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SAYS HARRIMAN DID NOT SAY IT

Believe's Promise Will Be
Kept

F. S. STANLEY DENIES REPORTED INTERVIEW

Recent Developments Indicate Des-
chutes Route Has Been
Selected.

Fred S. Stanley, manager of the Des-
chutes Irrigation & Power Company,
who was reported by a Portland paper,
last week, to have had an interview
with E. H. Harriman in New York, in
which the latter stated that the Central
Oregon road would have to wait a while,
says that the story is absolutely without
foundation in fact, and that he has not
made any statement which would war-
rant the publication of such a story.

Mr. Stanley says that while it is true
he accompanied General Manager
O'Brien on his visit East, he did not
go to New York, that he did not see
Mr. Harriman, and has not seen him
since last Summer when he visited the
railroad magnate at Pelican Bay, at
which time the promise of the speedy
construction of a road to Central Ore-
gon was given. So far as he knows that
promise will be fulfilled, and he has no
intimation of any intention to break it.
It is also stated by Mr. Stanley that he
believes, and has abundant reasons for
the belief, that construction on the Central
Oregon road will begin just as soon as
weather conditions permit.

In connection with the denial of the
"broken promise" story, it is interest-
ing to learn that the Harriman engi-
neers who have been working all Winter
in the Deschutes canyon, have com-
pleted the final location of the line and
are now cross-sectioning near the mouth
of the river, where construction will be-
gin. Mr. Roberts and his party, who
were camped here for a month or more
while surveying in this locality, are set-
ting cross-section stakes, which is a
very good indication that work will be-
gin at once. A story comes from very
reliable sources in Portland, that it is
the intention of the Harriman people to
have a large construction force at work
in the Deschutes canyon within the
next 90 days, and that the work will be
presented all along the line, so as to
hurry up the completion of the road as
far as Madras. From this information
and the source from which it comes,
taken with the fact that the cross-
section stakes are being set, it is believed
that the selection of the route to Central
Oregon has been made, and that the line
will be built up the Deschutes.

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—F. J. Brooks.

The story reprinted by us last week,
from a Portland paper, was not given
much credence at the time, and Mr.
Stanley's emphatic denial has set at rest
any doubts there may have been. The
following is the text of Mr. Stanley's
denial:

"To the Editor of the Telegram:
"On Saturday evening your paper
published an article under the heading
'Harriman Again Breaks Promise,' in
which the writer intimated—although
he did not expressly say so—that I had
made statements regarding an inter-
view with Mr. Harriman in New York.

"No one from your paper has inter-
viewed me in regard to the matter, nor
have I ever made any of the statements
attributed to me in that article. It is
true that I went East with Mr. O'Brien
but I did not accompany Mr. O'Brien
to New York City, nor did I see Mr.
Harriman during my trip East, nor has
Mr. Harriman conveyed the informa-
tion to me, directly or indirectly, that
he did not intend to keep the pledge he
made to Governor Chamberlain and my-
self last Summer regarding the building
of a road into Central Oregon, and I
have very strong reasons for believing
that he intends to keep that pledge."

"The publication of the article re-
ferred to is not justified by any facts
within my knowledge, and I trust you
will give this letter a prominent place in
the columns of your paper, as a denial
of the statements attributed to me in
the article referred to. Yours very
truly.—FRED S. STANLEY.

HARRIMAN MUST BUILD OR STATE WILL

State Capitol, Salem, Feb. 2.—A
whiplash for Harriman is said to be con-
tained in a proposed constitutional
amendment and a bill introduced by
Speaker McArthur today, authorizing
construction of new railroads by the
state and its credit or by any county or
city or district the legislature may cre-
ate. Both were drafted by C. E. S.
Wood of Portland, following recommen-
dations of the Oregon-Idaho Develop-
ment Congress, which met in Salem last
week. The two measures are said to be
backed up by "big" and "substantial"
men of Portland, among them T. B.
Wilcox and W. B. Ayer.

The constitutional amendment is to
be submitted to the people in November,
1910, so as to remove present prohibi-
tions against the state's aiding any rail-
road through state credit. The bill cre-
ates a "Commission of Highways," of
nine members, appointed by the Govern-
or, to prepare a plan of railroad con-
struction, ownership, operation and fi-
nancing, so as to supply the state with
railroads where Harriman and other
railroad magnates have failed to build.
The commission is to report to the Gov-
ernor and the next legislature. The
bill appropriates \$5000 for the work of
the commission.

