

ONE MAN HAS SET PAGE FOR OTHERS

Tillman Reuter's Juniper Land Farm in Eastern Oregon Model Enterprise.

HUMBLE BEGINNING MADE

Plenty of Land Left Is as Good as Reuter's, but Industry and Frugality Like His Are Essential to Success.

BY ADDISON BENNETT. MADRAS, Or., April 2.—(Special Correspondence.)—The Oregon Trunk, or Hill line, is really a branch of the North Pacific road, and when the new bridge is in operation across the Columbia at Fallbridge and the new Crooked River bridge is completed, the road will be continuous from Portland to Bend, and the time across seven hours. Special equipment will be provided, such as dining and observation cars, and no stops will be made except at major stations. Dinner is taken at Nathan, about 36 miles north of Madras. Like the other Hill roads in Oregon, the Deschutes road's equipment, including the setting of the name of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad.

The new Columbia River bridge is in all respects the most peculiar structure of the kind in the country. It is about 4000 feet long and will be constructed on cement piers, yet not one of them has a footing in water—each one being on solid rock. There is no other place on the river where a bridge could be erected so firmly and so economically. The piers are all now done, except for the structure of the superstructure is on the ground and more is arriving every day. So the ferry will be abandoned in the very near future, perhaps before June 1.

Lines Travel in Company.

The trains from the south bank run up a temporary track for a few miles, to a point near Moody, where it joins the track which runs down to the new bridge. Then for a long distance the Hill road winds along the west bank of the Deschutes, and the Harriman road along the east bank. Seventy-five miles up the river from Fallbridge, at North Junction, the two roads come together and run over a joint track to South Junction, a distance of 104 miles. Here the Harriman road swings off to the east, and the Hill road follows up the Deschutes a short distance and then crosses the Willow Creek canyon to Madras.

The Harriman road crosses the Agency Plains country and swings to the west above Madras, the station at that place being a couple of hundred feet above the town, and then it crosses Willow Creek just at the mouth of the canyon and, of course, crosses the Hill road. But the Harriman bridge is about 50 feet above the other road. Here the roads again diverge, the Hill road going to the south and the Harriman road nearly south. They again come together at Culver Junction, about nine miles south of Madras.

In going up the Hill road one is struck with the permanency of the railroad work done and being done. For instance, the entire right-of-way is being fenced and the job to be entirely completed within two weeks—clear to Bend. As mentioned before, some 60 old miles are now being reclaimed, and this work is going steadily and rapidly forward. The station and section buildings are handsome and commodious, all painted a dull yellow, trimmed with black, and one may imagine how beautiful they look when compared with the old, dirty, mineral brown usually used on such structures.

But the railroads could do nothing for the interior of Oregon unless there was something to make them profitable, and to do that they must be after all, but subsidiary of the resources of the country. It is true that the interior thus far has had no opportunity to show its merits save in the way of livestock. Nothing raised there could bear the old transportation charges, save wool and hides. The cattle, sheep and horses could be driven out, but the agricultural products had to be limited to the immediate home demand.

