# **CONFLICT OVER**

Railroads and the Irrigation Ditch Select the Very Same Route.

#### MAY EFFECT A COMPROMISE

If No Agreement Is Reached Either Construction of Road or Government Reclamation Must Be Abandoned.

What is the best for Central Oregon, an irrigation project by which several hundreds of thousands of acres of land along the Malheur River in Eastern Oregon will be reclaimed from the desert and made highly productive, or a railroad from east to west across the state? If both improvements are necesstate? If both improvements are neces-sary for the development of the state, what sort of a compromise can be ar-ranged between the officers of the Reciamation Bureau and the stockhold-ers of the Corvallis & Eastern Railway, whose right of way up the river is in conflict with the lines run by the Gov-ernment engineers? These are ques-tions which are engaging the serious attention of those interested in the full attention of those interested in the full exploitation and development of Central Oregon as a whole and not as regards any particular section or division of the state.

A serious condition confronts the railway builders of the state as well as those interested in the irrigation development of interior Oregon. The Government project in Maiheur and Harney Counties, as is the case in Eastern Washington and the Palouse Valley, is in direct and perhaps fatal conflict with the railway survey lines that have been run in prospect of con-

The occupation of the Washtucna coules by the O. R. & N. in Eastern Washington has stopped the construction of the irrigation work in that section, and the prospect at present would appear to point to the abandonment of the scheme by the Government for some years at least. So in Malheur County the surveys of the Government threaten to obliterate the rallway surveys up the Malheur canyon and wipe out the only feasible route for an east and west road through the state.

#### Most Feasible Route.

Since first railway surveys have been Since first railway surveys have been made through Central Oregon it has been held by railway men that the most feasible route by which to enter the interior of the state has been across the land from east to west along the line of survey made by the Corvallis & Eastern, through Bend, along the northern edge of Malheur Lake and up the Malheur River to Ontario and a junction with the main line of the O. up the Maineur River to Ontario and a junction with the main line of the O. R. & N. there. To the north of the river the country is too rough and broken to allow of an advantageous route for a railroad, while to the south it is practically as bad. This fact is shown by the surveys of both the Cor-vallis & Eastern and of the Union Pa-cific, the stakes of the latter company being driven on top of those of the

Some 14 years ago the Corvallis & Eastern began the construction of a road through the canyon and spent approximately \$200,000 in building grades and constructing stone piers and abut-ments for bridges across the river. In the distance the line runs through the canyon. The proposed road was to have crossed the river 21 times and a large amount of preliminary work for these structures was done. Rails were ship-ped in for a portion of the road and are now on the ground. It is estimated roughly that 100 miles of the road would run through the canyon of the Malheur River.

#### Take the Same Route.

When the engineers of the Reclama tion Service were sent into the interior of Oregon they looked over the differ-ent projects and came to the conclusion that the Malheur scheme was a good one. They have been working at their plans for some time and have the lines of survey run for canals which are to divert the water from the upper river and the lakes and carry it down the canyon for use in the valleys along the route close to the vicinity of Ontario. These plans have been favored at Washington. All along the line are occasional conflicts with the right of way mapped out by the rallroad companies, while from Vale west to Har-per's ranch for a distance of 12 miles or more the lines run are identical, the stakes for the Corvallis & Eastern, the Union Pacific and the Reclamation Department being driven practically

in the same holes. The engineers allege that they have picked out the only route by which they can lead the needed water onto the land to be irrigated. The reports of the railroad engineers state that the lines mapped out by them are the only ones over which a practical railroad could be constructed into the interior of the state from the east. It is un derstood that Mr. Calvin, general manager of the O. R. & N. at the time, had a report on the conflict prepared by his engineers and that the O. R. & N. has been in knowledge of the difficulty for some months. The Government engineers have but just begun to look on the railroad side of the question and are taking into consideration what the carrying out of the plans would mean for the good or ill of the state at

