

RAILROAD NOW COMING HERE?

PLANS REPORTED AS CHANGED

Dissolution of Big Systems Means Oregon Eastern Will Build Here to Connect With O-W. R. & N., Says Portland Newspaper.

The following is from the Portland Telegram of last Friday:

"Potential evidence has been accumulated during the last few days that the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co. will now get down to business in extending the Oregon Eastern line westward across the state. It is only a short time since the property of the Oregon Eastern, which has been surveyed from Vale westward to Dog mountain, was appraised and formally taken over by the O-W. R. & N. It has always been an Oregon Short Line subsidiary, and all work heretofore has been by that company through the Salt Lake office.

"With the engineering and construction work now under the supervision of George W. Boschke, chief engineer of the O-W. R. & N., plans have been worked out for pushing the line across the state as rapidly as possible. To that end, all kinds of surveying and engineering equipment and outfits have been dispatched from here to Vale this week, and it is understood that a big crew of men from Boschke's office will be sent into the field to prosecute the preliminary work for much additional building the coming season.

"It is believed important changes in the route to be followed by the line have been made as a result of the dissolution of the Harriman merger. It has been expected that the ultimate goal of the Oregon Eastern was to some point on the new Natron-Klamath Falls cutoff of the Southern Pacific main line, but with the segregation of the Harriman Pacific it is now almost certain that the Oregon Eastern will become affiliated with the O-W. R. & N. exclusively and will be extended to Bend and reach Portland by way of the Deschutes Railroad.

"One of the possibilities of the future, it is said, is the construction of a joint line by the O-W. R. & N. and the Southern Pacific to form a connection from Bend on the Deschutes line to Odell or some other point near there on the Southern Pacific.

CONFERENCE IN PORTLAND

Local Men Meet Capitalists Who Own Timber in Central Oregon.

P. C. Garrison returned from Portland Friday where he went to meet

A. R. Rogers of the Rogers Lumber Company of Minneapolis, which Mr. Garrison represents locally. Accompanying Mr. Rogers from the East was George Prince of St. Paul, who is vice president of the Deschutes Lumber Co., which has extensive holdings in Central Oregon timber also. John E. Ryan, representative of the company at Bend, met Mr. Prince in the Oregon metropolis and they conferred on business matters.

It was reported on the return of these two local men to Bend that mill operations would be started here at once, but Mr. Garrison says there is nothing to the rumors along this line so far as he has been able to learn.

Mrs. Garrison and little daughter, who accompanied Mr. Garrison to Portland, remained there for a visit with his relatives.

MULES RUN AWAY, WITH DYNAMITE IN THE RIG

Minister Stops Them Before Any Damage Results—Animals, Usually Meek, Take Fright at Steam.

A puff of steam, two mules, a box of dynamite and a minister figured in a short but exciting runaway Monday on Wall street. No casualties resulted as the "jarheads" were stopped before they had a chance to wreck the rig and "blow up the town."

Fireman Louis Doonar, in charge of "steam boiler No. 23" at the intersection of Wall and Ohio streets, got up too big a head of steam and there was a popoff. The mules, hitched to the rig of the Pioneer Telephone Company, were standing nearby, and though usually very meek and safe, got frisky and made a dash to get away from the noise that they did not like to have penetrate their long ears. Being mere mules, they did not know that there was a box of dynamite (50 pounds of it!) on the rig and that there was more danger in running than in standing still, so they ran.

They were just getting into a good stride when Rev. E. G. Judd, the Baptist pastor, saw them and became a dramatic persona in this little affair. Having been reared on a farm and therefore acquainted to a slight extent at least with his muleship, Mr. Judd voluntarily assumed the role of missionary to these benighted heathenites, and while his colleague, Dr. Gorty, looked on approvingly, Judd floundered out into the mud of the street and was successful in halting the runaways, before any damage had befallen the mules or the town. He says he did not know of the dynamite being on the rig at the time or else he might not have heeded the Macedonian cry to "Stop dem dar mules what fo' am runnin' way."

NEW LAND REGULATION.

A new set of regulations governing the sale of lands under the isolated tract laws has been issued by the General Land Office. In addition to the usual showing which must be made, the applicant must deposit with the local land office at the time he makes application, a sum covering the minimum valuation of the land, not less than \$1.25 an acre. If the applicant be not the successful bidder at the sale, the amount will be returned to him by the land office, of course.

