

OREGON PACIFIC.

A History of the Road and its Progress.

THE COMING YEAR'S WORK.

Description of the Towns and Country Through Which it Passes—the Work to be Performed in the Spring.

The development of Linn county is so intimately connected with the progress of this great enterprise that no apology is needed for an extended reference to this company.

From the small beginning of a little narrow gauge company, started in 1873 by some few residents of Benton County, to effect a connection between the Willamette Valley and the water on the tidal waters of Yaquina Bay, it has grown into the proportion of a trans-continental road, reaching across Oregon and into Idaho, to form an integral, and most important part of the sixth trans-continental line, affording the shortest route by over 250 miles between Chicago and the Pacific.

The two great divisions of Eastern and Western Oregon are cut off the one from the other by the mountain region of the Cascades. We use the term "region" advisedly. Instead of the solid chain shown on the maps, indicating an impassable barrier running north and south from the Columbia river on the north to the California state line on the south, the Cascade range consists of isolated, conical slopes and foothills of the range.

The problem for the railroad builder was to find an easy access from the west into the hidden meadows of the inner Cascade region now described. Once there, it was but a question of longer or shorter distances to the north or south to gain the passes between the snowy sentinels on the eastern side.

Various trails and passes have been first discovered and then described by the hardy hunters and gold prospectors of the west. So vast a range, so wide a region could not but be the home and feeding ground of elk and deer. Its streams and mountain lakes teem with trout. What better camping grounds, what wider prospects, what more abundant spoils for the hunter and fisherman could be desired.

The similarity of the mountains, rocks and canyons to the mineral bearing districts to the south and east of Oregon did not escape the prospector for gold and silver. Gold bearing quartz, galena, sulphides, zinc blende, in varying quantity and richness were first discovered twenty years ago in the heart of the Cascades. But the state of knowledge of that day did not tempt capital into a region that was so inaccessible and isolated, in pursuit of any ores needing chemical treatment and refining, to force them to yield up their riches. The prospector dug into the outcroppings of the veins, or washed a few pans full in the rushing creeks, and then passed on, fearful of being caught by the winter snow in such savage and solitary places.

It remained for the Oregon Pacific to press its track along and across the fertile prairies of the Willamette valley, by the side of the North Santiam, winding through the foothills of the range, and then following the eastward and southern course of the swifly-flowing river up to its sources on the western flanks of Mount Jefferson and Mount Washington. So it opened up directly to the harbor on the Pacific the golden grain of the Willamette, the ruddy apples of the undulating farms of the foothills, the flocks and herds of the stock farmers of the rougher lands, the lumber and slungies of the vast stretches of untouched timber, waiting for centuries in preparation for the needs of a multiplying population, the minerals now ready for treatment by reason of the cheaper transportation, wider knowledge and more available capital, following the railroad's course, as it opened and developed all the country through which it passed.

If the Oregon Pacific had for its object only the grain and timber of the western one hundred and forty miles of its construction, it needs no argument—but only the experience of railroad building in the west—to justify Colonel Hogg in the years of labor, anxiety and outlay, freely spent by him in its cause.

To these grounds of augury of success add the growing commerce of the western half of Oregon, low rates of transportation, good track, comfortable coaches of the newest make, and the easy and frequent communications by fine and well equipped steamships with San Francisco, have already established the Yaquina route of the Oregon Pacific in the good graces of all the good people of the Willamette valley.

The coming year has greater things in store, if solid indications can be trusted. The spring, or

early summer, of 1888 should see the engines of the Oregon Pacific mounting the western slopes of the Cascades, penetrating their inner valleys, and pressing downwards on to the Eastern slopes. Work has been prosecuted during the late fall and early winter of 1887 on the very summit of the pass, and is to be resumed at the earliest possible moment in the coming spring.

One remarkable point deserves notice, and that is that the summit of the pass crossed by the Oregon Pacific is on an embankment. No long tunnels have had to be driven through the mountains at the summit. The only tunnels on the route are those through two or three sharp spurs of rock, which is cheaper to tunnel than to cut through.

No sooner does the track pass between the eastern mountain sentinels, Mts. Jefferson and Washington, already described, than all the difficulties are over, and the slopes are easy and plain down to the crossing of the Des Chutes river, and the Cascade region.

At present the population and settlement of Eastern Oregon are rapidly changing. Until the advent of the Oregon Pacific was heralded by the careful and repeated surveys pushed across the state during the past five years, Eastern Oregon was the undisputed domain of the cattle kings whose vast herds ranged the year round on its rolling uplands, and in winter sought its river valleys. But from east, west, north and south the working farmer and seeker after the best government land still open for homestead settlement have been flocking in. When the Oregon Pacific track from the west meets in the Malheur valley the grade on which a faithful company has been steadily at work since early in 1886, the railroad will not find a desert, only then opening up for settlement.

