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IN RE THE HARRIMAN STORY

Mr. Stanley's denial of the reported interview with Mr. Harriman, in which the latter was said to have referred unfavorably to the Central Oregon railroad is given prominence in this week's paper. The story was not given much credence here when first published, but it will nevertheless be of interest to many to read Mr. Stanley's denial, and what he says regarding the prospects for a road.

Much has been said in papers throughout the state regarding the Central Oregon railroad, and the public has about reached the point where it will have to see "dirt fly" before it is sure that the road will be built, or which route will be chosen. But, no man in the state has kept in closer touch with the railroad situation in Central Oregon than Mr. Stanley, and for this reason his opinion will have weight. He says he has good reasons to believe that the work will be begun at once.

HELPING ALONG OUR FAIR

One of the bills passed over the veto of Governor Chamberlain, was the bill of Representative Belknap, appropriating \$750 annually to the First Central Oregon District Fair Association, the meetings of which are held at Prineville. The bill was passed at the last session of the legislature, but was vetoed by the Governor, and at this session it received the necessary two-thirds vote to pass it over the veto.

The state is appropriating funds for the support of other district fairs throughout the state, and it was just and right that the district fair held at Prineville should also receive some state aid. Central Oregon is developing into one of the great agricultural districts of the state, and its district fairs, whose purpose is the advancement of the agricultural interests, should receive proper encouragement.

THE ARTESIAN WELL BILL

Senator Smith of Umatilla county has introduced in the legislature what is known as the artesian well bill, and the measure has passed the Senate with only one dissenting vote. If it becomes a law it will unquestionably prove beneficial to many sections of Eastern Oregon, where artesian water may be secured by deep drilling. Drilling for artesian water is an expensive business, and it has not been very extensively engaged in in Eastern Oregon, for the reason that it has not been practical, even where there were good prospects of securing artesian water, to get all the property-owners who would be benefitted thereby to join in the enterprise. The Smith bill provides a practical way in which districts may be organized and the co-operation of all property owners to be benefitted may be secured, since all property in the well district must share in the expense of the drilling. Such a law will open the way to much development work of that kind.

COW CANYON ROAD MEETING

The meeting called for Monday evening to discuss the improvement of the Cow Canyon road was well attended and considerable interest was manifested in the project. Messrs. Rooper and Howell represented Wasco county at the meeting, the former explaining at length the attitude of the Wasco county court towards the proposed improvement. It is their purpose to build a new road, following the creek and avoiding the steep pull "over the horn," and to improve the grade all the way up the canyon, Wasco county to bear half the expense and Crook county citizens to put up the balance, amounting to about \$600. It is estimated that about \$200 of this amount will have to be raised at Madras by subscription.

An organization was effected with A. C. Sanford as chairman and Max Lueddemann as secretary, and a committee consisting of J. W. Robinson, C. E. Roush and John McTaggart was appointed to solicit subscriptions. Don Rea was appointed a special committee to take the matter up with the D. L. & P. Co. and the other interests at Bend.

The several local branches of the Farmers' Union have also taken the matter up and will lend their assistance, and the success of the undertaking is assured, so far as this section is concerned.

One dollar per bushel was paid in Walla Walla last week for No. 1 bluestem wheat, the first time in more than 20 years that the price has reached the dollar mark at that place. Intrinsically wheat is worth no more at Walla Walla than it is at Madras, and the difference in the price emphasizes what it means to a wheat district to be without transportation facilities.

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DAYLIGHT STAGE—There will be a daylight stage leaving Madras for Shaniko every morning. The stage will leave from the Green Hotel.—J. W. Livingston. 1t

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C. E. ROUSH, MANAGER