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FROM BEND TO HARNEY

Hill Line Plans to
Build Eastward

STEVENS HEADS ALL LINES

Scope of Oregon Trunk's Powers
Enlarged by Amending Arti-
cles of Incorporation

The Oregon Trunk railroad plans to build a line from Bend southeast to Harney County. While no announcement of the beginning of work on that extension has been made, provision for the construction of it has been made in amended articles of incorporation filed by the company at Olympia, Wash., after a meeting held by the stockholders at Vancouver, last week. The filing in detail recites that the company has power to construct 155 miles of road, from Bend southeasterly, which will bring the terminus into the township just southeast of Malheur Lake. The amended articles will also permit the corporation to build

and operate other branch lines in Washington and Oregon, to purchase and operate steamboats, stage lines and other transportation companies, to purchase other lines, issue stocks and bonds and the like.

John F. Stevens is now president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway, the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad, Columbia River & Northern Railway (Goldendale branch), and of The Dalles, Portland & Astoria Navigation Co., succeeding George B. French.

This puts Mr. Stevens at the head of all the railroads in operation or under construction in the Oregon country that are controlled jointly by the Northern Pacific and Great Northern. Mr. Stevens is also president of the Oregon Trunk Line, president of the United Railways, building from Portland to Tillamook, president of the Oregon Electric, operating an interurban electric system from Portland to Salem and Forest Grove, and now preparing to build to Eugene and McMinnville, and president of the Pacific & Eastern, building from Medford to Butte Falls, to which point the Oregon Trunk is to be constructed later.

CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF

To the Republican Voters of Crook County:
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Crook County subject to the approval of the Republican voters of the county at the primary nominating election September 24, 1910.
J. A. COULTER,
Madras, Ore.

PROGRESS AT THE OIL WELL

Drilling Below the
500-Ft. Mark

LOCAL PEOPLE BUY STOCK

Want To See Hole Deep Enough
To Demonstrate Possibility
of Getting Oil

Reports from the oil well at Grizzly are to the effect that work on the property is progressing satisfactorily. The first undertaking upon the recent resumption of operations, was to enlarge the drill hole so as to install eight-inch casing to a depth of 500 feet, that being the depth to which the well was completed. This plan required that the six-inch casing be withdrawn, and the lower portion of the hole rimmed out so that eight-inch casing could be extended to the bottom. This task has been accomplished, and the big drill will soon be pounding its way on down toward where the subterranean stores of oil are believed to be.

News from the oil well will be awaited with more interest than heretofore. The surface formations have been passed through and when drilling was discontinued several months ago the steel was working in a shale said to be typical of oil deposits. This fact, with other favorable indications, has kept the promoters at this enterprise, and with work resumed, any day may now show up some startling discovery.

Several local people are taking small blocks of stock in the company. They look upon the proposition not so much from a speculative view, to reap a great profit, as from the desire to see the work go ahead and to demonstrate the possibility of getting oil in this country. One man reasons like this:

"The people who own a large lot of property in this part of the county can well afford to invest \$50 or \$100 or more in stock in prospecting this company in order to find out what can be done along this line. They can do this without any regard to whether the investment will give them any returns directly or not. If any oil is struck it is a good speculation. If no oil is found, it is worth something to them and their country to know that, too."

Now that this company has invested its money in the drilling plant and have the work well started at a location considered to be very favorable for success, there is a general feeling that this company is entitled to the support of every one who has a desire to see prospecting for oil continued to a depth that will determine the presence or absence of the crude oil.

The striking of oil in commercial quantities would multiply the value of property in this section so many times that the paltry investment of a few dollars for prospecting purposes would not be worth thinking about in comparison. But no oil will ever be struck unless this prospecting is done. Many small holders of stock would make it a light burden on all.

ENGINEER MEETS WITH SERIOUS ACCIDENT

The installation of water and electric lighting systems for Madras seems to be ill fated. This time the engineer who was to have been here this week to take up the matter of a franchise with the city officials for the Newport Engineering Company of Portland, met with a serious auto accident Monday of last week and will be confined to the hospital for four weeks. Harry A. Young is the engineer's name and it was he who bumped into the carload of steel rails with his auto with sufficient force to bend one of the rails and smash his car very badly, at the same lacerating his right leg and splintering the bone. One piece of bone as large as a bean was picked off the wreckage.