The transportation committee of the Chamber of Commerce, allied with other business interests of the state, has taken up the agitation of interior railroad-building, and plans for the construction of roads are now being considered. The men back of the agi-tation have not gone into the game for the sake of pleasure, but are working for results, and their plans take into consideration the construction of a line along the survey of the Corvallis & Eastern Road. Their interests are then at stake and they are beginning to wake up to the peril. They want, and intend to have, railroads built into Central Oregon, and have started a project which will end with the real-ization of their dream-as sure as in the case of the Portage Road at The Dalles. In fact, many, if not all, of the interests which were behind the construction of The Dalles road are now backing the interior projects, and they cannot afford to have their plans balked by the bottling up of their eastern outlet.

#### Compromise Is Probable.

What steps will be taken to alleviate the trouble are not now apparent, as the danger has so recently been seen that ne action or discussion has as yet been undertaken. It is probable that some compromise will be worked out, for both the irrigation scheme and the radirond should and must work hand in hand for the development of the interior. What the compromise will be

cannot be foretold, but it must be made, so it is argued. The irrigation will be lacking in value if the products can have no rail transportation to a market. On the other hand, the transportation cannot be furnished if the present plan of irrigation is carried to completion. The Maiheur project would benefit several hundred people now, and many more in the future. It would reclaim many thousands of acres of land from the sagebrush and sand of the desert, but the railroad would bring the whole interior state to the bring the whole interior state to the markets of the Const, and would open the gates of the world to those who are now living shut in by hundreds of miles of stage road, part of the time

#### AUTO DAMAGES A BRIDGE

lieghkiet, charged with the larceny of cattle from M. C. Brandstrup, when Balliff Goltz, in the Municipal Court, asked him what he would plead.

"Shut up," commanded Attorney Ofner, counsel for the defense. "Keep your mouth closed until you are told to talk." Pollieghkiet, with Fred Raymond and Ferdinand Powell, were jointly charged with the theft of the cow. The entire trio decided to enter a piea of not guilty, and were held under bonds, in default of which they were sent to the County Jail until next Wednesday, at which time they will be tried.

Brandstrup, owner of the stolen cow, took the stand and swore that he had

identified his property. W. H. Wilson, proprietor of the Badger saloon, Fourth and Davis streets, was ar-raigned on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, and through Attorney Al

Mendenhall, entered a plea of not guilty. He was released until Thursday, under cash buil in the sum of \$500.

George Barbour, the victim of Wilson's club, is resting well at Good Samaritan Hospital, and it is the belief of City Physician. sician Zan, in attendance, that he will recover. The victim was repeatedly struck over the head by a club in the hands of Wilson, but it is said the skull was not

Barbour is a young Belgian. He lives at 302 Thurman street, and is a bridge-builder by trade. He was drinking in the rear of the Badger saloon, with a woman and became engaged in an argument with her. He was thrown out by Wilson, re-turned and was clubbed to the floor. Wilson fled, but was soon captured in a restaurant by the police.

A few days ago J. W. Block was hunting employment for others, but now he has all the employment he can attend to. He is a "trusty" at the City Juli, having been found guilty of conducting an establishment without a license. Judge Hogue fined him \$10, and Block is serving it out

in prison.

Block's scheme was to register seekers after employment, and charge them \$2. For the money he would agree to furnish them positions by June 1. What got him into trouble was when he transferred the license of another man into the Chamber Commerce building, where he started up an office. Inspectors McEachern and Hutchinson discovered him, and caused

When Mrs. Lillian Peterson was ar-raigned before Judge Hogue on a charge of larceny of shoes and dresses from the store of Roberts Bros., she indignantly denied her guilt, and demanded a preliminary hearing. This will be given some this week. She was released on

"I've lost \$5 here." said Mrs Peterson to Captain of Police Gritzmacher, when she opened her purse in the station, be-

fore departing with her attorney.
"I guess you spent that for liquor," suggested the Captain.

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Heavy Weight of Machine Causes a Partial Collapse.

