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RAILROADS TO BATTLE.

Warring Lines Still Bid for Centrai Oregon Business.

Portland, June 22.-Though the rest less dove of armed peace seems to have settled over the railroad situation as re gards Hill and Harriman in the Northwest, the bristling eagle of war is circling above Central Oregon, where the agents of Harriman and Gould are al ready subtly contesting for advantages.

Departure this evening of the Harriman officials who are to take the initial steps towards the building of an additional 100 mites of road to the 70 miles extending from Biggs to Shaniko and known as the Columbia Southern marks an epoch in the history of Central Oregon, and means that the first of the two roads to tap that territory, the Harriman and Gou'd lines, is about to be started, and the second cannot be long delayed. That Harriman's sudden awakening and determination to push the Columbia Southern farther into the interior is the result of Gould's activity in Oregon and the fear that the Western Pacific was being mapped out to cross the sections which Harriman will now divide.

Gould has had men in the field so long that Harriman fears the results to be born from that report. Railroaders see in the new movements an opening for a fierce transcontinental and construction war which will be centered principally in Oreg n. The sending of Harriman representatives into the Central Oregon region is to be regarded in but one light, and that is for business, while the same spirit has actuated the operations of Gould, and if all reports and indications are to be given credence it will be but a short time until the latter shows his hand.

Harriman's inability to float a \$5,-000,000 gilt-edge deal recently, as compared with the ease in which Gould sold \$50,000.000 worth of bonds for the Western Pacific, gives an insight into the standing of the two in the financial world. Gould's ability to battle with Harriman is undenied and in fact he is said already to possess the supremacy. Authentic reports from the East are to the effect Harriman's credit is not so great as formerly, and while he has a private fortune of large proportions, it is not his intention to risk it in more

In building the Columbia Southern he merely accepts bonds for the extension of the same as he now holds which were issued for the original 70 miles As a result of the settlement w.t'ı Hill it is claimed Harriman's leadership is waning. For that Hill got what he wanted, while Harriman did not, is claimed in railroad circles. Yet it appears Central Oregon is to profit.

Cheap Fares Bring Settlers.

Ten thousand special form tickets were sold two years ago to persons in all parts of the United States who availed themselves of the low rates to Seattle when the Tran - Mississippi Com mercial congress was held in August. Of these, only about 6 600 returned to their former homes; the others remained in the Pacific northwest perma-

o Secretary Atthur Francis of the congress, who is in Portland preparing for the sessions to be held here August 16 to 19, says the Journal.

able to tell exactly how many purchasers take advantage of the return privilege. I have been officially informed that at least one third of the buyers of the special form tickets for the Seattle meeting of the congress never asked for the return privilege, and that this is conclusive eyidence that they remained in the northwest. I know that we brought from Cripple Creek, Colo ado, my home, a delegation of 95, and of these only 45 went back; the others remained somewhere in the three northwestern states permanently.

"Perhaps these facts will convince doubters of the utility of such congresses in bringing immigrants into the region where they are held. This year probably 3,000 delegates have been appointed, and most of them will come, plus thousands who are not delegates, but who will come along because of the low rates."

Secretary Francis declares that the meetings this year will be attended by men as distinguished as were those who made the former sessions conspicuous for their able debates and influential utterances on questions that concern the people of the great region lying west of the Mississippi river.

on Paying Basis

The Lewis and Clark exposition is ahead of its schedule.

It has had a larger attendance, in proportion to the population of Portland and vicinity, than any other expo ition ever held in America.

As the end of the first month draws near the officials themselves are scarcely able to believe the figures spread betore them for comparison. They demonstrate that the fair is on a paying far. basis right now, with its three heaviest months still to come.

Colonel Henry E. Dosch, director of time. exhibits, has taken the trouble to prepare statements as to the attendance at Portland compared with that of other fairs he has visited. The results are astonishing. The computation shows that for the first month the attendance at the Lewis and Clark show is 200 per cent greater than was the attendance at any previous exposition, considering the population within a radius of 500

The daily attendance here thus far his averaged something like 11,000, ranging from 7,000 to nearly 40,000, passes included.

