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BATTLE RAGING ON THE DESCHUTES

Porter Bros. Clash with Harriman Contractors.

WILL NOT LET WAGONS PASS

Buy Ranches Controlling the Road to Twohy Bros.' Camp and Stop All Travel over It—Much Equipment is Being Rushed In.

The very thing that Bend, and Central Oregon people have longed and hoped for years is now actually taking place. Harriman and Hill (supposedly Hill) are engaged in a battle royal in the Deschutes canyon, each struggling to gain an advantageous footing over the other in a race to tap the rich Central Oregon territory. It is no longer a thing to be guessed about, or doubted, or speculated upon. Even the most pessimistic, the old hard-shell doubters, now admit, though reluctantly, that a railroad, and very probably two of them, will enter Central Oregon by the Deschutes canyon route.

By nearly everyone in Bend it is believed that both roads will continue on across the state and down to San Francisco. The reasons for this belief are common knowledge and need not be gone over again in *The Bulletin*. Suffice it to say that this general belief has been strengthened lately by the sale of large terminal grounds on Oakland harbor, supposedly to Hill agents.

Just at the present, however, all eyes are given to watching the struggle in the Deschutes canyon.

Twohy Bros., the Harriman contractors, and Porter Bros., presumably the Hill contractors, are employing every tactic known to hamper each other, each hoping to gain an advantage over the other.

The Harriman forces have been rushing in car after car of construction material by special trains from Portland, and one train at least was given right of way and a clear track over all limited passenger trains. Hundreds of men are being put onto the work as fast as they can be secured, and trains on the Shanks line are crowded with laborers and supplies. In all, Harriman has shipped in about 50 or 60 cars of equipment and supplies during the past week.

Porter Bros. are no less busy and are likewise rushing in many men and large amounts of equipment. Most of these are carried over the North Bank road to Grand Dalles and then ferried across the Columbia to The Dalles, from whence they are distributed among Porter Bros.' various camps.

The item of greatest interest during the past week was the securing by Porter Bros. of options on three ranches which controlled access to a private road down into the canyon and which the Harriman forces had built at a cost of \$10,000. By controlling these ranches, they could prevent Twohy Bros. from taking supplies and equipment down to their camp on the river where crews are at work on Horse Shoe Bend tunnel, one of the places where the surveys conflict. This is west of Grass Valley. Porter Bros. locked a gate that lead onto the ranch, and put a guard in charge. This stalled the Twohys for a time, but Harriman's lawyers secured an injunction restraining Porters from hindering passage of wagons and supplies belonging to the Twohys across this ranch. After securing the injunction, Twohy Bros. attempted to send some wagons down to their camp, but the Porters assembled 75 Italian laborers at the gate, who stopped the wagons, unhitched the mules, and then ran the wagons off the place. The sheriff and his deputy were there, but could do nothing against such odds. Porter Bros. have thus defied the

order of the court, and interesting developments may follow.

Porter Bros. have also established a camp at Horse Shoe Bend, and used the Twohys' road over which to haul down their equipment.

Subcontracts have been let by Twohy Bros. for 29 miles up from the mouth of the river, and for other small stretches farther up the river. Steel will be laid just as rapidly as the grade is gotten ready for it.

ROAD TO SODA SPRINGS.

Place Will Make Ideal Summer Resort—Beautiful Lakes and Streams.

The forest service has granted Hunter & Staats and John Edwards a permit to open up a wagon road from Bend to Soda Springs, at Sparks lake, about 21 miles west of Bend. The road is already open as far as the Spicer ranch on the Tumalo. From there a road will be built to follow along up Tumalo creek, nearly to the springs.

It is the intention of the gentlemen opening this road to make of Soda Springs a summer resort, as its location and surroundings are especially beautiful. Sparks lake, the shores of which almost reach the spring, is one of nature's most beautiful wonders—crystal clear, cool and deep, surrounded with green meadows and being about 6 miles long by 1½ wide it is ideal for boating.

Surrounding the large lake and at various distances are numerous small lakes, all fed by the melting snows of the higher mountains. Two large brooks feed Sparks lake, which, curiously enough, has no visible outlet. It is believed the surplus water escapes through some underground passage in the lava bed which touches the lake at the south end.

The spring itself spurts out of the solid rock, a stream as large around as a quart measure, pure, foaming soda water.

Soda Springs are located in the heart of the best hunting and fishing grounds in the United States and will some day be a great summer resort.

May Hunt Deer Now.

The open season for killing deer began August 1 and will close November 1. A few points of the game laws relating to killing deer are as follows:

Buck deer—Unlawful to kill more than five in one season.

Female Deer—Unlawful to kill at any time.

Unlawful to hunt between one hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise. No deer meat whatever may be sold.

It is unlawful to use dogs or to watch stands or trails.

No young deer or spotted fawn may be killed.

Rosland News.

ROSALD, Aug. 1.—Everyone is haying on the upper Deschutes.

J. N. Masten has just finished rebuilding the furnace under the boiler at the mill. The mill has been laid up the past week for repairs.

