

HILL'S CREWS ARE AT WORK

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tion was asked if this were not another Hill coup directed against Harriman's evident intention of building at once into Central Oregon.

"I don't want Mr. Hill's name mentioned in connection with this matter," said Mr. Porter. "This may be any one of many other roads besides Mr. Harriman's. It may be the Milwaukee or the Chicago Northwestern or one of a score of others."

Will Build to Madras.

"No, we don't represent the Oregon Trunk Line. We represent ourselves, you may say. We have surveys for construction work completed as far as Madras, and intend to rush construction work up the Deschutes canyon."

"We don't care to say just which side of the Deschutes canyon we shall occupy. For a portion of the way the road will be on one side of the river and for the other portions on the other side."

In this city the supposition is that Porter Bros. are the construction agents of Mr. Hill. Porter Bros. have done much construction work for Mr. Hill. The North Bank road, considered by engineers to be one of the marvels of railroad building in the Pacific Northwest, was constructed by Porter Bros.

When rival right-of-way agents were purchasing lands along the Columbia river in the summer of 1905, the first authentic news announcement that Hill was to build down the Columbia river was made when it was learned that Porter Bros., of St. Paul, well known Hill contractors, had secured the contract for the construction work between Vancouver and Pasco.

First on Ground Victor.

Fight between Hill and Harriman for control of the Columbia river gorge waxed warm for many months. Actual possession of strategic points was awarded to Mr. Hill only after long legal contests, in which Hill proved that his men had done the first construction work and was therefore entitled to use of the rights of way in places so narrow that only one railroad could use the ground.

Similar conditions are likely to prevail along the Deschutes canyon. Those who know, say that the canyon is so narrow in places that only one railroad can possibly build along the rocky ledges. Taking the conditions which prevailed along the north bank of the Columbia river and the court rulings as a precedent, it is evident that the first construction for actual usage as a railroad route will hold the Deschutes canyon. Hill won in the contest for possession of the Columbia river gorge, and if Porter Bros., well known Hill contractors, are again in the employ of the great railroad builder, Mr. Hill intends again to defeat Mr. Harriman in gaining control of the much coveted route into the vast territory of Central Oregon.

Among the equipment unloaded here today from the steamer Bailey Gatzert were 60 head of horses and mules and a large number of wagons, tents, scrapers and wheelbarrows.

Teams and wagons have been engaged here as fast as they could be found and horse buyers are now scouring the country in an endeavor to secure more. Fifty teams with wagons and men are said to have been secured at Blalock.

The Oregon Trunk Line has maintained an office here since last fall, and Mr. Porter is endeavoring to secure suitable additional room for his firm. The Oregon Trunk Line's survey crosses the Deschutes to the east side and starts south at

U'Ren's place. The survey starts at Moody's ranch, 17 miles from The Dalles, and follows the water grade of the river.

Porter said that The Dalles would be made a terminal of the new road.

The Oregon Trunk parallels the Deschutes road surveyed by the Harriman system, and 29 miles of it conflicts with the road proposed by the Harriman people. About 10 days ago the Department of the Interior approved the surveys of the Harriman people, with the exception of these 29 miles on which the right of protest by the Oregon Trunk was given. The time for filing this protest expires today, July 24.

Combined with the probable purchase of the old Medford & Crater Lake, or, as it has been known since some Medford people, headed by Dr. J. F. Reddy, reorganized it, the Pacific & Eastern Railroad, the move made yesterday by the Hill interests is more than highly significant.

Hill Forecasted Move.

Four years ago, almost to a day, James J. Hill was guest at a banquet at the Lewis and Clark Exposition. During the evening Mr. Hill announced flat-footedly that he intended to build a railroad down the north bank of the Columbia river. Continuing, he said there was a possibility that when the proper time came he might invade Central Oregon, the territory of inconceivable possibilities, which for years E. H. Harriman has been endeavoring to bottle up permanently and which up to the present he has succeeded in doing, with most deleterious effects on the development of this state.

Hill has built and put into operation the North Bank road, just as he promised, and that his threat that he would invade the Harriman preserve was no "bluff" is thought here to be signified by his action in sending construction crews into the Deschutes country.

The finale to the programme which yesterday had its start cannot be forecasted. Hill for many years has had longing eyes on the territory—California—which for several decades the Southern Pacific has owned, body and breeches. Whatever it means or wherever it will end, it means that Oregon—interior Oregon—is to be developed and that the field of Portland as a distributing agent is to be enlarged.

