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## Harriman Will Build into Central Oregon

**Promises Governor Chamberlain that Work Will Be Begun at Once.**

**WILL COME UP DESCHUTES**

**Harriman Favors a North and South Line and River Route Gives the Best Grades.**

**HILL ALSO READY TO BUILD**

**Events Indicate an Interesting Fight Between the Two Great Railroad Magnates for Possession of Deschutes River Route.**

The dream that Central Oregon has dreamed for 20 years is about to be realized, and this vast inland empire is at last to be given railroad transportation. Governor Chamberlain has returned from his conference with the great Harriman at Pelican Bay and states that the "Wizard of Wall Street" promised him "unequivocally, flat footedly, and absolutely" to begin at once the "speedy construction of a railroad into Central Oregon." The only thing now to be determined is to choose the route of the extension, and Harriman is now in conference at Pelican Bay with his engineers and lieutenants attending to the choice of routes. Harriman has promised and the road will be built.

### Several Routes Possible.

There are several routes that may be chosen, some giving a line north and south, others a line east and west across the state. It is said that Harriman favors a north and south line. One possibility is to extend the Columbia Southern through this section to Klamath Falls, but very few believe that will be done as the grades on the Columbia Southern are frightful. The more probable route for a north and south line would be one up the Deschutes river from its mouth through Bend to Klamath Falls. The east and west line will either be the extension of the line from Natron through the Cascades at Diamond Peak pass and across the state eastward to Ontario, or the extension of the Corvallis & Eastern through Bend and eastward to Ontario. If the Natron-Ontario line is built, lines north through this section and south to Klamath Falls will be constructed. The general opinion is that a north and south route will be chosen.

### The Governor Talks.

Governor Chamberlain said in part:

"Mr. Harriman stated definitely that actual work would be begun on the long-delayed extension into Central Oregon at once. The only preliminary step to be taken before construction is begun is to fix definitely the route, and that will be done within the next few days, as the result of another official conference of high Harriman officials at Pelican Bay. This conference has already been ordered and will be attended by Julius Kruttschnitt, director of maintenance and operation of the Harriman lines; E. R. Calvin, vice-president of the Union Pacific; William Hood, chief engineer of the Pacific system; and several high officials of the Southern Pacific, including members of the legal staff.

"The most important question yet to be decided, and the one that will be of utmost importance to the regions affected, is whether Harriman will tap Central Oregon with an east and west or a north and south line. The north and south line seemed to find most favor in Mr. Harriman's eye.

### Construction in the Immediate Future

"There was nothing hit or miss about the nature of the business conferences our party had with Mr. Harriman. We were provided with an endless supply of maps, drawings, statistics and other data prepared by the Harriman lines and also with all state maps and documents that would bear on the subject. We went exhaustively into the geography and topog-

raphy of practically every portion of the state now untapped by railroads. We discussed the various resources with their chances of development. We took up particularly the Bend country, Harney country, Madras, Clear Lake and other sections. Mr. Harriman frankly admitted that the various sections should have relief, and he finally announced to me that he would order actual work begun in the immediate future. He said he would call together various officials of the different roads and that at a conference with them the definite route would be settled upon. The conference will be equipped with the surveys of a number of rights-of-ways, all of which have been held for some time and the maps of which we went over on our visit to Mr. Harriman's lodge."

### Will Extend Corvallis & Eastern.

According to Governor Chamberlain, Harriman intends to extend the branch line now terminating at Detroit and will push that eastward to a future connection with the proposed north and south line. It is also a practical certainty that the new line now being built to Klamath Falls from the south will be extended northward to Otell and then over to a connection with the Southern Pacific main line at Natron, and that when this has been done trains will run direct from Portland to Sacramento over that route.

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## HILL TO TAP THIS SECTION

**Believed That He Has Obtained Possession of the Oregon Trunk Line. The Reasons for So Thinking.**

A feature of the railroad game that is looked upon with great importance by people in this section is the visit to Bend last Monday evening of W. F. Nelson, president of the Oregon Trunk Line, (a road projected up the Deschutes) accompanied by John D. and Johnson P. Porter, of the firm of Porter Bros., railroad contractors. These gentlemen were traveling through with an automobile and were on their way to Klamath Falls. The significance of their visit may be gathered from the following facts.

