—not even a smell. Since nothing was coming this way, a number of local people have been induced to set up their lightning rods to see if something cannot be attracted in this direction.

C. O. Pollard has announced his intention of making the run for county judge. Mr. Pollard is a member of the Pioneer Abstract Co., a practicing attorney and a rustler. He asks the support of the Republican voters at the primaries on April 19.

It is understood that Judge Brink will make the run for county judge. He has not made any announcement, but should he decide to enter it would make a hot three-cornered fight. The judge has lived here too long to need an introduction to the people of the county. Twenty-five years' practice at the local bar has made him familiar with county affairs. He has already had a number of years' experience as county judge and would bring to that office ripe experience in county matters.

P. A. Rice has announced his candidacy to succeed himself for county surveyor. So far he has no opposition for the office.

Louis Wyldie will enter the race for county assessor. We publish his announcement in the paper this week. He is familiar with the work and will put up a strong fight for the Republican nomination April 19.

John Edwards has resigned as deputy sheriff and will enter the race for that office against Sheriff Balfour. We announce his candidacy this week.

Frank Elkins is being urged by his friends to present his name to the Republican voters for the office of Sheriff. He is considering the matter.

Sheriff Balfour will ask the Democratic voters for a re-nomination this spring. He feels confident that his party members will endorse his administration for a second term.

Warren Brown will ask the Democrats to endorse him for a third term next April. This is an office where experience counts. The taxpayers of the county will go slow when it comes to making any changes in that office.

We do not know whether Assessor LaFollette will run again this year or not. He is now attending

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