

RAILROADS BEGIN LIVE IDAHO ISSUE

Governor's Activity Makes Proposed Link Problem for All Parties to Face.

CAPITAL TO BE INVITED

Financiers of East to Be Asked Later to Back Construction of Connection and Executive Hopes to See Work Start.

BOISE, Idaho, July 31.—(Special.)—Political leaders say that the activities of Governor Alexander, in connection with plans for construction of the missing link of the North and South Idaho railroad, has injected its building into politics until it has become an issue that all parties in 1916 must meet.

That the Governor has set his heart on the building of the 90-mile link to give North and South Idaho direct connections is well known. His ardent backers deny that politics plays any part in his activities. His opponents declare that it is the personal notoriety he expects to acquire that inspires him.

The people generally, however, want the railroad built. If the Governor can finance and have it built they are willing to give him all the credit, whether his motives are political or not. It is safe to say that a great majority of them do not expect the Governor to appoint a commission to investigate the feasibility of constructing such a road, but it failed to make an appropriation to pay the expenses of such a commission.

Governor Acts on Proposal. The north and south railroad was raised as an issue during one of the administrations of Governor Gooding. Nothing definite came of it at that time. The last Legislature revived it through the passage of a resolution calling on the Governor to appoint a commission to investigate the feasibility of constructing such a road, but it failed to make an appropriation to pay the expenses of such a commission.

Suggested Routes Inspected. To see the proposed routes for himself and to have them reviewed by the members of the railroad commission, Governor Alexander called the commission together this week and Tuesday, following a big banquet at New Meadows, the party stayed on a week's inspection trip.

Armed with the data obtained the Governor leaves this Fall for New York where he will meet financiers and get the financial backing for the line.

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Route is Predicted. This criticism has been sharply rebuked on a number of occasions by those who want the road built and who can see that with a terminal connection at Lewiston, the inland segment of this state, Southern Idaho will have a waterway outlet. They also point out that the operating telephone companies would immediately connect the railroad with a direct toll line to replace the present roundabout telephone connections.

Giving direct denial to the charge of politics, insofar as his connection with the proposed road is concerned, Governor Alexander, in an address before a meeting at New Meadows, just before starting on the recent trip over the proposed route, said:

"Some people may try to question me sincerely in this railroad proposition. I come to you this early, when there is no political campaign under way, to make a real effort toward getting this road built. The latter part of August I am going to New York and Boston and talk north and south railroad with men of large influence and capital and hope to get this road built."

Attraction Asked for Capital. The settlers of Washington and Adams counties, together with the progressive business men of the state, adopted resolutions at the New Meadows meeting endorsing the proposed road. They expressed their belief insofar as the future is concerned over the state, which found expression in the following part of the resolution: "We believe that the most generous and liberal treatment that the state can lawfully extend should be accorded to the owners of or investors in such a project, whoever they may be, and we pledge ourselves, our influence and our best efforts to co-operate with Governor Alexander, the administration of the State of Idaho and all others who are or who may become interested to that end."

Political Outcome Considered Vital. Whether the Governor is successful or not, the north and south railroad proposition is sure, it is now conceded by all party leaders, to play a prominent part in the future politics of the state. The fact that the charge has repeatedly been made that politics is already being influential in creating so much activity will keep the issue alive as a political one.

If Governor Alexander is able to get actual construction work started on the line he will have routed completely his political opponents.

RAILWAY PLANS PROGRESS

Idaho Surveyor-General Suggests Mono-Rail North and South.

LEWISTON, Idaho, July 31.—(Special.)—The proposal to build a connecting link of railroad between the lines of North and South Idaho has come to the notice of Darwin A. Utter, surveyor-general for Idaho, and prospects are that something will be done. It is reported that Mr. Utter has addressed a communication to the Governor, in which he says that a mono-rail road would be practicable and

BOHEMIA MINES REOPEN

West Coast Ore Properties to Be Operated Extensively.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—News that means a great deal to the camp is contained in the announcement made by H. C. Mahon, at which time he intends to meet a group of financiers and to talk railroad finances to them.

PREPARATION IS BETTER

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Better Preparation is Shown. "This whole matter is closely connected with the better preparation the Oregon boy now is receiving in the secondary schools. Standards have been going up steadily for a long time. While we think of the '10 per cent idea' as an attempt to standardize the progress that is already being made and to see that every branch of university activity feels the stimulus of additional conscious effort, still the fact that the preparation is more rapid rate of improvement than has existed anywhere in this work, we want to see now what will be the effect of setting a certain definite standard which it is possible to attain, but which at the same time is stiff enough to be extremely difficult to reach."