### Railroad Contractors Visit Bend.

Porter Bros. are a very large firm of railroad contractors and have done work for J. J. Hill for years. They started at first as bridge builders, but have branched out into construction work during late years. They built a large part of the North Bank road. The supposition is that they are about to take contracts for the building of a Hill road from the Columbia river through this section to Klamath Falls and on to the coast at San Francisco. While it is not known as a fact, there are many good reasons to believe that their trip through this part of the state was made that they might better acquaint themselves with the nature of the work to be done. They were in a great hurry and gave out that they must be back in Portland by the 28th, when an important matter is to be settled in which they wish to take a hand.

### They Ask for Information.

It has long been believed that Hill is behind the Oregon Trunk Line. That appears more than ever to be the case when it is known that Nelson and W. N. Bethel, locating engineer of the North Bank road, spent several days together in The Dalles last week. Following their visit at The Dalles, Mr. Nelson and the Porter Bros. take a flying trip across the state. At the same time there is a crew of Oregon Trunk surveyors working up the Deschutes and checking over the Oregon Trunk survey. Furthermore it is known that one of the Porter brothers recently quizzed Bend men as to the amount of grain and hay that is raised in this country, and asked if there was more than enough to supply the local demand. He also asked if work could be done through this country during the winter. All of which is believed to indicate that Porter was

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## LOST IN THE TIMBER

**Fire Fighter Nearly Dies From Thirst.**

**36 HOURS WITHOUT WATER**

**Mind Was Affected by His Suffering and He Became Demented—Finally Stumbled into Camp.**

The forest fires southeast of Bend came near to being the cause of the death of one man last week, and for hours he wandered through the timber, tortured with the agonies of thirst and with death staring him in the face. The man was Frank Kelley, who lives at Paisley, and his predicament was due to the fact that he became lost in the woods.

The first of last week the fire fighters with whom Kelley was located decided to move their camp from the location it then occupied about 12 miles north. As the teamsters started with the camp Kelley took a gun and said he would cut across country and hunt, and would join them at the new camp. This was in the morning.

The new camp was established that evening but no Kelley appeared. The following morning some of the men became uneasy at his non-appearance and two or three of them were sent out to search for him. They finally got on his tracks and began to halloo. In reply to their calls they heard an answering call in the woods several times but these answers finally ceased. When they first heard the answer they would run in the direction from which the call came but no man could they find. They came upon his tracks, however, which plainly indicated that he too had been running, but away from the searchers. Finally they became exhausted and returned to camp.

A larger party was then sent out with a saddle horse, food and water, but they were unsuccessful in locating the lost man and returned to camp late that evening. In the meantime, about 7 o'clock that evening, Kelly himself appeared in camp, and after recovering somewhat told his story. When he reached camp his throat was swollen so from thirst that he could swallow only with great difficulty, and his neck was swollen nearly even with his chin. He was in a semi-demented condition. Food and water were given to him sparingly and he finally recovered.

He said that he had shot and killed an old bear and a cub the first day out from camp. He carried the cub with him during that day but discarded it the next morning owing to his weakened condition. When he did not find camp the first evening he realized that he was lost. The following day he wandered all day long, suffering terribly from thirst, and the general opinion is that his mind became affected. He stated that he heard the men hallooing and answered at first, but at last his throat became so swollen that he could make "no more noise than an old hen," as he put it. At last he stumbled into an old camp and found there a small bottle of vinegar, which he drank and which seemed to revive him. Later he found his way into camp.

When he approached the camp the men were hallooing now and then. Some of them walked out to meet him as they saw him coming, whereupon he lowered the gun from his shoulder in a threatening manner, and, with a peculiar glitter in his eyes, asked what all the noise was about. It was plainly evident that his mind had been affected by his suffering. When he had recovered he told the men that his suffering was so intense that he

had fully determined to kill himself if he had been much longer in finding camp.

