

RAILROAD BY RAIL IS NO MORE

Medford-Jacksonville Line Is
Transferred After Event-
ful 25 Years.

SALE PRICE IS \$60,000

After \$25,000 Is Lost to Absconding
Promoters, City Turns Over Rail-
way to J. C. Barnum, Who
Made Run Success.

MEDFORD, Or., July 3.—(Special).—
"In all the world no railroad like this
might well apply to the Barnum rail-
road running from Medford to Jack-
sonville, which on July 1 was transferred
to S. S. Bullis, owner of the Southern
Oregon Traction Company.
For here is a steam railroad recog-
nized by the railroads of the United
States, whose president has run the
railroad's one locomotive for the last
15 years, whose vice-president is chief
foreman and master mechanic. In short,
brakeman and conductor, and whose
secretary is also trackwalker, section
foreman and master mechanic. In short
the Barnum railroad is a strictly family
institution, and operated by the J. C.
Barnum family but operated by them.
A history of this road throws an in-
teresting side light upon the history of
the Rogue River Valley, particularly
Medford and Jacksonville.

City Deftened of \$25,000.
Twenty-five years ago two breezy
promoters came to the sleepy town of
Jacksonville, and after various suc-
cesses with the City Council and street
gatherings persuaded the city to raise
\$25,000 for a railroad to Medford. At
Jacksonville was the county seat and
nothing more, and Medford was barely a
postoffice, but tales of Southern Pacific
development and opportunity to sell out
at a handsome figure turned the trick
and the deal was put through. As soon
as the promoters obtained the cash they
new to parts of the world unknown and
never have been heard of since.
Checking up accounts, Jacksonville
found it had some worthless bonds, five
miles of track and the humiliation of
being sold. It was also discovered that
the steel rails secured from the Honey-
man Hardware Company of Portland
had not been paid for, and the road
consequently fell into the hands of this
well-known Portland concern.

Mr. Barnum Takes Charge.
Here J. C. Barnum, then a young man
engaged in the shoe and door
business, stepped in and in 1893 leased
the property and proceeded to operate
a daily train between Medford and
Jacksonville.
Mr. Barnum bought a second-hand
locomotive from the Southern Pacific
and with a special permit drove it him-
self from Portland to Medford. From
that time he gradually collected more
equipment until at last he had a com-
plete train. He also had on hand 10 flat
cars, three locomotives, two boxcars
and two passenger coaches. Extensions
of two miles which had been used in
reaching the Applegate Valley have
been built, so that the total mileage
now is about seven miles.

With his own family the entire work-
ing force. With a patience and frugality
seldom excelled, the president of the
company prospered as the community
grew, and when the Pacific & Eastern
road was built by the Hill lines to Butte Falls
and John H. Allen was riding on top of
one of the mountain trains, he was seen
in this or any other state. It was
reported sold for \$125,000. Now S. S.
Bullis is owner of the Barnum line, the
purchase price being \$60,000.
The old wood-burning locomotive
"Cannon Ball" so long a picturesque
feature in Medford, will be relegated to
the scrap heap, the line will be electri-
fied and connected with Medford's trol-
ley system, and the famous Barnum
road will be a part of the main line with
other lines of the pioneer days.

NEW ROADWORK STARTED

Material for Stretch Near Woodland
Brought In by Rail.

WOODLAND, Wash., July 3.—(Special).—
Considerable delay, caused
by the fact that there was no high
water this spring to float the loaded
barges with material, Jeffries & Buff-
ton have made arrangements to get the
material in by auto and motor trucks
and teams began hauling sand and
gravel from the railroad to the stretch
of road that is to be hard-surfaced im-
mediately north of town, and this work
will soon be in full blast, and com-
pleted in a short time.

Foster & Conley who have a con-
tract for rock of a part of the Pacific
Highway between Kalama and Wood-
land, have supervised the work on that
section, and for the past week have
been busy on the section which is
under contract to them between Wood-
land and La Center.