Going back to Chicago, for the first four weeks the attendance ran between 19,524 and 30,920, except on one special day, when the total was 62,000. This included passes, and at lesst 40 per cent of the admissions were free.

At Omaha's exposition the attendance for the first six weeks never was higher than 8,000 on any day, and once it touched the modest total of 2,500, a figure that is as yet unknown to Portlaud's project.

At Buffalo, the first month's daily attendance was between 8,000 and 35,000. and Charleston shows only 1,000 to 2,500 for the same length of time.

Even St. Louis had an attendance one day during the first month of 19,376, and only on two days did the attendance in the first month surpass 32 355.

"In looking over my scrap book," said Colonel Dosch, "I was astonished This is the report that has been made to learn how well this fair is being patronized. Our percentage of passes is smaller than at any previous exposition -not over 30 per cent of the admissions, while at Chicago and St. Louis there "These special form tickets," said Mr. | were days when 60 per cent of the total Francis, "are carefully segregated by admissions were free. Considering the the railroad companies, and they are population of Portland and the surrounding country, our attendance is 200 per cent greater than any other fair.

"Buffalo is the center of a population of 40,000,000 people, within 500 miles. but its record is nothing compared with ours. Omaha was the only fair which succeeded financially, and the reason was that the people of that locality were loyal to the project. It was almost impossible to and a man who did not have stock in it, and everybody was willing to pay admission every day.

"This eternal begging and dickering for passes was unknown. The result was that five days after the fair was closed 75 per cent of the capital stock had been paid out of the treasury and six weeks after the close 921/2 per cent had been refunded. The other 71/2 per cent would have been forthcoming but for a suit which the corporation lost, at a cost of \$40,000.

"It delights me to see that the people of Portland are just as loyal to this fair as the people of Omaha were to theirs. It is a pleasure to look at the crowds which throng the grounds daily. They are happy, well satisfied and full of praise for the exposition. The manage ment is adhering closely to the line of economy. Every division is cutting down expenses wherever possible.

"The fair began with a clear balance sheet. And it is my opinion-I am not unreasonably optimistic-that this exposition will pay its stockholders their money back with interest. The figures show it. There has been no such record before."

Colonel Dosch is not alone in hise st mate of the financial outcome of the enterprise. President Goode has been studying tables with extreme interest and is overjoyed at the showing thus

If ever the prediction were warranted that the fair is a success, this is the

Shipped 1000 Horses.

On last Monday just 1000 head of horses were shipped from Huntington on a special freight train to eastern points. They were gathered throughout the John Day and Harney valleys by agents of Ciay & Dunne and are said to be not only the best looking, but the largest drove of equines over assembled in Oregon upon a single consignment -Baker City Democrat.

Over \$100,000,000 in Gold.

Seattle, Wash., June 23 .- At the close of business yesterday, Frederick A. Wing, assayer in charge of the United States assay office here, announced that the institution has completed its "century run," the receipts of gold and silver having passed the one hundred million mark, amounting to \$100,159,030.

The receipts for yesterday were 21,-627.94 troy ounces of dust. This brought the grand total from the opening of the office, July 15. 1898, to June 22, 1905, inclusive, up to 6,002,158.72 troy ounces. Reduced to avoirdupois pounds, it gives 397,145 77.

Range Protective Association

The June meeting of the Range Proective association was held at Hamilton on Saturday the 10th inst., with Presiient Emil Scharff in the chair and Willard W. Austin secretary.

Resolutions were adopted thanking the county court for their action reguliting the traveling of livestock over oridge across the John Day river at

The good the association has done for the stockmen and the people in general of the county was thoroughly discussed and it was conceded by all present that the association has faithfully worked for the best interests of the county.

The next meeting will be held at Hamilton on the last Saturday in July. -Blue Mountain Eagle.

The German baloonists-Volner and Floegel, bave been blown out to sea and drowned. The empty and collapsed balloon washed ashore.

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