

# NEW ROAD COSTS \$100,000 PER MILE

## O. R. & N. Cutoff From Pendleton to Yoakum Nearing Completion.

### GRADES ARE ELIMINATED

Line of 12 1/2 Miles Reduces Distance Nearly Two Miles, Straightens Curves and Is One of Most Expensive in West.

PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—One of the most expensive bits of road building the O. R. & N. Co. has ever undertaken is now in progress between this city and Yoakum and will be completed within the next two or three months. The work covers but 12 1/2 miles of construction but will cost approximately \$1,200,000.

The improvements in progress involve a complete change of the main line of the O. R. & N. Co. between Yoakum and Pendleton; none of the old line will be used. The work shortens the present line 1 1/2 miles; eliminates 120 degrees of curvature; reduces the maximum degree of curves from 10 degrees to 4 degrees and reduces the grade from eight-tenths of 1 per cent, uncompensated, to six-tenths of 1 per cent, compensated.

On the new line there will be one 300-foot tunnel, cutting out the horseshoe bend, a high fill and a steel-bridge of two 150-foot spans with concrete piers and abutments, through the reservoir of the Furnish-Coe Irrigation Company.

### Many Bridges Built.

About four miles east of Yoakum the line will cross the river twice and cut through a big ridge that makes another horseshoe of the present line; this will require two more bridges, similar to the one described above. There will be two small changes in the channel of the Umatilla River near Yoakum and another about 150-foot long one mile west of Barnhart, while about a mile each way from Pilot Rock junction, there will be two channel changes about one-half mile in length.

On the present line the longest stretch of straight track is but 2000 feet long, while on the new line there are two segments of two miles each and one a mile long.

While the cost of the 12 1/2 miles of new construction has been stated at \$1,200,000, it is quite probable that the ultimate cost will be even greater.

The changes in the channel of the Umatilla River will very materially assist the run-off of that stream during floods and thereby will prevent considerable overflow during the flood seasons. The work is being pushed along quite rapidly and should be completed about the first of the year.

### Course of River Diverted.

While the steam shovels are being used extensively in the excavations to secure materials for the many long fills, it is in cutting the channels of the river that they come into their greatest use. In one place the new channel runs straight down through the heavily timbered river bottom for half a mile; in others it has been necessary to cut channels through almost solid rock.

One of the contributing factors of the great expense attached to the work is the fact that several of the prosperous farms along the Umatilla River bottom have been literally cut to pieces, necessitating the payment of large sums of money for right of way, since much of the land was worth from \$100 to \$500 per acre. The J. B. Smith Company received \$25,000 for the right of way across its ranch which extends up and down the river for a distance of four miles.

### Farm Cut to Pieces.

One field is cut in two by the new channel for the river while two or three others are similarly divided by the railroad and its fills. Barely missing the residence, the new line cuts through the valuable orchard, making necessary a removal of the dwelling and a complete rearrangement of the farm.

This is the largest farm affected in this way but a number of smaller ones are similarly treated. When the changes are completed the main line of the O. R. & N. from its Eastern to its Western extension will compare favorably with the Western roads of more recent construction. Numerous changes and improvements have been under way for many years, but this—the worst stretch on the line—has been put off until nearly the last. It has been declared to be the crookedest piece of road between Portland and Chicago. Fast time, even with night trains, has been impossible in the past.

