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HILL GETS VERY BUSY

Secures Terminal Grounds at San Francisco.

CLOSE ON HARRIMAN'S TRAIL

Great Northern Magnate Evidently Intends to Invade the Very Center of Harriman's Territory.

News has leaked out during the past week to the effect that James J. Hill has acquired terminal grounds on the bay at San Francisco. Some time before the earthquake his representatives acquired valuable land on the bay for terminal purposes. The same source of information states that Hill's surveys have been completed from Butte to Boise and on to San Francisco by way of Lakeview.

Another report is to the effect that Hill men are running surveys from Eureka along Klamath river to Klamath Falls. It is also stated that when Weyerhaeuser, the great lumber baron, invaded southern Oregon and northern California about a year ago and acquired large timber holdings, he did so as an ally of the Great Northern magnate. Weyerhaeuser purchased the Klamath River railway, formerly a logging road, and will enlarge and extend it to Klamath Falls. It is said that this road will be a link in a Hill line from Klamath Falls to Eureka and then through western California to San Francisco. With a terminal at Eureka, Hill would reach the ocean at a port closer to the vast inland empire composed of southern Idaho, eastern, central and southern Oregon and northern California than would Harriman with ports at Coos Bay and Portland. Development in this inland empire will soon furnish an immense amount of freight.

With a line from Butte to San Francisco via Boise and Lakeview or Klamath Falls, Hill would desire a connecting line between this road and the north bank line. It is generally believed that Hill is behind The Dalles-Dufur road now building south from the Columbia and the Oregon Trunk Line building up the Deschutes river. Either of these lines could be extended southward, joining the Butte-San Francisco line at Klamath Falls or Lakeview. Such a line would draw freight from a vast area of agricultural and grazing lands, would skirt the great belt of timber on the east slope of the Cascades and would get the bulk of the lumber traffic to come from this great belt. It would also give Hill a direct line of easy grades from San Francisco to Portland. Bend lies in the direct path of such a line and it has been announced that both the Oregon Trunk Line and The Dalles-Dufur will be extended to Bend.

The above is a brief summary of the week's news concerning Hill's movements in the railroad world.

Burlington Will Build to Coos Bay.

A prominent engineer of the Burlington road, another Hill line, has told Coos Bay people that his road is coming to Coos Bay and they didn't care much who knew it. The engineer said his road could reach the ocean at Coos Bay from Chicago by a route 450 miles shorter than one to San Francisco.

The Burlington is rapidly building west through Wyoming and is now near the Idaho line, with their survey running through Boise City. The route across Oregon is not yet known.

Rankin Busy in the Cascades.

Engineer Rankin, who is working a crew of 100 men on a survey through the Cascades on the Natron-Ontario extension, is rushing work with all possible speed and is increasing his crew whenever he can procure available men. Rankin is working for the Southern Pacific. This company has a right of way

man, R. L. Edwards, working over this survey acquiring right of way for the Natron extension. William Hood, chief engineer of the Harriman lines, recently made the announcement that construction work would follow the securing of right of way.

PLAN LARGER FAIR.

Redmond is Figuring on a Better and Bigger Show Next Year.

Talk is now rife at Redmond for a fair next year of double the proportions of the one just ended. F. S. Stanley of the D. I. & P. Co., who took much interest in the fair and whose company donated \$500 for premiums, says that next year the company will double the amount of premiums offered.

A statement from the officers of the association announces that the fair business will approximate about \$1,000. All expenses and purses will be paid in full and \$25 will be paid for extra premiums recommended by the judges. Checks for the premiums will be ready in a few days.

STEAM BOILER EXPLODES

NO ONE INJURED BY THE ACCIDENT

Damage Caused by Explosion at the Case Sawmill at Sisters—Dorrance's Mill Catches Fire.

TUMALO, Oct. 3.—Mr. Case, of the Case saw mill at Sisters, was in Tumalo this week. Mr. Case had the misfortune lately to get quite a setback in his mill operations by his steam boiler blowing up while sawing. He had steam up to 120 pounds, when without a moments warning, both ends and a part of one side of the boiler blew completely out. Luckily no one was hurt, but it was a close call for some who were near the boiler when the accident occurred. Mr. Case will have to get a new boiler as the old one is completely out of commission.

