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HARRIMAN ENGINEERS MOVE CAMP SOUTH

Locating Line By Way Of Trail Crossing--Mills' Party Camped At Redmond.

The party of Harriman engineers under H. J. Roberts, who have been camped at Madras for a month or more while working in this locality, moved their camp South Tuesday. Their new camp near Culver, probably at the George H. Osborn ranch, while they are continuing the location of the line South. The line has been located South from Madras for a distance of about 10 miles, following practically the same route taken by the Central Oregon, which follows around Juniper Butte, with a crossing over Crooked river near Trail Crossing.

The party under Mr. Mills, which was also camped at Madras for some time, is now camped at Redmond and is working this way to connect with the line being run by the Roberts party. When that connection is made the location of the Harriman line will be complete from the mouth of the Deschutes to Redmond. From there it is understood the location will be made on South as far as Klamath Falls.

According to a recent announcement made by General Manager O'Brien of the O. R. & N. Co., the present plans for the construction of the Harriman line into Central Oregon contemplate the construction of the line as far as Madras. Contracts will be let and work will be prosecuted vigorously on that link of the Harriman North and South line, while surveys are being completed and preparations being made for the construction of the next link of the line, on South from Madras.

Engineers who are familiar with the character of the construction work which will be encountered in the Deschutes canyon have estimated that it will require two years to complete the construction as far as Madras. This time could be shortened several months if economy in construction were ignored and this might occur should the Harriman people and the Oregon Trunk Line both attempt to build into Central Oregon via the Deschutes route. It is generally believed that construction work will begin at the mouth of the river not later than January 1, and that within a short time work will be under way all along the line.

WILL BEGIN DRILLING AT GRIZZLY NEXT WEEK

Word comes from the camp of the Madras Oil & Gas Company on the West slope of Grizzly that the preliminary arrangements will be completed by the end of this week, and it is expected that drilling in the well will commence by the first of the week. The new drilling outfit is being installed, and this has required considerable work. In the neighborhood of 8000 feet of timber had to be framed up, the big derrick was strengthened, and other similar preparations had to be made before the big new drilling outfit could be operated.

The well was sunk to a depth of 150 feet with the old drilling outfit and work will be resumed at that point with the new drill, with which it is expected that a depth of 3000 feet can be attained if that is found necessary. The indications of oil at that point are said to be very good, however, and the members of the company are confident that they will find the oil-bearing stratum before that depth is reached. The new drill expert recently employed by the company has taken charge of the work.

OPEN TOWN FIGHT AT PRINEVILLE

Prineville, Or., Nov. 30.—City election will be held Monday, December 21, and a warm battle is anticipated between prohibition and open town forces, the county and city both now being under local option. The prohibition element has placed in nomination this ticket under the name of the Propertyowners and Business Men's party: For Mayor, D. F. Stewart; for Councilmen, John B. Shipp, Jesse Yancey and Wardwell Cram; for Recorder, C. L. Shattuck; for Treasurer, J. W. Boone; for Marshal, Wade Huston.

PLANNING FOR CHRISTMAS

Arrangements are already being made for a public Christmas entertainment to be held in Madras Christmas eve, December 24, so as not to conflict with other entertainments held in Madras. A Christmas "log cabin" will be one of the principal features of the evening's entertainment. An appropriate program is being prepared. Further details of the Christmas arrangements will be announced as they have been worked out.

SAYS CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN IN A FEW WEEKS

Estimates Of Harriman Line Up Deschutes Canyon Completed--To Build First Link Of Road To Madras.

General Manager O'Brien, of the Harriman lines in the Pacific Northwest, has forwarded estimates for the construction of the first section of the Central Oregon line up the Deschutes river, from a connection with the O. R. & N. at its mouth. Profiles of the new line and the probable cost were sent forward to the Chicago headquarters of the Harriman system during the past week, says the Oregonian.

The estimates call for the expenditure of \$4,000,000 for building the first 100 miles of the Deschutes line. This will construct the road as far South as Madras, tapping the big Central Oregon plain that is expected to furnish a vast traffic during the coming few years.

"I think early approval of the plans for the Central Oregon line may be expected," said General Manager O'Brien. "This will mean the early beginning on the road into the interior of the state, following up the Deschutes river canyon from its mouth. As soon as surveys and figures can be prepared for the construction of the line South from Madras

they will be forwarded for approval of the Chicago officials of the system."

The line to Madras, the first unit of the Central Oregon line, will drain the big interior plains on both sides of the Deschutes canyon of their wheat, cattle and other products. Practical grades have been found for the line, and construction will be unusually difficult.

From Madras, the road will be built South to Bend, opening up the new irrigation district surrounding that place, and reaching the whole Eastern slope of the Cascades to the center of the state, the district that has waited so long for transportation facilities.