PHONE COMPANY NOW AT WORK

IMPROVES AND EXTENDS LINES

Business District Will Have Poles in Alleys—First Cable Is Used—Laidlaw Farmers' Company Planning to Invade This Territory.

About \$4000 is being spent on new development work in Bend by the Pioneer Telegraph & Telephone Co.

In the business district all poles will be removed from the streets and placed in the alleys, in accordance with instructions recently issued by the City Council. The new poles are to be of cedar instead of pine as heretofore, and will be 33 feet long instead of the 20-foot poles in the streets. Holes have already been dug in the alley between Wall and Bond streets and in the alley east of Bond.

In place of the dozens of single wires that were frequently being crossed and tangled by the wind, the company has ordered heavy cables to be carried by the new poles, which will mean more satisfactory service. About a mile of cable will be strung within the city limits.

After leaving the alley at Bond place, the pole line will follow Wall street down to Ellis avenue and the steel county bridge, thence west to Kenwood, and the line to Laidlaw will follow the Laidlaw road. The line to the south will be taken out on Fourth street probably. The line to Park Addition will go out on Front street, and another will be run across the river to the sawmill by way of Tumalo street.

The main aerial line will be on Hawthorne avenue, running to Eighth street and out Eighth to the Pilot Butte canal, thence striking the present road to Prineville.

The Farmers' National Telephone Company is stringing poles along the county road from Laidlaw, and will come into town on Fifth street to Ironwood. Negotiations are now pending for connection with the Pioneer company's system, and it is said that if satisfactory arrangements can not be made a central office will be established in Bend by the Laidlaw company.

FORMER BEND MAN HERE

Frank Robertson Sees Remarkable Improvement in Past Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robertson were here Friday and Saturday, stopping at the Altamont. They recently returned from a long automobile trip abroad. Mr. Robertson headed the old Bend Townsite Company, predecessors to The Bend Company. "Bend never looked better to me," said Mr. Robertson. "The development of the last year has been remarkable. And the best of it is that, in my estimation, the next twelve months will hold even more substantial growth for the town."

ANOTHER FIRE VISITS TOWN

LOSS IS CLOSE TO \$20,000

Three Frame Buildings and Six Business Places Are Wiped Out on Bond Street—Origin of Blaze is Not Definitely Known.

Property worth nearly \$20,000 was destroyed and six places of business were wiped out by a fire on the west side of Bond street early last Friday morning. Three frame buildings were burned. All of them had been erected since the fire of October 12, 1911, which swept over the same site and did \$10,000 damage.

The buildings burned last week were owned by Myers & Wilkey, G. W. Lorimer of Piqua, Ohio, and Carmody Bros. The Myers-Wilkey building was of two stories, the other two, of one.

The places of business suffering as a result of the fire, with their losses and insurance, are as follows: Myers & Wilkey, saloon, loss \$7500., including building; insurance \$4200.

Frank Dalton, saloon, loss \$3200., insurance \$2200.

E. T. Butts, pool room and bowling alley, loss \$2000., insurance \$1450.

Carmody Bros., pool, billiards and confectionery, loss \$4000., including building; insurance \$3000.

R. D. George, barber shop, loss \$300., insurance \$250.

Lane Thomas, restaurant, loss about \$200.

G. W. Lorimer, who owned one of the buildings, lost property worth approximately \$2100. His insurance was \$1500.

Origin of Fire Unknown.

The origin of the fire is not known. It was discovered shortly after 4 a. m. and had gained considerable headway before the fire fighters could get to the scene. A large amount of goods, including stocks of whiskeys and wines, was carried out of the doomed buildings and saved. As has been the case on numerous other occasions, there was, fortunately, an absence of wind, and this made it possible to save the adjoining buildings. Wenandy's livery stable received a scorching, and being in danger, all the livestock and vehicles were got out to a place of safety. The small building on the alley in the rear of the burned structures was saved with difficulty, and at one time it was feared that the fire would spread to the new First National Bank building and give it a scorching.

No More Frame Buildings.

The owners of the burned buildings will not put up frame structures again, they declare. Myers & Wilkey, who own the lot on which their building was, will probably rebuild of brick or stone as soon as the insurance is adjusted. Carmody Bros. have reopened the confectionery part of their business in the Baird building which they occupied previous to erecting their own building on leased

ground. They are as yet undecided whether they will rebuild. Myers & Wilkey and Dalton have reopened their bars in shacks on the alley in the rear of where they formerly were located. R. D. George is back in his old stand on Oregon street, having saved part of his barber shop equipment.

