## The Coquille Herald




A little flurry was caused last week by the appearance
on the front page of the Oregonian of an "announcement"
by Chief Engineer Hoey that the Southern Pacific would
build from Coos Bay to Eureka, closing the existing gap
and completing the "coast road" from Portland to San
Francisco. A careful reading of the article, however,
showed that the head lines were hardly borne out by En-
gineer Hoey's utterance, so far as any assurance of imme-
diate construction goes, as he distinctly declined to name
any approximate time for the commencement of work
south of Coos Bay. At the same time, this open declara-
tion coming from the chief engineer undoubtedly means
more than he cared to say. It has been known for years
that the S. P. contemplated the building of a road to con-
nect up the gap between Coos Bay and Eureka and to give
a road that would be practically on a water level and
would avoid the killing grades and the winter snows of
their present route over the Siskiyous. The survey from
Coos Bay south was made by a party of S. P. Engineers
six or eight years ago, at the time of the inauguration of
the abortive Drain project. It it now surmised by many
of the wise ones that the completion of the Willamette
Pacific will very shortly precede the commencement of
work on the line to Eureka. It is stated that the contract-
ors at work on the Willamette Pacific are displaying no
anxiety about getting their equipment out of this section
or about their field of future operations, and this is an ex-
cellent indication. It goes without saying that nothing
would please the people here better than the extension of
the line to the south, putting us on a through coast line.
The immediate benefits would double discount those to
come from the Eugene road, for it would put this section
in position to get its full share of the tide of Eastern im-
migration that is setting so strongly toward this coast.
Taken in connection with the return of general prosperity,
of which we will get our share, and the revival of the
lumber trade, of which we will get the full benefit, the
continuation of work on the coast road will give an added
impetus to the wave of "unprecedented prosperity" on
which Coos seems destined to ride before the year is out.
WHAT IS COQUILLE GOING T0 DO ABOUT IT?
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