### ALFALFA IS PROFITABLE

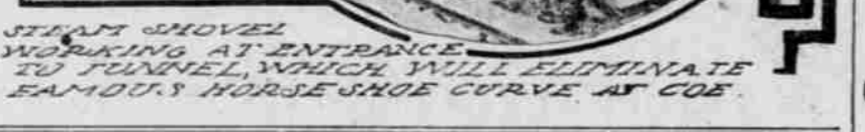
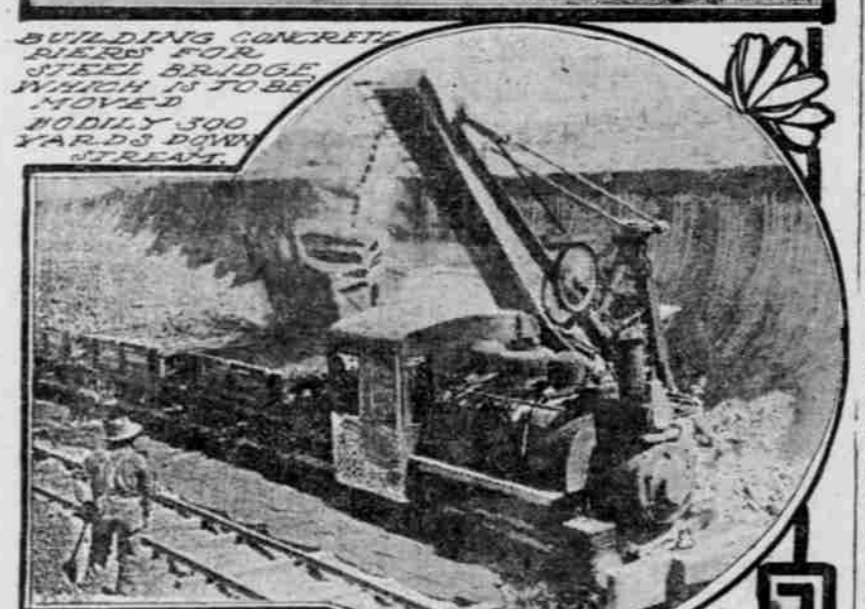
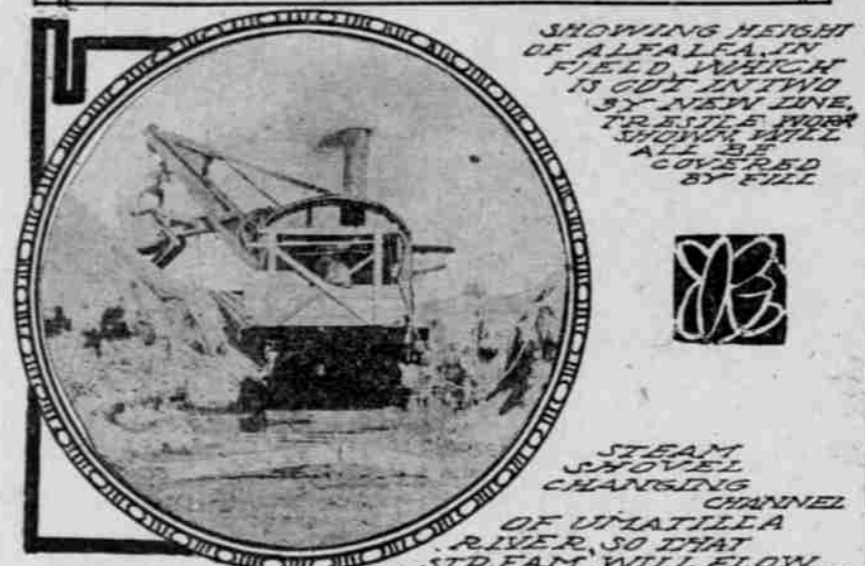
Average Yield in Klamath Country Is Worth \$23.65 An Acre.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Sept. 17.—Statistics compiled by the Reclamation service officials show that during the current year 694 acres of irrigated land were used for the production of alfalfa. The average yield was 2 1/2 tons per acre. Considering that much of the land was poorly farmed and the season has not been the most favorable, the yield is considered good. Many of the well attended farms produced from 4 1/2 to 6 tons to the acre. The average value of the alfalfa crop is \$23.65 an acre. The cost of producing alfalfa and harvesting the crop is light. It will show by the Government figures that the Klamath country is well adapted to the production of alfalfa.

### Big Chemical Plant Burned.

OMAHA, Sept. 17.—A fire today destroyed the plant of the Western Chemical Reduction Company in East Omaha, causing a loss estimated at \$100,000, with \$48,000 insurance. The fire is believed to have been incendiary, as it is said to have started in two places at the same time.

## SCENES ALONG NEW O. R. & N. CUT-OFF, UNDER CONSTRUCTION



## NO FAULT IS FOUND

### Wife of Seattle Man 'O K's' His Divorce Complaint.

### SHE RETURNS TO NORWAY

Defendant Prefers Native Land to Seattle—Deserted Spouse Sends Woman Notice of Suit and She Gives Her Approval.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Cases are rare in which the accused wife places her 'O K's' on her complaining husband's petition for a divorce, but such an action is now pending in the Superior Court of King County, and will soon come before one of the judges for the granting of a decree by default.

Peter Ostby is the plaintiff in the suit, and Moren A. Ostby, who for more than a year has been a resident of Myrvold, Norway, is the defendant. According to Ostby's complaint, his wife became dissatisfied with America, after living with him in Seattle for five years, and when he refused to return to the old country with her, packed up her belongings and returned to her mother's home near Myrvold, taking with her her children, a boy of 11 and a girl of 10.