The traveler will find groups of little communities scattered along the line, whose repeated letters, circulated and published for two years past, have testified that they might have sought the broad United States over before they found a tract of as fertile soil, as pleasant climate, as beautiful and open outlook, as that central belt. Enough has been said to indicate, rather than describe, the Oregon Pacific and its route. The enterprises and pursuits followed along and through its course may be shortly noted.

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At Yaquina bay are the industries of a growing port. Salmon canning and curing, and deep sea fishing have been successfully followed. Saw-mills and planing-mills abound. The coal interests of Yaquina, and the connected fire-clay and iron ore discoveries, are only beginning to attract the attention they deserve.

Toledo, nine miles east of Yaquina, is a growing little town. Two or three splendid orchards of pines, plums, apples, pears and peaches in its immediate neighborhood demonstrate the advantages for fruit culture of both soil and climate of this favored district.

From Toledo eastwards, across the summit of the coast range, a distance of some forty miles, is the burnt timber district. The numerous valleys on the right and left of the railroad are being rapidly dotted over with the white houses of the stock raiser and the dairy farmer, and the tame grasses are supplanting the fern and peavine of the natural growth.

Blodgett's valley, six miles east of the summit, is the opening of the grain country. Large farms are seen, with the plow cutting its way through the old sod of the hill pastures, where now wheat and oats grow to the very top.

From Blodgett's valley to Corvallis, on the Willamette river, the Oregon Pacific gathers in farm products at every stopping place. At Wren's is the first large wheat elevator, to which the farmers of King's valley, six to fourteen miles away, as well as the residents of the vicinity bring and deposit their grain. At Philomath, where another large elevator stands by the side of the track, the little town is growing safely, if not fast. The college of the United Brethren here is doing good work for the lads and lasses of the neighborhood.

Corvallis, seventy-two miles from Yaquina, has felt at least the breath of improvement. Population is growing, and the town prospering. The new state agricultural college building, a massive brick structure, on a gentle rise west of the town, is worthy of its beautiful location. A new court house and jail, and a large public school building, are also to be erected there in 1888.

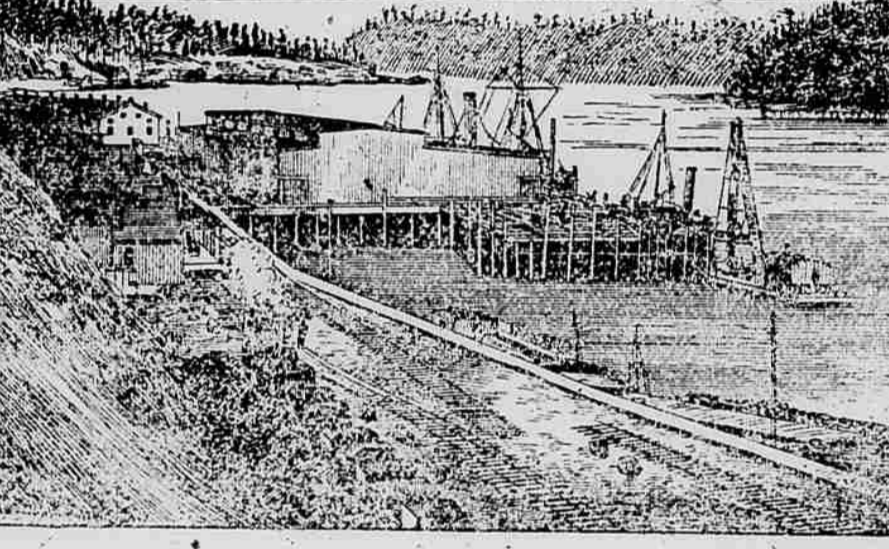
support a family in health, comfort and prosperity. Crossing the Willamette just below the main part of the city by the fine bridge, described in an illustration in this paper, the Oregon Pacific enters Albany, the best town and the most growing in Oregon, south of Portland.

Still crossing the Willamette valley for sixteen miles after leaving Albany the same remarks apply to this grand farming country. Even when the road in its eastward course has entered the valley of the North Santiam it does not leave fertility behind it. On the contrary, the beautiful valleys called Jordan valley, Fox valley, King's prairie, Rock creek, passed one after the other by the cars, show a rapid succession of pictures of beautiful farms, thriving orchards, neat farmhouses, and homesteads, nesting under the shadows of the fir-crowned hills, which tempt the passer by to stay his progress and spend days, weeks and years amid such attractive surroundings.

