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Nature of Work Indicates They Mean Business.

WOULD OPEN A VAST EMPIRE

Burns Man Discusses Railroad Prospects for His Region—Thinks Oregon Eastern Will Be Built.

Bend people have been watching with interest for the last year and a half the work of the different surveying crews working on the proposed Oregon Eastern railroad, the new road which is to cross the state from east to west. Every indication signifying that Harriman was probably in earnest when his officials stated that this new road would be built across the state, has been seized eagerly and discussed by the whole of Central Oregon. Central Oregon wants railroad transportation and wants it badly, hence its great interest in the work of these surveyors.

In view of this widespread interest, a statement by one who lives at Burns, the headquarters of these surveyors, and who consequently should be in close touch with their work, should attract the attention of Bulletin readers. Such a statement was published in Saturday's Oregonian as an interview with A. W. Gowan, receiver of the U. S. land office at Burns. Speaking of the new road, Mr. Gowan said:

"Sixteen miles of this road, between Ontario and Vale, already have been constructed. This section of railroad is considered the most permanent construction in the West. The heaviest of steel rails, the best of ties and other materials have been employed and the same substantial methods will be followed in the future. The people of Harney county are elated over the prospect of gaining railroad communication with the outside world and are satisfied that the Harriman interests, which are behind the project, are in earnest and will complete the improvement in the shortest convenient time.

Surveying for Past Year.

"For more than a year three surveying parties operated in our county and established as many surveys. The operating force was recently augmented by the addition of two other surveying parties. All five parties have established headquarters at Burns, where, a complete equipment for practical railroad construction has been provided. Maps indicating the definite surveys and the final location have been filed in the Land Office at Burns and also forwarded to the authorities at the National capital for approval.

"Three different routes are proposed for the road through Harney county, from Vale, the present terminus. One of the proposed courses is up the Malheur River on less than a 1 per cent grade for a distance of 110 miles to Crane Creek, opening into Harney Valley about 40 miles from Burns. From that point another route has been surveyed from Lawen westerly to a point near Odell Lake in the Walker Range country. From this proposed main line, another route has been established northwesterly to Burns. Another, branching southerly from Wagontire Mountain to Lakeview, has been surveyed and still another from the main line near Narrows in a southerly direction up the the Dunder and Blitzen rivers through the Catalow Valley and the Pueblo mineral belt to connect with the Central Pacific in Nevada, presumably between Reno and Winnemucca.

"In these surveys the operating department of the Harriman system has employed the most skillful en-

gineers in its service, and also has established headquarters in Burns where a competent force of draftsmen is employed. All movements are directed from that point.

Think Harriman is Earnest.

"All this work appears to our people as an effort on the part of the Harriman people to complete the projected line at the earliest date possible. With our large and undeveloped resources we feel the need for a railroad which would place our section in touch with the outside world. Nothing would do more towards advancing the growth and development of the Inland Empire than the building of such a railroad which we confidently believe is now assured. Property values would be greatly enhanced and every benefit that comes from efficient transportation facilities would be ours."

LAND GOES UP IN PRICE

INCREASE OF LIEN ON DITCH LAND

Raised from an Average of \$10 to \$25 per Acre—System to Revert to Settlers at End of 10 Years.

The state land board has granted the request of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Co. for an increase of lien for construction of their reclamation system surrounding Bend. The increase raises the price of their land from an average of \$10 to an average of \$25 per acre, with the maximum price at \$40 per acre. Heretofore sales have been made at from \$1.50 to \$15 an acre, according to the quantity of land in a 40-acre tract that can be irrigated. Now the price will range from \$2.50 to \$40 an acre, the latter being for land that can be irrigated and the former for non-irrigable land.

The D. I. & P. Co. have agreed to turn over the system to the settlers in good condition at the end of 10 years. The annual maintenance charge is reduced from \$1.00 to 80 cents per acre. Those settlers who have already bought land may obtain their proportionate partnership in the system by paying an additional \$6 per acre.

The company is also required to deposit \$1.00 for every acre sold, or \$1.00 for every \$25 paid by the settlers, as a guarantee that they will complete the system in good faith.

Powell Buttes Items.

E. R. Halterman has left for Big Bend, Wash., to be gone a month.

A new road petition has been sent in to the county court which, if granted, will give a road to many who have no road.

The supply of water coming down the old river bed is very satisfactory. It indicates that the ditch rider is looking after our interest, wishing to supply us with water and not to flood us out, although this is hard to regulate under the present conditions.

We are not pleased to have such a cold late spring but it is some consolation to know that it is cold and late other places. Misery likes company.

It is rumored that a new store will be built at Powell Buttes station by a Mr. Scott from western Oregon, C. H. Ellis having given Mr. Scott an estimate of the building cost.

J. J. Jones is expecting his family in a few days. Mr. Jones has been here 14 months and he has about 40 acres under cultivation.

C. H. Ellis is now working with the hatchet gang for the D. I. & P. Co.

Mr. Rennels was down to his place last week putting in a garden. He expects his family about the first of June.

Nate Beach is looking for a large team to do his farming with.

The Powell Buttes correspondent is out of sorts when he don't get his Bulletin.

FOR A NEW OUTLET

Would Build Wagon Road to Connect with C. & E.