## GOOD RECORD AT THE BUTTES

**Oats and Alfalfa Make an Excellent Showing in That Section.**

Many farmers in the vicinity of Powell Buttes are very much pleased over the manner in which their crops are turning out the first year they have had water for irrigation. They begin to think they have the garden spot of the world, and they certainly have made a good showing this year.

Hugh H. Mitchell is one of those prosperous and successful farmers. The canal and laterals were not completed so as to give him any water before April—he got his first water for irrigation during that month. Nevertheless he has a crop of oats that conservative farmers say will yield between 80 and 90 bushels to the acre. That is a pretty fair yield, we are inclined to think. Mr. Mitchell also seeded a field to alfalfa this spring and from that field he is going to get two cuttings with a very good weight. For alfalfa less than a year old that is certainly going some. Other farmers in that vicinity are likewise doing very well. We simply mention Mr. Mitchell as a good example of what the soil will do when properly handled.

And the Powell Buttes section is not the only section where crops have been good. In fact they are good all over the segregation. J. G. McGuffie writes from Redmond that the crops thereabouts are better than they have ever been. Mat Kulesh has a field of oats that stood to his neck, with large heavy heads well filled with grain. Blacksmith Davies, living a half mile west of Redmond, has watermelons from a foot to 18 inches long, and plenty of large cantaloupes and cucumbers. Grains, grasses, root crops, and tender vegetables are all doing very well in that section.

The Baldwin ranch has a field of alfalfa that cut 2½ tons per acre for the first cutting this year. A heavier and better crop will be harvested for the second cutting. Likewise a field of clover on the old experiment farm near Bend yielded three tons per acre for the first cutting of as nice hay as anyone ever set eyes upon. An equally as large yield will be cut for the second crop from the same field, and the field will then furnish a lot of fall pasture.

That's what the Bend country is doing on an off year.

## WILL GIVE REAL MONEY.

**D. I. & P. Co. Offers Prizes for Best Letters About Crop Experiences.**

The D. I. & P. Co. desires to get a full report of crop conditions on its segregation, and with that object in view is going to give five cash prizes for the best letters telling of experiences in raising crops on the company's irrigated land. The letters should contain the yield per acre. All letters must be signed by two witnesses and must be submitted by Sept. 10. Whenever possible samples of crops should accompany letter.

The first prize will consist of \$10.00; second, \$5.00; third, \$2.50; fourth, \$1.00; fifth, \$1.00.

Here is an opportunity for someone to make a little pocket money as well as to show what Bend soil will do.

## Livestock Judge at State Fair.

W. H. Carlyle, who has been engaged as dean of the livestock judges at the Greater Oregon state fair (Sept. 14-19), is one of the most experienced judges in America, having served at the most important exhibitions. Among these are the Omaha exposition, the International livestock show at Chicago, the Charleston exhibition, the Canadian national exposition at Toronto and the St. Louis world's fair. Mr. Carlyle is dean of the Colorado state agricultural college.

"Planting Grouch Seed" is what the merchant does whose ad. can not be found when one of his patrons looks through the paper in search of it.

## WILD BEAST SLAYS

**Settlers Terrorized by a Strange Animal.**

**COUGAR KILLS MUCH STOCK**

**Pine Mountain Vicinity the Scene of Many Depredations—Old Man Crushed by a Falling Door.**

A wild beast of terrifying proportions and great destructive powers is causing consternation among all ranchers living between Post and Pine creek, and ranchers are afraid to let their smaller children stray far from the house even in broad daylight, though thus far the animal has only committed his depredations at night, says the Prineville Journal. D. Koopman alone has lost 11 young calves, 10 of them this year, and other ranchers report the killing off of calves, pigs and chickens.

So bold is the bestial marauder sometimes that he will slink up to the porches of farm houses and take therefrom cats and dogs lying thereon. No dog has yet been found brave enough or strong enough to frighten the beast away, and all dogs which have come to close quarters have either been killed outright or terribly mauled.

