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Madras, Oregon

DIRT WILL FLY IN MONTH

WORK TO BEGIN ON OREGON TRUNK LINE

So Says W. F. Nelson, President,
Who Sets June 26 As Date
of First Construction Work.

Within the next four weeks dirt will fly on the grade of another new railroad in Oregon, says the Portland Journal. Surveys and final locations have been completed for the Oregon Trunk line, 110 miles, from the mouth of the DesChutes river to Madras, the commercial center of the Willow Creek basin, in the south part of Crook county. The new road will open up a great region known as the Agency Plains, Little Agency, the Haystack country, Lamonta, and all regions tributary to the DesChutes from its mouth to its junction with Crooked river.

Promotion of the road has, it is said been carried on with consummate skill and wonderful dispatch, in view of the various difficulties that attend any independent railroad project in Oregon. The company was incorporated a few months ago, with Seattle men as officers and directors. It was given little further attention, and in a few days was practically forgotten. Work was commenced quietly by the promoters, and the surveys were followed immediately by right of way work. Today it is said the company has secured nearly the entire right to begin construction. The engineers have secured a water level grade without any serious engineering problems or heavy tunnel work. It is said the company expects its main obstacles to arise from opposition by a rival railroad. It is preparing for trouble, and is expecting to encounter the same blockading tactics that have been going on along the north bank of the Columbia, and which were encountered last year by men who undertook to build a road in Wallowa county tributary to the O. R. & N. company's line.

W. F. Nelson, president of the Oregon Trunk Line, arrived in Portland last night and is registered at the Oregon Hotel. He has been continually engaged in preliminary work on the route of the road since last fall and has made a record for rapid and effective action. Questioned about the company's plans, he said he was not ready to make any detailed announcement, and that 60 days later he would have something to say that would be of general public interest. Pressed for a statement, he said:

"I will say this much now: Between this date and June 26 dirt will begin to fly on the grade of the Oregon Trunk Line. We have our preliminary work along to a point where we will be ready to commence actual construction within four weeks. The road will be built as rapidly as possible. It will be 100 miles long from the mouth of the DesChutes river to Madras. We do not expect to stop at Madras. We now have practically all our rights of way purchased and deeds to the ground. In the few exceptions we have begun condemnation proceedings. As a rule the people along the route have been reasonably fair. There have been a few cases of holdup on rights of way. We have no complaint to make.

"Central Oregon is a country of great resources. The lands when under irrigation, will be immensely fruitful. There are great deposits of nitrates and other commercial products. I predict that within the next few years there will be three transcontinental railroads built through Central Oregon."

Regarding the financial or railroad connections back of the Oregon Trunk Line, Mr. Nelson refused to talk. He was one of the principal builders and is now a part owner of the Great Southern, a road constructed last year under his supervision from The Dalles to Dufur. It is believed that there is a friendly relationship in these Oregon railroad projects and that ultimately they will become a part of the Hill lines now building down the north bank of the Columbia. The officers of the Oregon Trunk Line are: President Nelson, railroad contractor; vice president, R. A. Ballinger, ex-mayor of Seattle and now a practicing attorney in that city; secretary, L. I. George of the Little Trust company, Seattle, treasurer, J. F. Lane, cashier of the Scandinavian National bank, Seattle. These men, with Malcom A. Moody of The Dalles and Robert R. Fox, form the directory.

ESTABLISHING CAMPS

D. P. Res, who returned from Portland the first part of the week, is authority for the statement that a por-

tion of the crew of the Oregon Trunk Line is now camped at the mouth of the DesChutes River. W. F. Nelson informed him that men and grading machinery were being gathered at that point as rapidly as possible, although it was difficult to get laborers owing to the large amount of railroad work under way on this coast. More than 5000 men are employed on the North Bank road alone. Mr. Nelson's construction outfit has been in service down on the coast, where a logging road was being built, but this outfit is now being concentrated at the mouth of the Deschutes.

HAYCREEK COAL GOOD

TESTS PROVE MOST SATISFACTORY

Local Blacksmiths Pronounce It As
Highgrade As Any Now on
The Market.

McElroy and sons, blacksmiths at this place, are using coal from Crook county mines in their shop, and they pronounce it as good for their purpose as the coal which they have been hauling in from the railroad. The coal comes from the recent coal prospect discovered five miles southeast from Haycreek, where a large amount of prospect work is under way. Prospect holes have been sunk at different points and it is claimed that coal has been uncovered for a distance of five miles. Work is being concentrated now at a point five miles southeast of Haycreek, and two shifts are kept at work.

Should these coal measures be found to be as extensive as has been reported, the discovery will be of immense importance to Crook county, and in fact to this section of the state. It is claimed that the ledge of coal is fully five feet in thickness and that it has been followed for a distance of five miles. All tests made of the coal have proved highly satisfactory, although these tests have so far necessarily been confined to coal taken from near the surface. The McElroys had about 1200 pounds of the coal brought over to them, and during the week there have been numbers of visitors to their shop, to see them use the Crook County coal in their blacksmith work.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT

New Grade Into Madras Great Improvement Over Old Road.