After waiting a year for his wife to change her mind, Ostby retained attorney Thomas E. MacMahon and sued for a divorce. Complying with the statutes, MacMahon published the summons in the case, and mailed a copy of the complaint to the wife.

This morning the copy of the complaint came back to him from Sorums Sanden, Norway. Under the signature of her husband to the affidavit appended to the complaint, setting forth that he believed the contents of the document to be true, Mrs. Ostby had signed her own name.

Ostby in his divorce petition that he has deserted to his wife 90 acres of land that he owned in Norway, and that she, and her children, are therefore well provided for.

## CONFERENCE IN SESSION

### Methodists at Centralia Hear Lectures and Elect Officers.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—The Methodist conference, which has been in session here this week, yesterday heard a lecture by Dr. W. B. Hellinghead, superintendent of the Portland district. W. M. Randolph, of Hellinghead, presided. Dr. E. F. Young, of Portland, assisted by the faculty of the

## BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS

### Republicans Warned Against Democratic Advisers.

A Democratic primary will be held on the 24th of September. The control of this primary is properly left to the Democrats; have someone interfere in it without subjecting ourselves to just criticism. Neither should Democrats interfere either directly or indirectly in the Republican primary. The disorganization of the Republican party in the past can be traced largely to the fact that Republican voters have in the past been misled by the editors of such newspapers as the Portland Journal, the Pendleton East Oregonian, the Baker City Democrat, the Eugene Guard and the Astoria Democrat and Democratic organs, although they describe themselves as independent. They all supported Bryan and Chamberlain and they want the Democrats to nominate his best and strongest men.

Senator Jonathan Bourne has profited by the division of the Republican party and he gives his hearty support to the efforts of Democrats to foment dissension in its ranks. He announces that he will not support the candidates recommended by the Republican assembly, even if they are nominated by the people at a fair primary election. A similar announcement was made by at least one candidate who has been primary in Multnomah County. What shall we say of the ethics of such a course? It is a sure and certain way to settle differences between Republicans and present a united front to the enemy? If every man did as these men propose doing we could have no Republican party. No one ought to vote at a Republican primary unless he is prepared to vote the ticket nominated at the primary. When Americans stand together it is always understood that the majority shall rule. A man who will run as a candidate for nomination at a Republican primary with the intention of knocking the ticket, except as the ticket accords with his personal choice, is unworthy the respect of his fellow-citizens. Yet these men are loud of all men in acclaiming their devotion to popular government. Great is humbug.

The assembly candidates are pledged to support the ticket nominated at the Republican primary. This is the best possible evidence of loyalty to the primary law. In their eyes it is not a sure thing gambling device to be juggled with for political advantage, but a law to be obeyed. No amount of declamation in praise of the primary law can make a man a friend of the law, if he intends to disobey and disregard it.

Republicans who desire the welfare of the party are reminded of the significant fact that every Democratic paper attacks the assembly and desires the defeat of the candidates recommended by it. In 1908 Governor George E. Chamberlain, high priest of Oregon's Democracy, went on record publicly in favor of an assembly as a means of electing the direct primary law. See his letter to A. D. Stillman published in the official pamphlet. All of these Democratic papers supported him

for Governor vociferously and enthusiastically. Yet these same papers now advocate the defeat of Bowerman for the same office because he also believes in an assembly.

Away with such hypocrisy. Away with the absurd suggestion that candidates worthy and qualified should be defeated because they have been recommended to their fellow citizens by a large body of men of character and standing gathered together from all parts of the state and made up of farmers, merchants, professional men and workers in all lines of useful effort.

Nothing can be accomplished without concert of action. In public affairs a way must be found for men to work together. This is so in all parties and also with those who denounce parties and mask their political activity under the name of non-partisanship. The real question is whether concert of action shall be sought in the open or behind closed doors; whether the advice and information which voters accept comes from a large body representative of the voters of their political faith, or from a small body of political non-descript who conceal their names and mask their selfish purposes in intemperate denunciation of their opponents. The anti-assembly ticket has not put itself together by chance. During the period of its incubation there were anti-assembly assemblies held every day composed of a few self-constituted leaders who met in secret, actuated by no motive but self-interest. Some of the first letters of the alphabet anti-assembly ticket are worn out politicians whose scandalous conduct in the past precludes the possibility of their working in the open. Their design in the selection of the twelve Bourne candidates for the House in Multnomah County. Note how their names begin with the first letters of the alphabet. The difference between them and their opponents on the assembly ticket is that one set of candidates was named in a meeting held in the privacy of a man who stands behind their recommendation, and the other set was named by men who refuse to admit their fatherhood.