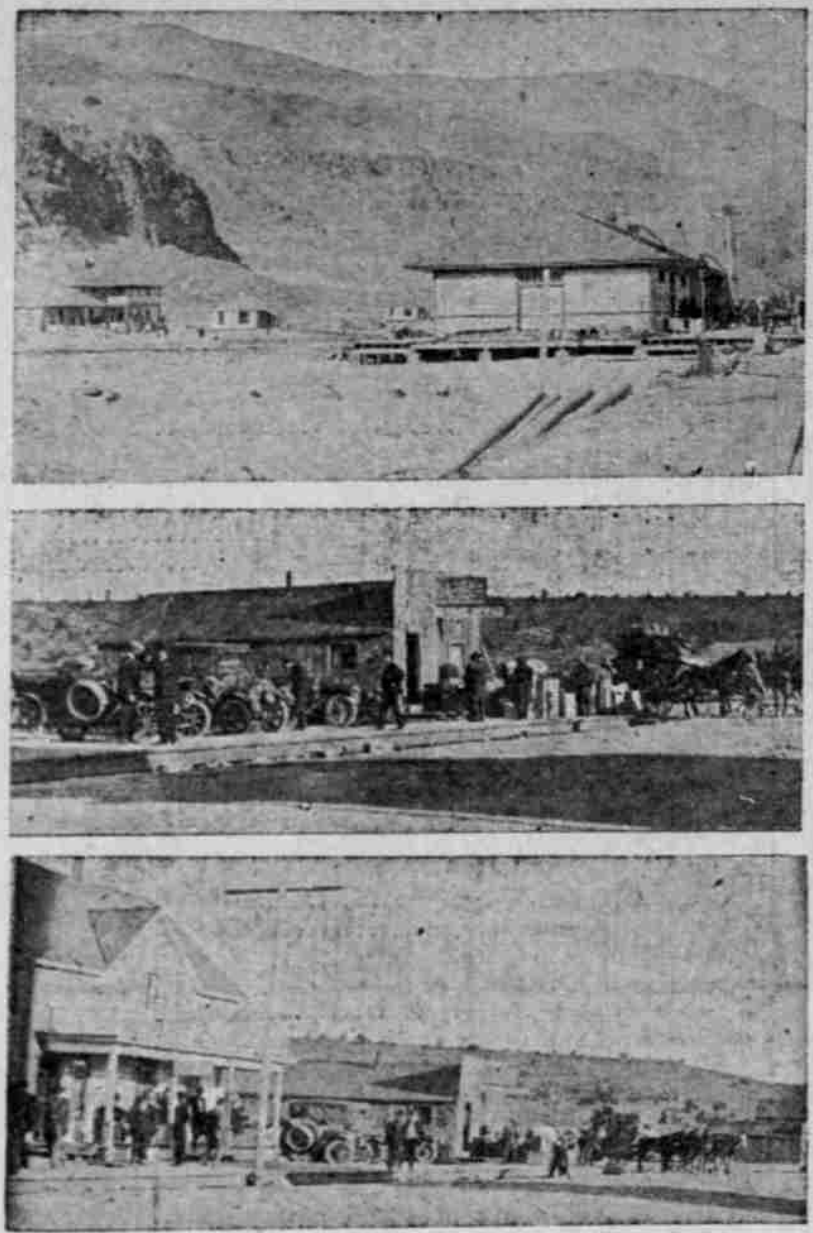
Reuter's Farm Is Wonderful. To get a full understanding of the situation, I went out to the "experimental farm" of Tillman Reuter, seven or eight miles southeast of Madras. Mr. Reuter's exhibits at the various "congresses" and dry farming displays have attracted great attention, and have been greatly exploited by the railway advertisers and the newspapers of Oregon. For instance, he took more than \$1000 in cash prizes at the Prineville fair last fall.

An "experimental farm" now that is a high-sounding name, isn't it? And what would you expect to find at such a place? When I remember the various places I have visited bearing that name I marveled at Reuter's place. I expected to find all of the painted sticks, the uniform and well-laid-out rows of this and that and the other plants, and hills and trees and grasses—but here I found far up among the junipers a little model farm, with only 25 acres of cleared land—and that is the place that has given to the world the wonderful demonstrations of the Deschutes Valley.

Tillman Reuter was born about 45 years ago on the Rhine, in Germany; came to Eganville, Ind.; came thence to the Trask Valley in Wasco County; from there to the Madras country, in 1904. "The good land is all taken." That was the plaint in the cry now: always will be. But Tillman Reuter, an humble carpenter, poor, with no farming experience—only a remembrance of his youth on the Rhine—did not whimper and complain. He took the best land he could find vacant, and homesteaded it. It was far up a juniper canyon, perhaps 600 feet above Madras. To many it seemed worthless. It surely was not the best of that country, but rather the poorest. But it was the best Tillman Reuter could do seven years ago, for he was poor—had nothing but a good constitution, an ability to labor at his trade—that of carpenter—and a will to succeed.

Man Like Reuter Needed. Many times and often people ask me for advice about going to Central Oregon. They want to know of good localities, of good openings, of favorable localities, of some hitherto hidden opportunities. There are none. The people of 20, 30, 40 years ago gulched up the best, just as those going there today gobble up the best—just as you would take the best you could find.

SCENES ON ROUTE TO INTERIOR OF OREGON.



