

WISE ONES KNEW DEAL WAS HILL'S

"I Told You So," Is Echoed
Along Deschutes Canyon.
People Much Elated.

TWO ROADS ARE EXPECTED

Contractors for Rival Road Builders
Confident That California Will
Be Goal of Their Efforts.
Camps Are Located.

FIRMS WHO HAVE TAKEN CONTRACTS FROM TWOHYS BROS. ON DESCHUTES RAILROAD.

	Miles.
Burns & Jordan, Spokane, Wash.	63
Newell Brothers, Spokane, Wash.	24
O. F. O'Neil & Co., Spokane, Wash.	16
Johnson & Nelson, Spokane, Wash.	16
J. J. Hastings, Spokane, Wash.	74
Pac. Contracting & Construction Company, Portland.	20
Eckart, Hartman & Johnson, Spokane, Wash.	9
Moran & Carrier, Spokane, Wash.	24
Ford & Hartman, Portland.	24
T. F. Callahan, Spokane, Wash.	24
Dwyer & Co., Seattle, Wash.	12
Powell Bros., Portland.	44

BY GEORGE PALMER PUTNAM.
MORO, Or., Aug. 17.—(Special)—The announcement that Hill is the force behind the Oregon Trunk activities has created a feeling closely akin to elation in the minds of the Central Oregonians who for so long have been suffering from "railroaditis." All the Deschutes country is echoing with "I told you so," for it is nothing short of remarkable how many of its citizens knew all about the "Wizard's" plans now.

But whether it is Hill or the Porters, or both, with whom the Harriman forces will contend from now on there is every indication that they mean to bend every endeavor to the fight. Indeed, so evident is the substantiability of their preparations and work that two roads into Central Oregon now seem almost a certainty, insofar as such uncertain factors as railroads can ever be reckoned with. But "Ride on your railroads before you count them" has become the official proverb throughout the "railroad reserve."

In the lower stretches of the river, where there are no conflicts of right of way, is the chief Harriman activity. Up to the present it can be said that the Porters have for the most part confined their work to disputed points, there attempting to make the greatest possible showing with the evident intention of securing strong rights to disputed grounds.

Two Crews Are Busy.

The lowest point on the river at which the rights of way conflict is immediately below Horseshoe Bend tunnel, some 31 miles from the mouth of the Deschutes. Here, and for seven miles above, the Porters are restrained from work by an injunction granted on the grounds that their men were unreasonably interfering with their rival work. And the Harriman men are at work on this piece, grading and preparing for the tunnel. But the four construction camps are practically cut off from enlargement, for the present, owing to the fact that the only road of access, passing through the Gurtz ranch, is in the hands of the Porters. Indeed, all camp supplies have to be brought in by circuitous routes or overland. But thanks to the restraining order granted by Judge Hendricks, of Moro, opening the Gurtz road, sufficient supplies were crowded in during the few days it held good to keep the camps stocked for some weeks to come.

Incidentally, perhaps, as return to the Porter lead in shutting off the Gurtz road and taking their hard-metalled route, the Porters themselves have fenced in a half mile of their right of way just above the tunnel. In view of this, it seems probable that if the withdrawal of the injunction allows the Porters again to take up work, there will be even greater complications in the fought-for territory.

At all events, immediate operations at this point and at several others under the injunction stand still upon the action of the courts. Certainly it will be impossible for either of the two lines to accomplish much at conflicting points until all the rights have been positively determined.

HUMAN PACK TRAINS CARRY "GRUB."

At the foot of the grade leading down from the Gurtz camp is a Porter camp containing about 30 men and horses. On river bank, beyond the limits of the injunction, two more engaged in trade-building. These latter are for the most part kept in provisions by a "human pack train" whose Italian members take small consignments of "grub" along the steep trails, pending the arrival of pack horses. An instance of this, of the enterprise which characterizes the first camp-locating of both sides.

"You bet," said Tony Scarpetti, who has charge of these camps. "We're building straight through to California. It's not timber, but those green figs that we want."

This certainty of building is as pronounced in the Twohy camps, and on both sides the prevailing sentiment among the rank and file is one of confidence, not only in the success of "their side," which may be put down as unavoidable optimism, but in the certain continuance of their work.

Camps Placed on Sidehill.

Yesterday Porter officials announced the immediate location of eight new camps between Free Bridge and Hills, on both sides of the river. Mr. E. F. Fleck, who has charge of camp-locating, was out looking over the ground, and as far as could be ascertained, made no definite choice of sites.

From a point about three miles below Hills, already reached by the Porter wagon road to one several miles above the bridge, the river is hemmed in by mountains. The banks are 100 feet and more at angles impossible often even for pack trains. Also, in many places, the loose rock formation adds difficulty to the already arduous going, and the few available canyons offer small promise.

Altogether, taking into consideration the topography and the determination of the two parties to hold out as long as possible, it is more than probable that hillsides sliding tactics will again be resorted to. Certainly now that the rival forces are fairly under way and sailing under

true colors, it will take bigger items than mere mountains to check their progress.

HARRIMAN MEN AT MADRAS
Engineers and Contractors Reach
Central Oregon Town.

