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A NEW STAGE LINE

Is Assured Between Bend and Shaniko.

WILL GIVE BEST OF SERVICE

Company with \$10,000 Capitalization Is Incorporated—Will Be in Operation in Very Short Time.

During the past week there have been persistent rumors to the effect that a new stage service would be put on from Shaniko to Bend, making twice-a-week trips. The facts in this case prove better than the rumors. It now develops that the Buckley express line will be expanded into a new stage service from Shaniko to Bend, giving daily service both ways. It will run by way of Madras, Forest, Culver, Redmond, Laidlaw and Bend, and will be in operation early in January.

The stage will leave Shaniko in the evening and will proceed as far as Bolter's, where the night will be spent. Starting the next morning, the arrival at Bend will be made about 7 o'clock p. m. Dinner will be had at Reed's at Culver. On the return trip to the railroad, the stage will leave Bend at 6 a. m. and will reach Shaniko about 10 or 11 o'clock that night. On the outgoing trip dinner will be had at Culver and supper at Bolter's.

There will be six relays on the line, which cuts the distance for each relay to about 15 miles. This will insure fresh horses throughout the trip. The stages are ordered, the horses are procured, and all arrangements made for a first-class passenger and express service.

During A. M. Drake's recent trip to Portland final arrangements in regard to this line were completed. A company was incorporated, with a \$10,000 capitalization, the incorporators being F. S. Stanley, Jesse I. Stearns, A. M. Drake, John H. Wenandy and W. J. Buckley. The financial backing of the company gives assurance that it has come to stay and intends to do business and give the best of service. The stage equipment will be first-class, the route is the best that could be selected to insure good roads the year around and consequently good time and regularity, horses will be changed frequently, and everything possible done to make a quick and comfortable service. Moreover, the stopping places for meals are two of the very best in Central Oregon. Both the Bolter and Reed places have long been known as stopping places for travelers.

A branch line from Madras to Prineville and a continuation of the service from Bend farther south may be established in the near future.

The news of this service will be received with great pleasure and enthusiasm by every one. A better stage service for the Deschutes valley has long been needed and will now be supplied. Furthermore, this incorporation is the first indication for many months of any move on the part of those interested in the D. I. & P. Co. and the P. B. D. Co. to act in harmony and it is hoped that this is but an augury of still better arrangements for the future.

COUGAR AND COYOTES.

Hunters Behold Rare And Interesting Drama Played by Wild Animals.

Jack Summers of Prineville relates to the Madras Pioneer a story of a cougar hunt in which he participated at Maury, south of Prineville, a few weeks ago. His party was informed that a cougar was eating on the carcass of a cow, so they armed themselves and cautiously approached the place. When they reached a point where they could see their quarry they were afforded a rare and entertaining sight. A large cougar was eating on the carcass and ranged around, sitting

on their haunches, were six coyotes. The coyotes would occasionally send up a lonely, hungry howl of disappointment, but the cougar kept them away with jealous care. The coyotes had the distance nicely measured between themselves and the cougar, and when the big cat would whirl around as if to charge them they would move back accordingly, but would resume their old position and howl again as soon as the cougar turned his attention to eating. After watching this strange drama for a time the hunters opened fire and broke up the show. They bagged the cougar and two of the coyotes.

A MERRY CROWD.

Whole Neighborhood United in a Grand Christmas Dinner.

The Allen & Barnes ranch, situated between Laidlaw and Cline Falls, was the scene of a merry and enthusiastic gathering Christmas day. The whole neighborhood congregated at this place, the ladies brought baskets full to overflowing with good things to eat, a grand Christmas dinner was prepared, and from 30 to 40 people sat down to the well filled board. It was one of those old-time affairs that you read about, where the people for miles around gather to celebrate some festive occasion.

In the evening many of those present went to Laidlaw to attend the Christmas exercises at that place.

The Allen & Barnes ranch is one of the largest in that neighborhood, comprising 600 or 700 acres. It has many large buildings on it and thus could afford plenty of room for the accommodation of such a merry crowd as gathered there last Tuesday.

MORE MONEY THAN NEEDED.

All Expenses of the Christmas Tree at the Union Church Paid.

The committee appointed to solicit subscriptions to defray the expenses of the Christmas exercises at the union church have paid all expenses and find that they have several dollars left. This committee, composed of J. I. West and Thos. Triplett, succeeded in raising \$39.50. The bill for candy, nuts, oranges, etc. amounted to \$32.42, leaving a balance on hand of \$7.08. This will be turned into the treasury of the union Sunday school as the Sunday school is in need of money.

Moneys paid out were for the following supplies:

Candy and nuts.....	\$23.42
Oranges.....	7.00
Cheesecloth, etc.....	1.00
Ribbon.....	.55
Candles.....	.15
Netting.....	.39
	\$32.42

Business at The Dalles Land Office.

