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LINE UP THE DESCHUTES

Company Incorporated at Olympia Will Probably Build Log Road.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 3 .- Articles of incorporation were filed here today of the Oregon Trunk Line, Inc., of Carson City, Nev., capital stock \$1,000,000. The incorporators are W. F. Nelson, R. A. Ballinger and L. I. Gregory. The objects of the company are stated to be to build a steam or electric railway and a telephone and telegraph line from a point opposite the Junction of the Columbia and Deschutes rivers in a southerly direction a distance of about 250 miles into Central Oregon. R A Ballinger, ex-Mayor of Seattle, is designated as agent for Washington.

SALEM, April 5 .- The Oregon Trunk line is the name of a new corporation that filed articles yesterday with the secretary of state for the building of a railroad along the Columbia river, beginning at a point near the confluence of the Deschutes river and then extending southerly following the course of that river through central Oregon, a distance of 250 miles. The main office will be in The Dalles. The organizers are: W. F. Nelson, L. I. Gregory, R. A. Ballinger, Robert R. Fox and Moleclim A. Moody. Capital stock, \$1,000,000.

FEATTLE, Wash., April 3.-R. A Ballinger is only a nominal stockho'der in the Oregon Trunk Line, and trat Oregon. He will occupy tempoknows but little about the enterprise, save that it is proposed to build from the junction of the Deschutes and Columbia up the former river and over the divide, a distance of 250 miles. It is probably a timber railroad.

The above press dispatches were published in the dailies of Planto Pump Water for Agency Plains last Thursday. The W. F. Nelson referred to in the dispatches is the Nelson who was back of the survey made up the A. Gordon in the early part of for the Great Southern Railway or Dufur road, of which Mr. Nelson is vice-president, but later on the survey was taken up at the mouth of White River. where the Great Southern survey first touched the Deschutes, and was run from that point on down to the mouth of the river. Mr. Nelson was formerly a railroad contractor, and is recog nized as one of the best on the Coast in that line. He had the contract for the construction of the state portage road at Celilo.

As to when the stated objects of the new corporation will be carried out, the dispatches are silent, and this is the point in it now appears to be a settled fact that when a road does reach this country it will come up the Deschutes. That route is recognized as the most feasiole and most practical route into Central Oregon, following as it does a water level, with grades at no point to exceed 30 feet to the mile, along the river, and only a one per cent climb in getting from the river on to the neighboring plateau lands.

CONTEST HEARD HERE

Testimony Taken in Case Involving Question of Residence.

Testimony was taken before Max Deems, both parties to the contest being represented by attorney. J. F. Moore, of Moro, represented the coubeing on hand to hear the testimony in a few days. in the case.

law, and that the family of the defend- the growth of the town.

ant had never resided upon the land. Failure to cultivate and improve was also alleged, and considerable testi-

mony was introduced upon this point. The defendant, Deems, sought to show that his residence upon the make under the circumstances, owing to his Inability to support himself upon the land, and his attorney filed notice of the taking of several depositions to further establish this fact. A decision in this case will probably be reached in the local land office within a month or so.

NEW DRUG STORE

New Business to Open Here Within a Month.

past week, seeking a location for a drug business, and after looking the field over, Mr. Damon decided to lo-Tuesday for Portland, where he expects to buy a large stock of drugs and druggist supplies and notions, and he expects to have them shipped in here within the next two weeks.

years' experience, having served behind the prescription case for that length of time. He expects to put in which shall be second to none in Cenrary quarters for the present, but as comfortable and conveniently arranged building for his drug business.

WATER FOR PLAINS

Settlers from Deschutes River.

cable, the plan now under discussion for the dump. The coal is being getting water upon Agency Plains for all household and domestic purposes, by Deschutes by a party under W. pumping it up from the Deschutes, will solve a vexatious question for the farmers forges and is giving excellent of that district. At present they are haulthe winter. That survey was ing water for such purposes, and while the supposed to have been made amount of time consumed in that manner of samples have been distribuis not as great as is lost in other localities ted about town during the past

invention, and out of their need upon the Plains has grown many a plan for getting water up there. None of these have ever taken definite form, but the latest plan appears to be the most practical, and is receiving the most serious consideration. Although the details of this plan have not seen worked out, roughly outlined it is about as follows: At the U. S. Cowles sawmill on the Deschutes the river runs right under the western edge of the plains and water elevated to the plains at that point could be distributed to all other points on the plains. It would require a lift of 1100 teet, but a seady stream through a small pipe would afford an ample supply. The plan is to put in a turbine wheel at the point on the Deschutes near the mill and with the power that could be developed, to force the water up on to the plains. Whether the water can be forced up with a single lift, or whether it will be necessary to have a which residents of this section series of stations or reservoirs, is a matter are most interested. However, that will have to be worked out along with numerous other details of the proposed

If the plan is found to be feasible, Mr. Cowles would be assured of the hearty support and co-operation of all the farmers apon the plains. It would effectually solve the water question for them, and at a cost much less than individual or even community wells could be drilled and maintained for.