The completion of the Woodland-La
Center stretch will eliminate the worst
part of the Pacific Highway between
Vancouver and Woodland.

ALBANY BOY SCOUTS HOME

Camp on Canyon Creek Is Broken
and 70-Mile Hike Is Made.

ALBANY, Or., July 3.—(Special).—
The Albany company of Boy Scouts
has returned home from its first out-
ing trip. The boys hiked 70 miles on
the round trip and camped for five
days on Canyon Creek at its confluence
with the South Santiam River, two
miles above Cascade.

The Scouts left Albany on June 21
and went to Lebanon by train. Then
they started out afoot and walked the
first day to a point above Foster.

More Klamath Land Irrigated.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., July 3.—(Special).—
A 10-inch Byron Jackson cen-
trifugal pump, driven by a 15-horse-
power gasoline motor, and delivering
2750 gallons of water per minute, has
been installed by the Kerns Brothers in
the Keno district, south of this city,
and has been in operation since. It
has been necessary to supply the water
necessary for irrigation to R. A. Em-
mitt, George J. Kerns, and others in
the neighborhood. A water line has
been finished around the foothills close
to Keno, and when that is finished, all
the land south of the Van Valkenburg
creek, between 200 and 300 acres, will
be put under water. Water is being
furnished at the rate of \$1.50 an acre.

Winlock Councilmen Are Appointed.

CENTRALIA, Wash., July 3.—(Special).—
Paul Jones has been appointed
Councilman at Winlock to succeed A.
Nuttie, who recently resigned, and
Ernest Spindle has been named to fill
the vacancy caused by the resignation
of Councilman W. E. Murray. The
Council this week passed first reading
of an ordinance providing for the sur-
facing of West Second street.

PHOTOGRAPHS ILLUSTRATE TRIP OF GOVERNOR AND PARTY TO CRATER LAKE.



Top, Governor Withycombe (Second From Left) and Party in Front of New
Lodge at Crater Lake. Middle, View of New Lodge Taken in March. Be-
low, Governor and Party on Natural Bridge Across Rogue River.

TAX LAW IS PRAISED

Commissioner Galloway Points
Out Bingham Act Advantage.

LOWER RATES PREDICTED

Dollars as Basis for Budgets De-
clared Only Reasonable Method
and Is Expected to Result
in Noticeable Economies.

SALEM, Or., July 3.—(Special).—
Numerous criticisms of the Bingham
tax limitation law, passed at the re-
cent session of the Legislature, have
been made to the State Tax Com-
mission, Charles V. Galloway, a mem-
ber of the Commission, today issued
a statement explaining the law and
declaring it to be one of the most ben-
eficial acts ever passed by the state.
The statement, in part, follows:
This law is one of the best pieces of leg-
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books of Oregon in many a day. Its ben-
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few years hence than at present. The
fact that it is just now causing some
worry and annoyance indicates the ex-
cellent purpose of the law and its ultimate
effect.

For many years school districts, and other
local subdivisions with authority to levy
taxes, have gone ahead and made their
annual levies several months in advance of
the expiration of assessments, without
knowing what the valuations of the prop-
erty districts would be. Tax levies
have been fixed with sole reference to the
millage rate in each case without definite
knowledge of the amount of money to be produced there-
by. Customary rates of, say, 5, 8 or 10 mills
have been voted, with the result that the
amount of money produced has been in-
adequate to meet the needs of the district.
In valuation much larger amounts have
been collected in taxes than were expected or
required.

Actual Cost Held Back.
The Bingham law is already
calling a halt on this sort of business.
A fundamental principle in taxation, which
this law fully recognizes, is that valuations
and rates of levy are of minor consequence,
that the matter of real importance is the
amount of money taxpayers will be called
upon to pay under a given levy. The hap-
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long been followed in making many tax
cases have been an important contributing
cause for the excessively high taxes of re-
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disregards valuations and rates of levy; it
imposes no restraint on either. Going di-
rectly to the point, it limits the actual
amount in dollars and cents which may be
collected by any district, and it limits the
jurisdiction of the state. Beginning with
the levies of 1915, the maximum amount
in any district can require is limited to
an increase of not to exceed 6 per cent over
the levies of 1914.