The following business was transacted at The Dalles land office during the month of November, 1906: Homestead entries, 33; timber land applications, 122; homestead commutations, 10; final timber entries, 91.

At the Lakeview land office the following business was done during the month of November, 1906: Homestead entries, 14; timber land applications, 67; homestead commutations, 4; cash entries, 20.

Prineville City Election.

The Prineville papers give the following result of the city election at that place last week Monday: For mayor, Med Vanderpool; for councilmen, J. H. Rosenburg, I. W. Ward, Carey W. Foster; for recorder, J. H. Haner; for treasurer, J. L. McCulloch; for marshal, J. H. Crooks.

An unusually large vote was polled, 198 ballots being cast for mayor.

A Novel Plan for Christmas Gifts.

The pupils of the Lakeview school adopted a novel idea with regard to presents to be placed upon their Christmas tree; the name of each pupil was written upon a piece of paper, all the pieces were placed in a box, and each pupil drew one. Each is to give a present to the one whose name is upon the piece of paper drawn.—Lakeview Herald.

FUNDS ARE PROCURED

A Railroad Across Central Oregon Is Assured.

WILL BE EXTENSION OF C. & E.

Financial Arrangements Are Practically Completed and Construction Company Is Ready to Begin.

More news has developed regarding the extension of the Corvallis & Eastern, in the near future, across Oregon to Ontario, as noted in The Bulletin of last week. This time it is the Co-operative Christian Federation that is playing the leading part. All arrangements have been made for raising the necessary funds for building the road. Sunday's Oregonian has the following to say about the extension of this road, the one which Bend people expect to furnish them with transportation:

"That the railroad from Portland across Central Oregon, as projected by the Co-operative Christian Federation, is now assured is the information given out by the officers of the Federation Trust, which is the business organization managing Federation affairs.

"It is stated that \$1,250,000 has been provided for the railroad in the East, chiefly by Philadelphia capitalists, and \$2,000,000 in addition underwritten in Oregon, and that thus the conditions asked by intending bondholders, who propose to provide the rest of the bond capital, have been met."

"Railroad bonds are not being placed on sale in Oregon at this time. But bonds of the Federation to the extent of \$2,000,000 are now being offered for subscription, which bonds will contribute to some extent, if required, for the railroad cost. The first proceeds will go toward the purchase of required properties.

"The road will run from Portland south through Clackamas county, six miles east of Oregon City to Mehama, 62 miles, a station on the Santiam branch of the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad. Thence to Idanha, 30 miles, it will use the present tracks of that railroad. The distance to Ontario from that terminus is 330 miles, following the projected line of the Oregon Central & Eastern Railroad, now the Corvallis & Eastern.

Mid-Oregon & Eastern the Name.

"The new road is to be known as the Mid-Oregon & Eastern—a company organized last July in Oregon, with a capital stock of \$13,125,000 and with Wallis Nash for president, the Merchants' National Bank for treasurer and John VanZante for secretary.

"Affiliated with the Mid-Oregon & Eastern will be the Federation Trust, a corporation which is to own and manage the industrial properties of the Federation, including irrigation works in Baker and Malheur counties, known as El Dorado water system; the Miller & Lux ranch of 120,000 acres, in Harney county; a townsite on the Clackamas river, six miles east of Oregon City, where water-power factories are to be planted; timber and lumber mills; and 51 per cent of the capital stock of the railroad—all these properties to be acquired and developed and financed separate from the railroad, as parts of the co-operative industrial scheme of the Federation.

"The industrial projects will entail an expenditure of between \$2,500,000 and \$3,000,000 and the railroad project will involve an outlay of \$11,000,000 additional. In each case the money is to come from bond subscriptions. The bondholders of the railroad are to receive 49 per cent of the capital stock of the road as bonus, and the other 51 per cent is to be held by the Federation trust, the face value of the bonds to equal the par value of the stock—\$13,125,000.

Objects of the Corporation.

"The Federation is a society or-

ganized in Oregon to promote industrial projects and the moral, religious, intellectual and physical welfare of its members. It will establish a woolen and flax mill in its proposed town in Clackamas county, carry on extensive farming in Harney county, sell water for irrigation in Baker and Malheur counties, establish dairies and butter and cheese factories, conduct lumber camps and run sawmills, and engage in various activities.

"The promoters have aimed to organize the railroad company with entire independence from possible control by Harriman. The majority of the stock is to be placed in permanent trust in Oregon, and is not and will not be for sale to any one so long as the trust retains its own existence."

Ready to Begin Construction.

A New York construction company, which has been organized as a subsidiary of one of the best known railroad construction companies in the east, for the special purpose of building the Mid-Oregon & Eastern, is now ready to commence work.

A prospectus issued by the Federation has the following:

Only Practicable Outlet.

