

ERA OF RAILROAD BUILDING IN OREGON

Harriman Will Construct 1,000 Miles of New Road.

CROOK COUNTY TO BE TAPPED

Chicago Dispatch Says Harriman Is Ready to Build, Having Been Hurdled by Advent of St. Paul Road into the Northwest.

A dispatch to the Oregonian from Chicago under date of Dec. 25, says: Oregon bids fair soon to come into its own with respect to transportation facilities. Alarmed over the activity of other railroad corporations in surveying and constructing lines of road through various portions of the Pacific Northwest, Edward H. Harriman and his aids have decided to occupy actively all of the territory in the Northwest which bids fair to become of value from a traffic standpoint.

Plans have been perfected by Mr. Harriman for the construction of between 750 and 1000 miles of railroad in the state of Oregon alone, and surveys have been ordered of a great deal of territory which is now without means of transportation.

Julius Kruttschnitt, director of maintenance and operation for the Harriman lines, and J. D. Isaacs, consulting engineer for Mr. Harriman, have recently returned from New York, where these plans were perfected. It is admitted by the Chicago officials that there are such plans, but it is stated that the management is not yet ready to give out detailed information regarding them.

Cross-Oregon Line Planned.

It is a fact plans were well under way more than one year ago for the construction of an east and west line across the state of Oregon, but the financial depression sidetracked them.

It is well known among Mr. Harriman's lieutenants that his summer vacation spent in his new lodge on Pelican Bay on the Upper Klamath Lake, had a good deal to do with his determination to give the state of Oregon more transportation facilities. At that time all of the Harriman operating and traffic officials spent some time at the lodge, and it was then that the comprehensive plan of railroad construction in the state was laid out. The entire ground was gone over personally by Mr. Harriman, who at that time agreed to build several lines in the state.

"Agreed" is the proper term, for the agreement was with the governor of the state, who spent some time at the Harriman lodge last August. At that time the governor and Mr. Harriman had a long, heart-to-heart talk regarding railroad affairs in general and the Harriman system affairs in particular. It is understood that Mr. Harriman informed the governor that he desired to be known to history as a great railroad builder, one who had made possible the full development of hitherto unproductive territory by the construction of the best railroads possible under the modern science of railroad building.

Accordingly he is said to have asked the governor what, in his judgment, the state of Oregon needed within the next few years to make a commensurate development of the state's resources possible. The governor outlined then and there several lines of railroad which the state imperatively needed and

among them was the east and west line.

Depression Caused Delay.

"Oh, that road would have been well under construction now," Mr. Harriman is said to have replied, "had it not been for the business depression." Two north and south roads with branches and feeders were discussed, and it is understood that Mr. Harriman told the Governor that they would be built as soon as it was possible to raise the money economically for their construction.

The result of the interview is known to have been highly satisfactory to both the Governor and to Mr. Harriman. But outside of his desire to be known as the railroad builder of this or any other age, Mr. Harriman is wise enough to know that valuable territory must be occupied by him soon or the field left open to the attack of his rivals.

St. Paul Activity Stimulus.

The construction of the St. Paul's Pacific coast extension has done more than any other single factor to stimulate railroad activity in the Northwest. The St. Paul's policy

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UNLESS THE HEAVENS FALL

Work Will Surely Begin on Deschutes Railroad During the First Week of January of the Coming Year.

J. N. Hunter is in receipt of a letter from a man in Portland which contains most interesting news for the people of Bend and the Bend country. It confirms, in strong terms, the report to the effect that work on the railroad up the Deschutes will begin in a short time. The letter, in part, is as follows:

"Unless something drops out of the heavens to prevent, so far as I am able to learn, Harriman will begin building up the Deschutes canyon immediately after the New Year if the weather permits. This information comes direct from O'Brien himself. The final estimates of the cost of building have gone East for approval, O'Brien himself leaves tomorrow for New York City, expecting to remain until after New Year. He goes for the express purpose, according to his own statement, to get the final word regarding the Central Oregon route, and while it has not been published in the newspapers here, he fully expects to bring back the final orders the first week in January to assemble the construction crews. If he is delayed in the East these orders will be telegraphed his subordinates and work commenced anyway.