Whether the plan will be carried out as an individual enterprise, or whether it can be operated and maintained on a co-operative plan is a feature which will be work d out along with the other details, but it seems quite probable that out of this plan will one day come the solution of the Water question for Agency Plains.

POSTMASTER DAVIS

The appointment of a new postmas ter for the Madras office will be announced within the next day or so, and it is learned from authoritative sources Lueddeman, as referee, beginning on that Fred Davis is the successful ap-Thursday of last week, in the contest plicant for the office, He was case of Charles E. Bye vs. Charles R. recommended for appointment some weeks ago, but the appointment was subsequently held up on account of a remonstrance against his appointment testant, and John Gavin, of The Dalles, which was filed in the postal departrepresented the contestee. Consider- ment. A private communication reable interest was manifested in the ceived here yesterday states that the contest, a large number of speciators appointment will be announced with-

There were four applicants for the In this contest the principal ques- postmastership at the Madras office, tion at issue was the sufficiency of the to succeed Martin T. Pratt, resigned: residence made by the defendant, Charles F. Delano, John McTaggart, Deems, upon his homestead claim, the John Blanchard and Fred Davis. The contestant contending that occasional Madras office is worth in the neighvisits to the claim do not constitute borhood of \$900 per annum, and the residence within the meaning of the value of the office is increasing with

CROOK COUNTY COAL

Coal Properties Near Hay Creek Are Being Developed.

Development work at the homestead was as good as he could Hay Creek coal miles, a property which was opened up a few weeks ago, has disclosed several good veins of bituminous coal, all of which will be worked as rapidly as possible, says the Journal. For the past two weeks the men at work on the property have drifted in on the larger vein, which has a width of five feet, and the tunnel is now between 30 and 40 Fred J. Damon, of Moscow, Idaho, feet in length. The tunnel spent several days here during the is being sunk into the side of the ridge and as yet no considerable depth below the surface cate here at once. He left Madras on has been attained. In consequence the coal is still capped with clay and the cap rock, but this, it is stated, will disappear as the tunnel is sunk farther Mr. Damon is a druggist of twelve into the ridge and away from the surface.

Prospect work has also been a full and complete line of drugs, and carried on throughout the 15 to conduct a drug business at this place claims which were located by the different associations soon after the first discovery, and in soon as he gets his bearings, he ex- all of these croppings have been pects to begin the construction of a found. Other tunnels will be sunk as soon as possible where the best surface indications exist.

From the tunnel in which work is now being directed a large number of tons of the fuel If it is found to be feasible and practi- has been taken and thrown on used in the camp for cooking purposes and in the blacksmith satisfaction. Quite a number week and tests made of the Necessity has ever been the mother of burning and heating qualities.

10,000 COME IN A YEAR

Colonist Movement in Past Year Reached Enormous Proportions.

Traffic managers for the various transportation lines running into the Pacific Northwest say that the past year has witnessed the heaviest movement of colonists which this state has ever known, and it is estimated that during the past year more than 10,000 adult colonists have settled permanently in Oregon. Of this number a large mojority have settled in Eastern and Central Oregon, although Southern Oregon is also getting its share. These settlers begin to drop off and start their search for homes as soon as they cross the state line, although by far the greater number of them get as far as Portland, to make that a starting point. The colonist movement which ended the first week in this month is said to have brought thousands of new settlers into the state, many of whom are already ending back for their families. One Northern Pacific train which left St. Paul last week, left in three sections, carrying about 600 colonists bound for this coast.

Crook county is getting her share of the benefits of this great colonist movement, although the movement into Crook is yet to its inciprency. The advertising which the irrigated district south of here has received is stracting people from the Middle West, and when better transportation facilities are assured this section, the influx of settlers into this place and on south will amount to a rush. No section of the state offers more inducements to the homereeker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Edwards returned to Hay Creek the first of the week, after a six months' sojourn in Europe, during which time they visited both Mrs. Edwards's home in England and Mr. Edwards's home at Pwllheli, Wales. During his absence Mr. Edwards succeeded in gathering together a shipment of the finest Shire horses to be had in England, picking up single "top notchers" here and there, and with these as a Lucleus he expects to establish a branch devoted to producing fine draft horses, at his magnificent thoroughbred stock farm at Hay Creek. The horses will soon be on exhibition at Hay Creek, and will be well worth a trip there to see.