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Two Editorial Views of Southern Pacific

IS IT ANOTHER BLUFF?

(From Portland Telegram)

WE OF COURSE, hope for the best, but we cannot help remarking the peculiar significance of the fact that coincident with the filing in Coquille City of the trust deed for \$10,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds for the building of the Coos Bay & Oregon Central Railway company, the eastern starting point of which is Roseburg, the Southern Pacific should rush into the breach with the announcement that it proposes to build a road from Eugene to Marshfield, that it is to be completed in two years and that \$8,000,000 has already been appropriated for its construction. With this announcement comes the official and definite abandonment of the railroad project from Drain to the coast.

It will not be forgotten that eight years ago, when definite plans had been completed for the building of an independent line from Roseburg to Marshfield, the Southern Pacific suddenly awoke from its torpor and actually began the construction of a railroad from Drain to the coast. Upon this road it spent, it is said, about a million and a half. Immense masses of construction material were collected, and most of it is still lying on the ground scattered for miles out of Drain. Now this costly enterprise is dead and the obsequies have been definitely pronounced upon it. The reason for its abandonment was that the Southern Pacific's apparent sincerity in setting about building a road to the coast destroyed the market for the bonds of the other enterprise. The latter was, perforce, abandoned when the money was almost within the grasp of its promoters. Once it was definitely dead work ceased on the Drain branch of the Southern Pacific.

What will now be done? Is the purpose just the same as before? Is it to destroy the credit of the new enterprise, which, as a matter of fact, is a revival of the old one, and that once killed again to abandon work and leave the Coos Bay country still without railroad outlet? There are outward indications that this is so. For years the Southern Pacific interests have owned a railroad which runs from Marshfield, on the bay, to Coquille City in the interior, a distance of nineteen miles. For years the people in that section have been hoping and praying for an extension to this line that would bring them railroad communication with the outside world, the only thing needed to make a potentially great section great in reality. But beyond rumors and the flash in the plan at Drain, nothing has eventuated. Perhaps there is something to this latest enterprise, but no one outside the inner circle can be at all sure. The other enterprise looks inviting. Out of it all the Coos Bay people are likely to get a road. Everybody sincerely hopes so. No section of the state has shown greater enterprise under such conditions than Marshfield and the other towns in that section. Their country is wonderfully rich. It has received considerable development, but if there was a profitable outlet for the products it would receive a great deal more and make a region of industry, wealth and beauty that could scarcely be duplicated anywhere in the Pacific northwest.

ONLY ONE KNOCKER.

(From the Eugene Register)

THE Portland Telegram is the only paper in the state that is disposed to throw cold water upon the Eugene-Coos Bay announcement of the Southern Pacific, and that is supposed to be due to the scoops the morning papers had on the story. There is one statement by the Telegram, however, probably true, and that is the one to the effect that a group of local financiers headed by one of the biggest bankers in the city has arranged to tap the Coos Bay country with a feeder line from Eugene by way of a route down the shore of the Pacific. This company has all but completed an arrangement whereby the necessary bonds for the project will be floated in London. The Harriman crowd got wind of this and rushed into print with blowing accounts of what it was going to do.

The local interests referred to have already surveyed a route all the way from Eugene to Florence with option on most of the balance of the distance to Marshfield and other Coos Bay points. They have already prepared all of the preliminary work, and their profiles for the road are finished and have been submitted to the agents who have charge of raising the necessary money needed for building the road.

The Register violates no confidence when it states that the above declaration by the Telegram can be accepted as a matter of fact, and there is every reason to believe that the action of the Southern Pacific will not deter these people from going ahead with their undertaking which is said to be so far advanced that there is no backing down. Just what railroad interests these people represent is not known, but the road as proposed covers a wide stretch of coast territory including Eugene and the Siuslaw and involves an outlay of millions in construction. It is more than probable that activity of these people has done more to move the Southern Pacific to immediate construction of the coast line than any one thing and it would not be surprising to see dirt flying on two roads instead of one when actual work begins. The Telegram may knock the Eugene-to-Coos road as a bluff, but it will be built by the Southern Pacific and the other enterprise may likewise cover a similar territory and with about as much rapidity as its competitor.

