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Water System for Station Yard

George Austin, superintendent of water works for the Oregon Trunk Line, is erecting a temporary water system for the railway where it passes through Madras. Mr. Austin will install a deep well pump to be operated by a gasoline engine in the well at Porter Bros' camp No. 1, and preparations are being made for placing a large tank above the railroad grade a short distance southwest of the well. This system will supply the engines with water at this point for the present time. Mr. Austin informs the Pioneer that he is also installing a temporary water system at Metolius, for the Oregon Trunk Railway.

Spring Tonics AND Blood Medicine

WINES

Of the Choicest Vintage For Medicinal Purposes

PRESCRIPTIONS A Specialty

Red Cross Drug Co.

Hill System Increases Capital

Trustees of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad met in Vancouver today and increased the capital stock from \$25,000,000 to \$62,000,000, in preparation for the consolidation of the Hill lines in Oregon. The ultimate purpose of James J. Hill is to combine the North Bank, the Oregon Trunk line, the Astoria & Columbia River railroad and the Oregon Electric and United Railways, in one system.

President Louis W. Hill of the Great Northern, arrived from Spokane this morning, accompanied by F. V. Brown, general western counsel for the Hill lines and a trustee of the North Bank. They, with John F. Stevens, president of the Oregon lines, met and signed the papers drawn up by Carey & Kerr, the Hill attorneys here. The transaction took place in Vancouver because the North Bank is a Washington corporation.

This is the second increase in capitalization of the North Bank, the original capital being \$5,000,000 which was increased to \$25,000,000 two years, upon completion of the line.

TO HAVE NEW FERRY

A new Ferry boat is being constructed to operate across the Deschutes river to the Warm Springs Agency, in place of the one that was carried down the river a few weeks since. Robert Smith, the owner, states that it will be ready for operation in a few weeks.

Have Celebration Says Louis Hill

OCCASION DEMANDS

Great Northern President Says Oregon Legislatue Should Advrtise The State

President Louis W. Hill of the Great Northern was in Portland last week, and during his conversations Central Oregon and Madras were mentioned in his usual optimistic terms.

William Hanley, who piloted Mr. Hill through Central Oregon last Summer was also in Portland, upon their meeting Mr. Hill recalled numerous incidents of that trip and informed the big Harney County stockman that he expected to take a similar jaunt the coming Summer and would be pleased if Mr. Hanley could make it convenient to accompany him.

Although he did not venture to speak authoritatively on the Oregon Trunk south of Bend, Mr. Hill said that that portion of the state eventually will have to be developed.

"Mr. Stevens has chagge of the work in this country," he said, "and I don't know what his plans are. A number of routes have been surveyed south of Bend, however. One of these provides for a terminus at Medford. That line will have to be built. Another leads to Klamath Falls. It is probable that an extension will reach that place too, in a short time.

"But when it comes to enter-

ing California I believe our system will draw the line. We expect to develop Oregon, but don't see any reason why we should go to California.

Mr. Hill is even more enthusiastic over the development of this state than is his father. He says the people of Oregon are not doing enough to exploit their wonderful advantages. He wants the Legislature to make an appropriation for advertising purposes and with that end in view will visit Salem Monday, and Olympia later in the week. He points to the success of a similar scheme already in practice in Minnesota, Montana and Washington, where notable results are secured.

"I can go to Salem and tell the boys there what I know of state advertising from my experience in the states that have tried it. It will not be mere theory. It will be definite facts.

"The state should place its stamp of approval upon every piece of literature that is sent out by the railroads, real estate agencies, the commercial bodies and private individuals. Many people in the East fail to believe the alarming statements made about Oregon. Some of them are suspicious of promises of homesteads and five acre land tracts. The truth of the matter is it sounds too good to be true. But if these assertions were backed by the indorsement of the state itself, the prospective settler would have more confidence in what he reads."

The completion of the Oregon Trunk road to Madras should be made a public event declared Mr. Hill. The fact that this is about the only big piece of railroad work at present under construction in the United States gives it almost National significance. He suggested that a day be set aside for driving the last spike and that public officials and the people of the state attend the ceremonies in a body.

CITY WATER SYSTEM STARTED IN EARNEST

Gravity System Of 200 Feet Fall To Be Constructed At Once

250,000 GALLON RESERVOIR FOR STORAGE

Works Will Be Located Just South Of City--Plant To Cost About \$10,000--Funds Are Available--Will Supply Plenty Of Pure Water For All Purposes

Work upon Madras' new city water system commenced early Tuesday morning when Engineer Scott Gordon started the permanent survey for the location of the well, reservoir and mains. Construction work will begin just as soon as the plans are made and accepted by the water committee of the city council, and work will be rushed as rapidly as possible.

The well will be located upon the Snook and Lockhard addition just south of the original townsite, and it is at present planned to locate the reservoir on the highest point of the Steinke place, recently purchased by Jesse Hobson. A steam pumping plant is to be installed at the well which will have sufficient capacity to supply Madras with an adequate supply of pure water for several years.