BEND, Or., Aug. 17.—(Special)—Harriman forces are preparing to invade the southern sections of their survey in the neighborhood of Madras. Today Engineers B. L. Ruddock and W. F. Carters made their appearance at the head of a party of 10 assistants and commenced active operations in the sectioning for the Harriman road near Madras.

In addition to the surveyors who are endeavoring to secure permanent quarters, the subcontracting force of Powell Bros. are now on the ground. The Powell men are in charge of the construction of 100 miles of road to 1600 feet and state today they will make the first fit just as soon as the camp outfit arrives, probably within the week.

Both the Powells and the engineers have brought their families with them, and are making arrangements to secure permanent quarters all together.

There is every indication that the Harriman constructionists are on the point of attacking this end of the work and with the idea of staying with it until completed.

BRICK TO REPLACE SHACKS

New Two-Story Business Block for Eugene.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 17.—(Special)—A new two-story brick building \$60,000 will

HAY'S MESSAGE IS READ IN SENATE

Governor Urges Ratification of Proposed Income Tax Amendment.

AIMS BLOW AT LOBBYISTS

Recommends That Legislature Demand That Paid Agents Who Gather at Capitol Yearly Shall Register Accounts.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 17.—In his message to the Legislature today, which was read in the Senate late in the afternoon and placed on file, Governor Hay, besides advocating the passage of a direct primary law to apply to the filling of vacancies in Congress, touches upon other matters of legislation.

The arrest of Orville Hamilton, ex-

on the calendar for tomorrow, but on motion of Falconer it was referred to a committee of five, who will consult the State Tax Commission before report. On this committee are Falconer, Cameron, Knickerbocker, Bassett and Cox.

The House received seven new bills of minor importance.

RIDGEFIELD HAS MEETING

Clark County Town Plans for Its Early Incorporation.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 17.—(Special)—At a mass meeting held by the citizens of Ridgefield last evening to nominate a clearing officer for the town to be incorporated August 20, 75 voters, every man in town, were present. While there was no ill-feeling, the contests for places on the ticket waxed warm.

E. A. Blackmore called the meeting to order and F. C. Smith, who is County Commissioner, was chosen temporary chairman, and A. C. Allen, clerk. On motion of J. W. Blackburn, the temporary officers were made permanent. J. W. Blackburn and F. H. Gilbert were appointed tellers.

First in order was the nomination of Mayor, and it was assured that the office would be elected.

F. H. Gilbert was nominated by George D. Hale and James A. Smith by J. W. Blackburn. Smith carried off the honors and was declared nominated.

The nomination of five Councilmen resulted as follows: Councilman from First Ward, F. H. Gilbert; Second Ward, R. S. Stryker; Third Ward, Smith Maxon; Fourth Ward, A. Murray; Fifth Ward, C. Hall; Treasurer, E. A. Blackmore.

VETERAN FARMER PASSES

Charles B. Curtis Ends Long Career as Tiller of the Soil.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Aug. 17.—(Special)—The funeral of the late Charles Curtis, who died yesterday morning Monday evening, will be held next Saturday morning. For the past 15 years Mr. Curtis had been a rancher in this neighborhood, and he moved to Forest Grove proper about two years ago.

Mr. Curtis was born in Vermont, and left there but had spent most of his life in Oregon, where he stayed until about 15 years ago when he moved to Oregon. He was a farmer from the very first, and had been remarkably successful. He was married 45 years ago to Miss Sarah Beans, and though he was 76 years of age at his death, his wife still survives him, as do his following children: Mrs. Eva Thompson, of Oregon City; Mrs. Hattie Catto, of Portland; Mrs. Jennie Depuy, of Girard, Kan.; Mrs. Little Price, of Oakley, Kan.; Mrs. Daisy Watkins, Mrs. Eva Fleck, Oliver L. Curtis, and Miss Alma Curtis, all of this city, and Mrs. Lena Markham, of Portland.

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THINK TACOMAN MURDERED

Retired Capitalist Found Terribly Beaten in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 17.—Detectives of the city are investigating the death of Charles Sautlers, a capitalistic 74 years of age, who was found dead in a alley here last Sunday night. It was at first believed heart disease caused his death.

An autopsy held Monday showed that the aged man had sustained an injury which caused 14 of his ribs to be torn away, and that the ribs had punctured his liver.

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SHOOTS OUT ONE OF TEETH

Boy Has Strange Accident While Toyng With Revolver.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 17.—(Special)—An unusual accident with the revolver "twoys" happened west of Eugene last Sunday, when Earl Wright, a boy 17 years of age, shot himself in the mouth with a .22 caliber revolver. He was holding the muzzle towards his face, examining the sights, when he pulled the trigger and the revolver went off, hitting him in the mouth and cutting off one of his front teeth.

At the same time the bullet was cut in two, but did no further damage aside from driving the tooth into the flesh at the root of the tongue.

CHARTER CHANGE RATIFIED

Only 75 Citizens of Hillsboro Turn Out for Special Election.

Would Have Lobbyists Register.

"Obnoxious influence such as this should no longer be tolerated, and I especially recommend that you enact a strict provision against those people, providing that when a paid lobbyist comes to the capital he shall first be compelled to register with the Secretary of State and shall file a statement with him showing by whom he is employed, with a brief description of the legislation in which he is interested.

The purpose of these paid agents, sent for the purpose of corruption, is to defeat the work of the Legislature and a discredit to the State.

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