The next forty or fifty miles of railroad travel stands alone in the memory of the writer. It is the coming Switzerland of the Pacific coast. Not one attraction that draws thousands of Americans yearly to Geneva, Zurich, Basle, the Engadine, Lakes Maggiore and Como, is wanting here, save history indeed, and the grand old houses of the Swiss. Nature here has piled attraction on attraction, mountain, glacier, ravine, waterfall, the gloomy gorge and hillside glittering in frosty diamonds, timber in mile after mile of giant cedar, fir and hemlock, ferns and huckleberry, with the lovely wild flowers of the Pacific coast, lakes varying in beauty from the steepness of Lake Blair and Lava lake to the fairy land of Clear lake and its springs and islands, the paradise of the artist, botanist, geologist, hunter, fisher, and the summer tourist and his bride.

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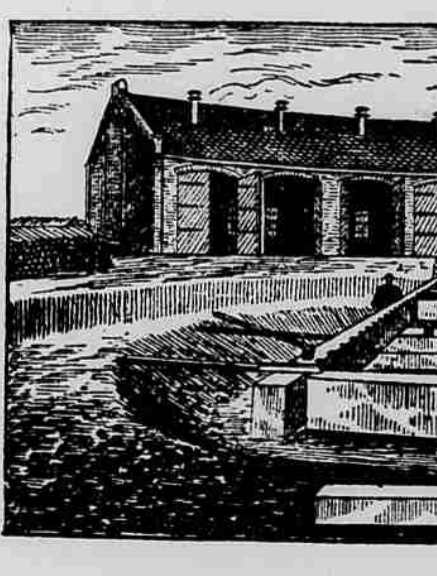


VIEW AT YAQUINA CITY.

wag into The Dalles, to find there after a haul of a hundred or a hundred and fifty miles the transportation the Oregon Pacific is bringing to the sheep-master's doors. Thence for two hundred miles to its eastern terminus at Boise City is the new land of the most recent settler, whose wire fences, new board house and infant orchard of apples, pears, plums, prunes, cherries and vines proclaim that he is there to stay.

The records of early settlers in the Willamette valley and of more recent settlement in the great wheat region of Eastern Washington are being repeated in this great division of the inland empire. It is no wonder that the farmer should drive off the cowboy from land which returns from forty to sixty bushels of wheat to the acre in many localities, and grows barley, oats, clover, alfalfa, beets, turnips, and other root crops in profusion.

As the railroad follows at a safe distance south of, but parallel with, the southern slopes of the Blue mountains, the minerals of those most recently discovered mines will be carried by the Oregon Pacific, either east or west, and the magnitude and value of this business cannot yet be safely told.

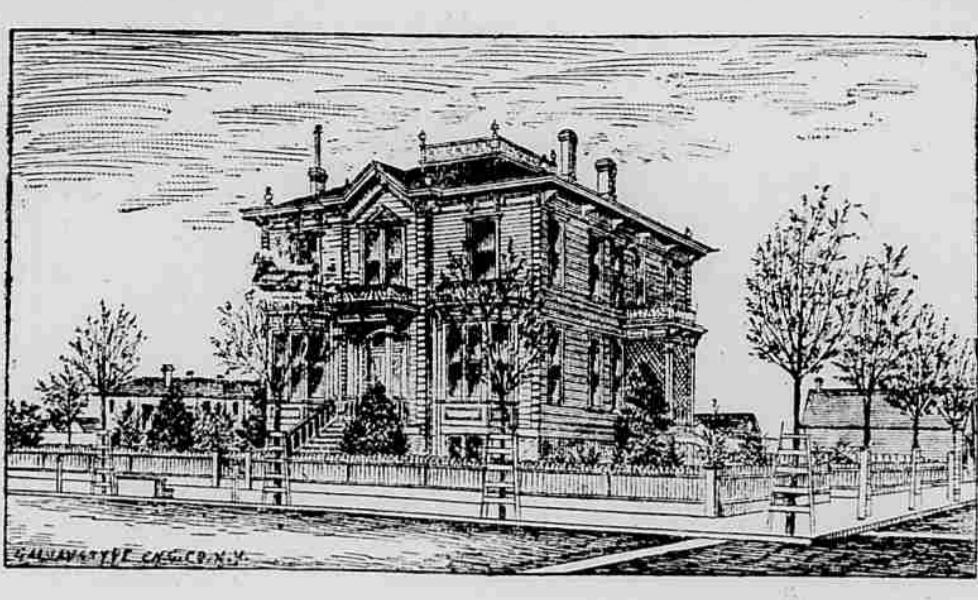


OREGON PACIFIC ROUND HOUSE.