"From everything I am able to learn, which is principally personal conversation with the officials themselves, Harriman at last fully intends to build into Crook county, O'Brien, who, of course, is his right hand man here, does not hesitate to state positively that work will begin on the line in January, and places it within a week after the first."

A Personal Appeal.

If we could talk to you personally about the great merit of Foley's Honey and Tar, for coughs, colds and lung trouble, you never could be induced to experiment with unknown preparations that may contain some harmful drugs. Foley's Honey and Tar costs you no more and has a record of 30 years of cures.—C. W. MERRILL, Druggist.

Bids Wanted

To supply wood for the Bend school, 45 ricks, size of sticks 24 inches long and not to exceed 10 inches in thickness; to be delivered and ricked in basement of school house. Limb wood preferred. Bids must state the kind and condition of wood, and a rick is to be 8x4x24. Bids to be in by January 9, 1909. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

J. D. WEST, Clerk,
School District No. 12.

FINE NEW HOMES FOR OUR TOWN

Building of Five Modern Houses Will Soon Be Under Way.

TWO HANDSOME BUNGALOWS

W. H. Staats, J. N. Hunter, Thos. W. Triplett, F. F. Smith and J. H. Kelley Are Erecting Handsome New Residences.

Bend is making a good record this winter in the erection of new residences. Two new houses have recently been finished by F. M. Ray and R. M. Elder in Lytle, a suburb of Bend, three are now in process of construction, and work on two others will begin as soon as the lumber can be gotten on the ground.

Wm. H. Staats will build a handsome and modern bungalow on Ohio street on lots just west of J. N. Hunter's present home. The outside dimensions will be 27x36 feet with a porch on the front. It will contain six rooms besides closets, and will have a spacious basement. The living room will be 15x10 feet, the dining room 14x12, the kitchen 10x10. At the rear of the house will be a bath room 7x10 feet. There will be three bedrooms each 11x12. The arrangement places the three bedrooms on one side of the house, and the living room, dining room and kitchen on the other side. The bungalow will be supplied with city water and will be modern in every respect. The cost is estimated at \$2,000, and Brostehous Bros. have the contract. When the bungalow is finished, Mr. and Mrs. Staats will occupy it.

On the same street and on lots adjoining Mr. Staats, another bungalow will be built by Mr. Hunter. It will be 28x30 feet and will contain five rooms besides a pantry and closets. There will be a living room, dining room, kitchen and two bedrooms. It will be a modern bungalow and will cost about \$1,000. Brostehous Bros. also have the contract on this

He's From Missouri; You Have to Show Him.



Governor Folk is from Missouri. He's regarded as a pretty good citizen himself. See what he says about a certain sort of citizen:

"I do not believe in the mail order citizen. IT IS BETTER THAT WE SHOULD HAVE A THOUSAND TOWNS THAN ONE LARGE CITY. If a place is good enough for a man to make his money in, it certainly should be good enough for him to spend his money in. The merchants have a just right to all the business of the town in which they have their stores, and every good citizen will help them to get it."

Did you ever see a FINE LARGE FACT so simply stated?

building. Mr. Hunter is building the bungalow for rent.

Adjoining the Hunter and Staats lots on the west, Thos. W. Triplett now has under construction an eight room house. It will contain a parlor 14x16, living room 14x16, dining room 12x16, kitchen 12x16 and an 8-foot hall on the ground floor. On the second floor there will be a hall and four bedrooms. The building will be supplied with city water and a bath room. A commodious veranda will extend around the front of the building. When his plans are worked out Mr. Triplett will have a handsome building.

F. F. Smith has a new residence well under way out on east Ironwood avenue. It is 24x32 feet with 14-foot posts. It will be modern in all particulars and will consist of seven rooms besides closets, also being supplied with city water and bath room. A porch extends across the front of the building. J. M. Stry of Laidlaw is the contracting carpenter.

J. H. Kelley will soon have his new house finished which he is building on the acre tract he recently purchased of J. I. West. The main part is 20x32, with a lean-to 12x37. A porch will extend around two sides. Mr. Kelley's home will also be provided with bath and city water, and will contain a parlor 20x14 feet, a living room 16x14, a commodious kitchen and bedrooms. It will add another modern house to Bend's list of pretty homes.