The bridge across Johnson Creek, at Milwaukie, damaged by an automobile, is still closed to the public, and the floor in the center at the highest point above the water seems ready to collapse and fall into the water. All teams from Clackamas County going to and returning from Portland by way of Milwaukie production of the Milking of the Milking from Portland by way of Milwaukie from Portland by way of Milwaukie must make a wide detour to the east and go by way of the Willsburg road of the damage to the bridge drove to it and were compelled to return and go around by Willsburg.

Disabiling of the bridge was caused Friday morning by a large automobile crossing it on the way to Portland. It was the largest automobile in the city. It went up to Oregon City on the West Side and returned on the East Side. How it was possible for it to have got across the bridge without going through into Johnson Creek, 25 feet below, can hardly be explained. The bridge is a single truss supported at each end by cylindrical iron piers filled with concrete. In the center of the content of the lower steel cords and bars do not seem to be injured, repairs can be upper cords. On one end of cordinate the steel cords and bars do not seem to be injured, repairs can be made at small expense, probably for Side. The automobile was seen by Milwaukie, charged with the larceny of cartilled with promotes. The steel cords and bars do not seem to be injured, repairs can be made at small expense, probably for Side. The automobile was seen by Milwaukie, charged with the larceny of cartilled with persons.

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tory months the house of Ellers has ever seen.

Our Mr. Hy. Ellers has been in the East for some time, making selections of pianos for the coming Fair season, which, it is anticipated, will be exceptionally busy. Many of the new styles chosen by him are now arriving, and purchasers will find much that is interesting in the way of original case designs and finish, for the Ellers Piano House intends making the most representative showing during the Fair that the West has ever seen. Come in and see these advance styles. Visitors are always welcome.

Bear in mind that under all circumstances, the Ellers is the store of one price and that the lowest obtainable anywhere in the country. Store, 251 Washington street, corner Park. Other large establishments, San Francisco, Stockton and Oakland, Cal.; Spokane and Scattle, Wash.; Boise and Lewiston, Idaho.

ity, and can prove it," replied Mrs. "Well, you were drunk when arrested yesterday, anyway," said the Captain.

Mrs. Peterson had her little daughter with her when arrested, and the child was cared for by Matron Simmons while the mother was held.

Bessie Dell, a handsome-appearing woman, whose parents live at Mount Tabor, was arraigned on a charge of vag-rancy. She pleaded not guilty, demanded a hearing and asked for a continuance, that she might employ an attorney. The testimony of F. H. Fass was taken, and before he finished, a warrant was issued for Max Botefuhr, who was charged with being a companion of the woman. Fass, who was arrested last night for disorderly conduct, testified that he overheard the woman and Botefuhr planning to rob him of a large sum of money and diamonds. The case will be heard later

#### Says He Gave Wife Money.

William Trevor, who obtained a divorce in the State Circuit Court yesterday from his wife, takes exception to her statement made to Judge Frazer that she came to the Courthouse without eating breakfast because she desired to give what little food there was in the house to her children. "From April 14 to 19 my wife contracted eight grocery bills, amounting to \$44.64, and she also contracted 11 other grocery bills for smaller amounts during this month," stated Mr. Trevor. "I gave her \$5000 worth of mining stock and prop-erty worth over \$1000 last week, and I have agreed to give her \$1000, payable in monthly installments.

#### Colored Walters Will Go.

night the 50 colored waiters employed for the last time in that hostelry, for Monday all the meals at the hotel will be served by white men who have been im-ported from the Eastern States, Several months ago when it was decided to adopt the European plan at the Hotel Portland, it was thought advisable by the manage ment to install white walters, as they as employed almost exclusively in "I never drank a drop of liquor in this large restaurants in the United States.



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#### Men's Wear

75c For Men's Dress Shirts, made in golf style, of fine quality madras cloth; neat gray, blue and tan stripes and figures. Value is \$1.00.

\$1.00 For Men's White Coats, made of best quality of shrunk duck; have military collar and fastenings. \$1.50

75c For Men's Night Robes, made of fine white mus lin, with silk-trimmed front. Real

50c For Men's Summer Underwear, very fine quality of men's balbriggan shirts and drawers, choice of cream, pink and gray; at same price a fine grade of medium-weight ribbed Underwear.