A letter received from Portland by Mayor Turner asks that a franchise be prepared and acted upon at the next meeting of the council, granting this company the right to install and maintain the water and lighting systems, and on account of the disability of the engineer who is to take charge of the work, it is asked that the company be given 60 days from the date of the franchise to begin actual construction. Regret is expressed in the letter on account of the delay, as the company says it is anxious to take the matter up and push it to completion.

ROUNDABOUT MAIL ROUTE TO PRINEVILLE

Heisler post office, which has been established and discontinued spasmodically for the past ten years, is again off the map. Mail from this point to Madras goes by way of Shaniko now, and a letter to Culver R. F. D. for example would require about five days under favorable conditions for delivery, while one day should be quite long enough. Some kind of west side mail service is needed worse now than ever before, but it will perhaps not be had until the mail supply comes from Madras to Prineville, for the post office department moves very slowly in these matters.—Prineville Journal.

LOCAL TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR MADRAS

The long promised local telephone service for Madras is at last being installed by the Pioneer Telephone Company and by the end of the present week a dozen or more houses will be connected with the central office and be able to ring up central so as to switch onto their neighbor's line or to get long distance connections. Two men have been busy placing the poles, stringing the wires and putting the phones into the different buildings.

Miss Stella Baker is now holding the position of "central" girl. Phones have been placed as follows: Porter Bros. Commissary, Central Oregon Mercantile Co., A. C. Sanford, hardware store, Hotel Madras, Cornett Stage & Stable Co.'s office, Dr. Snook's drugstore, " " residence, Pioneer Office, Hood & Stanton's stables, Madras Meat Market, Madras Trading Co., C. E. Roush.

WILL SHOW OUR SENATOR

Points About Irriga-
tion Project

MAPS ARE BEING HELD UP

Effort Will Be Made to Enlist
Aid of Senator Chamberlain
To Secure Approval

Today a conference will be held in Portland in regard to the Crescent Lake irrigation project, by which it is proposed to irrigate the major portion of the lands surrounding Madras, and in fact all the territory north of Crooked River and east of the Deschutes River.

Messrs. Rounds and Rogers, the capitalists who propose to install the irrigation system, and J. H. Jackson, recorder of the City of Madras, and Councilman W. H. Cook, also of this city, will confer with U. S. Senator George E. Chamberlain and present to him all the details of the plan.

Arguments in favor of granting the application of Rounds & Rogers to construct a storage reservoir by building a dam across the outlet of Crescent Lake and bring the stored water down the natural channel of the Deschutes during the irrigation season to a point where it can be diverted to the lands in this part of Crook county, will be presented to the Oregon senator, in the effort to enlist his aid in the matter of getting the filing maps approved by the department.

These representatives will show Senator Chamberlain that Rounds & Rogers are able financially and are ready to take up this project and put it through to completion as soon they can get the approval of the Government to do so. Crescent Lake, on the headwaters of the Deschutes, is in the National Forest Reserve, and furthermore has been reserved by Reclamation Service engineers as a possible part of a conceived project to irrigate some land in Kiamath county.

Senator Chamberlain will also be advised that this is the most practical plan submitted for watering this region and that it not only is desired to insure crops but for household use and to water domestic animals. If this water supply is not utilized by the Madras section it will undoubtedly be used for some other project. The great need of water for all purposes and the wonderful agricultural possibilities which would result in this region upon the completion of this system will be impressed upon the senator.

The people of Madras and tributary districts are vitally interested in the outcome of this proposal for irrigation. There is apparently nothing to hinder its realization, except it be failure to secure Government approval. The engineering problems are all said to be solved, the men who desire to build the irrigation system are unquestionably financially able to carry the work to completion. Land holders have all signified their willingness to sign up for water.

The productiveness of the soil in this district is wonderful. The only handicap is that in some seasons there is insufficient moisture for perfect development of crops. But water for house use and farm stock is hauled by most all the ranchers from 1 to 10 miles.

New Umbrellas and Sunshades

We have just received a large shipment of umbrellas, suitable for all kinds of people and all kinds of weather. Positively the largest assortment ever shown in Madras, at prices that will tempt the most fastidious customer to buy. Do not miss this opportunity to save money. Call and see our line.

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