SHORTER AND BETTER ROUTE

Drilling is Slow at Redmond Due to "Iron Basalt" Rock—Large Sheep Ranch Sold—County Fair.

Laidlaw citizens have submitted a proposition to the management of the Corvallis & Eastern railway whereby the Laidlaw people agree to open a wagon road to the terminus of the railroad if that terminus would be extended 20 miles, or to just over the summit of the mountains. The railroad people have received the offer with favor and plans are now under way for a joint meeting of a representative of the railroad and representatives from this section. The affair was inaugurated and has been handled by the Laidlaw Development League. This league will hold a meeting this evening to perfect further plans along this line and to appoint representatives to confer with the railroad men. General Manager Talbot of the C. & E. has signified his willingness to discuss the matter with representatives from this section.

It would be an easy matter for the railroad to extend its line the 20 miles, since for a distance of 20 miles from Idanha, the present terminus, virtually all that would be required would be to lay ties and spike rails, for the right of way is covered by a grade constructed in earlier days by the Oregon Pacific. It is in good condition, with the exception of a few points where washouts have taken place. It is estimated the wagon road would be 60 miles in length, but even at that a better route and shorter distance is afforded than from this region to Shaniko, where connection is now made with the Columbia Southern.

The plan is to construct a highway over which heavy loads may be hauled with ease and which at the same time will permit of fast driving, so that residents of the interior may reach Portland, transact their business and return home in from two to three days, instead of being held up nearly a week as at present. The railroad, if extended, would tap a heavily timbered district which would be productive from a traffic standpoint.

Drilling is Slow Work.

Moore Bros., who are drilling the deep well for the D. I. & P. Co. at Redmond, have reached a depth of something over 200 feet. They have been drilling through very hard "iron basalt," making barely two feet per day. This rock appears to be highly mineralized, and particles of it are attracted by a magnet as readily as are particles of steel. From this characteristic, as well as from its hardness, the rock gets its name of "iron basalt."

While the drilling is necessarily slow on account of the hardness of the rock, yet it is being continued steadily.

Large Ranch Sold.

It is reported that H. I. Friday & Co. of Cross Keys last week bought of J. B. Cartwright, all of the latter's land holdings heretofore used by him in connection with his sheep plant near that place, the purchase price being given as \$27,000. The Cartwright ranch is

just east of the Friday ranch on Trout Creek, one of the best alfalfa ranches in the county, and the two properties combined will give the new owners one of the finest properties in the county. The sale includes a section of land lying on Sage Brush, just north of Agency Plains. It is reported that Mr. Cartwright will sell his sheep and retire from the stock business, with which he has been identified in this county for some years past.—Madras Pioneer.

County Fair in October.

Crook county is to have a fair again this fall in Prineville, says the Review. So much was determined upon at a meeting of the directors. October 15 to 19 inclusive were the days fixed upon by the directorate, which also appointed superintendents of the different departments for the coming event.

The premium list is fully double the size of last year's list, and many additions have been made. There are a first and second prize for the best general exhibit of products from a dry ranch, and a similar offer for the products of an irrigated farm. These prizes cover an exhibit or exhibits of farm products that are excellent in point of variety, quantity and quality. This will permit all portions of the county to compete.

The speed program is likewise not to be neglected. Committees now have the coming races in hand and it is likely Prineville will witness some exciting races during the five days in October.

BIG CROP OF STRAWBERRIES.

This Luscious Fruit Will Bear Prolifically at Redmond.

REDMOND, May 27.—The prospect seems to be good in this vicinity for a bumper crop of strawberries. Whitneys count a good many vines with over a hundred buds, blossoms and set fruits to the vine, and some of the fruit is getting to be of a nice size.

A. J. Booth has bought Bert Laney's forty north of town. He also bought a team, wagon, and harness in Prineville the past week. The sellers all seem to take right hold and buy again on the segregation at least. We did not hear what Mr. Laney intends doing, but he is looking for another horse now.

Wednesday night of this week the Ladies' Aid society gives an ice cream social. That sounds good to us. There will be recitations and singing for entertainment before the cream is served.

A. Elbert of Newberg is here visiting his sons and may stay all summer.

Three men from Payette, Idaho, came in on the stage Saturday, acquaintances of McCarty, the Haraders and other former Payette men already here. They are looking over the country with a view to purchasing.

George Woods has bought him a place over near the river—not George Wood.

J. B. Merrill of Crooked River was doing business in our vicinity Saturday.

We hear that I. L. Harader is ready to cut his eye this week. We hope he has enough of it to spare some to others who are getting mighty short on hay.

M. E. Business Meeting.

A business meeting of the M. E. church will be held at Dr. Nichol's on Saturday evening. It is absolutely essential that we have a good attendance of the official board as we cannot hold a meeting without at least five persons present. So please do not fail to come as the business to be transacted cannot be delayed any longer.

CAMPBELL TAVENNER, Pastor.

The Dog Nuisance.

If the dogs get much more numerous in Silver Lake the people may have to move out. Tuesday a pack of town dogs attacked a calf belonging to Bernard Heffer and before they could be frightened away almost killed it. Mrs. Egli recently had a number of chickens killed by dogs and other persons have been heard to make similar complaints.—Central Oregonian.

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