"This road affords the only reasonably practicable outlet for the timber on the Santiam, and in the heart of the range, above the main rivers. When one tract of 19,500 acres of this timber yields 800,000,000 feet of lumber by actual cruises, or over 41,000 feet per acre, and when the immense timbered area (560,000) directly tributary to this road, and lying on the western slope of the mountains, is considered—and when to this immense quantity is added the valuable pine timber standing on similar acreage on the east slope of the mountains (probably equal in value though much less in quantity), then the estimate of 600 tons a day—or three trainloads of 200 tons each, is seen to be conservative in the extreme. This tonnage is estimated to yield \$613,200 per annum on the average haul. Adding a small percentage for ties, piling and poles, the returns amount, on this moderate basis, to \$650,000 for the Cascade division.

"The surveys of this road run, after crossing the Cascade mountains, through the heart of the irrigable belt of middle Oregon. The system of irrigation which is either already partially completed and settled, or where irrigation will be provided in the near future, covers about 570,000 acres. The yields of cereal and alfalfa and other forage plants, on such lands, are enormous and regular. This is common knowledge. Taking a basis of estimate, only the products realizable from one half the irrigated and irrigable lands, and estimating on the same conservative principle the yields from fertile lands in the same neighborhood unirrigated but productive of good crops, a traffic may be expected of 446,250 ton annually. This at a rate of only \$2 per ton, means a return of \$892,500.

Through the Range.

"The line passes for 200 miles through the center of the cattle and sheep ranges in Oregon. At present a drive of from 100 to 200 miles is involved to reach either the Southern Pacific cars in northern California or depots on the O. R. & N. or on the Short Line. The exports of cattle are given for 1905 at not less than 100,000 and of sheep at \$500,000. That this road will carry one tenth of each is very obviously a most moderate estimate. Not less than \$124,800 is thus added to the prospective returns. Oregon's export wool for 1904 is given at not less than 20,000,000 pounds. Considering that this road will be accessible to the wool yield of both western and eastern Oregon, it is only fair to expect that it will carry one fourth of the exports of wool—representing not less than \$17,500 in returns.

"Taking into account the mileage of 422 for the main line, the character of the great district so opened to transportation, the facts of the rapid settlement of irrigated districts in this and neighboring states, the estimate of \$1,120 a day is plainly moderate. This means \$408,800 for the year. The most recent reliable figures for 1905 for the population of the eastern Oregon towns to be directly interested is 9,700. But their rapid growth can only be fairly judged of by those who are conversant with the facts on the ground. And the 570,000 acres of irrigable lands will be sold in 40-acre tracts—to judge by the analogy of recent sales of similar lands in irrigation districts—and this means a population of 57,000 persons or thereabouts.

"An estimate of 50 passengers per day to pass over the line is very reasonable, if not unjust to the railroad, on the side of moderation. At three cents per mile this totals to \$257,045.

"The aggregate totals to \$2,594,645. Estimated cost of operation is \$866,000. The fixed bond interest at five per cent on the total amount of authorized issue, at the rate of \$250,000 per mile, is \$65,250. Even if it be found necessary to issue the total amount of bonds mentioned, a surplus of \$1,073,395 will remain for dividends on the stock."

Everybody reads The Bulletin.

BUSINESS INCREASES

Postoffice Receipts Show Improvement at Bend.

EVERY LABORER IS EMPLOYED

Merchants Report a Pleasing Christmas Trade—Money Comes into Country from Timber Sales.

That business in Bend is on an increase is shown by a comparative statement of the records in the Bend postoffice. The business done by a postoffice is always one of the best indications as to the general prosperity of the country. When much business is done through Uncle Sam's local offices, it is a sure indication that the merchants are also prosperous. Following is a statement of the money orders issued and cancellations made for the first 24 days of December for the last three years:

MONEY ORDERS.		
No. Issued.	Amount.	
1904.....	319.....	\$369.06
1905.....	148.....	1024.81
1906.....	264.....	2092.36

CANCELLATIONS.		
No. Issued.	Amount.	
1904.....	\$134.53
1905.....	106.28
1906.....	138.75

In 1904 the D. I. & P. Co. had a large number of laborers at work near Bend. Among these were many Italians who regularly purchased many money orders and sent large sums of money either to relatives in Italy or to Italian banks in New York. They were a floating population and were gone when the construction work of the company got beyond the vicinity of Bend. Thus the large business in 1904 is accounted for.

In 1905, when business had acquired a more healthful and stable status, it is seen that 148 orders were issued amounting to \$1024.81. During the same 24 days in December of 1906 there were 264 orders issued, amounting to \$2092.36. Thus for the period preceding Christmas in 1906 the money order business more than doubled in amount, and nearly doubled in the number issued.

The cancellations also show an increase as indicated above.