#### **New Laces**

Every day sees new and important additions made to our stock of laces. We are displaying, among other things, New Chantilly Allover Lace, suitable for waists and yokings, daintiest designs, 75¢, \$1.00 to \$3.50 yard.

Then we are showing Oriental Net Top Laces to match, width 4 to 12 inches, 15¢ to 75¢ yard.

# Women's \$2.50 and . \$3.00 Oxfords for .

There begins here tomorrow the most sensational sale of Women's Oxfords ever held in this city-or in any other city for that matter. It's a sale that will make history-also will make hosts of new friends for this store. That we could be able to sell at ONE DOLLAR per pair Women's bright, new Oxfords, whose duplicates are sold all over town at \$2.50 to \$3.00, seems impossible. It's the plain, unvarnished truth, nevertheless. A few words of how it came about.

Some weeks ago we contracted with a large Western wholesale shoe house to take all the women's Oxfords they had left on July 1 at a certain price. Some ten days ago they offered us a further discount if we would take at least part of them at once. We agreed to do so. This about the shoes themselves:



This first installment comprises 1000 pairs. All are made of the finest stock, have hand-welted or handturned soles; choice of concave, Cuban and military heels; complete line widths and sizes. Choice tomorrow of these women's \$2.50 and \$3.00 Oxfords at the uniform price

## New Navy Blue Hosiery

Navy Blue Stockings are very close to tan-colored ones in popularity-it, almost seems as though they will win out ere the season is much advanced. They made a very fashionable and very chic combination with tan shoes. We offer for tomorrow two specials in Navy Blue Stockings:

25¢ for women's navy blue, plain 37¢ for women's navy blue lace and allover lace Stockings, handsome designs, fast colors. 

## "White Feet" 15c

A new shipment now in; a splendid Stocking for Summer wear; durable and sure comfort for tender feet. A 20c value-Monboot lisle thread Stockings, handsome designs, fast colors. 

## Misses' Ribb'd 18c

Misses' very fine elastic ribbed lisle thread Stockings, fast coler. The best 25c quality, on sale tomorrow at the very low price 18¢

#### Summer Underwear

10¢ for women's 20e Sleeveless Vests; full bleached, Swiss ribbed, full taped. Regular and extra large sizes.

35¢ for women's 50e imported Swiss ribbed Sleeveless Vests; handsomely trimmed; a great opportunity is herewith presented for economy.

15¢ for women's 25c Sleeveless Vests; fine bleached lisle, plain or fancy trimmed. 100 dozen of these 25c garments on sale tomorrow at ......15¢

25¢ for boys' 35e balbriggan Underwear; shirts with long or short sleeves, drawers in ankle or knee length; drawers have double seat.

### 85c Changeable Taffeta 59c

We offer tomorrow in the Silk Section a very handsome line of new Changeable Taffeta Silks-the sort now so popular for shirtwaist suits -at much less than regular prices. They are 19 inches wide, finished beautifully, and come in gunmetal, black and plum, red and green, brown and black and red and black combinations. Real 85c values-

#### 25c Ribbons for 15c

All-Silk Taffeta Ribbons, 41/2 inches wide, a superb quality, in white, black, cream, pink, light blue, red, etc. Real 25c quality, at ..... 15c

### Bedding

If you would be sure of securing your money's worth in Bedding, you must come to this store.

Comforters \$1.25-Full doublebed size, top and lining of figured silkoline, filling of pure white cotton, wool tied.

Same grade, but heavier...\$1.65 Blankets \$1.00-Tan - colored cotton Blankets, good weight, 11-4 size; great value.

Pillows 85¢-Covering of fancy striped tickings, 19x26 in., filled with pure feathers, 3 pounds.