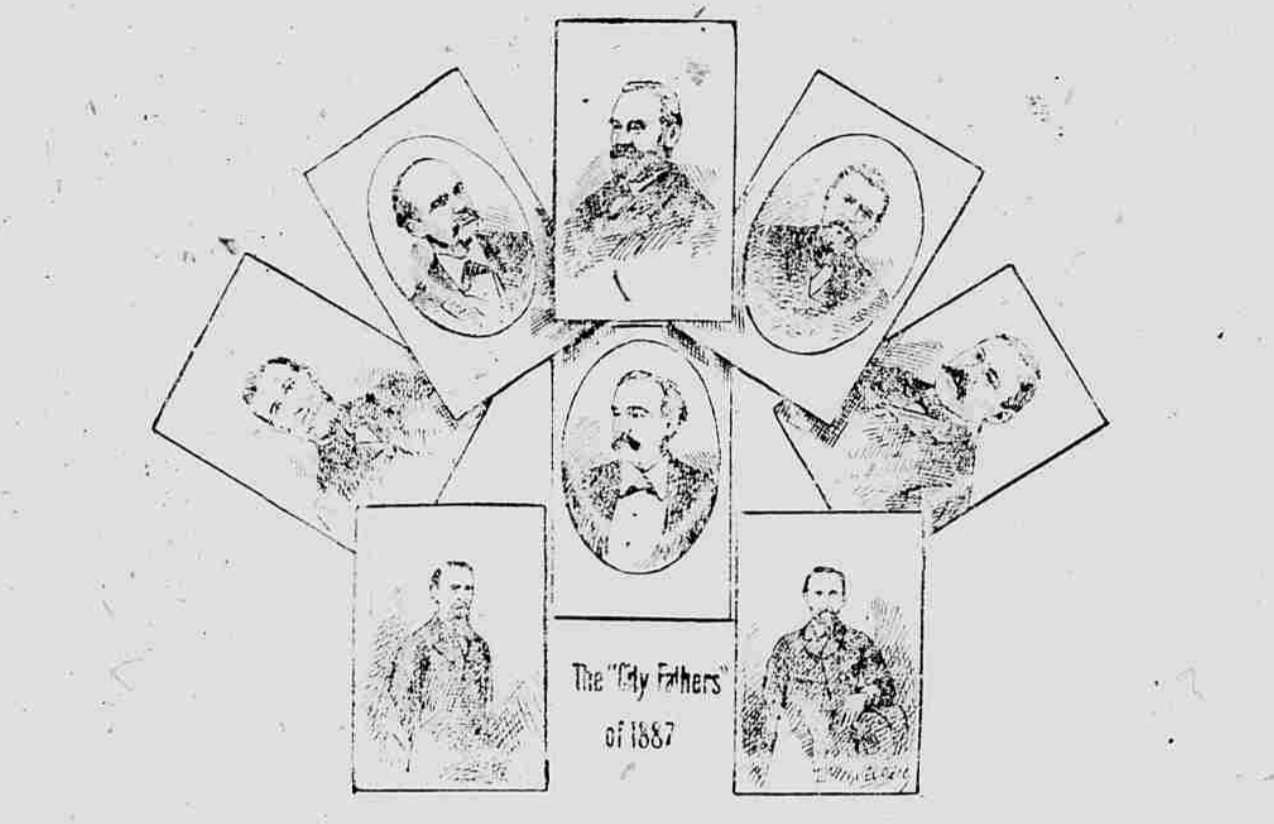
So far as human foresight goes it is not rash to prophecy that our number of January, 1889, will chronicle the completion of this work, which will stand to all time, as the monument of the man who designed it, of him who planned its developments east and west, of him who was its surveyor, engineer, land agent, legal adviser, financial agent, capitalist, president, whom financial crises did not daunt, whom open and secret enemies could not crush, whom faint-

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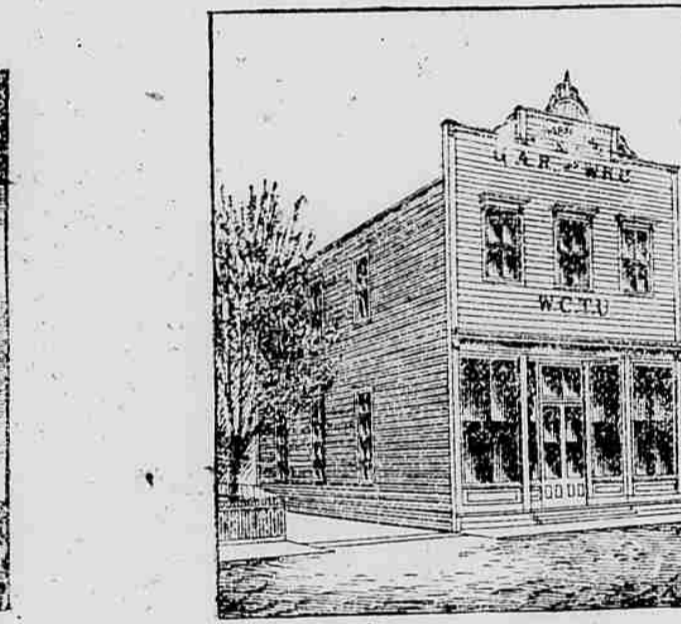
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