

### THREE LINES ONE IN GRAYS HARBOR

O.-W. R. & N., Northern Pacific and Milwaukee Sign Joint-Track Pact.

### AGREEMENT ON AT ONCE

Attorney for Harriman Interests Announces Harmonious Plan—All Spur Rails Included—Bridge Work to Begin.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 20.—(Special.)—J. B. Bridges, attorney on Grays Harbor for the Harriman interests, announced today that the agreement between the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company, the Northern Pacific and the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound for the joint use of railroad facilities on Grays Harbor had been signed and that operations under it would begin at once. The agreement is the result of a recent visit of Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific, to Grays Harbor, and the agreement is the result of a recent visit of Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific, to Grays Harbor, and the agreement is the result of a recent visit of Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific, to Grays Harbor.

### Union Depot to Rise.

The three roads are to join in the construction of a union depot in Aberdeen, work on which is to begin at once. Plans for the building are being drawn.

Between Aberdeen and the Hoquiam River bridge of the Northern Pacific the Harriman system will build its own line, which will be used in conjunction with the present main line of the Northern Pacific and will provide a double track between Aberdeen and Hoquiam. The present Northern Pacific depot will be used for a freight shed by the Hill line, but the Harriman and Milwaukee systems will build their own freight sheds.

### Bridge Work to Begin.

Next week are to be placed at work on the bridge of the Northern Pacific and it is planned to bring the two new lines from South Aberdeen into Aberdeen proper early next Fall. It is probable that this new bridge will be used by the Northern Pacific for a main line track out of Aberdeen, changing its present route considerably, and affording it a better mode of entrance, but the announcement is silent concerning that feature.

No announcement is made regarding work in Hoquiam. The agreement has been under consideration for some time, but the Northern Pacific balked at plan to permit the Harriman and Milwaukee lines the use of spur tracks. The consideration that induced the Northern Pacific to sign the pact is not made known.

### DOUBLE TRACK PROPOSED

Southern Pacific to Improve Line to Oregon City.

Surveys preliminary to double tracking the Southern Pacific main line, including the grades and removing some of the curves between Portland and Oregon City have been completed and construction work on this improvement may be started within a year.

Engineers having on the project for several weeks and expect soon to have an estimate of the cost completed. Although the work has not been authorized it is one of the improvements strongly urged by local officials as it is much needed.

At the time the Southern Pacific was built by the Oregon & California Railroad, permanency and speed were not considered as essential as now and the tracks were laid on grades that could not be established as easily as was consistent with practical operation of trains. A number of decided curves and some heavy grades thus came into the line. Actual work on the improvement is authorized by the Harriman directors.

### UMATILLA LANDS ARE SOLD

Irrigated Property Bought by Spokane Men for \$250,000.

FRIDLETON, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—Deals involving more than \$250,000 worth of land in the west end of the county were made today, says a report from Hermiston.

E. C. Brownell is said to have disposed of his extensive irrigated land holdings in the vicinity of Umatilla to Spokane men for \$150,000, while W. F. Skinner and J. E. Brownell sold 420 acres to the same people for \$50,000. The third transaction was the sale of 100 acres of the Purness lands at Hermiston for \$50,000.

Brownell owned 1200 acres of land near the town of Umatilla, 300 town lots, and an irrigation ditch for the reclamation of the lands. He acquired this property about 18 years ago. Reid purchased the land which he is reported to have sold today at \$400 per acre last year. He then paid \$175 per acre.

### SOLDIERS' PAY REDUCED

Government Cuts Clothing Allowance to \$36.60 Annually.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., May 20.—(Special.)—The allowance for clothing for soldiers in the United States Army will be reduced from \$52.40 per annum, as announced by the War Department. While this will effect a saving of approximately from \$20,000 to \$20,000 a year, it is thought by officers here that it will have a tendency to cause fewer men to enlist in the service. Enlisted men are paid cash by the Government for whatever sum they save during their three years' enlistment from their clothing allowance.

### MARVIN CHAUTAUQUA HEAD

Albany Elects Manager for July Assembly.

ALBANY, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—H. Marvin, of this city, was elected

manager of the second annual Chautauqua assembly by the directors of the Albany Chautauqua Association last evening. Mr. Marvin will devote his entire time to the Chautauqua work until after the assembly in July.

It was decided to begin work at once on the auditorium in the Chautauqua grounds in Bryant's Park, and a building committee consisting of J. E. Van Winkle, L. E. Hamilton and A. C. Schmitt was named to direct the work. This auditorium will be built in a natural amphitheater which can be fitted for the purpose with very little grading and will have a seating capacity for 300.

