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SPECIAL FRIDAY & SATURDAY

1000 yards of waistings at 5 cents per yard
 1000 yards of calico at 7 cents per yard
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Madras, Oregon

CONTRACTS ARE LET

OREGON TRUNK WILL BE BUILT NOW

Work Will Begin On Line Up Deschutes in a Few Days—May Be Feeder for North Bank Road.

In a letter regarding right of way contracts, F. S. Gordon, chief engineer of the Oregon Trunk Line says: "Contracts are let and work has commenced. There is no longer any question as to the intention or financial ability of the Oregon Trunk Line company. The road is to be built now."

This statement coming from the chief engineer of the Oregon Trunk Line, is authentic, and there is no longer reason to doubt that the road will be built at once. In spite of the numerous disappointments that Central Oregon has experienced in the past, there has been a tendency to put faith in the promises of the Oregon Trunk Line since that line was first surveyed up the Deschutes during the past winter. At that time, both Mr. Nelson and Mr. Gordon gave out the statement that the line would be built as far as Madras at once, and the information contained in Mr. Gordon's recent letter indicates that they are going to make good their promises. Right of way has been secured for the entire distance, excepting through a few forties near Sherar's bridge, and condemnation proceedings have been begun against these. Certain restrictions contained in the right of way contracts, limiting the time in which work must begin, gave an air of substantiality to the representations of the Oregon Trunk Line people that work would be started at once.

The Oregon Trunk line was promoted by W. F. Nelson, one of the best known railroad contractors on the coast. Mr. Nelson built the Cello portage road and also the Dufur road,

and he has been connected with the construction of some important work on this coast. It is believed that the Deschutes river project is an independent line, although it has been intimated that those backing it are affiliated with the Hill interests. In substantiation of the Hill theory, it was reported here last week on good authority that the contractors on the North Bank road are now figuring on contracts for a bridge across the Columbia at Cello Falls, and that they were also figuring on the work in the Deschutes gorge. If this statement should be true, it could indicate nothing else except that the Deschutes road was to be a feeder for the Hill road on the north bank. And, this invasion of a territory long held exclusively by Harriman might mean the beginning of a long struggle between these rival interests, for supremacy in the rich and growing Central Oregon country.

MILLION DOLLAR CANAL

GREAT DAM IN DESCHUTES CANYON

Steel Trestle Will Carry Water 888 Feet Above Bed of Crooked River at Crossing.

Portland Daily Journal.

Charts and specifications for construction of the irrigation canal of the Madras Irrigation & Power company, a new Crook county project to cost \$1,000,000, were filed today in the state house at Salem. The canal will irrigate more than 100,000 acres in the Willow creek basin, and it is expected to increase immensely the prosperity of northern Crook county.

The company will take water from the Deschutes river. At the point of diversion will be built a dam 70 feet high between the perpendicular walls of the canyon through which the river flows. The dam will be of concrete, 60 feet thick at the base, 30 feet thick at the top and 170 feet long. It will be one of the greatest dams on the coast. Power plants will be constructed at this dam and also at a point on the Crooked river, where the canal will be carried across the Crooked river canyon on a steel trestle 2300 feet long and 888 feet above the waters of the stream. The project has been surveyed and planned by Donald Fitzgerald, a noted New York engineer, and is financed in the east. It is proposed to place water on the districts known as Big Agency Plains, Little Agency, Haystack and Lamonta. The soil is a volcanic ash that already raises wheat and other grains with practically no water in the summer season, and which with irrigation will become one of the most fertile sections of Oregon.

With the completion of the Madras system there will be four large irrigation plants in Crook county, equipped to reclaim more than 500,000 acres of land now practically arid but susceptible of being brought with water to a state of productivity equal to any land in the world. Crook county will in the next few years, it is said, become one of the richest and most populous counties in Oregon—a startling change from its present physical make-up.

Two railroad companies, said to represent the Harriman and Hill systems respectively, are hurrying work preliminary to construction of lines that will penetrate the heart of the irrigated regions, and give rail transportation to Bend and Madras. The Oregon Trunk Line, promoted by W. F. Nelson, and supposed to be a Hill road, has surveyed and obtained rights of way from the mouth of the Deschutes river to Madras, about 80 miles, and it is announced that construction work will be commenced within the next two weeks.

From the opposite direction, at a connection with Harriman's proposed line through central Oregon, a route has been surveyed and a road will be built through Madras and across the Crooked river to a point on the Deschutes about the center of the segregated lands of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power company. These roads will give the country rail competition. The Deschutes river road will pull freight down the Deschutes to the Columbia river and thence to Portland. The Harriman line will take the traffic via central Oregon over the Cascades at Crecent lake and down the Willamette river to Portland.

For Sale.

Two geldings and four mares; will weigh over 1300 pounds each. Ages from three to nine years. For prices, write to or call on A. N. Warren, Haycreek, Oregon.

IT LOOKS LIKE A JOB

COURT HOUSE CONTRACT LET 18 MONTHS AGO

Reported That County Judge Bell Made Deal With Salem Contractor in Connection With County Division Fight in 1905 Legislature.

The latest and most startling development in the new court house matter is a report now going the rounds to the effect that a contract for a new court house building was agreed upon by Judge Bell with a Salem builder in January, 1905, and that the recent call for bids was merely a blind for the purpose of awarding the contract according to the agreement made by County Judge Bell at that time.

