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ESTRAY NOTICE—Came to my place
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ver, Oregon. d23

Completion Of Roads Is The Paramount Issue

CONSTRUCTION WORK SHOWS MUCH ACTIVITY

Harriman And Hill's Aggressive War-
fare Confined Principally To
Field Operations

The active warfare of the Harriman and Hill interests in the courts and the Deschutes canyon seems to have reached a more tranquil stage, even if not entirely abated, and each of the titans is now exerting all the energy possible toward getting its respective lines completed. This antagonism was largely for the purpose of securing control of the strategic points on the surveys, in an endeavor to reduce the cost of construction into the undeveloped territory of Central Oregon, whose vast area, rich in resources, has long been devoid of transportation facilities; partly owing to topographical difficulties, partly because of unsettled conditions at other points between the two rival systems of the Northwest now building into this section, but chiefly because there was no competition with the interests whose rail lines encircle the state.

The canyon of the Deschutes River affords the only natural pass from the Columbia River to the high table lands of the inland empire, which both the Deschutes Railroad and the Oregon Trunk Line are endeavoring to reach at the earliest possible moment. There has been rivalry, with numerous contests, for the most desirable locations below the mouth of Trout Creek. From that point the two roads take different courses South. The Harriman road on leaving the Deschutes canyon, follows a rocky canyon for a distance, in which the work of grading is very costly and necessarily slow for several miles. The Oregon Trunk Line on its surveys up Willow Creek canyon from the Deschutes has practically the same difficulties to overcome, but judging from a general view of both routes, it would appear that the Oregon Trunk Line, while having somewhat better grades with less curvature, would be the most expensive of construction and therefore would take a longer time to complete.

In view of the statements made by engineers and contractors of both lines, that trains would be running to Madras within eight or ten months, the people have the assurance that all the energy possible is being put forth as well as vast sums of money expended. The situation at present is that the two great rival railroad powers are highly aggressive in a region where the people have long waited for railroad development, but whose varied resources will amply repay each road for its arduous labors.

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LIST WITH ME

Incorporation

--- Election

JANUARY 31, 1910

CITY OFFICERS
ALSO ELECTED

NEW EQUIPMENT TO BE ORDERED FOR O. R. & N.

Vice-President and General Manager J. P. O'Brien, of the Harriman roads in the Northwest, has put in requisition for the greatest line of equipment for 1910 that has been asked for in any former year in the history of these roads. He says that he is not in a position to announce the details at the present time, inasmuch as the budget has not yet been approved, but is in the hands of the Eastern officials of the system. At the same time he hopes that the freight, passenger and motive power rolling-stock that he has asked for will be allowed, says the Portland Telegram.

Some idea of the equipment budget for the Oregon lines may be gathered from the fact that last year the appropriation allowed Mr. O'Brien was in excess of \$2,000,000, which was nearly one-third of the entire appropriation for the whole Harriman system.

At no time in the history of these allied lines has there been the demand for betterment that the officials are now facing. The new Deschutes Railway, which will be completed into Central Oregon, must be provided with considerable rolling-stock. The O. & W., the Puget Sound extension of the Union Pacific, is inadequately supplied with coaches, cars and engines. The additions to service on the O. R. & N. main line both for the Oregon and Washington divisions must be looked after. The great struggle between the Northern lines and the Harriman system over mail contracts and high-class through service from the East, cannot be neglected, while the normal growth of freight business for this territory will require an unusually large appropriation.

PRECIPITATION FOR THIS SECTION INCREASES

Abnormal Record Of Fifteen Inches For
Year 1909—Year 1908 Also
Shows Increase

In the annual report of Local Co-operative Weather Observer Rea, recently compiled, it is noted with much interest the material increase in the amount of precipitation, both of rain and snow, the former showing a total of 10.38 inches and the latter 58.61, making a total of approximately 15 inches of moisture for the year ending December 31, 1909.