The report regarding the outing enjoyed by Rosland people two weeks ago was very misleading, owing to the indefinite plans at that time. Instead of Odell lake being the destination, Davis lake was the goal sought, and the misery dolled out was immensely enjoyed by the victims. The camp-mates enjoying same were: Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bogue and daughter Mary, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bogue and daughter Dillie, Mrs. M. L. Cook, the Misses Cora Cook, Lillian and La Visa Knox and Messrs Herb Cook, Wm. Dorrell, Carl Wise and W. G. Fordham.

The fish trap seems to be very well patronized these days. There are always several campers there and at times they might be classed as a crowd.

L. M. Burt was at Bend the latter part of the week after a new wagon and a Peerless stump puller.

A NICE PROFIT IN STRAWBERRIES

I. J. Wilkinson Picks 300 Quarts From a Tenth of an Acre.

SOLD FOR 25 CENTS A QUART

L. D. Wiest is Harvesting a Heavy Yield of Currants, Averaging Two Gallons to a Bush—Are Being Sold at 50 Cents a Gallon.

That strawberries can be grown at Bend in a most successful manner has been amply demonstrated this season by I. J. Wilkinson on his ranch just east of town. From one-tenth of an acre he picked 300 quarts, and found a ready sale for all he had at 25 cents a quart. That means a revenue of \$75 from the tenth of an acre or at the rate of \$750 per acre—a neat little sum. The plants from which this crop was picked were "Kellogg's Thoroughbreds," a Wisconsin berry.

Another feature in regard to the Bend strawberry crop which places a greater value on it is that the berries ripen and come onto the market after the crop from the early-ripening sections has come and gone. That leaves an open market which will always insure a fair price.

Of course, the 25 cents a quart, which Mr. Wilkinson received, was an especially high price, due to the fact that the demand exceeded the supply so greatly. This price naturally will be reduced when there are more patches in bearing in the Bend country, but even figuring from the price secured in other sections, Mr. Wilkinson would have received a handsome profit from his berry patch.

L. D. Wiest, whose place adjoins the Bend townsite on the east, is picking a heavy yield of currants these days. He has kept careful account of this crop, and each bush

is yielding at the average rate of two gallons to the bush. A little figuring on this basis gives some interesting results. Figuring from the accepted manner of planting currant bushes there would be 1,089 bushes to an acre, with a yield of 2,178 gallons. Mr. Wiest is selling the currants at 50 cents a gallon, which would give a revenue from one acre of \$1,089. Not very many people would set out currants by the acre, but it affords interesting figures to show what the returns would be from an acre of currants, producing at a rate equal to that of Mr. Wiest's bushes.

A FINE NEW SCHOOL.

Building Will Be Completed in Time for Fall Term.

POWELL BUTTES, Aug. 1.—The Butte Valley school house in district No. 72 is nearly completed. The building is 20x36x13 with cloak room and 626 library, 20x30 class room, porch and belfry. The outside walls are painted white with silver gray trimming and the roof green. The house is to be furnished with seats, blackboards, globe, clock, maps, and a flag and bell are also on the list. We hope the Butte Valley school is only a type of many to be built in the Bend country soon.

OTHER POWELL BUTTES NOTES.

Perry Iams has sold his ranch and will leave for Portland in the near future. Mr. Iams lost a horse last week. The animal got loose in the night and ate too much alfalfa hay.

Everyone is going to make the water run up hill now, since the ditch has been repaired.

A. D. Morrill has been helping Cliff Ellis in haying.

Mrs. Harve Winslow is quite sick, a doctor from Prineville having made two trips.

E. Brumler of Michigan is painting the Butte Valley school house. Cliff Ellis is doing the carpenter work.

Everyone is joyful over the railroad prospects. Those who were wanting to sell out had better look out now.

The fine rain that came while the ditch was broken was a boon to the farmers.

Can a Horse Reason?

Horses may not reason and everything they do is said to be done by instinct or something kindred thereto, but if so, it is hard sometimes to believe. F. M. Chrisman has an old horse who, about a week ago, went of his own accord to the blacksmith shop, taking his place where the shoeing is done and held up his foot and whinnied. Mr. Adams, the blacksmith, went to the horse and noticed the shop needed removing. As soon as the one shoe was removed and his foot put down he raised another foot and that shoe was also removed. Then the horse went out of the shop and went to feeding. This week this same animal stepped on a piece of board that had a nail sticking in it, the nail going into his hoof. The old horse hobbled along on three legs holding the foot up that had the piece of board with the nail in his foot and went to the shop, again stopping where the shoeing was done and whinnied. As soon as Mr. Adams removed the nail and fixed up his foot the old horse went out and went to feeding. From this, one would suppose a horse had some reasoning powers. —Silver Lake Leader.

Strayed.

From my premises in Bend—One large red cow, star in forehead and some white on body; wearing large bell. Right ear cropped and split, half crop in left ear. Suitable reward will be paid for her recovery or information leading to her recovery. MRS. W. W. ORCUTT.

