

HARRIMAN SCOUT TAKES THE FIELD

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looked upon by local railroad men as rather a strong indication that the proposed line directly across the state is to be included among the early construction budgets of the Union Pacific group. There have been frequent rumors that the Harriman interests might undertake this project within the next year or two, but no official statement has been given out which would indicate that the line would be completed in much less than three or four years.

What gives color to the suggestion that the renewed activity in railroad construction in Oregon is an early possibility is the entirely gratifying manner in which New York and London investors in railroad securities grabbed up the recent Union Pacific and O.-W. R. & N. issues of bonds which were over-subscribed within a few hours after they were placed on the market.

The route which will be taken by Keady in his reconnoitering expedition will cover first the proposition of a branch line from some point on the Deschutes Railroad, probably Madras to Prineville. The next proposition will be in relation to the route that will be followed from the present extension of the Oregon Eastern, now being built about 35 miles south from Natron on eastward through Crook. Harney and Malheur counties over to the Oregon Short Line. This connecting link in the Harriman system will be some 250 miles in length and will cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000,000.

Surveys covering the east-and-west line have been made over several alternate routes by Har-

riman engineers for practically the entire distance, and it is common report among railroad people that the plan of crossing Oregon with this line is to be a part of the gigantic double-tracking scheme announced last winter by the Union Pacific directors for this line will be in a sense parallel the main line of the O.-W. R. & N. from Portland to Huntington and Ontario, and would form as direct a route from the East to Portland as the established line, and in some respects would present lesser problems of engineering and construction than did the original O. R. & N. line.

Righ-of-Way Expert Keady has covered his movements with a great deal of mystery, but advices received here from Seattle, the Milwaukee headquarters, hinting that he expected to be temporarily relieved from duties with that system to do preliminary work for the Union Pacific in Central Oregon, have been corroborated from confidential sources in Portland, the report being further strengthened when Keady started out with his outfit at 10 o'clock this morning. He expects to be in the interior for several weeks before making his first advance report here following the opening of the fiscal year on July 1.

Sanford Family Returning

Mrs. A. C. Sanford and family are expected home the latter part of the week from Portland, where they have been residing during the past school year. They will again occupy their residence which is being made ready for them by Mr. Sanford. Mr. Sanford is beginning to show a more cheerful spirit already at the prospect of having a home again, while many friends will also welcome the family back to Madras.

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