It has been repeatedly said that the candidates on the Multnomah assembly ticket, or some of them, were named at a meeting in the office of W. D. Incubation held in advance of the assembly. The statement has been explicitly and publicly denied by truthful men who are charged with being present at such meetings. It is unqualifiedly false; yet the statement is reiterated by anti-assembly speakers and by the Democratic press. None could be present at the Multnomah County assembly held at the state assembly without seeing that they were deliberative bodies made up of intelligent men anxious for good government and eager to do their part in bringing it about. The assembly tickets are the advice given by these highly representative bodies after investigation and deliberation. Every voter who is in doubt will be wise if he gives weight to their recommendations. He will be foolish indeed if he looks for Democratic organs for advice on matters pertaining to the welfare of the Republican party.

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## SALMON RUN LIGHT

### Catch of Fall Fish on Columbia River Is Small

### MAY CHANGE WITH RAINS

### Plants Along the Oregon and Washington Coasts Are Doing Exceptionally Well at the Present Time.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Reports from all the streams, both along the Oregon and Washington coasts, are to the effect that good runs of fish are coming in and the packing plants are doing exceptionally well. The gasoline schooner Gerald C. which arrived last night from Neatucca, brought 371 cases and ten tiers of salmon for Elmore & Co.

The catch of Fall salmon on the Columbia River is very light at the present time, and some of the gillnetters who have been fishing with large mesh nets have taken them out of the water. The weather conditions are changing, however, a good run of silversides is looked for.

### YOUTH FLEECED OF \$4211

### Fake Race Horse Game Worked in Seattle—Swindlers Caught.

SEATTLE, Sept. 17.—J. A. Enger, a young teenager from Moapa, Nev., was fleeced out of \$211 in cash and a check for \$400 in a fake horse race game in this city yesterday. The two men who got Enger's money and check were arrested today and gave the names of J. E. Owen and Charles Adams, the aliases of Trainor and McCormick, being also found in Adams' effects.

Payment on the check, issued on a Moapa bank, probably will be stopped. Owen and Adams followed Enger here from California, where he had been displaying his wealth, which has been intended to spend on a tour of the United States.

## CHILD DROWNS AT PLAY

### While Pulling Up Fish Net, Clifton Boy Falls in River.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Jack Marinovich, the 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Marinovich, of Clifton, was drowned at that place last evening by falling into the river while attempting to pull up a crawfish net. The body was recovered a short time afterwards.

## Eloper Faces Criminal Charge.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Sept. 17.—Among the divorce cases to be tried at this term of court is that of Inez Plag against Orin Plag. The wife alleges that the

## NEW STRIKE IS REPORTED

### Judge Cushman Says Valdez Gold Deposit Is Rich.

TACOMA, Sept. 17.—Judge E. E. Cushman, one of the Federal Judges in Alaska, who has just returned to Tacoma, after a season of holding court in the North, brings news of a rich gold strike in the Valdez region.

Mining in this district has formerly been confined to copper, and the new discovery has resulted in a great rush for the fields, according to Judge Cushman. Clerks have deserted their stores and prospectors are coming in from all parts of Alaska to which the news has reached.

The gold is in what is known as blue ribbon quartz and is said to be exceedingly rich.

## Forest Grove Couple Wed.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—A quiet, though pretty wedding took place Wednesday morning, in St. Anthony's Chapel, Rev. Father Buck officiating, when Miss Mary Saunders was married to Mr. Charles A. Gerrish, of Gaston. They were attended by Miss Margaret Saunders and Mr. C. P. Riel. A wedding breakfast was served to the friends of the couple at the home of Mr. John E. Bailey, after which Mr. and Mrs. Gerrish left for Newport, where they will remain for a few weeks. They will be at home in Forest Grove after October 1.

## Real Eaters

The commercial travelers of the country are subjected to many demands that tell on their health. They have to catch trains at all hours of the day and night, put up at all kinds of bad hotels, eat poor food and swallow it in a hurry, and do other things that play havoc with the stomach and cause dyspepsia, indigestion, etc. To relieve these bad effects the traveling men of the country have united in the use of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets—50c a box—all drugstores. F. A. Stuart Co., 150 Stuart Bldg., Marshall, Mich.

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