

# IS NORTH COAST OIL KING'S LINE?

## Mysterious Road Said to Be Rockefeller's Pacific Coast Connection.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Kennewick, Wash., Oct. 29.—Is the North Coast railroad, the "mysterious Strahorn line," a Rockefeller road, intended to connect the northwest with the oil king's eastern system? Many people here, when asked in detail, believe Rockefeller is building the road.

According to information here, the North Coast road was planned in its entirety five years ago. It was planned as a group of connecting lines in the state of Washington, between Spokane, Tekoa, Walla Walla, Seattle, Tacoma and Vancouver. The main line running through Covell Pass branches to these cities on either side of the Cascades. When this road was planned, the sum of \$20,000,000 was set aside in a trust fund in New York to provide for the construction and funds for the work on the road have since been drawn from this capital.

Control unchanged.  
 The controlling power has been the same from the inception of the road, and five years ago, four years ago and three years ago, when Hill controlled the Northern Pacific, the North Coast and that road were under the same management. It was manifestly not a Hill proposition then, and its control has not since changed. What then, is the object of the road?

The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific is building to Lander, Wyo., and that is not far from the Yellowstone Park. The Canadian Pacific is already in Spokane and the Chicago Northwestern is headed that way. These roads want to get to Puget sound and to Portland and in getting there they want to traverse the state of Washington, with its varied products that go to make up freight business.

Had Money During Panic.  
 During the recent financial stringency, when money was not to be had, hundreds of thousands of dollars of real coin were shipped out to the North Coast by express from New York. This money was used to buy holdings in Spokane and to pay crews in the field. Only one group of men in New York had money at that time to pour into their investments, so as to take advantage of the financial pinch, and Rockefeller is said to have been that man.

Tactics employed in the building of the North Coast have been Rockefeller tactics right from the start, and the road in its construction closely resembles the Rogers road in Virginia, designed and thought out by the late Henry H. Rogers. Mr. Rockefeller's most trusted lieutenant five years ago. These things point to the North Coast as a Rockefeller proposition, and it is to be the gate through which other roads may pass, at a Rockefeller price, to Puget sound and the oriental trade so long held by Hill in the northwest.

## FLAX RAISING WILL AGAIN PAY FARMERS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Pullman, Wash., Oct. 30.—An effort is being made to induce farmers here to raise flax. Many years ago the country about Pullman was devoted largely to flax raising and yields varying from 20 to 30 bushels an acre were produced. During the panic of 1893-5 prices dropped to 60 cents a bushel and farmers stopped raising it. Now the price is \$1.20 a bushel and local produce dealers are offering to contract the product of 10,000 acres of flax next year at a price that "will pay better than any other grain crop," and are offering to furnish seed to farmers.

## PLAN ORCHARDS ON BIG BANDON TRACT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Bandon, Or., Oct. 30.—J. B. Wheeler has bought of J. H. Jones, 900 acres of land south of Fourmile, and will plant it in five and ten acre tracts and place it on the market. Mr. Wheeler has a plan by which he will set the land to fruit and cultivate for four years, thus turning over to the purchaser an orchard ready for bearing. The land secured is said to be excellent soil and this country is well known for its great fruit possibilities.

## PALMER BUYS LAST OF MARSHALL FARM

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Central Falls, Or., Oct. 30.—M. Marshall & Sons have sold to E. S. Palmer the remainder of their farm, 34 acres, the price being \$40,000. Mr. Palmer bought 32 acres of the farm two weeks ago for \$25,000. Finding it a good deal he took the balance at an advanced price.

## Big Profit on Honey "Crop."

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Baker City, Or., Oct. 30.—L. J. Garbutt has cleared \$1500 from cool ones of bees kept on three acres of land this year. The land is located on lower Powder river. Mr. Garbutt takes his family to the country in the summer and returns here for school advantages in the winter.

# WHERE THE ALBANY APPLE SHOW IS BEING HELD



## WET APPLE LAND TO COST \$300,000

### Contract Let for Large Irrigation System in Council Valley.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Council, Idaho, Oct. 30.—The contract for the construction of a reservoir system to cost \$300,000 and to reclaim 13,000 acres of fine apple land near this place, has been let to Slick Bros., well known contractors, by the Weiser Land & Water company. The work must be completed by May 15, 1910.

The contract calls for the damming of the middle fork of the Weiser river about eight miles from Council and also the construction of all the canals, ditches and needed roadways.