The presence of the wild animal has been known for two years, but only during the present summer has he been feared. He does not seem like a cougar; his traits indicate otherwise, for he will not tree, keeps away from pens and traps and never shows himself by day. He has been seen at night, however, but never within easy range, and is of a tawny color. Ranchers are inclined to think the animal is a lion or tiger escaped from some traveling show, and are preparing to organize a hunt for him as soon as harvest is over.

### Samples of Oil From Grizzly Well.

Samples of oil taken from the deep well being drilled on the west slope of Grizzly mountain by the Madras Oil & Gas Co., were displayed in Madras last Thursday, and created much interest.

The deep well which is being sunk by this company has only reached a depth of 150 feet, work having been suspended until heavier machinery can be secured. The samples of oil displayed here were taken from this hole, being dipped out in an ordinary 5-gallon lard bucket lowered on a rope.

There were three or four bottles containing the specimens of oil. One bottle was filled completely with the oil, while the others were about half full of water, and in the latter the line of demarcation between the oil and the water was quite distinct. One had but to draw the cork and smell the contents of the bottle, to be convinced that they contain oil. The oil, in appearance, is very much like ordinary coal oil, only not so clear.—Madras Pioneer.

### Cougar Kills Colts.

E. G. Hodson and J. E. Roberts went by auto to Millican's ranch Saturday and while there hunted a cougar which has slain a dozen or more colts and other domestic animals in and about Pine mountain. The tracks of the beast could be easily traced in places, but neither "hide nor hair" of him could be seen, so he is still at large.

This particular cougar has for a long time made life miserable for the ranchers and stockmen of the vicinity and efforts have before now been made to track him down and shoot him. His lair, even, has been discovered, but it evidently was one of several dens, as the cougar refrained from returning to it

while the huntsmen were watching for him.—Prineville Journal.

### Crushed by Barn Door.

James Fitzgerald, an old man 70 years old living near Lakeview, was probably fatally injured by a large barn door falling on him on Monday of last week. He evidently went to open or close the door when the rollers ran off the track letting the door fall on the old man. His chest was crushed, three or four ribs broken, and he was badly bruised about the head. He is not expected to live.

### Bend People in a Wreck.

Word comes that Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Sellers enjoyed the experience of being in a wreck while on the way to the old home in Wisconsin. Fortunately they were not injured although they received quite a severe shaking up. The wreck was due to the burning out of the underpinning of a bridge, which let part of the train fall through. Mr. and Mrs. Sellers' escape was due to the fact that they were in the sleeper, at the rear of the train, that being the only car that remained on the track.

## THERE WILL BE NO LET-UP

**Work on the Local Railroad Will Be Pushed as Vigorously as Ever. Prineville Offers \$100,000.**

There will be no let-up in the building of the Central Oregon Railroad by local people. That is the decision of the men who have the project in hand. The promise of Mr. Harriman to build into Central Oregon has been received with much satisfaction by all parties concerned. At the same time it is considered the part of wisdom to keep right at work on our own local line, build it to Madras and perchance connect with the Harriman line up the Deschutes river at that point. If that is done Bend and Prineville are assured transportation. The railroad situation is such that it is important that work on the local road be pushed with as much vigor as ever. And that will be done.

At the meeting held at Prineville last week the committee appointed by a previous mass meeting recommended that Prineville raise \$100,000 to be turned over to any responsible parties who would give them railroad relief either by means of connection with San Francisco via Klamath Falls, by extension of the Corvallis & Eastern, or by a road up the Deschutes river to connect with the local road. If connection is made at Shaniko, then \$50,000 only should be raised. That is the sentiment of the county seat people and they will do as the committee advised. Proper steps are being taken for raising the above amounts, and trustees will be appointed to hold the money in trust and expend it in line with the above stipulations. Prineville will do its part.

### "Meet Me in the Corral."

"Meet me in the Corral" will be the password for thousands of pleasure seekers at the Greater Oregon state fair (Sept. 14-19). The "Corral" is the amusement and confession street at the big exposition. Sideshows, stands and many of the restaurants on the grounds will be located here. Numerous free acts and features are being signed up. The "Corral" is a clean and legitimate attraction, no games of chance, immoral shows or fakirs being allowed.