The story runs as follows: It will be remembered that Sheriff C. Sam Smith and County Judge W. A. Bell made a lobbying trip to Salem during the county division fight in January, 1905, and for which they each pulled down \$100 out of the county treasury. On their arrival at Salem, Judge Bell found that his influence did not carry any weight with it, and so he enlisted the services of Mr. C. A. Gray in his cause. In exchange for certain influences which Mr. Gray was to bring to bear upon the county division question, an agreement was made by which the county court was to let contracts for a new court house building, within 18 months from that time, and these contracts were to be made in such a way that C. A. Gray was to carry off the plum. That is, under the agreement made by Judge Bell, the contract was to be awarded to C. A. Gray or those acting for him. This deal, in effect, would deprive the county of the benefits to be derived from competitive bidding. The C. A. Gray referred to is the contractor who built the County High School building at Prineville, at a cost of nearly \$25,000, and he resides

at Salem, Oregon. In the call for bids which was published for two weeks in a Portland paper, reference is made to an architect, W. D. Pugh residing at Salem, who prepared the plans and specifications. This call for bids is said to have been merely a blind, to give the deal with Gray the semblance of regularity when the bids were awarded.

If the above story be true, it explains the secrecy employed by the county court in its attempt to award the contracts for the new building. It would explain, too, why the county court's intention to let a contract for a new court house was not known even to some of the most prominent business men of Prineville, lest too much publicity might invite competition, and thus embarrass the Judge in delivering his part of the bargain with Mr. Gray.

These charges are serious, and if investigation should prove them to be true, they may present an entirely new phase to the court house question. Throughout the county there is a strong sentiment against the Star Chamber methods employed by the county court in the new court house matter, and even the conservative business men of Prineville, who might naturally wish for new county buildings in their home town, are free and open in their denunciation of those methods. The reports of the Salem deal come from the most reliable sources, and they have been corroborated. If investigation should show them to be true, proceedings for the removal of the county judge are among the possibilities, under the present temper of the taxpayers of the county.

GOVERNOR AT BEND

BIG CELEBRATION HELD IN HIS HONOR

Irrigation Town Makes A Gala Day To Entertain Chief Executive—2000 Trout Barbecued.

Governor Chamberlain and other members of the state land board were the guests of honor at a big celebration at Bend, last Tuesday, on their visit to the irrigation district of Crook county. By pre-arrangement the farmer's institute which was to have been held at Bend over a month ago had been postponed until the date of the visit of the Governor and the land board, in order that the celebration planned by the Deschutes Settler's Association might be a memorable one.

The Governor and his party, accompanied by correspondents of the Portland dailies, reached Bend on Tuesday forenoon, and found the beautiful little city on the Deschutes in gala attire in honor of the occasion, and in preparation for the big celebration. After the arrival of the Governor and his party, a big picnic lunch was served under the pines on the banks of the river, a feature of the lunch being a trout barbecue, more than 2000 brook trout having been provided for the occasion. These trout were taken from the Deschutes river at Bend, the Deschutes being perhaps the most famous trout stream in the United States.

In the afternoon from 2 to 5 the farmers' institute was held, addresses

being delivered by the Governor and other visitors, and an entertaining and instructive program being carried out. In the evening from 7 to 9, a public reception was tendered the Governor and his party on the lawn at the beautiful home of Mr. A. M. Drake on the banks of the river, the velvety lawn, the stately pines overhead, the myriads of decorated Japanese lanterns and the swift moving river in front of the lawn presenting a scene of wonderful loveliness. Following the reception, a big public dance was given.

The celebration at Bend was one of the most elaborate and successful ever held in Central Oregon. The Governor and his party are said to have been delighted with their trip, both with the cordiality of the reception given them and with the many evidences of material growth which they saw.

BASKET SOCIAL

A Basket Social will be held at the school house in district No. 52, near the German Methodist Church, on Tuesday evening, June 26. Program will begin at 8 o'clock, proceeds to be used to help pay indebtedness on schoolhouse. Everyone cordially invited.

J. F. BLANCHARD, Teacher.

Rev. Walton Skipworth, presiding elder of the Columbia River conference of the M. E. Church, will preach on Agency Plains on the evening of June 30th, and next day (Sunday) he will conduct services at Madras. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

RESOLVED!

STRAW HATS AND LOOSE, COOL CLOTHES NOT ONLY LOOK, BUT FEEL SO GOOD THIS WEATHER. BUSTER BROWN



THE SUMMER DAYS ARE HERE IN ALL THEIR HEAT AND GLORY. PEEP AT OUR LARGE DISPLAY OF STRAW HATS FOR LADIES, MEN AND BOYS. THEY LOOK SO COOL AND MAKE YOU FEEL SO COMFORTABLE BELOW THE ROOTS OF YOUR HAIR. SUMMER DRESS GOODS, LAWNS, BATISTES AND SWISSES ARE JUST THE STUFF. WE HAVE THEM FROM 7c TO 22 1-2c. LADIES' FINE LACE GLOVES AND HOSIERY, LIGHT SUMMER UNDERWEAR, UNDERSKIRTS AND SHIRT WAISTS. WE CAN KEEP YOU FROM HAVING BRAIN FEVER. YOUR HEAD WILL BE COOL AND YOU WON'T HAVE TO WORRY BECAUSE SOMEBODY'S ELSE HAT OR CLOTHES LOOK BETTER THAN YOURS. WE CAN ALSO PURNISH YOU WITH SHOES THAT WILL KEEP YOUR FEET DRY AND COOL.

RESPECTFULLY,

J. W. AND M. A. ROBINSON AND CO.