BUSINESS MEN'S VIEW OF DAILY NEWSPAPER

Say That It's Impossible From Business Standpoint to Conduct Two in Towns of Less Than Six Thousand.

WEBSTER CITY, Aug. 11.—L. E. Bladine, has purchased the Cedar Falls Daily Record, taking possession the first of the month.

The Record has been on the market some time and several delegations of Cedar Falls business men have been here the past few months to interest Mr. Bladine in the property and he finally decided to buy it. Cedar Falls is a town of about six thousand and it is a good town in every respect, especially from the newspaper standpoint. The Record is the only paper there and the business men of the town are opposed to having more. The advertisers realize that one good daily paper in a town of that size can and will serve them better than two or more of inferior quality, and it goes without saying that it is impossible, from a business standpoint, to conduct more than one good daily paper in a town of less than six thousand people. The Cedar Falls Commercial league became interested in the matter and assurances were made that no encouragement would be given a second paper.

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Smith-Powers Company to Clear Channel—"Lie" Passed at Meeting.

COQUILLE, Ore., Aug. 11.—The Coos county commissioners at a special meeting this week granted a permit to the Smith-Powers Logging company to use dynamite in clearing the channel of South Coos river from McKnight's Landing to Daniels Creek. The application was indorsed by the state game warden. The logging company is opening a new camp at McKnight's landing and a number of snags and rocks in the channel hampered the handling of the logs. The dynamiting while probably hard on the fish for the time being will greatly improve the stream for boating.

The commissioners also took up a number of road matters. In one from Bandon, Mr. Richardson and Commissioner Armstrong got into a real lively tilt. Richardson charged Armstrong with carelessness in having a bridge put on Richardson's land instead of on the county road. Richardson charged that the commissioners carelessness was due to the fact that relatives or friends were interested in the contract. This lead Commissioner Armstrong to resort to indignant statements in which the "lie" was passed and threats made of a fist encounter. Judge Hall finally restored order.

North Bend News

John Carlson is seriously ill at his home near the Mercy hospital.

Judge Turpen of Empire is visiting his daughter, Mrs. C. M. Byler.

Miss Inez Anderson and brother, Freddie, left yesterday for a visit.

Mrs. C. E. Mather, who has been quite ill at her home, is resting easier.

with relatives on Catching Inlet.

Mrs. Ezra Kinney is visiting for a few days at Allegany.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carey, who spent a short time here, left this morning for their home at Port Orford.

Dr. Ira Bartle has purchased Spanish Court from Simpson Lumber Co. This was formerly the J. F. Bode residence. John A. Greves will occupy the house vacated by Dr. Bartle.

Mrs. Fred Drews and children of Portland, Mrs. E. C. Drews and Mrs. Gosney of Marshfield visited at the Harry O'Mara home here this week. The schooners Advent and Arago are due from San Francisco.

Mrs. Ora McCarty, president of the Marshfield W. C. T. U., Mrs. Fannie Wheeler and Mrs. Helen Downs of Marshfield, Mrs. Manu Watkins of Ferndale, Mrs. Martin Brown and Miss Annie Lund of Eastside, met with the North Bend W. C. T. U. this week.

JETTY WASHED AWAY.

Bandon Lighthouse Endangered by Heavy Surf.

A portion of the lighthouse jetty, 220 feet long, was washed down by the breakers Sunday night, and this, with what has previously gone out, makes a gap of nearly 400 feet that has been washed out. The lighthouse jetty was built only two years ago at a cost of about \$4,000 to the light house department and it would appear that it is impossible to build a jetty that will stand against the continual pounding of the surf in that particular place. It will be remembered by people who were here two years ago, how close the water came to undermining the dwelling of the light house keepers, and only for the erection of the jetty at that time, the building would have been in the sea in a few days.—Bandon Recorder.

HUNTING KNIVES at The Gunnery NOTICE TO FISHERMEN.

