

Presidents Harriman and Lytle Sign Agreements--Construction Soon o gin.

(Oregonian Dec. 15,) That the Columbia Southern Railroad will be extended from Shaniko to Bend and that work will be commenced early in next year is assured. The contracts between President Harriman and President E. E. Lytle, of the Columbia Southern, have been signed and all agreements have been satisfactorily entered into. All that now remains is to complete plans for the extension, have the material for the road shipped to the construction points, and commence building. Mr. Lytle announces that this will be done just as soon as possible. In talking of the mattor yesterday Mr. Lytle said : "All doubt is now removed. The road will be built. There are no longer any disagreements between Mr. Harriman and myself. We have made satisfactory concessions, and the contracts signed.

"I cannot say more than this at present, because there yet remain The name of which was originally "The Bend," received its present name by a change being ordered by the Postoffice Department about a year ago.

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Now that the agreement between Mr. Harriman and Mr. Lytle have been made, the bonds will be issued by the Columbia Southern immediately and the most, if not all of them will be taken up by Mr. Harriman. In this manner the money necessary to build 100 miles of road from Shaniko to Bend, will be raised. The estimated cost of this extension is \$1,500,000.

Several routes have been surveyed between the two points to be connected by the extension, and the officials of the road are having some difficulty in deciding upon the exact route to be chosen. All of them present good possibilities, but the question before the railroad people. how to select the best route for the road and for the country that will be given railway service.

It is expected that dirt will fly on the grade for the extension next spring. Work will then be pushed with all the speed possible until the line is completed into Bend. The route is a comparatively easy one, and there are but few heavy grades to be dealt with