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FIRST PURCHASE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY

Oregon Trunk Buys Land Close to Bend.

HARD CASH IS PAID OUT

Land Purchases Made on Survey that Passes Through Bend, Assuring Us the Road and Probability of Early Construction.

The Oregon Trunk Railroad Co. has made cash purchase of right of way at Bend. Moreover, there is every indication that the immediate future will see both the purchase of all the land in the vicinity of the town necessary for the new line, station and sidings, as well as the commencement of actual building operations.

Last week Fred Hunnell sold to the Hill purchasing agents a right of way over his 160 acre homestead, two miles southeast of Bend. A strip of 100 feet in width was secured by the road builders, but the price paid for it remains another of the many secrets that baffle even the most imaginative in these days of railroad building. The survey which crosses Hunnell's place, for which right of way was obtained, passes directly through the outskirts of Bend, at the closest point some hundred yards west of the Pilot Butte Canal, at the point where the Bear Creek road crosses it. Thence the survey runs northward to the west of L. D. Wiest's place, cutting through the easterly portions of the Lytle townsite.

Although it is as yet impossible to obtain definite information, there is every reason to believe that negotiations are in progress for other land on the easterly side of town. Also, it is authoritatively stated, right of way has been secured from the north as far as the boundary line of section 32, in the neighborhood of the old Orcutt Hotel.

The line of the survey near Bend was given a hasty visit by the parties in person on Sunday, though they did not come into Bend itself, and seemed disposed to move quietly. From several sources, notably from those who have been approached for the purchase of their land, it is stated that those in authority have predicted construction work at Bend before the first of the year. Whether or not this proves authentic, the gratifying fact remains that real money has been paid out for real lands—having the one and only obvious conclusion that a railroad will be the outcome of the immediate future. And the best of it is, the "real" railroad runs right through Bend!

From the Crook County Journal we quote the additional good news for Bend:

E. M. Orth of the Lumberman's National Bank of Portland, through which all the time and pay checks of the Oregon Trunk line pass as a clearing house, was in Prineville Tuesday on his return from Bend, where he had been for the purpose of arranging with the First National Bank of Bend, to handle the paper of the Oregon Trunk.

Mr. Orth went to Madras to make similar arrangements with the State Bank of Madras and like-

wise the First National Bank at The Dalles will act in the same capacity.

This visit of Mr. Orth is significant that the plan of the Oregon Trunk is to extend its construction on south to Bend as fast as the work can be done.

Every indication points to the fact that all the statements made by John F. Stevens about the pushing of the road on south through Central Oregon were made in good faith and that this company intends to build as far as Bend without delay.

Extensive surveys are now being made south from Madras on the Hill right of way, and if Madras is to be the southern terminus of the line, it appears that it will only be that so long as it takes the railroad builders to get under headway on the work between there and Bend.

NEW ROAD AND NEW AUTO.

Work Progresses on Better Road to the New "High Desert" Country.

A fine automobile road, 75 miles in length, will soon connect the "High Desert" country and its homesteaders, with Bend. The work is being financed by the leading locating firms of Bend, and will provide, its backers say, the very best automobile road to be found anywhere in Central Oregon, as for practically the entire distance the road is comparatively level, there being no stones, and the only improvement work entailed being that of removing the sage brush and in some places banking for drainage purposes.

For the greater part of the 75 miles the new road will be little more than an improved edition of the old, but this improvement will insure quick trips and many successful locations. Also, it will mean that the trade of this big new land, fast "settling up" to its capacity, will inevitably center at Bend.

The locating firms of Hunter & Staats, and the Merrill-Wilkinson Company have together purchased a Studebaker "30" automobile, with which they will show prospective settlers the homestead lands in the future, making a great saving in time and discomfort over the three-day team trip. The owners report that on the first day after the purchase of their new car they located a party.

LIBRARY DANCE IS SUCCESS.

Also New Books Arrive For Bend Boys and Girls.

On Monday evening the Ladies Library Club entertained Bend at a Hallowe'en dance in Lara hall, which proved one of the most thoroughly delightful events of the season. Pie, doughnuts and coffee more than satisfied the "inner man" while the excellent music dispensed by the Bend band kept everything moving in lively fashion. Some \$28 were cleared for the use of the library.