#### Portieres

\$1.95 instead of \$2.50 for Portieres, in Roman stripe and Oriental designs, fringed top and bottom, 3 yards long, 50 inches

\$3.75 instead of \$4.50-Rep Portieres, with mercerized figures, solid colored scarlet wine, dark and light green; extra heavy, heavy fringe top and bot-

## Linens

121/2c Huck Towels at 10¢, or \$1.10 dozen, with and without border, 17x32 inches, 15c Huck Towels 12 1-2¢, or

\$1.20 dozen, with and without borders, 18x36 inches. Bleached Damask Napkins, 20x20 ..... \$1.00 Bleached all-linen Damask Napkins, 21x21 inches .....\$1.50

65c Scotch loom Dice Damask, 58 inches wide, special .....48¢ 75c satin mercerized, blenched Table Damask, 63 inches, at .. 58¢ 16-inch bleached Crash Toweling. 17-inch all-linen bleached Crash Toweling, 121/2e value .... 10¢

#### Couch Covers

\$1.25 instead of \$1.75 for Couch Covers, in Oriental, Bagdad and Roman stripes; fringed all around, reversible; 3 yds. long, 50 inches wide.

\$1.95 instead of \$2.50 for Couch Covers, in Navajo designs, fringed on all four sides; rich

#### 36 inch Lonsdale Bleached Muslin Tomorrow at . . . . .

Unbleached Sheeting, 21/8 yards wide, special	16¢
India Linens, 10c regularly, special	8 1-2¢
Victoria Lawns, 15c regularly, special	11¢
Seamless Sheets, 72x90 inches, special	19€
Pillow Cases, 45x36 inches, special	11¢
White Fishnet Curtaining, 36 inches, special	26
Bobinet Curtaining, white, ecru, Arabe, 50 inches, special	20¢
Percales, 32 inches, dark effects, special	10¢

#### 50c Corset Cover Embroidery at

This is the best special we've had so far this season in Corset Cover Embroideries. There are 150 pieces in the lot, 18 to 20 inches wide, all of them new in design. Values 

25c

## Neckwear

Increased showing of women's Nov-elty Neckwear, Collar and Cuff Sets of Irish point lace, Wash Sets, Linen Sets 25¢ to \$1.50 **New Covert Coats** 

## **Dress Goods for Less**

The season's best and most fashionable Dress Stuffs, on sale right now, when you want them, at cut prices,

Colored Dress Goods \$1.12 instead of \$1.65 for 52in. Fancy Suifings, fancy stripe tans, navy, cadet and gray. 50¢ instead of \$1.00 for 44-inch

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all-wool Etamines, in the most

pin checks; no need of lining. 63¢ instead of 85c for 40-inch Fancy Mohairs; fancy mixtures, in gray, blue, green and tan ef-

75¢ instead of \$1.00 for 52-inch Mohair Sicilian, silk finish, full

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Cream Dress Goods All of these are of a heavy enough weight to be made up without lin-

48-in Cream Granite Cloth \$1.13 46-in. Cream Basket Cloth.\$1.13 46-in Cream Melrose Cloth \$1.13 46-in Cr'm Readona Crepe \$1.13 46-in. Cream Cheviot.....\$1.13 46-in. Cream Serge .....\$1.13

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We are showing some remarkably pretty Wash Goods at 15¢. The assortment comprises plain voiles in colors, flake voiles, fancy shadow check and shadow check with embroidered figure etamines. All are a 

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Women's 7.50 Skirts \$5.90 Wemen's Walking Skirts, made of all-wool etamines, in black, navy blue and brown, in 17-gore style, seams stitched to knee; also made in 11-gore style, plaits laid in clusters of two and three on each seam. Very great value at ......\$5.90

\$2.50 Black Satine Petticoats \$1.90 Made of fast black mercerized satine, the full flounces tucked, accordion plaited, strapped and stitched in several very handsome styles. 

## Women's 65c Waists 39c

The price we shall sell these Waists af tomorrow does not cover the cost of material; made of fast-colored percales, ducks, black lawns, sating, etc., in thoroughly up-to-date styles. Real 65c values-tomorrow at ..