Above, Fallbridge, on North Bank, Where Crossing is Made to Oregon. Trunk Center, Stage at Madras. Loading for Prineville. Below, Early Morning Scene in Front of Hotel at Madras.

body, industry, integrity, frugality—and more industry! Have you those qualities? If you have you can go over there and get a homestead—the best now left, perhaps as good or better than Reuter's, and you will succeed.

A little juniper farm, far up in the valley, 400 feet above Madras, 2700 feet above the sea! There I found Reuter's "experimental farm," there I found Reuter! With 25 acres of cleared land! Take the one item of corn—which would for a moment think that he could raise 35 bushels of good, hard corn at an altitude of 2700 feet? But he did it. And the vegetables he raised, particularly the potatoes, were better than anything he had to compete with.

The day I was there he was planting his Early Rose and Early Ohio potatoes. And you ought to have seen the land prepared for the crop! Like an ash heap! Cultivated and cultivated almost beyond belief. And this cultivation will go on and on until the vines get beyond control. He will this year have in more than 25 varieties of fruits, vegetables and cereals, running all the way from wheat to lettuce. And everything he has tried has done well, but he considers his greatest achievement in the production of corn and potatoes. He thinks he has grown as good potatoes as were ever produced, and surely it is something to brag about to make the showing he has with corn. It looks quite like a section of Iowa, Kansas or Nebraska to see the cornstalks thrown out of his stables and feed yards.

Domestic Water Is Problem. One does not like to say anything to belittle a country. But the truth ought to be told to strangers before they come to let them learn it too late. So I will say that before a man locates in the interior, no matter in what section, he should study the water problem—water for domestic purposes.

Take this Agency Plains section. Many of the land owners are hauling water for over a dozen miles—have been doing so for many years. I must confess that it is not vitally necessary. No doubt wells could be drilled for what it costs them annually for their water. But up to a recent date there has been one well drilled outfit in that section. Now there are four, and all busy. So there will be a wonderful change in respect to the water supply in the near future.

One other fact to show the progress the country is making since the advent of the railway: Up to 1906 there were only three combined harvesters in that whole section. Last year three more were shipped in, and already orders have been placed for seven for delivery this summer.

QUARTER MOST COSTLY \$1,000,000 IN WARRANTS DRAWN BY STATE.

Institutions Get Much and Deficiencies Swell Total—400 Autos Registered in Month.

SALEM, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—With over \$1,000,000 worth of warrants drawn by the Secretary of State the first quarter of this year closed, marking it as one of the most expensive in the history of the state. Reason for the large expenditure is found in the fact that it is the first quarter of the biennial period and institutions have drawn liberally for improvement appropriations as well as to cover the deficiencies of the preceding two years.

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GOAL MINES TIED UP

2500 Employees of Roslyn District Make Demand.

GUARDS PREVENT TROUBLE Northwestern Improvement Company With Mines in Roslyn, Cle Elum, Jonesville and Ronald Refuses to Concede.

ELLENBURG, Wash., April 2.—(Special.)—Twenty-five hundred miners employed by the Northwestern Improvement Company at Roslyn, Cle Elum, Jonesville, Ronald and No. 7 were on strike today in an effort to force on the company a closed shop agreement.

The strike came without warning, although conditions have been unsettled for a month or more. Not a pound of coal is being mined today in the biggest mines in the Pacific Northwest. Telephone messages from Cle Elum today were that the miners held big union meetings Saturday night and voted to notify the company that no nonunion men must be employed in the company mines in the future.

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The receipts for the fiscal year were \$20,641.24, as compared with \$17,664.92 for the year ending March 31, 1910. The receipts for the past quarter were \$5724.28 and for the first quarter of 1910 they were \$4721.15, showing a net gain in the past three months over the corresponding period a year ago of \$1002.15.

Postmaster J. S. Van Winkle today began his second term in charge of the Albany office. Four years ago (to-day) when he first took up the management of the office he assembled all the employees at a dinner to discuss plans of work and last night, when his new commission arrived, he was again the host at a banquet attended by the 21 employees of the local office.

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(Special.)—A crew of Portland surveyors are running preliminary lines for the team or electric road the Mount Adams Electric Company proposes to run up the bluff from the North Bank road to White Salmon.



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