From Mrs. F. F. Smith, the library received a donation of five dollars, and from G. P. Putnam a welcome addition to the shelves in the shape of 13 books. The new volumes, listed below, are all for boys and girls, and will doubtless attract many of the young people to the library.

Cab and Caboose and The Coral Ship, by Kirk Munroe; Deerslayer, The Last of the Mohicans, and Pathfinder, by Cooper; Big Brother and the Wreck of the Red Bird, by Eggleston; Fur Traders of the Col-

DESCHUTES VALLEY WINS AT BILLINGS

Central Oregon Wins Cup for Best Individual Exhibit.

APPLES SWEEP THE FIELD

Telegrams Tell of Great Victory for Deschutes Products at Dry Farming Congress—Hill's \$1,000 Purse Comes Our Way.

The Deschutes Valley has won the first prize for the best individual display at the Billings Dry Farming Congress. In addition to winning the largest silver cup awarded, and gathering in a goodly number of other trophies, among which is numbered Louis Hill's \$1,000 additional premium for the individual exhibit winner, the Deschutes country came off a winner in the apple contest. The finest apples of all from the Deschutes Valley! What do you think of that?

On Monday the secretary of the Bend Board of Trade received the following telegram from H. A. Jackson, freight and passenger manager of the Great Northern.

Please advise Deschutes Valley has taken largest silver cup and several other prizes, and cups at Billings for best individual display.

(Signed) H. A. JACKSON.

Says the Oregonian in an editorial: "The Deschutes Valley exhibit at the Dry Farming Congress at Billings, Mont., came off victorious with the largest silver cup and a number of other prizes. The light of that great valley has been hid under a bushel for so long that it may be yet a few months longer before the rest of the world will become very familiar with the Deschutes Valley. Time and a railroad will work wonders, however, and within a few years the exhibits of fruit and agricultural products from the Deschutes Valley, as well as from other localities in Central Oregon, will attract as much attention as those from older portions of the state. The Deschutes has been slow in getting under way but is coming fast, now that it has started."

The Wolfe river apple that helped to do the good work, by the way, measured 16½ inches in circumference and weighed 27 ounces. Have a care for your laurels, Hood River!

Next week The Bulletin will be in a position to give a detailed account of the Billings prizes.

umbia River, by Irving; The Long Walls, Historic Boys, and Historic Girls, by Brooks; Kobo, by Straug; and The Cruikshank Fairy Book.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

MUCH HAY BALING.

The Laidlaw Chronicle states that nine-tenths of the hay marketed at Bend comes from the Laidlaw district. Of course the Chronicle will admit that this depends on just where the boundary lines of the "Laidlaw district" is located. The Chronicle says that W. H. Courtney of that place will bale in all about 500 tons this fall, for different farmers.

FARMERS ORGANIZE.

Thirty-eight settlers met at Redmond Saturday, Oct. 23, and organized the Deschutes Water Users Association, electing the following men as its officers: Wilbur A. Stevens, president; B. A. Kendall, vice-president; J. G. McGuffey, secretary and G. L. Ehlers, treasurer. The Redmond Hub says that among other things the meeting developed the urgent necessity of a strong league between the

water users, promoting harmony between them and the water company and making the just grievance of one farmer the common cause of all.

NEW ROAD BEING OPENED.

Road Supervisor L. H. Root has a force of men at work this week opening the county road from Laidlaw to Cline Falls, and expects to have the work completed in a month or six weeks. The work on the road close in to Laidlaw necessitates considerable blasting of rock to widen the road sufficiently for travel. With the completion of this road the people in this section will have a good highway to the Falls.—Laidlaw Chronicle.

CROOK PROPERTY \$8,000,000.

"Few people here realize what the value of Crook county property is," said City Recorder P. B. Davis of The Dalles. "I was at Prineville recently and examined the records and saw that the assessment rolls show that the valuation of property is over \$8,000,000 and the assessment rate is lower there than it is here. Several people, whom I have asked to guess on the amount Crook county has been assessed, have guessed around \$1,000,000, and that seems to be the general opinion. The country out there is a wonderful one and the railroads are going to do wonders for it, opening up a very productive and resourceful land."

COLD RECEPTION.

Two Prineville men were over from there Monday looking this field over with a view to putting in a near beer joint. They did not receive any enthusiastic encouragement over their proposition.—Laidlaw Chronicle.