A LIVELY MEETING.

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attorney-general as to the stand the board would take regarding the building of the "north canal." He said the company would be required to build this canal, and if it did not it would forfeit its contract. The company maintains positively that it will build the canal.

Other questions of minor importance were discussed, but these two were the leading ones.

Geo. Bates Homestead Contested.

The forest service has instituted a contest against Geo. Bates' homestead, which is at the mouth of Fall river, about 25 miles south of Bend. The contest is based on three allegations, namely, that Mr. Bates has not resided on the place

the required time, that cultivation thereof was a mere pretense, having cultivated only three acres; and that he did not take the land in good faith, for a homestead, but for the valuable timber thereon. Mr. Bates contends that he lived there about seven years, and that the place is truly valuable for a home and for agricultural pursuits. It contains quite a large amount of meadow land and, bordering the river, would make a good place on which to raise stock. The contest is being heard today before Commissioner Ellis, Attorney Benson appearing in behalf of Mr. Bates.

Father Hickey Building Church.

Rev. Father M. J. Hickey, rector of Kingsley and dependent Catholic missions in Wasco, Sherman, Crook and Wheeler counties, is making preparations for the erection of a church in Dufur. He has been given a block of ground free, and signatures amounting to \$1,000. This speaks well for the town of Dufur, and for the healthy development of the Tygh Ridge country. —Moro Observer.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon. The Dalles, Oregon, June 28th, 1909. Notice is hereby given that Irving J. Reed, of Bend, Oregon, who, on August 24th, 1903, made Homestead Entry (Serial No. 2872) No. 1886, for the W 1/4 NW 1/4, NE 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 2 and NW 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 4, Twp. 18 S., R. 12 E., W. M., has filed notice of intention to make Final Five-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before H. C. Ellis, United States Commissioner at his office, at Bend, Oregon, on the 28th day of July, 1909. Claimant names as witnesses: Ernest A. Smith, Lavern O. Reed, James E. Reed and Robert G. Bowers, all of Bend, Oregon. Jun 23/21 C. W. MOORE, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon. July 1, 1909. Notice is hereby given that Cora B. Smith, formerly Cora B. Chapman, of Bend, Oregon, who, on June 27th, 1902, made Homestead (Serial No. 2799) No. 1117, for Lot 3 and 1/2 NW 1/4 Section 4, and NE 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 5, Township 20 S., Range 11 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final completion proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before H. C. Ellis, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Bend, Oregon, on the 24th day of August, 1909. Claimant names as witnesses: August Dreyer, Oliver Thorthjornson, William P. Downing and Nicholas Smith of Bend, Oregon, and Daniel Heising of Sisters, Oregon. Jun 21/21 C. W. MOORE, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, July 13, 1909. Notice is hereby given that the State of Oregon has filed in this office its application, Serial No. 05029, to select under the provisions of the Act of Congress of August 14, 1848, and the Acts supplementary and amendatory thereto, the NE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Sec. 18, Twp. 20 S., Range 11 East Willamette Meridian. Any and all persons claiming adversely the lands described, or desiring to object because of the mineral character of the land, or for any other reason, to the disposal to applicant should file their affidavits of protest in this office on or before the 30th day of August, 1909. Jun 21-25 C. W. MOORE, Register.

CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, The Dalles, Or., June 17, 1909. A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Charles W. Kirkbride, contestant, against homestead, serial No. 01079, entry No. 1267, made October 27, 1902, for 5 1/2 NW 1/4 Section 7, N 1/2 NW 1/4 Section 18, Township 20 S., Range 11 E., Willamette Meridian, by Ella J. Reed, Contestant, in which it is alleged that said Ella J. Reed has never established or maintained a bona fide residence on said tract of land; that she has wholly abandoned said tract of land as a residence for more than six months last past and does not now reside thereon; that said alleged absence was due to her employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States in time of war. Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegations at 10 o'clock a. m. on August 4, 1909, before H. C. Ellis, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Bend, Oregon, and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on August 11, 1909, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in The Dalles, Oregon. The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed June 14, 1909, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication. C. W. MOORE, Register. JUN 23-24 LOUIS H. ARNESEN, Receiver. C. S. BENSON, Atty. for Contestant.

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