This should successfully refute the cry of hard times that is occasionally heard hereabouts. Bend merchants report a prosperous and pleasing Christmas trade. New buildings are going up all over the country, land is being cleared and it is almost impossible to find a man idle long enough to get any work done. Money is coming into the country from the sale of timber holdings. Hence there is no good reason for the statement that times are hard, for everyone who wishes to work is able to keep employed.

NEW BODY OF ORE.

Is Found in the Gatewood Mines at Howard.

B. Gatewood, president of the Gatewood Mining & Trading Company of Howard, returned Saturday from a trip to Tacoma and Seattle, says the Crook County Journal. While at the big Tacoma smelter Mr. Gatewood had an opportunity to inspect a train load of ore from the famous Tonapah mines of Nevada. There were shipments, too, from some of the best ore producers of Washington, Idaho and Alaska. A shipment of concentrates was also received from far off Corea. The car load of concentrates from his mine in Crook county came in while he was there and received its share of favorable notice by the representatives of mining journals who were present.

Mr. Gatewood was much pleased with the report of the progress of work at Howard during his absence. A new body of ore on the south drift, some 200 feet from the surface, was opened up. It is a two-foot vein of black sulphide which carries a value of \$75 a ton. They have been working on this drift six weeks, and working in

ore all the time. While working on the upraise a 12-foot ledge of ore was uncovered carrying a value of \$50 a ton. Both ore values are uniform. So far no barren streaks have developed. The upraise has been finished to the surface, thus furnishing plenty of fresh air for the mine. Night and day shifts are employed in the mine and the work of development is being carried forward in a most economic manner.

IMPROVING NEW CEMETERY.

Two Acres for That Purpose Will Be Seeded and Fenced at Redmond.

REDMOND, Dec. 24.—Contracts have been let for clearing, plowing, seeding and fencing two acres of the cemetery. Neighbor Hensley was the successful bidder on the clearing and seeding and A. J. Booth on the fencing. While we want to see Redmond grow and increase rapidly in population we hope it will be a long time before we need to improve any more of the cemetery than this two acres.

F. C. Rowlee moved up to his farm near Bend on Saturday.

Neighbor L. O. Handegard has disposed of his equity in his ditch forty and homestead. He expects to get back to Minnesota for Christmas and then it's a visit to the old home in Norway. We think, too, that there is a girl back there waiting for him.

Public installation of officers for the D. I. & P. Settlers Association was held Saturday night. John Tuck, president; H. F. Jones, secretary; and J. H. Jackson, treasurer, was as far as your reporter got when some one wanted to tell him that the Modern Woodmen will have public installation of officers the first Saturday night of 1907. Neighbor Hensley is the new consul and L. L. Welch, advisor while J. H. Ehret was re-elected clerk and C. W. Ehret, banker. As before we did not learn who fills the minor offices.

We are pleased to note that both Mrs. McGuffie and Mrs. Reed are much improved since last week.

Mrs. Park spent several days last week visiting at McLain's camp south of Powell Buttes.

We hear that Mr. Ogden intends returning to Pomeroy, Washington, to spend the winter. At the present rate there will not be very much to spend, but we remember last March and have nothing to say at present.

More blooded stock coming in. This time it is Mrs. Muma with a trio of White Wyandottes. They are beauties and we are glad to see them come. We still think that the poultry industry is bound to be a big thing in this country in time.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor have gone to Portland for a short time. Mr. Redfield has just returned from there.

A Sunday School Christmas tree tonight and a hotel dance tomorrow night is about the extent of the public festivities as far as we have been able to learn.

Accidents will happen in a well regulated community like Redmond. This has been evidenced lately by the fact that Mr. Trisler got a broken nose as the result of too strenuous work clearing for Yours Truly. We also saw a boy in town carrying his arm in a sling, but did not learn the particulars.

Several members of McLain's gang came in to spend Christmas. W. L. Perry, Joe McClay, Bud Wood and Yours Truly, J. J. Ellinger came in also from the Johnson ranch, while Pearl Lynes went home to the valley for a visit.

Lastly but not least we always notice the usual amount of improvements going on upon returning to Redmond after a short absence. E. C. PARK.

Tumalo Items.

TUMALO, Dec. 25.—Merry Christmas. How strange it seems to have a Christmas without any snow, but today there is a heavy fog hanging over.

C. L. and Alice Wimer attended the Christmas tree at Laidlaw last night and report a good time.

Rev. Tavenor of Bend stayed over night in Tumalo Saturday.

A great many teams are hauling lumber from the H.-S. Co. mill to different parts of the county, some going to Bend, some to Madras.

A serious break occurred on the C. S. I. Co.'s ditch one day last week near their headgate, which necessitates about five or six days' work with several teams to repair.

Mrs. F. F. Smith and sons Lawrence and Wilman and Pearl Hightower and Vera Mackey are spending a two weeks' vacation at their home at H.-S. Co. mill.