TRIPLETT CALVES.

Carr Walker, a rancher living seven miles southwest of Oaksdale, Wash., is the owner of a cow that is the mother of tripplet calves, all of which are healthy and growing fat.

WESCOTT ACQUITTED.

The case of the state of Oregon against S. B. Wescott, who was charged by F. M. Chrisman of Silver Lake, with the embezzlement of several thousand dollars, held the attention of the circuit court at Lakeview, from Monday morning until Wednesday at 4 o'clock when it was given to the jury, who, after wrestling with it until Thursday about noon returned a verdict of not guilty.

EXHIBIT FINE APPLES.

By the co-operation of the Commercial Club and the Apple Growers' Union, Hood River will send a carload of its finest apples to be exhibited at the United States Land and Irrigation Exposition which will be held at Chicago Nov. 20th to Dec. 5th.

WOODS FULL OF SURVEYORS.

J. L. Poole, wife and daughter, of Beaver Marsh, spent last Friday and Saturday in Silver Lake. Mr. Poole says the woods up his way are full of Hill and Harriman surveyors.—Silver Lake Leader.

NEW TOWNSITE AT CRESCENT.

A new townsite has been laid out by Charles Graves at Crescent, and Ed Rourke, formerly of Rosland, will at once begin the erection of a building, which, when completed, will be used by him as a store. It is the intention to have the building completed and a stock of goods therein within thirty days. Both the Hill and Harriman roads have surveys through this new town.

Oregon to Get Its Share.

Extensive irrigation works are likely to follow the railroads now being built into Central Oregon. Promised transportation for this section of the state has changed the irrigation policy of Secretary Ballinger and he will take up various undeveloped projects in Oregon

C. S. I. LANDS MAY REVERT

Threatened With Loss of 75,000 Irrigable Acres.

DELAY CAUSES THE TROUBLE

Procrastination of Columbia Southern Company Rouses Government's Threat to Recover Patents—Action Expected Soon.

It is very probable that a definite settlement of the affairs of the Columbia Southern irrigation scheme will soon be brought about through the interference of the Interior Department in the matter. A dispatch in the Oregonian, dated at Salem Oct. 27, reads as follows:

The State Land Board has received notice from the Interior Department at Washington to show cause within 60 days why 75,000 acres of the 11,659.48 patented to the state in the Columbia Southern project should not be reconveyed to the Government. A special agent of the department has reported to the Government that "nearly the whole of the lands patented to the state were patented by reasons of misrepresentation and that said lands are either entirely unreclaimed, are too high for reclamation under the system by which it was proposed to irrigate them, are unfit for cultivation, if irrigated, or are in a position where no water is available for their irrigation."

The desert land board has taken the matter up with the Columbia Southern Irrigation Company and will endeavor to induce the company to proceed with its work under some definite agreement with the state or dispose of its equity in the project.

Property Looked Over.

While State Engineer Lewis says that no definite offer has been received for the project, it is admitted that the property has been looked over by several concerns that have the financial standing to carry the work to a successful conclusion and that there will be no difficulty in the state completing the project if the present troubles can be cleared away.

Heretofore there has been much difficulty in getting the stockholders of the irrigation company together to agree upon anything. The matter has been hanging fire for several years. The Interior Department approved Oregon Segregation List No. 13, embracing 27,000 acres of land, in January, 1904. On January 19, 1905, 11,600 acres were patented to the state upon representation to the state officials. The engineer of the company was at that time employed by the state as its engineer and some time later the state learned, it is alleged, that there had been fraud, and brought suit against the company to annul the contract on this ground.

Court Finds For Company.

The Federal Court found for the company on the ground that the state, by accepting the report of W. A. Laidlaw, president of the company and also selecting agent for the state in this matter, had been a party to the fraud, if fraud there had been, but which, however, had not been conclusively proven.

By adopting a new and more vigorous policy in handling the project in the future, the desert land board hopes to be able to save the 7500 acres already patented to the state. If the irrigation company continues to adhere to its policy of procrastination, however, the board feels that it will probably be obliged to let the Government go ahead and take such action as it sees fit in regard to the lands which it is claimed were patented through misrepresentation. Also, the state will bring suit in its own behalf to annul the present contract with the irrigating company.

with the Reclamation Service in the near future.