GREAT CHANCES IN CENTRAL OREGON

Government Man Finds Many Resources in This Section.

SEES A PROSPEROUS FUTURE

R. B. Post, a Geologist, After Traveling Over Much of Central Oregon, Says It Will Become One of the Richest Parts of the Nation.

R. B. Post, a geologist who is stationed in Central Oregon in the employ of the U. S. geological service with headquarters at Prineville, was in Bend Saturday. Mr. Post had just returned from Benham Falls, where he had established a measuring gauge in the Deschutes river, the D. I. & P. Co. having agreed to see that readings of the gauge are taken regularly.

Mr. Post's work is concerned entirely with the water resources of Central Oregon. He has these measuring stations established on all the principal streams of his territory—40 stations in all. Measurements of the different streams will be taken for a series of years, and thus the amount of water in each stream, at different periods of the year, may be learned by referring to these records. This is of invaluable service to the government or private companies which contemplate building irrigation systems.

Mr. Post has two gauges on Big River, one on Little river, and one on the main Deschutes above Benham Falls. Last January the gauges showed a flow of 1,700 second feet above Benham Falls but only 1,400 feet at Laidlaw, or a loss through seepage and evaporation of 300 feet. That is an excessive loss and is undoubtedly due to seepage into the lava bed around the edge of which the river flows a few miles south of Bend.

Mr. Post also has evaporation stations established on Christmas and Malheur lakes. At these stations, the amount of water lost by evaporation is measured.

That Central Oregon is wonderfully rich in undeveloped resources, and that there are great opportunities here for the young and energetic man, is Mr. Post's firm conviction. He stated to *The Bulletin* that, after traveling over this great central part of the state, he was more than surprised by what he found in latent resources and said the people do not realize what a rich country they will some day have. In the immediate Bend country, he cites irrigation, timber, water power, stock raising and some mining. Extensive manufacturing plants will be located here, due to the cheap power.

In other sections of Central Oregon, Mr. Post has found more extensive mining prospects, and in Harney county, south of Burns and north of Harney and Malheur lakes, Mr. Post says indications point to one of the greatest oil and gas fields in the country. He has been all over the California oil fields and he is of the opinion that the indications in Harney county are much more favorable. Drilling is now going forward on a few test wells and Mr. Post feels cer-

tain a large flow of oil will be found.

The coming of a railroad into this section will start the development of these resources and then Central Oregon will become one of the very richest spots in the entire Northwest, according to Mr. Post.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

It is reported that the Squaw Creek Irrigation Company has receded from its position and has agreed to allow the individual water users a certificate of water right without having to litigate the matter.—Laidlaw Chronicle.

At the quarterly conference of the Methodist church held at this place last Saturday, Andrew Larsen and Harry Gard of Madras, and W. F. Sherwood and J. E. Lamb of Redmond, were granted licenses to preach.—Madras Pioneer.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan R. Smith have become residents of this community and have entered into partnership with John McCormick in his ranching operations.—Laidlaw Chronicle.

The four-months-old child of Mrs. Wm. O'Kelley died last Sunday of cholera infantum. The funeral occurred Monday. This is the second death in this home within the past week, the father having died on Wednesday of last week.—Prineville Journal.

County Clerk Brown began moving today into his new quarters in the new court house. The job is a big one. All the other county officers have moved into the new building. All the furniture is here except the steel fixtures for the big vault in the county clerk's office.—Prineville Journal.

The handsome new building of the Methodist church at this place was dedicated last Sunday morning, the occasion being a memorable one for the members of that denomination in this locality, to whom Sunday's exercises were the culmination of two years of earnest, diligent and faithful labor.—Madras Pioneer.

Reports from the huckleberry field say that the crop is two or three weeks late this season, owing to late rains and cold weather. Campers should govern themselves accordingly.—Prineville Journal.

A California exchange tells last week of a man who tied his team to a juniper tree under which was a box containing 10 sticks of dynamite. When he returned he found that the horses had trampled the explosive into the ground, but it had not exploded.

The Prineville Review says: "A number of people are clamoring for the establishment of a county hospital, and have asked us to voice their prayer through the columns of the Review. A hotel, it is argued, is no place for the sick, who need all possible quiet, as well as medical attendance at their bedsides. There are several good nurses in this city but they are handicapped by having no suitable building for taking proper care of patients from the country. Let us hope the county court will see fit to answer the prayer.

If you should subscribe for the Bulletin, it will become a welcome visitor at your fireside.

"Marked Copy" Did the Trick.



"MARKED COPY" on a newspaper wrapper is sure to make the receiver open and read.

Last year a southern man bought fifty copies of his local paper containing a suggestion for a factory location, marked them and mailed them to fifty individuals or concerns that he was interested.

Result: Twelve immediate inquiries, three propositions for the factory site, one thriving factory located which today pays wages to 175 persons living in that town.

Watch this paper for such opportunities to BOOM YOUR TOWN.