The year 1908 was also somewhat above the average in the amount of moisture which is supposed to fall in this section. Although there was no weather observer at this place during that year, a conservative estimate made in comparison with the precipitation of a few years previous, would tend to show that probably from 10 to 12 inches of moisture fell in this section during 1908. In view of the reports which have been current heretofore that six or eight inches per year was the maximum for the fall of moisture in this section, the considerable increase of the last two years would indicate that a wetter climate is to be the rule for the Central Oregon country.

The change is an especially pleasing one to residents of the interior, who, with the increased precipitation, are assured of sufficient moisture for the maturing of crops. And, if other climatic conditions are not altogether favorable, even a partial failure of crops in the country East of the Cascades will be a great rarity.

TRAINS WILL RUN OVER C. S. RAILWAY TODAY

Since the wash-out on the Columbia Southern between Moro and Biggs last Friday, when it was rumored that 18 miles of track and three bridges were washed away by the waters caused by the chinook, the report has come over the telephone that the tracks would be repaired sufficiently to allow the trains to pass over so that they would reach Shaniko some time this afternoon.

The Cornett Stage & Stable Company has sent extra teams to the railroad to be in readiness to bring all the mail which has accumulated during the delay of the past few days.

A definite report of the damage was brought in by a person who had walked around the wash-out, he stating that probably two miles of track were washed out or damaged and that three bridges or culverts were destroyed.

Brilliant Comet Visible To This Vicinity

LOCATED NEAR HORIZON
IN SOUTHWESTERN SKY

Not Halley's Comet, But A Newcomer,
--Made First Appearance
Last Monday

The residents of Madras obtained their first view of a comet Monday evening about 5:45 p. m., although it appears that this is not the much-talked-of Halley's comet which it is reported will be visible next May, but one recently discovered by a South African astronomer. The comet Monday evening (from an amateur's point of view) appeared in the Western sky, slightly to the South, not far above the horizon, and a short distance North of the evening star, Venus. The first glimpse of the comet is seen between 5:30 and 6:00 p. m. Monday evening the comet was very bright and its tail showed a considerable distance into the sky, extending perpendicularly from the star or comet proper. Tuesday evening the comet was again visible, but the weather was somewhat cloudy and the view was not so distinct. On this evening the tail appeared as if it curved slightly toward the South.

The subjoined dispatch explains the appearance of the comet in this vicinity.

San Jose, Cal., Jan. 18.—Astronomer R. G. Aitken, of the Lick Observatory, today gave the following statement for the Associated Press:

"The comet discovered in South Africa a day or two ago is brighter than the planet Venus. It was easily seen at the Lick Observatory at noon today with the naked eye. It was four degrees east of the sun and one-half of a degree north of it, and was moving toward the northeast.

"In a clear sky it should be a brilliant object for the next few evenings, and should be looked for in the southwestern sky immediately after sunset.

"Daylight observations today by Astronomer Wright showed that the spectrum of the comet's nucleus is continuous, crossed by bright radium lines extending into the coma."

CITY ELECTION--LAW GOVERNING--THE TICKETS

The first city election of Madras will be held in Sanford's hall Monday, January 31, 1910, for the purpose of voting for or against incorporation, and if it carries, to elect city officials. The county court has ordered that John W. Robinson act as chairman of the election board, and that F. J. Brooks and S. E. Gray also act as judges and that G. R. Moorhead and B. C. Dove act as clerks of the election.

This election will be conducted under the same law as a general election for state or county officers. The law requires that a person, in order to be a legal voter, must have been a resident of the state at least six months and within the boundary of the municipality or voting precinct 30 days. Also, to be a native born or naturalized citizen of the United States.

CITIZENS' TICKET

For Mayor—
Robert Rea
For Councilmen—
S. E. Gray, T. B. Tucker,
W. R. Cook, T. A. Long
Warren Smith, Ralph Sharp

For Recorder—
J. H. Jackson

For Treasurer—
J. M. Conklin

For Marshal—
Austin W. Culp

INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' TICKET

For Mayor—
Howard W. Turner

For Councilmen—
S. E. Gray, T. B. Tucker,
W. R. Cook, T. A. Long
Warren Smith, W. H. Cook

For Recorder—
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