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Importance Of Electric Link Between Roseburg and Bay

Citations of Vital Necessity and Resulting Benefits of Our Proposed Railroad

Every war creates its heroes, every issue has its loyal champions and ardent opponents, every new project has its boosters and knockers, and every new enterprise that is launched is bound to be the target for the abuse of those who have neither the courage to give it their unstinted praise and moral support or the ability to aid in making it a success.

The advocates of the Coos Bay-Roseburg Electric proposition have already taken for granted that there will be opposition to the building of this road, and just so long as we accept the proffered advice in opposition just so long we will be sitting around contemplating doing things, and will be no better off than if we had not thought of it at all. We must get into action. Make a start. Do it and do it today. Advice, good advice, is valuable, very valuable. It is a friendly thing, this advice given and should be heeded; that is providing this friendly advice is not veiled, or its meaning so framed to purposely befog the matter at issue.

Some say we are hurting Harriman and doing him an injustice by going to parallel the local railroad. No one who has not made a study of the electric railroad situation has no conception of what an electric road does for the small towns, villages, lumber mining and farming districts. Today the electric roads are inch by inch contesting the field of the steam roads and slowly, sullenly the steam locomotives are giving away to the instant trolley car.

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Here within the confines of what I, in every truth an empire of itself, lie millions of acres of valuable forest, sufficient to supply the world's market with timber for years to come yet handicapped as a marketable product for lack of transportation by rail, although the bulk lies not over 100 miles from deep water harbor at Coos Bay and with this immensity in forest, fields, flocks, mines manufacturing facilities and unlimited production, possibilities sufficient for a veritable net work of electric lines, each and all of which would do double the business what is expected of only one line from Roseburg to Coos Bay and yet some say it can't be built, you can't sell bonds, you must use the counties to aid you and dig a canal and what not.

No this great field will not much longer go untouched by the wisemen of the financial and commercial world. Such opportunities do not long knock at the door of idle capital without receiving a hearty welcome into the fold. There will be no trouble in getting capital to build the electric road when the right plan is adopted in promoting and financing it. All it needs is hustlers who are not afraid and just flow right on without hesitating one moment. Don't envy those who accomplished the results.

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