Dorrance Bros. came very near losing their saw mill by fire last week. Some of the mill hands awoke about 4 a. m. and saw fire in the mill. They gave the alarm and got to the mill in time to save it. The fire had started on the mill floor and had burned quite a hole through it. In another half hour nothing could have saved the mill and large amount of lumber which they had on hand.

GOLD NEAR SILVER LAKE.

Mineral Rock Found that Assays \$4.24 to the Ton.

A. B. Schroder of Silver Lake has found indications of gold somewhere in the northeast of Lake county, he will not tell where. Recently he was in Lakeview and exhibited a piece of ore that, when assayed, went \$2.06 in gold and \$1.80 in silver, to which was added 10 per cent, making a total of \$4.24 to the ton. Mr. Schroder picked up the rock on top of the ground and the belief is that it was a piece of float and possibly from a very rich ledge. Parties are prospecting for the ledge, and considerable of a rush is expected as soon as Mr. Schroder makes known the whereabouts of his find. Recent gold discoveries around Lakeview have set the minds of the residence of the whole of Lake county on mineral and probabilities of as rich mineral deposits extending in the northern part of the county as in any other part will no doubt cause a great deal of prospecting, with the possible result of rich mines being found in the Silver Lake country.

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FIRE AT PRINEVILLE

Burns Livery Stable, Two Residences and Church.

LOSS FROM \$8,000 TO \$9,000

During the High Wind Tuesday, the County Seat is Visited by a Destructive Conflagration.

With the wind blowing a gale last Tuesday, fire broke out in the Maling livery stable at Prineville, at 11:30 o'clock in the morning and for two hours the citizens of that place put up one of the hardest fights of their lives to save the town from a general and most disastrous conflagration. After two hours of fighting the fire was conquered after it had destroyed the livery stable, the residence of Dr. E. O. Hyde, the Methodist church, and partly burned the residence of Alex Zeverly. A conservative estimate places the loss at from \$8,000 to \$9,000. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The fire, fanned by a strong wind from the south, was driven from the stable across the street to the Methodist church which it completely destroyed. Dr. Hyde's residence also caught and was burned with the entire contents. The residence of Alex Zeverly was only partially destroyed. The horses and rigs were all gotten out of the barn. The loss in the barn will amount to about \$1,500; on the church, \$2,500; on Dr. Hyde's residence, \$2,000; and on the Zeverly residence about \$500. Other incidental damages will bring the total loss close to \$8,000 or \$9,000.

Prineville people report that the water service was very poor. The pressure was very low and it was practically impossible to throw a stream where it would do the most good. The high wind carried burning shingles and sparks for many blocks and many residences had narrow escapes from catching fire. It was a period of anxiety and hard labor for property owners.

There was \$1,000 insurance on the church, and \$800 on Dr. Hyde's residence, but none on the livery stable. The church and Dr. Hyde's residence will be rebuilt, but it is said the proprietors of the stable will not build.

GATEWOOD MINES SOLD.

Consolidated with the Washington Meteor Mining Co.

The Gatewood Mining & Trading Company located at Howard, Crook county, with which company T. W. Zimmermann is employed as manager of their store, has been taken over by the Washington Meteor Mining Company, of Blewett, Wash. The companies are to be consolidated and will in the future be under one management. Recently O. J. Hobson, president and superintendent of the Meteor company, Claus Selz, director and expert accountant, and George K. Rogers, fiscal agent, made a visit to the mine to make a final examination of it. These men are experts in their different lines and are connected in an official capacity with the mines at Blewett. All are very much pleased with their mine at Howard. They believe the mine to be a valuable one that needs only modern methods and scientific knowledge to be made a good paying investment.

The plant is to be enlarged and more men put to work. An electric light plant will be installed, hoisting work put in and the mine equipped with air compressor drills. These changes will effect a great saving in the expense account. The gentlemen taking hold of the Crook county property are rated A1 by the commercial agencies and come highly endorsed by banks and business firms with whom they have been doing business.