The location of the reservoir will be nearly 200 feet higher than the city and will give Madras a gravity system of sufficient pressure for all fire protection and domestic purposes. The trunk main, to be extended

from the reservoir the entire length of Fifth street, will be eight inches in diameter. Service mains will diverge for the accommodation of different portions of the city.

It is purposed to dig a well something near a hundred feet deep, and when a good flow of water is reached it is intended to tunnel in different directions from the main shaft of the well so as to maintain a large reservoir for the storing of the water, and to pump from.

Madras has long been in need of a gravity water system, but owing to the city not having been incorporated only about a year, the city government heretofore has not been in financial condition to install it. This handicap, however, is now passed and it will only be a matter of a few months until Madras will have one of the best gravity water systems in Central Oregon. The cost of the system the city now has in mind will approximately be \$10,000, the most of which sum the city council already has available for devoting to a water plant.

Madras State Bank

MADRAS, OREGON
TRANSACTS A GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS
Money transmitted to all parts of United States and Canada
J. M. Conklin, President and Gen. Man'gr; C. E. Roush, Vice-President
DIRECTORS: C. E. Roush, M. Patz, J. C. Robinson, Robt. Res, J. M. Conklin

Pre-Inventory Sale

Surplus stock must be closed out--odds and ends must go before we take our annual inventory and in order to make room for Spring Goods. Cost prices will be eliminated and former selling prices will be forgotten in this great PRE-INVENTORY SALE.

Do Not Overlook this Opportunity to SAVE MONEY

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| Men's Work Shoes
High and low cuts included;
\$4 and \$5 grades
Sale price, - - - \$2.50 | Ladies Dress Shoes
Assorted sizes, \$3 and \$4 grades
Sale price - - - \$2.00 | Mens Corduroy Coats
Blanket lined, extra heavy,
assorted sizes, sale price \$3.49 |
| Wool Mackinaw
In blue, brown and gray colors,
assorted sizes, \$5 grades
Sale Price - - - \$4.00 | Children's Dress Shoes
\$1.50 to \$2 grades
Sale Price - - - \$1.00 | Corduroy - Leather Coats
Reversible for rain or snow;
\$8 to \$10 grades Sale \$7.00 |
| Mens Canvas Coats
Blanket lined, assorted sizes;
\$3.50 grades
Sale Price - - - \$2.85 | Kimono Flannel
Extra heavy, assorted designs,
25c grade, Sale Price 15c | Wool Blankets
Genuine Oregon made blankets,
4.50 grade
Sale price - - - \$3.35 |
| Mens Mackinaw Coat
Assorted checks, \$4.50 grade
Sale Price - - - \$3.00 | Childrens Fleece Lined Hose
Assorted sizes, 20c grade;
Sale price 12c | Comforts
Full-size, heavy and light weights,
1.75 grade;
Sale price, - - - \$1.23 |

CENTRAL OREGON MERCANTILE COMPANY

Extensive Plans For Railroad Day

HAVE BIG BARBECUE

Date Given Later--Invitation Extended To Hill Officials As Well As All Central Oregon

Extensive preparations are being planned and made by the residents of Madras and vicinity for a celebration in honor of the arrival of the rails of the Oregon Trunk line being laid into this city and the arrival of the first train over this road, this being the first town to be touched in Central Oregon, after leaving the Deschutes Canyon, thus giving Madras the title "The Gateway to Central Oregon."

Communications have been sent to John F. Stevens, President of the Oregon Trunk Line, and other officials of the road, extending to them an invitation to be present and take part in the celebration with the people of this section. Mr. Stevens has been asked to suggest a date when the engineers expect that the road will be completed to this point, and also when it will be convenient for the officials of the "Hill" system to attend the

opening up of Central Oregon railroad facilities.

The Commercial Club of this city is taking the lead in the preparations for the celebration, and invitations have been sent to the County Farmers' Union and the commercial bodies of Central Oregon to be present and co-operate with its members in formulating plans for the big doings.

One of the principal details of the programme suggested for the satisfaction of the hungry people on that day is a monster "barbecue" of an ox, which has been for some time fsitening up for this occasion, this being emblematical of the rich resources of Central Oregon that will be opened by the event of railroad.

Louis W. Hill, President of the Great Northern Railroad has been in Oregon during the past few days, and a special invitation will be sent to him to be present at the celebration to be held in Madras, which it is hoped can be arranged. In a recent speech in Portland, Mr. Hill said that the entry of the Oregon Trunk into this city, should be made a public event and a day set aside for the driving of the last spike, and it is with this object in view that the celebration is planned. Mr. Hill also says that this piece of railroad construction is of almost national significance, as it is now the largest railroad project in the United States, being carried to completion and opens to the people of the interior the greatest opportunities of the age for securing homes and the exploit-

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