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Harriman and Hill Roads Active in 1911 in Reaching New Territory.

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Big Central Oregon Branches Completed in Year—United Railways Active—Lytle Road Completed. Other Work Great.

Table with columns for 'EXPENDITURES BY RAILROADS IN OREGON IN 1911' and various categories like 'By Hill Lines', 'By Southern Pacific', 'By Mount Hood Railway', etc.

EXPENDITURES FOR EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS BY THE RAILROADS OPERATING WITHIN THE STATE OF OREGON DURING THE YEAR AGGREGATED \$29,000,000.

Both the Hill and Harriman lines, which are active in the development of the state, continue unabated the work of rushing their rails into heretofore inaccessible districts.

Principal among the projects completed in 1911 were the work done by the Harriman and the O-W-R & N. Company.

Bridge Ready Soon.

The Oregon Trunk bridge across the Columbia River at Celilo has been completed and will be opened for traffic January 5.

Within the closing months of the year the Oregon Electric, a Hill road, was started from Salem to Eugene and active work now is in progress in construction of that line.

While the Hill interests have been active in the immediate vicinity of Portland, the Harriman system has been extending its scope of operations in other parts of the state.

By an act of Congress the United States Circuit Court became extinct yesterday when it was adjudged sine qua non in the case of the United States Circuit Court, after a service of 21 years and one month as deputy and chief.

The only effect of this at the Portland Federal Court building will be the retirement of George W. Marsh, chief of the court at Pendleton.

In the closing days of the year the contract for the construction of 140 miles of road between Yale and Dog Mountain, a point in Harney County, about 15 miles east of Burns, was let to a force of men at work driving a tunnel in the extreme western end of their contract.

Meanwhile the Southern Pacific continued its activity on the Naton-Klamath

ath cutoff that is destined to become the link between Portland and San Francisco.

From the southern border of the State of Nevada, the California & Oregon road pushed its way to the northwest, giving that city its first actual rail connection and an outlet to the outside world by way of Reno, Nev.

The Portland Railway, Light & Power Company has carried its road to the junction of the Sandy and Bull Run rivers and has carried on its projected power development.

The Pacific Great Western railroad was organized with headquarters at Eugene and is now building a road from Eugene to Coos Bay, paralleling, in some places the proposed route of the Southern Pacific.

Other Work Great.

City Health Officer Urges Stringent Methods to Stamp Out Disease.

All policemen who have not been vaccinated must be vaccinated at once or remain away from duty for 10 days.

Without vaccination there is the greatest danger of smallpox in the city.

Patrolman Murray's case was discovered Friday night when he visited the health officer's office.

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FIGURES FOR YEAR SHOW PROGRESSIVE INCREASE

Last Few Weeks Indicate Great Rush of Trade in Various Channels.

BRIGHT PERIOD IN STORE

Bank Clearings Pass Half Billion. Postoffice Now in Million-Dollar Class—Building, Realty and Shipping Reflect Wealth.

Shipping Territory Widened.

In widening the scope of Portland's shipping territory, preliminary steps have been planned and the growing importance of the city as an exporting port is being more generally realized.

Indicator of the great financial growth of Portland is the big gain made in bank clearings for the year.

In building permits and realty transactions, Portland made record gains.

Interest was added to the operations of the Portland Postoffice building.

Large Sums Involved in Deals.

Postoffice in \$3,000,000 Class.

Breakfast Shipments Are Record.

Products sent abroad from this port represent a total value of \$10,244,265.

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Recent Growth Rapid.

Comparative figures for the last 29 years show that Portland's business has been increasing at a rapid rate during the first 10 years of that period and that the development within the last five years has been a mere continuation of the same.

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1911 Roll Contains Names of Prominent Men and Women.

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List Includes Lady Colin Campbell, Stephen B. Eilish, Cornelius N. Bliss, Denman Thompson and Justice John M. Harlan.

Men of prominence in political life and in the world of business and men and women known in art and letters were named in the 1911 roll.

The list of distinguished dead in chronological order is as follows:

Jan. 4—Stephen A. Henshaw, United States Senator from West Virginia, 60.

Jan. 10—John W. Foster, president of the Board of Regents, United States Secretary of the Navy, 54.

Jan. 14—David Graham Phillips, novelist, 34.

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HIGH COST BLENDERS TO "MIDDLEMEN"

Chicago Man Says Wholesaler Is Not Responsible for Big Living Expense.

ORGANIZERS ARE SCORED

Oscar B. McGlasson Says Association of Growers and Producers Benefit Only Few Unwary "Scalpers."

BY OSCAR B. MCGLASSON. (Special.)—The necessities of life are high. The housewife has the best evidence of this fact.

What has caused the increased cost of a lot of these food articles, such as coffee, dried fruits, nuts, dried beans, and so on?

That to compare a few of the daily necessities of food products, taking as a basis the cost about 10 or 12 years ago.

All coffee in sold or graded from a standard known as Rio No. 7. About 19 years ago this standard Rio was selling at about 6 cents a pound.

Today the wholesale grocer is paying 16 cents a pound for the same grade of coffee roasted would mean a cost of 22 cents a pound.

The production of coffee has just about kept up with the consumption.

Manipulation Given as Reason.

This unnatural condition governing the price of coffee is due to the manipulation of the Brazilian government and moneyed interests.

How long it will last is not known, but the demand must govern prices of coffee, as it does everything, and there is sure to be a "slump" in coffee values, but it may not come until the year 1912.

California nuts of all grades were worth from 23 1/2 per cent to 50 per cent less ten years ago; dried fruits about 25 per cent less; dried beans about 25 per cent less; canned fish, salmon, etc., about 25 per cent less.

Today \$1.50 a dozen, showing an increase on this one article of 100 per cent.

The producer of these actual necessities has not received the benefit of these abnormal advances in prices.

The wholesale grocer is compelled in assembling these goods to pay a large advance and to the producer of the goods.

The wholesaler is blamed. Then who gets the unnatural profits and who is responsible for these unnatural conditions?

We say, without fear of successful contradiction, that the wholesaler is the man who is responsible for these unnatural conditions.

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