Slick Bros. were also awarded the contract for the great irrigation work at Medford. The construction of the dams and ditches will cost \$250,000, and the land which will be reclaimed is some of the best in the entire state.

The local contractors are making enormous preparations for the large propositions on their hands and W. B. Slick, who is looking after the details, stated that he would work hundreds of men all winter on each of the contracts.



Alco club gymnasium at the right; clubroom entrance at the left. Home of the Albany Commercial club.

## BEGIN WORK ON LAKE WATERWAY

### Big Project Near Seattle to Be Built After Long Delay.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Seattle, Wash., Oct. 30.—Construction has begun on the Lake Washington government canal, a project that means a great deal to Seattle and ocean shipping. The last session of the state legislature gave an appropriation of \$250,000 from the surplus of the sale of the Lake Washington shore lands for the construction of a temporary canal. With this money in sight the contract for the work was left to C. J. Erickson.

The turning of the first shovel of earth in the construction of the canal marks the passage of more than a half century since the waterway was first recommended to the United States government by General George B. McClellan, who urged that congress make an appropriation for the canal in order that the United States might secure the greatest strategic haven in the world for its war vessels. At that time there was no city of Seattle.

For many years there was no idea of any benefit to commerce in the completion of the canal, but in the half century that has gone by since General McClellan first suggested the waterway there has grown up the great maritime commerce of Puget sound and the present desire for the early completion of the work comes from an appreciation of the great benefit it would confer upon the shipping interests of this city and state.

## RECORD WHEAT CROP BY DRY FARMING

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 American Falls, Idaho, Oct. 30.—Among the best averages of dry land wheat grown in this section is that from the farm of Rufus Moore of Roskiland, whose 40 acres of wheat threshed 90 bushels, an average of 22 1/2 bushels to the acre. The wheat is plump, bright and of excellent quality.

The 8000 acre dry farm west of town has nearly 3000 acres seeded to wheat. Two years ago this farm threshed 300 acres of wheat, last year 1400 acres and this year 3000 acres, which averaged a yield of about 20 bushels to the acre of exceptionally fine wheat. Next year they will have 3000 acres in wheat which will be increased from year to year until the entire 8000 acres are under cultivation.

## POTATOES YIELD 150 BUSHELS PER ACRE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Palouse, Wash., Oct. 30.—Hardy Coleman, who makes a specialty of growing potatoes, this week dug 14,500 pounds of Burbank seedlings from one and one-half acres. W. F. Smith and son, who are in the midst of digging their 26 acre field of potatoes, report more than 150 bushels to the acre.

The price is 6 cents per 100 or less, does not justify farmers in selling. The majority of farmers will await a more favorable market.

## Big Profit in Lots.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Aberdeen, Wash., Oct. 30.—Thirty-eight thousand dollars is the price offered for four lots at the northeast corner of Fifth and H streets and returned. Fifty thousand is the price placed on the property. The corner lot of 50 feet frontage was purchased shortly after the fire from Edward Hulbert for \$10,000. Less than \$15,000 was bid for the other three.

## HOOD RIVER WILL SEND BIG EXHIBIT

### Carload of Prizewinning Apples Goes to Great Show in Chicago.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Hood River, Or., Oct. 30.—A carload of the best apples exhibited at the apple show, which closes this evening, will be sent to Chicago for display at the National Land and Irrigation exposition November 23 to December 4. This full car of 640 boxes will be the largest exhibit ever sent from Hood River for display at any eastern show. The exhibition will be held in the big Coliseum. In the course of the two weeks over a million people from all parts of the country who are interested in land development, especially under irrigation, are expected to attend the congress and look at the display which will show the possibilities of some of the western country.

The floor space which has been allotted to the Hood River apple display cost \$100. The display will represent an outlay of over \$5000 when the expense of display, packing, freight, supervision are taken into account. At the close of the show the apples will be shipped to New York.

The apples which are thought to be the largest ever grown have been brought in from the valley for the fair. The largest is a Wolf River, brought in by N. W. Bone and weighs 37 ounces. C. D. Thompson has a record breaker of the Gloria Mundi variety which tips the scales at 35 ounces. At the Lewis and Clark exposition the largest apple shown weighed 85 ounces. Last year at the Spokane apple show a gold apple was offered as a prize for the largest apple shown and the award was made for an apple which weighed 84 ounces.

## FARMERS INSTALL PUMPING PLANTS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Hillsboro, Or., Oct. 30.—Walker, who owns a big farm, will install a pumping plant and irrigate 100 acres, and W. E. Wiess will irrigate 30 acres, also using a pumping plant. Both of these farmers will take water from Scoggin creek with gasoline engines and centrifugal pumps.