Oregon will get its full share of benefits under the national reclamation law, declares the Secretary of the Interior. In addition to the amounts heretofore allotted, this state will be entitled to about \$2,700,000 by 1912. Secretary Ballinger plans to set to work on some of the undeveloped projects in this state as soon as the necessary funds become available.

The building of railroads in the interior of the state makes the reclamation projects accessible for reclamation projects. Just what district will be benefitted first by new irri-

gation works has not yet been announced.

Figures Show Advance.

An interesting opportunity to "size up" the recent development of Bend is afforded by statistics furnished by Postmaster Minor. These show an advance in stamp sales of \$52 in the last three quarters, as compared with the corresponding period last year. In the second quarter of 1909, for instance, the stamp sales totaled \$753 as opposed to \$463 for the preceding year.

There can be no better barometer than this to record the population increase and growing activity of the town. Another noteworthy fact is the unprecedentedly large and ever increasing number of letters that come for strangers, showing how many new-comers are flocking into the country, to "get in on the ground floor" of the coming boom.

ONE OF THE PRIZE WINNERS.

Composition Written by Earl Kulp Which Took the Blue Ribbon at Prineville.

Below we print the composition of Earl Kulp of Bend, which took the first prize in its class, at the county fair at Prineville. Earl is in the sixth grade and a pupil of Miss Marion Wiest.

ON THE TRAIN.

It was on Monday afternoon, August the 6th, 1909, that I left Bend, Or., for a trip by stage, boat and rail to my old home in Minnesota. We went from Bend to Shaniko by stage. I say we, for my parents were with me.

At Shaniko we took the train to The Dalles, Or., a little city on the banks of the Columbia river. From The Dalles we took a big boat called the J. N. Teal, down the Columbia river to Portland.

The weather was ideal for a trip on the water, and I saw some fine scenery on the way, including Multnomah Falls and Cape Horn.

About 1 o'clock in the afternoon we went through the locks in the Cascade mountains. While in there, we passed another big boat.

Within a few miles of Portland our boat left the Columbia river and went up the Willamette to Portland harbor. Just before reaching the city we passed a number of large boats and went through a number of large draw bridges. I had the misfortune of losing my hat in the river so I had to go from the docks to the hotel bareheaded. The next day we went to the Oaks, a park and pleasure resort, and I had a lot of fun on the roller skating rink. That night we took the train out of the Union Depot for Seattle, where we visited my aunt on Dexter avenue, and the world's fair or the A. V. F. We went through the Alaska building and saw the most interesting things made by the Eskimos. There were totem poles of all sizes, and in the building lots of gold on exhibit. We next visited the Government building. In there I saw the sword used by George Washington, the first president. I also saw in this building, little war vessels built exactly like the large ones used in our navy. Also cannons of all sizes and the little machines used in wireless telegraphy. We went through the Oregon, California building, Philippine building and some others I have forgotten. There was a stump of a tree used for a rest room outside the Forestry building. The next day we went down to where they were using hydraulics to wash the hill away to make the city more level. After a few days visit in Seattle we took the train over the Northern Pacific. We traveled through the state of Washington a day and a night. We stopped off at the city of Spokane for a day to visit friends I went to school with, when I first came west two years ago. Then we went on to Idaho and Butte, Montana, the richest mining city in the world, to visit my aunt. One day she took us in the "Seeing Butte" car. We traveled three hours around the city. A gentleman stood at the back platform of the car with a megaphone and called out each point of interest, such as different mines and the amount of copper taken from them. We also went through a smelter. Another day we went to the city reservoir, where the water is held for the city. We were told that it was pumped for seven miles through the mountains from the Big Horn river. Another day we visited the Columbia Gardens, a big park that Senator Clark built for the people of Butte. It's the only spot around Butte where any trees or grass grow.

From Butte, we took the train for St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota. These cities lie on the banks of the Mississippi river. There we changed cars and got on the Northwestern railroad, traveled along the Minnesota river, and through the most beautiful valley till we came to our old home in Le Sueur. This is called Le Sueur after a Frenchman of early days, and is twelve miles from St. Peter, the birth place and burial spot of the late Governor Johnson. My grandpa was one of the first white men in the state.

See Godfrey's big show in Bend Saturday night.