Monmouth Graduates Placed.

MONMOUTH, Or., July 3.—(Special).—
Clarence H. Eary, of Albany, a gradu-
ate of the Oregon Agricultural Col-
lege, and a 1915 graduate of the Oregon
Normal School, has been chosen prin-
cipal of the grammar school at Silver-
ton. He has had several years' teach-
ing experience. Two graduates, Louis
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for the first time. "I have tried often
to arrange a visit to the lake, and have
been disappointed. Now my fondest
hopes have been realized, and the beauty
and grandeur of the lake has far
exceeded all my expectations. I be-
lieve the State of Oregon and its
people should assist the Government
and Superintendent Steel in every way
possible in developing the park."
Superintendent Steel's whole heart
and soul are wrapped up in the park;
he is enthusiastic about the lake, and
he is enthusiastic about the park.

Mezra, Warren, Jacks and Fleischer
were likewise charmed with the beauty
of the lake, and the scenic formations
and its surrounding scenery.

New Lodge Opened.

The new lodge on the rim was for-
mally opened June 28, and the first
meal served was dinner at 6 o'clock.
It included trout from Crater Lake.
Owing to business in Portland A. L.
Parkhurst, president of the Crater Lake
Company, was unable to be present. He
was represented by H. C. Tuller, man-
ager. The new lodge has been under
construction four years, is 50 by 120
feet, four stories high and faces the
lake, being only about 55 feet from the
rim. On the first floor is the dining-
room, 25 by 40 feet, office and reception
room, 25 by 40 feet, and a modern kitchen.
There are large fireplaces in the lobby and dining-
room. There is also a fireplace on the
outside of the building. There are
68 bedrooms on the other three floors
and all modern improvements are pro-
vided. Water is brought from a spring
a mile from the lodge. Besides the
lodge there are floored tent accommo-
dations at the rim for 100 persons and
at the Anna Springs camp for 50 per-
sons. Supplies are hauled by auto-truck
from Chiloquin, 35 miles from the lake.
The season is from July 1 to September
20.

Early Morning View Obtained.

The party was up early Tuesday and
from the lodge got a splendid view of
the Government camp and started
Union Peak, Mount Scott and the
Klamath lakes and basin. After a fine
view of the lake the party walked
to the Government camp and started
on the trip for Medford. This route, in
sight of the snow-capped peaks, along
the picturesque Rogue River, one of the
finest mountain streams in the world,
and other beautiful streams, through
the heart of one of the finest bodies
of fir and pine timber in the country,
over elegant mountain roads and Jack-
son County's paved Pacific Highway,
and through some of the famous or-
chards of the Rogue River Valley, is
regarded as one of the most attrac-
tive in the country.

Stops were made at the Rogue River
Gorge, Mill Creek Falls and there a
sparkling mountain stream pitches over
a cliff 150 feet high into the Rogue,
the great power plant at Prospect and
the fish hatchery at Elk Creek.

**FOURTH OPEN-AIR SHOW ON
Home Talent Participates in Hood
River Chautauqua.**

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 3.—(Special).—
The fourth annual horticultural
Chautauqua, begun Thursday night
when an amateur vaudeville show was
presented at the "open-air" theater,
under the direction of Professor J. A.
Epping.

There were songs by the Chautauqua

quartet, Malcom and Allan Butten, and
quartet, Robert Brager, "A Study
Scene," by Mrs. A. S. Keir, Mrs. Flor-
ence Schmeltzer, Mrs. D. H. Drewery,
Mrs. Frank Gillman, Miss Adrienne
Epping, Miss Lillian Brock, Oliver K.
Osgood and W. H. Small; imitation of
a Swedish minister giving his first
sermon in English, by Mrs. E. A. Brager;
selections from the operas, Mrs. Ralph
Root and J. A. Epping; minstrel
stunts, Waldo and Winifred Arena, sons