The first irrigation plant of any importance was installed by George R. Bagley, on the North Plains two years ago. Wherever the system has been tried it has been productive of great results.

## PROGRESSIVE PAPER SUCCESS AS DAILY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 In the development of southern Idaho Canyon county has taken a leading part, demonstrating to the world something of the possibilities of Idaho soil. Idaho sunshine and Idaho soil, when scientifically transmitted into big red apples and luxuriant alfalfa. The center of Canyon county, Caldwell, one of the most enterprising and progressive cities of the northwest, in the development of Caldwell, perhaps the most potent force has been the News, a four-page weekly paper, now blossoming into a bright afternoon daily.

The evolution of the News shows clearly the character and ability of E. G. Burroughs, whose untiring efforts on behalf of his home city have been productive of splendid results.

# INLAND ELECTRIC CHRISTMAS LAKE PASSES O HILL VALLEY ATTRACTS

## Graves System of Electric Roads May Be Extended to Walla Walla.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Colfax, Wash., Oct. 30.—The reported transfer of the Spokane & Inland Electric railway from the Graves interests to the Great Northern railway comes not as a surprise to the people of this section, where the electric road means a great deal to the people. It has been thought that Hill would assume control any way, but the change was not expected until many improvements had been made under way for some time.

The Chicago report states that Hill is taking over control of the preferred stock at 105 to get control of the system. This stock has been sold in Spokane recently as low as 90. The report says further that the company is to be reorganized and that the change in management will be announced within 60 days.

There are several local conditions which are of importance in the transfer to confirm a new era in the history of the Inland Empire system. The company has been paying out large sums recently in the settlement of claims arising out of the head on collision on the Coeur d'Alene branch July 31. Although several dividends have been passed because the earnings of the road were not sufficient to pay interest on the stock and new equipment, the company is just now getting into the most prosperous condition it has known for two years.

The Inland Empire system consists of 376 miles of electric lines extending from Spokane to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; from Spokane to Moscow, Idaho, and from Spokane to Colfax, beside branch lines from Spokane to near lake reservoirs. It is understood that the Colfax line is to be extended to Walla Walla, 100 miles from here. The Hill ownership would seem to indicate early building of the extension.

## RAILROAD PUSHES SURVEY INTO IDAHO

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Lewiston, Idaho, Oct. 30.—The Ilmore & Pittsburg railroad has filed in the local land office a plat of its fourth 20 miles of survey along the Salmon river through unsurveyed land, indicating that surveying of a permanent nature is being done by the railroad company along the Salmon river toward Lewiston.

The plat is attested to by W. A. McCutcheon, president of the road, and T. H. Bacon, chief engineer, and indicates that the survey is now officially endorsed by the board of directors for a distance of 92 miles in Idaho. The affidavit accompanying the plat states that the 92 miles of survey is an extension of the branch now under construction between Timber creek, Montana, and Salmon City. The plat shows that the survey follows the south bank of the Salmon to a point near Houth creek in Idaho county, where it crosses the Salmon to the north bank.

While the survey has reached the city recently engineers in the employ of the company are operating about Whitebird, on the Salmon, and it is planned to continue the survey through winter. A crew is working up the north bank of the river toward the city where it expects to meet other crews working this way.

## MAIL SERVICE ON PASSENGER TRAINS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Spokane, Wash., Oct. 30.—Beginning November 1 the Great Northern railroad will establish United States mail boxes on Oriental Limited trains Nos. 1 and 2 for the convenience of passengers. Letters can be mailed on the train at any time and will be collected at regular intervals by train employes and forwarded from the most convenient station.

The mail will be turned over to the post office in charge of the mail car after collection. The move is an innovation on western transcontinental lines.

## JERSEY CATTLE SELL AT RECORD PRICES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Albany, Or., Oct. 30.—One of the largest sales of Jersey cattle ever held in the valley was that of Ross Nelson, near Independence. Thirty-two cows and several bulls were sold. L. L. Swan, Ed. School, R. L. Burkhardt, Mark Hurlburt, Henry Stuart and Hike Orling, prominent Linn county cattlemen, were among the buyers. The highest price paid was \$310 for a little 2-year-old, then \$310, \$300, \$275, \$220, \$210.

