

**THE BEND BULLETIN**

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**Sooner Than Expected.**

The railroad is reaching the Bend country sooner than the most sanguine had expected. With a Hill construction crew of 180 or more men making the dirt fly in the vicinity of Trail Crossing, 28 miles north of Bend; with a Hill engineering crew camped in Bend and running a line through town; with another Hill crew surveying from Odell southward; and with Harriman's laborers building railroad grade at a rapid rate several miles this side of Madras, it certainly is bringing operations pretty close home. When construction was started on the lower Deschutes, it was the general opinion in this section that the work would be confined to the canyon and to the first 100 miles of the survey for several months. It was not generally believed that construction crews would be thrown so far into the interior for some time to come. But they are now being established at various interior points, and it would surprise no one if a construction gang would establish camp at Bend within a very short time.

As each week's developments in the railroad game become known, the greater becomes the evidence that Hill intends to build directly through the state north and south. The arrival of Engineers Wakefield and Milliken and the stationing of their crews at Bend and south of Odell is a pretty conclusive indication of the route the Hill line will follow. If this survey is run through to Klamath Falls—as is now believed will be done—it will confirm to a certainty the reports to the effect that Hill is heading for San Francisco.

In the meantime, Harriman's forces are not idle by any means. Their construction crews are hard at work throwing up a roadbed this side of Madras, and everything would indicate that Harriman also thoroughly intends to put his line through the state on a north and south survey. With his crews working at both ends of the line—from the Columbia south and from Klamath Falls north—it should not take Harriman long to build these lines to a connection and thus have his road completed.

This railroad activity is the best news Central Oregon has heard for a long, long time. That in which the people of interior Oregon are mostly interested is the development that will follow the building of a railroad. A railroad is wanted only as a means to an end. Its coming is watched with great interest, but only as a harbinger of the increased activity in business lines that will take place when transportation is provided. We view with much interest the fight that is being waged between the Harriman and Hill forces, and while it is plainly evident that the sympathy of this entire section is with Hill, yet the thing desired is a railroad and the people will receive with open arms and glad acclaim the man who builds the road to us first. Thus it is that the appearance of construction and surveying crews in this immediate vicinity has aroused people to an increased expectancy of a rapid completion of the two roads now contending for this territory. Bend and the Bend country is on the threshold of a development such as the West has seldom seen, and it is as certain to come as that the sun rises and sets.

The Bulletin leads.

**GENERAL NEWS NOTES.**

The Review reports four cases of typhoid at Prineville.

Citizens in the Fort Rock region, Lake county, are too tender hearted. They are watching for fence cutting fends and give notice that when caught they will be prosecuted "according to law." What nonsense; shoot the miserable cuss at sight.—Moro Observer.

Louis Miller, who lives on the Lafollette place up the Ochoco, came near losing his 4-year-old child Monday. He set out strychnine to kill coyotes but his dog got some of it and while frothing at the mouth slobbered on a cookie that the child was eating. The youngster got enough poison to make it deathly sick. The timely arrival of Dr. Rosenberg saved the child's life.—Journal.

Twohy & Dwyer, who have a contract for building the grade from Porter Spring canyon south to Willow creek, on the Harriman line, are assembling a big construction force on that portion of the work. Monday morning 15 four-horse teams arrived there, bringing in equipment and it is reported that others are coming in daily. The Harriman line leaves the Deschutes canyon at Trout creek, and leaving the creek at the mouth of Sage Brush, follows up Sage Brush and

then up Porter Spring canyon to the table land above. Subcontracts have been let for work from the mouth of Trout creek to a point about 4 1/2 miles south of Madras.—Pioneer.

The wild plum crop at Summer Lake is immense this year. While the fruit is not yet ripe enough to eat from the bushes, yet it is ripe enough for picking where it is to be hauled any distance. While passing through Summer Lake last week we saw several parties picking plums and it took but a little time to fill a bucket. This is a delicious fruit and all who can should avail themselves of the opportunity of securing some for winter use.—Silver Lake Leader.

Crook County stands at the head of the list as a producer of fine cattle. J. H. Gray of the Bonnyview Farm returned Friday from his trip to the Portland market where he received the highest price ever paid at this time of the year for beef cattle. He received \$4.25 a hundred for cows, which was 65c a hundred above the top-notch price paid to other growers in the Portland market. What more do growers need to convince them that it pays to keep only the best on the range, and when ready for the market, see that the beef is in prime condition?—Journal.

W. P. Vandevent, of Bend, spent

a day or two in Silver Lake the fore part of the week, and his theme of conversation this time was not bear stories as heretofore, but railroad! railroad!! railroad!!! In fact, a person after listening to him, could imagine he could smell the locomotive smoke and feel the whizzing air of the passing train as it goes by, as well as the dizziness so peculiar thereto. But then, Vandevent is all right and when he says a railroad is coming, he says nothing but what is true; but he gets so enthusiastic over it. Where Vandevent made his mistake is, that he should have gotten hold of Harriman several years ago and inserted his hot enthusiasm pipe in that individual in a tender place and got him warm in the collar then, instead of now, when Hill is prodding him so hard.—Silver Lake Leader.

**Loss From Forest Fires.**

Since June, it is estimated that fire has destroyed timber to the amount of \$5,000,000 in Washington. Other parts of the Northwest have suffered in equal degree and the Forest Fire Association is making another appeal for great caution in the wooded districts. Every thousand feet of timber burned means a loss of \$8 in wages to the community. Timber means pay checks, to support all other industries. During the dry season, no fires should be started in wooded districts, unless they are carefully watched. Where fires are found, they should be put out at once. Call on the fire warden for assistance, if you need it. In the last ten years, four billion feet of timber has been destroyed by fire. This is a lamentable waste of one of our greatest natural resources.

The timber around Bend has been very free from fire this year, and no bad fires have been reported.

**Quite a Jag of Hay.**

Haying on the lands now controlled by J. O. Powell just above town has become somewhat of an undertaking in itself, and the harvesting of the first crop off of about 900 acres has just been completed. This work has been in progress ever since the day after the Fourth of July celebration, a crew of 14 men having been employed during most of the time. In about 10 days the work of getting the second crop will commence. Mr. Powell will have quite a little jag of hay this year, anywhere between 3,500 and 4,000 tons.—Prineville Journal.

**Dairy Test, Oregon State Fair, Salem.**

The milch cow test at the next Oregon State Fair, Salem, September 13-18, will have numerous entries, it is understood, as several breeders of choice dairy cattle believe it is one of the best means of giving them publicity regarding the quality of the stock they have. There were seven cows in the test at the 1908 fair, a Holstein from Spokane, Washington, taking the first premium, with a Jersey from near Portland a very close second. These milch cow tests are very beneficial to the dairy industry of the state and the Pacific Northwest.

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