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Portland or San Francisco?

Our railroad "situation"—a matter of historic antiquity—seems to remain in about the same chronic condition. Despite the fact that Mr. Hill has announced that Central Oregon can not look to him for aid, the summer air is full of hopes. As a sugar coating for his pill, Mr. Hill added that all economic conditions warranted the belief that we would have transportation within five years, and this announcement we welcome as coming from authority.

From the other camp we learn that Mr. Harriman is about to make an effort to painlessly extinguish the Oregon Trunk project, which, it appears, may not be in a position to operate in the state because of legal complications connected with its Nevada-made incorporation. If successful in this move, Mr. Harriman will remain a lonely victor, the sole occupant of the field. We who dwell in the "railroad reserve" are curious. What next? With no more difficulties, no antagonism, will the "Wizard" put into execution his antique promises of "immediate construction"? Surely he must do this or lose the last remnants of trust the people of Oregon entertain for him.

Undoubtedly we shall have transportation. Timber and wheat conditions—vide Mr. Hill—alone insure that. But how, when, and whence will it come? North, south or west? The generously distributed surveys make an unequalled picture puzzle—we want it solved. And, more important yet, are those who should be chiefly interested definitely aiding in the solving of the "puzzle"? It is to Portland that we venture to address this query.

The people of Central Oregon may well ask if the commercial organizations of Portland are doing their best to put pressure—that of dollars and cents—upon the "powers that be" in an effort to make them take action toward tapping this huge undeveloped area, and thus obtain for their city the enormous business that our resources will ultimately afford. If Portland is too short-sighted to put her shoulder to the wheel in adequate fashion, it seems that there is a city in California whose business men are alive to the possibilities of the situation.

With ever-increasing frequency the representatives of the San Francisco business houses are canvassing this country, endeavoring to turn its buying southward. It may be that present returns do not justify the outlay entailed in working over such vast distances. But it is not for today but for tomorrow that they plan. If Portland cares little where the business of Central Oregon goes, San Francisco cares much.

Today, the San Francisco houses are selling their goods F. O. B. Portland, and at prices identical and in rare cases lower than those of the latter city, despite the additional freight they pay. This looks somewhat as if they were interested in Central Oregon.

Portland always has had, and always should have, the business of the state. We Oregonians are naturally desirous to increase the trade of our leading city and to do our share towards making it the most important on the coast. Nevertheless, Portland is far from having Central Oregon safely in its pocket,

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which unfortunate fact her merchants might realize to advantage.

If the railroad from California comes even as far as Odell—and already it is building this side of Klamath Falls—Central Oregon's trading will inevitably go in that direction. At present the freighting distances from Shaniko vary from 90 to 180 miles, while Odell is but 50 miles from Bend, the heart of the irrigation and timber district. The conclusions are obvious.

If Central Oregon imports via Klamath Falls, will not Portland be the loser and San Francisco the gainer? San Francisco already sells in Portland at Portland prices. When the disadvantage of the Frisco-Portland freightage is removed, will she not undersell Portland?

Does Portland want the future business of 64,000 square miles? If so, a road southward from the Columbia will give it to her. Perhaps she had better work for that road.

Free Beer.

The senatorial fracas concerning employment of the secret service that marked the last strenuous days of Roosevelt's anti-African presidential term is entirely outdone by the wordy war waged last week in the council of our county seat.

It seems that somebody employed a detective for the city without obtaining permission of the council, and somebody else gave said gumshoe man a cooling bottle of beer and is now greatly aggrieved that he, a councilman, entertained a city sleuth unawares. But the beer was free, so there's no trouble, except as concerns the paying of the detective.

"The Big Store."

One of the pleasant surprises experienced by a stranger coming to Bend is his first introduction to A. M. Lara's "BIG STORE"—the up-to-date establishment on the corner. That such a well equipped store can exist 100 miles from a railroad, in a sparsely populated country, speaks well not only for the enterprise of the manager but for the good taste of its patrons. In itself, a first class store is an institution which does credit to a town and helps much to advertise it.

Formerly the premises were occupied by the Bend Mercantile Company, which, chiefly through poor management, went into bankruptcy. Mr. Lara, then traveling for a large wholesale house in Duluth, got wind of the situation and forthwith made a personal investigation. The result was that after some negotiations he purchased the business, stock and real estate.

Then commenced a new era for the old B. M. C.—now the "Big Store." Outside and in, it was

painted, refitted and restocked. The inadequate display methods of the small country store gave place to the modern arrangement of goods, whereby the articles of timely interest were attractively displayed where the customers could see and examine them. The pass-words of the store became, "good service, good goods, good prices and good appearance."

In addition to the effort made to attractively display the stock and

maintain "catchy" show windows—of which the recent Decoration Day display was a notable example—the proprietor embarked upon a crusade of advertising, an invaluable adjunct of any modern business. His ads. have the snap and vigor that characterizes the entire management of the business.

The last weeks have been busy ones at the "Big Store." A. F. Shireman, the carpenter, assisted by L. M. McReynolds, has wrought

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wonderful changes in the interior appearance of the building, and in the rearrangement and care of the store. Mr. Lara has been ably assisted by C. D. Brown. An extensive warehouse has been built in the rear, and the old warehouse reconstructed into a part of the store, which is connected to the main department by a wide door at the front of the building, and lighted by an airy sky-light.

The entire shelving and counter arrangement has been remodeled so that in every case the very best advantage is taken of the space and everything done to add to the comfort of the patrons. In the front of the main store is the big line of dry goods, etc., and further back, against the south wall, the extensive shoe department, and in the rear the groceries. On the north side and occupying the entire space is a large line of gents' furnishings and hats. The "Annex" contains the hardware, crockery, paints, fishing tackle, etc., and in the shed outside are displayed farming implements and tools.

In the rear of the "Annex," built up several feet above the level of the floor, is the office, looking down on all departments. Indeed, in every way all the arrangements are both practical and attractive.

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