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BIG CUT IN RATES MADE

Formal Order Issued in Spokane Freight Cases by Commissioners.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 10.—Formal orders in the Pacific coast freight cases supplementing the decisions rendered two weeks ago, were issued today by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Material reductions in both class and commodity freight rates are made from Atlantic coast points of origin to inter-Rocky Mountain cities like Spokane, Reno, Phoenix and others similarly situated although the carriers are permitted on account of water competition to exact rates somewhat less to the Pacific coast terminals than to the intermediate points.

The order in the Spokane rate case which affects the rates not only to Spokane, but also to Walla Walla, La Grande, Baker City and Pendleton, follows precisely the principles and the rates laid down in the long and short haul order, which apportions the country into five zones, and provides a differential of seven, fifteen and twenty-five per cent in favor of the Pacific coast terminals. The rates on hundreds of commodities are reduced, the range being from four to thirty per cent. All the rates prescribed will become effective November 15, 1911.

PERSONAL OVERFLOW.

E. W. NEVERS, of the Coos Bay Eastern Electric Railway, returned last night from a business trip to Roseburg.

T. R. RENICK of Renick, Virginia, a cousin of J. D. McNeil, arrived in Marshfield today on a prospecting tour of the west. He expresses himself as very favorably impressed with Coos Bay and its prospects.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY INTERESTED.

(From Eugene Guard.)
Nothing has happened for years that has created quite so profound and widespread interest in Willamette valley and all along the coast line like the announcement made by O'Brien to the effect that the Southern Pacific will proceed at once to build from Eugene to Coos Bay via the Siuslaw country.

BILL IS SIGNED.

Statehood of Arizona and New Mexico is Up to Taft.
(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 11.—Speaker Clark and Vice-president Sherman today signed the bill for the admission of Arizona and New Mexico. It now goes to the president who is expected to return it with a veto message.

Try Times' Want Ads.

WHEAT CROP VERY LIGHT

Government Crop Bulletin Shows Production This Year Is Considerably Short.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

Washington, Aug. 10.—The government crop bulletin shows the condition of spring wheat to be 59.8 per cent and estimates the total yield of winter wheat at 455,149,000 bushels.

The winter wheat in Washington yield is 27.3 per cent, the production 19,820,000 bushels, and quality 97. The Oregon yield is 26.2, production 11,266,000 bushels, quality 95. The total production of winter wheat is 455,149,000 bushels for 1911 against 464,044,000 for 1910. The spring wheat yield is 209,645,700 bushels for 1911 against 231,399,000 in 1910.

CATCHING INLET NEWS.

Miss Grace Jones was the guest of Miss Zell, Wallace, Sunday.

Arthur Hansen of Marshfield was a visitor of Charlie Doane's a few days this week.

Jennie Jones, who has been assisting Mrs. Maloney at Bay City, returned home recently.

John Bonebrake and grand daughter, Willa May, were over-Sunday guests of Grandma Bonebrake.

John Porter of Allegany visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jackson from Saturday till Monday.

Mrs. H. Granby and two children of Marshfield were guests at the home of Sarah Bonebrake Sunday.

Henry Sidwell will leave this week for a visit among his old time friends and relatives in Indiana and Ohio.

If you have anything to sell, trade, rent or want help, try a want ad.

Fresh Fruits

Steamer Redondo in Saturday.

We have for our Saturday trade fresh Oregon Peaches, California peaches, Apricots, New Apples, Bananas, Seedless, black and Malaga Grapes, Plums, Prunes, Oranges, Lemons, Pears, Nutmegs, Watermelons.

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Peaches Are At the Bottom

Next steamer has 500 boxes. Get in quick. The canners are taking everything they can get hold of and the crop will not last as long as usual.

ARCO METAL POLISH The Gunnery

NOTICE TO GRANGERS.

The Coos Bay Grange will hold a picnic Saturday, August 12, at the Maples on Catching Inlet. The picnic will leave Marshfield at 8 o'clock and connect with the boat at the creamery going to the grounds. The public are invited.

Everybody is invited to attend the dance at Pierson's hall, Lakeside, AUGUST 12. MUSIC by string band. Admission gentlemen \$1 and ladies FREE.