WANTS TO TAKE 3000-MILE JAUNT

John Alden Seabury, editor, author,
pedestrian, has offered the Portland
Chamber of Commerce his services as
an advertiser of the Rose Festival and
Portland in general, in a novel walking
trip across the continent. Coming from
Central Oregon, Mr. Seabury's stunt
will also advertise the fact that Mr.
Harriman has developed the noble art
of pedestrianism in the residents of this
railroadless section. The letter follows:
"Prineville, Or., Jan. 29.—What in-
ducement, if any, will you make me to
walk, say from Portland, Or., to Port-
land, Maine, or New York, in 100 days?
I can do it, and to prove my ability am
walking from my home here to Port-
land at the rate of 30 miles daily for
eight or nine days. My idea is to ad-
vertise, not only Portland, but the Rose
Festival as well, from coast to coast in
100 days.

"Any reasonable offer will be consid-
ered, for, like Mr. Weston, who walked
from Portland, Maine, to Chicago, in
1907, after I am once well started in the
interest of a recognized body like yours
my way will be paved."
"JOHN ALDEN SEABURY."

COURT HOUSE RAPIDLY NEARING COMPLETION

The new county court house is now
nearing completion, and finishing work
is in progress. The lighting has been
put on and the plasterers are now
at work. The heating plant had al-
ready been installed. It is expected
that the new court house will be ready
for occupancy in a couple of months,
and when completed the new court
house will be one of the finest buildings
of its kind in the state.

SUMMARY OF COMPUL- SORY EDUCATION LAW

John McTaggart has been appointed
Truant Officer for the Madras school
district and contiguous districts lying
North, the appointment having been
made by the District Boundary Board.
For the benefit of the residents of this
and contiguous districts, we print below
a summary of the Compulsory Educa-
tion Law:

As soon as school opens, the district
clerk must give to the teacher a revised
copy of his last census report, showing
the name and age of every child, and
the name and address of each child's
father or guardian. It is necessary for
the teacher to have this information in
order to comply with the compulsory
education law. Every child in the dis-
trict who has reached the age of nine
years must attend school regularly dur-
ing the whole time the school is in ses-
sion. After the child reaches the age of
14 years he is not required to attend,
provided he is regularly and lawfully
engaged in some useful employment.
If not so employed he must attend until
he becomes 16 years of age.

The compulsory law does not apply to
eighth grade graduates, or to children
who are attending some other school
regularly. It does not apply to child-
ren between the ages of nine and 16
years if they live more than one and
one-half miles from school, nor to older
children if they live more than three
miles from school by the nearest trav-
eled road.

When truancy is reported, the Dis-
trict Boundary Board will send an order
to the truant officer to investigate the
case. A copy of this order will be sent
to the teacher. If, after investigation,
the truant officer finds that the law has
been violated, he will send a letter to
the father or guardian by registered
mail ordering him to start the child to
school on the following Monday morn-
ing. He will also send a copy of his let-
ter to the teacher, and if the child does
not start to school on the day named,
the teacher must immediately report
the fact to the truant officer, so that he
may bring action against the parent or
guardian.

In the administration of this law it is
the duty of district clerks and directors
to give such information and assistance
as they may be able to give, and any
teacher, director, clerk, or other officer
who neglects to perform his duty may,
upon complaint of any parent or tax-
payer in the district, be arrested and
fined from five to twenty dollars. See
page 91, School Laws of 1907.

DUST STORM HURTS UMATILLA WHEAT

Pendleton, Or., Feb. 3.—In the opin-
ion of many farmers much damage was
done to growing grain by the dust storm
of yesterday and last night. Reports
from the surrounding country indicate
that the storm was much worse than
was at first supposed, the sheltered loca-
tion of the city preventing the full force
of the storm being felt here. In fields
where the soil was loose the dirt was
blown away from the roots of the grain,
leaving them unprotected and causing
the grain to fall over. In other places
the soil was made to drift like snow,
burying some of the wheat so deep it
will never see light again.

Great havoc was also wreaked on the
roads and much difficulty was encoun-
tered by those attempting to come to
town. It was almost impossible to go
in the face of the storm, while the
holes that were scooped and the dust
drifts made fast going with the wind
precarious.

ITEMS FROM OUR EXCHANGES

WIND UNCOVERS PLANTED GRAIN

The high winds of the past week are
reported to be doing considerable dam-
age to crops in the Culver and Madras
sections by blowing the loose soil of the
seeded fields so as to uncover the plant-
ed grain. G. Spritzer was in Prineville
Tuesday from his home near Culver and
states that the winds are the worst that
have been known for several years. A
few days of falling weather would soon
put a stop to this damage, and while the
injury may not be sufficient to be of
serious consequence, fears are that a
continuance of the winds will greatly
reduce the crops of that section the
coming season.—Prineville Journal.

PROHIBITION AT PRINEVILLE

Forty gallons of booze arrived here
Friday evening from outside points. All
these jugs and bottles represent an
outlay of about \$214.00, and this day's
shipment beat previous records only a
trifle. Imports of the refreshing ju-
g producer, average 12 gallons a day.—
Prineville Review.