The two houses built by Messrs. Ray and Elder are in Lytle and each is a two-story house with dimensions of about 28x30 feet. They make pleasant homes.

Tumalo Items.

TUMALO, Dec. 28.—A very severe wind visited this place Christmas day.

Most everyone in these parts took advantage of the cold weather and put up ice to supply themselves during the next season.

Mr. Todd of the Sisters vicinity stayed over night in Tumalo last night.

Rev. Mitchell and Maude Vandeventer of Bend passed through here last night, returning from Gist to Bend.

A large crowd gathered at the new school house two miles east of here in the Bayley district Christmas eve and enjoyed a most pleasant evening, the occasion being Christmas exercises, which were fine. Mrs. Spangh, Miss Seabury and Mrs. Root, with the help of others, had arranged the Christmas tree in a most tasty manner. A lengthy program was given in excellent shape, which speaks highly of Miss Seabury as an instructor. After the program Santa Claus appeared and greeted the friends gathered there, and after a few appropriate remarks called on several to help him distribute the presents. All present were given a large bag of candy and nuts with popcorn, and after each had wished the other a Merry Christmas, they all departed for their homes, thoroughly pleased and glad they were able to attend the first Christmas tree at the new school house. Music was furnished by T. R. Wimer with a phonograph. Below is the program in full:

Music.....Phonograph
A Christmas Secret.....Ruth Bayley
A Christmas Legend.....Nellie Snyder
Song—America.....School
Santa Claus' Substitute.....Edna Root
Song—Little Lights.....Six Little Girls
Reading.....Mrs. Ramsey
Music.....Phonograph
Legend of Christmas Tree.....
.....Lottie Hasselberg
Christmas Dolls.....Bergen
Hasselberg and Six Little Girls
The Night before Christmas.....
.....Lena Peterson
Dialogue.....Happy Uncle Tom
Santa Claus.....
Distributing Presents.....
Goodnight

Mrs. McRaney's Experience.

Mrs. M. McRaney, Prentiss, Miss, writes: "I was confined to my bed for three months with kidney and bladder trouble, and was treated by two physicians but failed to get relief. No human tongue can tell how I suffered, and I had given up hope of ever getting well until I began taking Foley's Kidney Remedy. After taking two bottles I felt like a new person, and feel it my duty to tell suffering women what Foley's Kidney Remedy did for me."—C. W. MERRILL, Druggist.

Notice to the Public.

Hereafter the price of all meals at the Pilot Butte Inn will be 35 cents, to both local and transient trade. 4t C. B. TURNER, Prop.

CITY COUNCIL MAKES TAX LEVY

Will Need 15 Mills for Expenses of Year of 1909.

ASSESSED VALUATION, \$70,882

Careful Estimate Made of Probable Expenses and Levy Made Accordingly—Other Notes Regarding the City's Finances.

At an adjourned meeting of the city council held Saturday evening, a levy of 15 mills was made to meet the expenses of the city's administration for the coming year. This would return a revenue to the city of \$1,063 if all taxes would be paid, but as there is always a small amount of taxes unpaid, the city's income for the year will be about \$1,000. The council figured the expenses of the city as economically as possible and made no provision for a marshal. Fixed expenses which must of necessity be met, such as rent of water hydrants, election expenses, recorder's salary, etc., will use up \$600 of the \$1,000, leaving a balance of \$400 for incidental expenses.

The assessed valuation of property in Bend as shown by the 1908 roll is \$70,882. In 1905 the valuation was \$50,000 and the levy 12 mills; in 1906, valuation \$90,213, levy 7 mills; in 1907, valuation \$72,376, levy 10 mills. This shows a falling off in the past two years. This showing is misleading, however, and there has been no shrinkage in the wealth of the city. In fact, there is just as much and more property here now than in 1906, as everyone who is acquainted with the town can testify. The valuation of taxable property should show an increase, as there are more and better store and residence buildings in the town, and Bend merchants are carrying larger and better stocks of goods today than ever before. New residences are being built every month.

This drop in assessed valuation is explained by the fact that different assessors always place a somewhat different valuation on property; and it also appears that some property in the town was missed when the last assessment was made. This, of course, should not be, and at the last meeting of the council it was suggested that the city should take steps to see that all property is properly listed when assessments are made hereafter. All the aldermen present thought the suggestion a good one, and it will probably be followed out when the next assessment is made.