The early approval of the estimates just sent forward will mean that construction forces will be assembled and work started within the next few weeks. Plans are already being made by the engineering department of the Harriman lines for beginning on the Central Oregon line, and by the opening of the new year it is expected that operations will be under way. The country and climate are such that work can be prosecuted throughout the Winter months.

SHERIFF SOLVES PROBLEM

Sheriff Elkins' problem, resulting from the order of Judge Bradshaw that the sheriff sell the Estebenet stock of liquors under an attachment in this, a dry county, was solved for him by Attorney General Crawford, to whom the matter had been referred by the district attorney. The Attorney-General advised that the stock of liquor be not disposed of in this county, in order not to violate the local option law, and in accordance with that opinion the mandate of the court was disobeyed. The stock of wet goods is still in the hands of the sheriff, and it is understood, will be shipped out of Crook county before being sold. Attorney General Crawford holds that the prohibition law absolutely "prohibits" the sale of liquor in counties or precincts which have voted "dry," and that the law makes no provision for judicial sales.

INDIANS WILL ATTEND THE BIG RABBIT DRIVE

A large number of Indians from the Warm Springs Reservation have signified their intention of participating in the rabbit drive to be conducted on Agency Plains December 14, and it is likely that as many as 200 of the Indians will be on hand. Preparations for the drive are going ahead and no effort will be spared to make it a success and to rid that section, for a time at least, of the large numbers of rabbits which have become so troublesome. Some of the most sanguine of those who are arranging for the drive believe that several thousand rabbits will be slaughtered. The rabbits have increased very rapidly in the past two years, and in the more sparsely settled districts they are more numerous than they have been before in years. On Agency Plains they are more numerous around the edges of the cultivated area, making their homes in the high sagebrush and doing much damage by their frequent incursions on neighboring fields of growing grain.

The Indians are very fond of rabbit meat and a good many feasts will be held by them if the big drive proves a success.

IRRIGATION FOR SILVER LAKE

Bend, Or., Nov. 26.—E. E. Forshey, a civil engineer from Boise, Idaho, who is said to be in the employ of Miller & Vale of Salt Lake City, and of Samuel D. Boone of Hailey, Idaho, men who are interested in different irrigation projects throughout the West, has been in Silver Lake and surrounding country looking over that section, with a view to inaugurating an extensive irrigation project. Forshey says he has appropriated the waters of Silver Lake and Thorn Lake, and has an appropriation sufficient to reclaim 185,000 acres, and that he expects to appropriate enough to bring the total to 400,000 acres. He says he expects to return to Silver Lake in about two months with an engineering crew for surveys.

RAILROAD NEARING KLAMATH

Klamath Falls, Nov. 29.—The day of the stage coach as a factor in the transit of passengers between Klamath Falls and outside points is drawing rapidly to a close. Commencing yesterday trains of the California Eastern began running to Worden, the new terminus at the edge of the marsh of Lower Klamath lake, only three miles from Blidell, where passengers take passage on the steamer Klamath to Klamath Falls. Only three miles of staging for passengers and for freight transportation by team remain and that for only a brief time, for the construction of the railroad grade through the marshlands to navigable water at Holland station is well advanced.

KILLS LARGE TIMBER WOLF

George Windom killed a large grey timber wolf at his ranch near Culver last Sunday. The animal measuring 71 inches from tip to tip. When killed by Mr. Windom the grey wolf was trotting down the road in front of the Windom home and a shot from a rifle brought him down.

The timber wolf is very rare in the prairie sections, his home being in the mountains, and this is the first one known to have been killed in this immediate section. The coyote, or prairie wolf as he is called, belongs to the wolf species, but is very much smaller than the timber wolf, and is quite common in this section.

ITEMS FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Old Judgment Settled

The judgment secured by the Government against Eastwood & Dec three years ago has finally been settled and the amount, \$2000, fully paid up. The suit was for cutting timber from a claim before securing patent to the land, and at that time the defendants not understanding that patent must be secured before cutting began. John F. Dell, who had been in charge of the mill and lumber for 22 days, came in Thursday evening and reported that the matter had been finally closed by defendants making a last payment.—Prineville Review.

Dynamiting Fish in Deschutes

Complaint is made at Bend that someone is dynamiting the river above town and slaughtering great numbers of fish. Such action is an outrage and should be stopped at once, and as it is pretty well known who are the guilty parties, they had better stop the practice before Sheriff Elkins takes a hand in the game.—Bend Bulletin.

Will Shoot The Chutes

Professor E. L. Ashby and Max Hofer are planning a trip from Prineville to the mouth of the Deschutes river by canoe, the start to be made some time next Summer. They have already ordered the canoe and are now practicing swimming.—Prineville Journal.

Central Oregon Road Still Alive

Rogoe Howard, manager of the D. I. & P. Co., was down in his auto from Bend Friday on business connected with the Central Oregon railroad. Plans for this road are going steadily forward despite survey work and rumors about the Harriman line.—Prineville Journal.