FALSE FIRE ALARM.

At 12:30 p. m. yesterday a fire alarm was given and the citizens who had retired were aroused. It proved to be a false alarm given by a drunken man who was having a cold snooze on the snow near the water tower. He was found by Night Policeman Houston and was locked up until he got sober.

WHEN SHE GOT THERE HOMESTEAD WAS BARE

Relative Missing, Woman, "Broke," Hikes For Portland, Reporting No Work Here Because of the Fire.

"All Bend burned up!"

That was the encouraging message delivered at Deschutes Friday by a woman who had had her troubles out in the Hampton country, when she explained the reason she could not find work here and wanted a "hand-out" from the Deschutes.

The woman had a unique hard luck story. She had (she said) relatives upon a Hampton homestead, and last week went out to stay with them. Only when she got there the neighbors had abandoned the claim a couple weeks ago. That upset plans considerably. By the time the relative-seeking traveler had returned to Bend she was "broke." So she walked to Deschutes, with the intention of continuing the hike all the way to Portland. At Deschutes she asked for a meal and financial help, and when questioned why she didn't get work at Bend she explained that there was "nothing doing" because all Bend had burned up, which interfered seriously with employment possibilities.

JOHN STEIDL IS BACK

Bend Looks Best of All to Him After Eastern Visit.

"I've seen a hundred cities since I left Bend and not one of them looks half so good to me as this little old burg."

That was the way John Steidl talked when he struck town Sunday night after a five weeks' absence, during which he had swung around through the Southwest, via Hot Springs, Ark., to his old Minnesota home 'n Bemidji and Alexander. Mr. Steidl says that this spring will see a record bunch of immigrants come to Oregon, and that everywhere he went he found that people know about and are interested in this country.

BUYS POWELL BUTTE WHEAT.

The Bend Milling & Warehouse Company, with a mill at Bend and a feed store at Redmond, one day last week sent men out to buy up wheat among the Powell Butte ranchers, to be ground into flour. They bought enough to keep the mill busy for two or three months. The officers of the company say they are going to increase the capacity of the mill as rapidly as possible.

OVERTURF SHOT ACCIDENTALLY

WOUNDS ARE NOT SERIOUS

While on Hunting Trip up River Today, Gun is Discharged—Injured Man Rushed to Home Here and is Getting Along Well.

The accidental discharge of a gun this morning, while H. J. Overturf and D. M. Davis were hunting ducks from a canoe on the river above Harper, put a goodly lot of No. 5 shot in Overturf's right calf and hip, while others struck the back of his head. Only owing to the greatest good luck was the accident as little serious as is proved. Other shot tore a hole in the canoe which was "as big as a hat," as Overturf said, and it was a hard matter to get the craft to the bank in time to keep it from sinking.

Davis got to a phone as soon as possible, notifying H. A. Miller of the accident, and Miller at once got an auto and rushed up to Harper to bring the injured man home. They reached here at 3 o'clock and Overturf is now at his home, where Dr. Ferrell has attended to his wounds. While very painful, they are reported as being not in the least serious.

Yesterday afternoon Overturf and Davis rode up to M. S. Miller's stopping place at Harper, and after remaining there over night, this morning went to the river, taking G. P. Putnam's canoe which had been stored at Harper. They put this in the river near the new county bridge below C. B. Allen's and thence paddled up river.

The accident happened about 10 o'clock, about a mile below the mouth of spring river. Exactly how it occurred is somewhat hazy, but apparently some ducks unexpectedly flew over the canoeists. Both men reached for their guns, which they had beneath the seats. As Davis drew his out, it went off. The greater part of the charge went through the side of the canoe, while a number of shot entered Overturf's leg and hip and struck his head, which fortunately was turned away. It seems as if most of the shot that reached him must have glanced off from the woodwork of the canoe.

The two reached the east bank when the canoe sank. It is understood that the paddles are now voyaging down stream, and may be expected at Bend in a day or two, while the canoe awaits the services of a diver. Neither of the guns was lost overboard in the melee.

There are several feet of snow on the Big Meadows, and Davis had to rig up crude skis for his injured companion, with which he was helped across to F. A. Shonquest's house on the main road. When Miller, with Henkle and Ford's auto, reached Lava Butte, he met Shonquest in a rig bringing Overturf down. Davis followed with the saddle horses taken from Bend yesterday.

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