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WASCO FAIR SEPTEMBER 28

Flights by Airman Will Feature Entertainment at The Dalles.

THE DALLES, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—The annual Wasco County Fair and Rodeo will be held in The Dalles from September 28 to October 1, inclusive. The exhibition will be in charge of Hattie S. Rice, L. C. Crich-ton, C. P. Williams, W. S. Nelson, Frank Doak, C. L. Pepper and A. J. Fletcher, directors of The Dalles Business Men's Association.

PHONE TO SPAN COLUMBIA

Line Between Wasco and Mary Hill Is Under Construction.

WASCO, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—Work has started on the telephone line between Wasco and Mary Hill, Wash. The Oregon Telephone Company is spending \$3500 on this line and it will include the laying of a cable across the Columbia River from Biggs to Mary Hill. This will enable tourists to notify the captain of the gas ferry Governor West and no time need be lost in crossing.

DUCK LAYS TWICE DAILY

Hardshell Followed by Softshell Egg by Freak at Washougal.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 31.—(Special.)—A duck laid two kinds of eggs, hard shell and soft shell, and both in the same day, regularly, is a freak of nature owned near Washougal by Mrs. C. W. Gill.

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CANNING SOON TO BEGIN

Marshfield Plant is Getting Ready for Salmon Run.

MARSHFIELD, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—The Tallant salmon cannery is being put into condition for operation and the manager, John Lemure, expects the chinook run will be of sufficient volume to start work by the middle of August. The cannery is located in Marshfield and has been conducted by the Tallants for the past four years.

INDUSTRIAL AWARDS MADE

Winning Polk Pupils to Be Barred From County Fair Competition.

MONMOUTH, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—After a contest in which pupils all over Polk County participated the winners in the industrial club work have been announced as follows: Poultry, first, Hazel Bursell, Mistletoe School; second, Monroe Oyster, Bethel School; third, Percy Smith, East County Dairy herd records are: First, Alfred Loy, Buena Vista; second, Carl Dodson, Elkins; third, Mary Rand, Ballston and Frank Loughery, Elkins.

SNAKES ENDANGER STOCK

High Bounty Proposed for Rattlers in South Touchet District.

DAYTON, Wash., July 31.—(Special.)—Rattlesnakes are found in larger numbers along the creek bottoms this year than ever before. Ten rattlers recently have been killed by farmers living on the South Touchet, and parties of pleasure-seekers rarely go out without hearing a snake somewhere in the brush.

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FAIR DAYS ANNOUNCED

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON EXPOSITION PROGRAMME MADE

Favored Highway From Chehalis to Centralia Ready for Visitors' Use. Racing Cards Daily Feature.

CHEHALIS, Wash., July 31.—(Special.)—Secretary George R. Walker, of Chehalis, today announced the special day for the Southwest Washington fair to be held the last week in August on the grounds between Chehalis and Centralia. This year, for the first time, visitors and residents may ride back and forth from either Chehalis or Centralia over a fine paved road.

5 BROTHERS IN ONE LODGE

Sheldon Family Well Represented in Scio Knights of Pythias.

ALBANY, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—Five brothers are members of Leonidas Lodge, No. 36, Knights of Pythias, of Scio. They are Frank, Roe, Arthur, Clifford and John Sheldon. All of them reside in or near Scio, though Frank Sheldon is working temporarily in Southern Oregon. There are seven men named Sheldon in the school children of that town.

RAIN WELCOME TO CROPS

Heavy Downpour Relieves Water Shortage Near Wenatchee.

WENATCHEE, Wash., July 31.—(Special.)—Rain, generally heavy over the entire valley, fell Thursday night and in the Rock Island and Malaga districts assumed proportions of small cloudbursts. Although the Highline ditch was filled with mud for a mile in the Rock Island district and the road washed out in the canyon beyond the Three Lakes project, the growers regard the rain as a godsend during the present water shortage.

WORK ON TUNNEL BEGUN

Footings Piers Set for Columbia River Highway Viaduct.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—The footings of the piers for the 250-foot viaduct that will lead from the west side of Storm Cliff to Look-out tunnel, both unique features of the Columbia River Highway, have been set

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