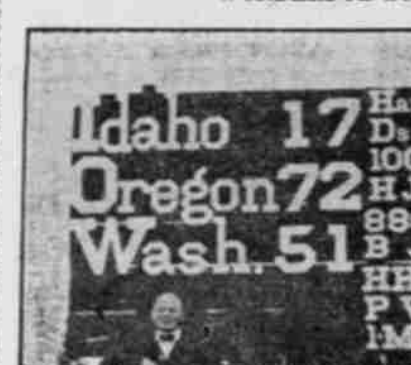
Reports at last evening's meeting show that more than enough funds to finance this year's assembly have been obtained, and with a good programme almost completed plans are progressing satisfactorily for one of the most successful Chautauqua assemblies ever held in the state. Outside talent which will present the afternoon and evening programmes has been secured, and prominent speakers and educators of the Northwest to appear in the forum hours on the various days will complete the programme.

Governor Hanley, of Indiana; Dr. Gabriel H. McGuire and William Sterling Hattis are among the lecturers of National reputation engaged, and the Apollo Concert Company, the Chicago Ladies' Orchestra and the Dr. Sadler company of Chicago, are among the leading entertainers. A local chorus of 150 voices will be heard the first evening of the Chautauqua.

Following his election as manager of the second annual assembly, Mr. Marvin resigned his place on the board of directors and his chairmanship of the finance

committee, and George H. Crowell was chosen to succeed him.

### UNIVERSITY OF OREGON PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS IS WONDERFUL SCOREKEEPER.



DR. HERMAN B. LEONARD, UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—Dr. Herman B. Leonard, professor of mathematics in the University of Oregon, has for a number of years presided, as a self-appointed score-keeper, over the score-boards in all the track meets and football games that have been held in Eugene. In the Tri-State Track Meet held here a week ago Dr. Leonard brought out the most elaborate system of score-keeping that he has ever used, arranging the board so that any spectator might see at a glance not only the total of points won by each team, but also the points won by each team in each one of the events.

The numbers were cut out of white cardboard and tacked onto the board. The score was kept revised up to the minute throughout the entire meet. "Doc" Leonard and his score board have come to be considered an indispensable adjunct of all the meets and games held here and he never fails to come in for a large share of cheering from the fans in the grandstand and on the bleachers.

He is an ardent devotee of all branches of varsity sports and came here from Michigan with an enviable record as a football man, so the rumor on the campus goes.

### LYLE WORK UNDER WAY

STREETS BEING GRADED, SIDEWALK CONTRACTS LET.

Bank, General Merchandise Store and Drugstore to Be Established at Once in Town.

Contracts were let last week for the first sections of the cement sidewalks to be laid in Lyle by the development company, Kenney, Humason & Jeffery. This work will aggregate \$200 linear feet, and it will be done according to Portland specifications and in the best manner possible. Streets are being graded and water piped to every lot. All improvements are being made with reference to the future.

Lyle was established over 20 years ago, but for the last 20 years its development has been held up by refusal of the owners of the entire townsite to sell any part of the land. Such business as was established occupied buildings erected on ground that was rented from month to month.

Lyle is said to be the only town of its size in the state which has a fire district, in which all buildings must be constructed of brick or concrete. This condition, with the added fact that property within the district is required to carry fire insurance at rates lower than in any other town in the Northwest.

The Lyle Drug Company, composed of E. L. McNair, A. Thayer and L. G. Clarke, has bought four business lots and will erect a two-story brick building, The Leadbetter, & Wallace Co., merchants of Goldendale, has purchased a plot, corner Sixth and Washington streets, Lyle, upon which they will construct immediately a modern business building. The First State Bank of Lyle has filed plans for its new bank building. It is understood that the First State Bank has the backing of the Scandinavian-American Bank of Portland. Three years ago the 100-barrel flouring mill tried to locate in Lyle, but could not buy the property. Arrangements have now been made and the flour mill will be installed at once with large storage capacity.

The North Bank road has a force of men at work beautifying the right of way, and soon work will be started on the new station to be built at once by the company.

At a recent meeting of the Commercial Club of Lyle, 40 men were present and a large sum of money was subscribed for the purpose of presenting Lyle's advantages to the members by means of exhibits, lectures and printed matter.

The steamer Tahoma, chartered by the development company, left for The Dalles last Sunday. The power launch carried a delegation of prominent Hood River people.

The development of the electric power of the Kliloktlat River, within a mile of Lyle offers unusual facilities for manufacturing enterprises, a large number of industries already having signified their intention of locating there.

### SEE PIANO SALE

Announcement of Eilers Music House (now at Seventh and Alder), page 1, section 1, this paper.

Eilers's slabwood is best.

### HAWLEY UPHOLDS CASH-VALUE PLAN

Idaho Governor Vehement in Advocating Assessment System Adopted.

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