Work was finished last Friday afternoon, on the new road leading into Madras from the North, and which now follows the automobile road from a point near the James S. Mays place, instead of going over the Agency Plains grade as formerly. This was formerly the regularly traveled road into Madras, but after the automobile line was built through, the road was fenced up and a change was made by which the new road came into the Agency Plains road half way up the grade. Steps were taken to get a new county road, coming into Madras on the east side of the town, but after this road was ordered opened up it was found that it would require considerable work where the road crosses Willow Creek, and when Mr. Mays offered a road through his place, it was accepted upon the approval of the county court. The road is the best that would have been possible, and an easy grade. Supervisor Dillon has done good work there, and the new road will be a decided improvement over the old one.

The next work to be done will be on the DesChutes grade on the west side of the plains. Mr. Dillon thinks that he will be allowed to complete this road, which is an important one to the residents of this section of the county. The top of the old grade is a very steep pitch, too steep to allow of heavy loads, and a new grade will be built at that point. Work will be under way this week on the DesChutes grade.

THE SPRING RAIN FALL

The average precipitation for the past three years has been, for April .85 for May .62, for June .49 in.

The rain fall for this year has been, for April .23, for May .77, and for three days of June .44. The total precipitation thus far for this Spring 1.44 in. The average Spring rain fall for the three preceding years was 1.97 in. Wm. W. GORDON.

Warm Springs June 4.

See D. W. Barnett for farming and timber lands. Farms for sale in the best portion of Crook county. P. O. address, Culver, Oregon.

RACE FOR SHERIFF CLOSE

STROUD AND ELKINS NECK AND NECK

Result is Still in Doubt And Official
Count May Be Necessary To
Decide The Contest.

Crook County seems to like close finishes in its biennial race for sheriff, and the present contest between Frank Elkins and Jacob Stroud for the honors of the shrievalty promises to set a new record. Latest reports give Elkins a majority of 3 with Maury precinct to be heard from. Maury cast 14 votes in the primaries, 6 republican and 8 democratic. The same vote in last Monday's election would give Elkins a majority of 1. But in the primaries Elkins did not get one of the votes cast, and as though to still further cloud the result, neither did Stroud his opponent for the democratic nomination, Street, having received all of the democratic votes. It is likely now that the sheriff of Crook County will be elected by the smallest majority ever given in the county, although two sheriffs have heretofore been elected by a majority of 3.

Warren Brown has won the race for county clerk, his majority being in the neighborhood of 150. W. F. King was elected county treasurer by a large majority, and R. H. Bayley was elected county commissioner by the biggest majority given in the county.

Owing to the inability to get full returns at time of going to press we are unable to give a tabulated report of the result throughout the county, but we expect to publish this report next week.

Last Monday was a busy day in Madras, although the business that occupied most of those in town was politics. From every direction the voters poured into Madras, the voting place for Kutchner precinct, and the five booths at the polls were kept busy all day accommodating the 238 electors who took part in the battle of ballots. Little knots and crowds of these talking, gesticulating politicians gave Madras the appearance of a town of 2000, and showed how goodly a crowd can be gathered together when they all turn out at once.

The result of the election in this precinct, which gave a Republican majority of about 100, was not a surprise, as the registration of voters had indicated that this precinct was overwhelmingly of that persuasion. With few exceptions the tickets were voted straight. Frank Elkins, whose home is in this precinct, ran ahead of his ticket, and R. H. Bayley, candidate for county commissioner, was only a few votes behind him. Warren Brown, democratic candidate for county clerk and whose home is at Haystack, carried the precinct.

There was little scratching of the state ticket, with the exception of the vote for United States Senator, John M. Gearin carrying the precinct by a big majority. Dr. Withycombe carried the precinct by a large majority, and the rest of the state ticket received the full vote. The precinct voted against woman's suffrage, in favor of the amendment to the local option law and against precinct prohibition.

James S. Mays was elected Constable for this precinct, and John A. Isham was elected justice of the peace. Don P. Res was elected precinct committeeman.

CHAMBERLAIN FOR GOVERNOR

George E. Chamberlain has been re-elected Governor of Oregon, according to the latest reports received from Portland. His majority will be in the neighborhood of 2000, and Oregon will again have a democratic Governor.

Jonathan Bourne Jr has also won out in the election as the republican candidate for the United State Senate, his majority being placed at 2500.

MADRAS WILL CELEBRATE

July Fourth Will Be Appropriately Observed At This Place.

A mass meeting of citizens has been called to meet at the Madras schoolhouse this, Thursday, evening at eight o'clock for the purpose of making preliminary arrangements and appointing committees to take up the work of preparing for a celebration of the Fourth of July at this place. Everyone is invited.

The proposal to celebrate has met with enthusiastic support by all the businessmen and other citizens of Madras, and no time will be lost in shaping matters for a rousing celebration.

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