## Wells Yield Pure Water.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Stanfield, Or., Oct. 30.—Pure drinking water is being tapped at several places near Stanfield, the baby town of Umatilla county. The latest well is that of J. P. Robinson, where water was struck at 31 feet. The water rose 24 feet in the well within an hour. This is the deepest well yet struck, the average depth elsewhere for this deep stratum of water being about 50 feet. The next deepest was on the Wallace place, where the depth is 75 feet, the water rising in this well 50 feet.

## Big Auction Sale.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 La Grande, Or., Oct. 30.—The largest sale of farm machinery and stock ever held in Washington county closed yesterday. E. W. Oliver, who has operated on a large scale, sold at auction nearly \$20,000 worth of chattels, including 100 horses and a band of cattle.

## Homeseekers Rush to New Section Far From Railroads.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Redmond, Or., Oct. 30.—Homeseekers are flocking to central Oregon, taking land 100 miles from the nearest railroad, in some instances. Gradually land values have increased, until settlers are forced to go well toward the California line before available land can be found in large bodies. Homesteaders are now crowding to the Christmas Lake region and settlement is progressing over a section of Oregon which has heretofore been considered worthless.

About half way between Redmond and Lakeview lies Christmas Lake valley, where thousands of acres of sage brush land are subject to entry. The valley lies between Christmas Lake and Silver Lake, and is part of the great Oregon which exists from that vicinity to the California line. The soil is said to be above the average in fineness and very productive with the exception of the wheat and the plow, so that it promises, with settlement, to become a great grain country, where the railroads shall have driven local stockmen further back to make room for the small farmer, who is coming to stay.

## Large Body of Open Land.

Christmas Lake valley, which includes Port Rock, is 15 miles wide and nearly 100 miles long, with deep soil, level as a floor. There are no trees, but short sagebrush, covers the land, so a traveler can be seen 10 miles in the distance. It is just outside the Fremont national forest limits, which are marked by a fringe of junipers bordering the silver pine, which the government has reserved from entry. Water in the valley may be had by digging from 10 to 150 feet.

A number of ranches have been established there for many years and a few settlers have been located there some time and show no disposition to change their residence, yet for the most part the valley remains unoccupied. Only this year has the big rush begun. It is said people are flocking into the country from all directions.

## DAYTON FARMERS SET 85,000 APPLE TREES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Dayton, Wash., Oct. 30.—It is estimated that 35,000 apple trees have been set out this year near Dayton. Land suitable for orchard purposes has increased in value the last three years from \$75 to \$250 an acre, with bearing orchards held at \$1000 to \$1500 an acre. Options have recently been secured on a large acreage in the Touchet valley with an idea to selling it to eastern homeseekers interested in fruit growing here.

No less than 15 commercial orchards of 10 to 20 acres are being set out near Dayton. For the most part trees have been ordered. Farmers who a year ago scoffed the idea of growing fruits are now planting orchards in the valley. John Blise is planting 20 acres of orchard near Huntsville. Other farmers who are setting out orchards are: Fred Cox, Watsburg, 15 acres; Postmaster A. S. Dickinson, Watsburg, 10 acres; County Commissioner James Fudge, Huntsville, 11 acres; Charles J. Taylor, Dayton, 10 acres; A. L. Land, Dayton, 10 acres; John Bundy, Tukanon, 15 acres; H. A. Kaeppler, Dayton, 10 acres.

Wilson & Dent have purchased 500 acres of Frank Hoskins, two miles west of Dayton, and are setting 100 acres to apple trees. This land is part of the famous Pomona ranch owned by J. L. Dumas, president of the Washington Horticultural society.

## MARKET GARDEN AT DALLAS PLANNED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Dallas, Or., Oct. 30.—J. L. Castle is establishing a market garden here with facilities for providing fresh vegetables practically all the year. Mr. Castle has 10 acres of land in garden and orchard. About three acres of it is rich creek loam and the remainder is rising ground. Water for irrigation during the dry months is pumped from the LaCroche creek into a tank on a hill giving a fall of 30 feet. The soil and location make the tract ideal for a market garden.

Mr. Castle has erected a hothouse 11x22 feet in dimension, heated by steam, which will be used to develop vegetables during cold weather. He has thousands of plants growing in the house.

## More Schools Needed.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Nyssa, Or., Oct. 30.—Last year the district built a three story brick school house, which was thought large enough to meet the demands for years to come. This year it was found necessary to move the old frame school building to the grounds occupied by the new building and employ another teacher on account of the increase in the number of scholars.

## Bank Building Rises.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
 Nyssa, Or., Oct. 30.—The brick building of the Malheur County bank is nearing completion. The interior work, which is of Oregon fir, is in the hands of the finishers.

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