During 1906 and 1907 the levy and the moneys received from the saloon licenses brought the total revenue up to \$2,100 or \$2,200. When this is considered it would seem that \$1,000 for the next year would be rather small, but the city's fire apparatus has now been paid for in full, and heretofore that has been quite a drain on the treasury; and, as stated before, no provision was made for a marshal, an officer who, at different times, has drawn a salary of \$60 a month. It is believed the city's expenses can be kept within \$1,000 by an economical administration. Receipts during 1908 from sale of cemetery lots, pool table and cigar licenses, dog tax, fines, show licenses and pound fees amounted to something over \$200. A similar amount will very probably be received during 1909 from the same sources.

Death of L. G. Tillery.

L. G. Tillery passed away last Saturday morning, death resulting from the injury he received two

weeks ago, having been kicked in the forehead by a horse. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the church, Rev. Moore officiating. The local fire company, of which the deceased had been a member, attended the services in memory as a last token of respect to their former comrade. Interment was made in the Bend cemetery. The deceased leaves a wife and child and a brother in Bend to mourn his untimely taking away.

Redmond Items.

REDMOND, Dec. 27.—There have been festivities galore in Redmond and vicinity the past week, some of them peculiarly incident to the Christmas period and others of a more general nature. The Christmas entertainment by the Sunday school brought out probably the largest crowd that has ever assembled indoors at Redmond. Probably over 200 persons were present, and the assembly room in the school house was taxed to its utmost. As a rule the little folks acquitted themselves with credit, but in some cases the team work was not perfect, and we do not blame some of them for being nervous before so large an audience. Santa Claus himself saw many things to commend since his first trip here three years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Walker are over from the Johnston ranch neighborhood, spending a few days with H. A. Meyers and family.

Mr. Martin is here from North Dakota visiting his daughters, Mesdames Kendall and Kenyon.

Carl Elbert got moved into his new house yesterday. It is quite a commodious structure of seven or more large well lighted and well arranged rooms. A large dormer window upstairs overlooks the town and gives a good view of Pilot Butte and the mountains in the distance. The family will now be very pleasantly located.

The sale of six town lots the last week is reported, two to Kirk Whitted and four to Perry Smith. Both will proceed to improve them at once.

E. E. Getchell and wife left last Monday for White Salmon, Wash., to be gone through the summer. They will return in the fall to build and further improve their place, on which they have made a very good beginning.

Mat Kulesch is again making improvements. This time it is a machine shed.

C. L. Lowther expects to move to Redmond this week from his Trail Crossing farm, having rented rooms in the Lund-erback building. Next Sunday evening he will begin protracted meetings here.

McLellan & Young have a contract for clearing 40 acres west of C. M. Redfield's place south of Powell Rattles.

The surprise bag got busy again Thursday night and Friday and stung several of the women, as a consequence of which they got together and took the local camp Modern Woodmen of America by storm. It was not very much trouble when for weapons they had such pickles, beans, biscuits, cakes, coffee, nuts and cheese as only Redmond ladies know how to prepare. Twenty-one sat down to supper and the surprisers seemed to enjoy it as much as the surprised. It might seem selfish to wish for many happy returns of the event, but we do hope that it is the beginning of the Woodmen being known in a social way.

Mrs. John Tack is reported as being ill in bed.

Today occurred the semi-annual election of officers for the Sunday school, which is strictly a union affair. We did not hear a full report but Mrs. W. B. Chapman was elected superintendent.

We note the appearance in our midst of Mr. Hall, oldest son of D. C. Hall. We are glad to welcome the young man.

W. S. McEwing is being seen again occasionally in town. He claims to feel fine after his attack of typhoid fever.

E. C. PAWE.

Guilty of Counterfeiting.

Passing counterfeit money is no worse than substituting some unknown worthless remedy for Foley's Honey and Tar, the great cough and cold remedy that cures the most obstinate coughs and heals the lungs.—C. W. MERRILL, Druggist.

Freighters from Shaniko say that the continued snow and frosty weather have made the roads coming down from the Shaniko plateau more slippery and difficult for horses to gain foot hold than they have been before in several years.—Pioneer.