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THE COLUMBIA SOUTHERN.

At this long range it is difficult to ascertain exactly what was said and was not said by State Engineer Lewis before the Desert Land Board in regard to the Columbia Southern project. Two Portland papers quoted him as favoring Federal supervision of the construction work and as being of the opinion that a larger area than that actually embraced in the Columbia Southern segregation should be reclaimed now by getting government cooperation and about doubling the amount that has been appropriated for the work.

If Mr. Lewis has been misquoted and slandered, as Mr. Van Winkle at Laidlaw said he has been, there is no cause for comment. If he suddenly has contracted "cold feet", and now, after his own proposition has been accepted by the Legislature, is ready to desert it for a chimerical larger scheme whose most immediate product would seem to be endless delay, he merits all the censure that has been heaped upon him. But Mr. Lewis was one of the foremost workers for the Columbia Southern bill. His figures were accepted at par. He had every opportunity to express his ideas to the Legislature. It is inconceivable that so soon he has experienced a change of heart. Until we hear from him, the Bulletin does not care to believe that the State Engineer has lost his nerve the minute actual constructive work stares him in the face—the first, it has been said, that he has ever entered upon. We prefer to believe that Mr. Lewis will show the same enterprise and zeal in the physical accomplishment of the task before him that he has displayed in laying the plans upon which it is to be built.

Too much praise cannot be given the stand Governor West has taken in the matter, as shown by his statements in the Portland press and in his telegram appearing on the first page of this issue, which is, in reality, a personal message and pledge of good faith from Oregon's executive to the settlers on the lands of the Columbia Southern segregation. It is very apparent that if there is any tendency on the part of other state officer to shirk the possibilities of the task, Oswald will accept his share. It is to be hoped he will receive the support a stand merits, and there is no doubt that he will. The Governor's message to The Bulletin is simply an endorsement of the plan already acted by the Legislature—a plan sent in detail, and approved in call, by State Engineer Lewis. The Oregon Journal states the case well:

"The legislature acted upon a certain, definite proposal. That was to complete the original project and fulfill, without endless delay, the moral obligation of the state to settlers who were led to believe that the state in some measure was behind the projects launched under the Carey act.

"Through its governor and legislature the state has just adopted a definite project and declared its policy. It decided that the state should become responsible. It set aside \$450,000 for the purpose of building dam and canals and putting the water on the land. The bill does not contemplate a larger project or any complexity of management. It is not hedged around with contingencies.

"As Governor West has said, months would be required before the government service would determine what it would do. It might assist, it might not. If it did, it might be on such conditions that the responsibility of the desert land board would in some degree be shifted. The work of the government in some other projects has not been such as to give assurance of satisfaction to the settler or of maximum speed in construction.

"With undivided authority in the state land board, there will be no

question as to responsibility. The job has been put up to the state land board. Let it stay there. If the state or the government desires later to enlarge the project, an equitable arrangement can doubtless be made."

NINE-CENT HOG MARKET.

"The nine-cent hog market has arrived," says the Portland Livestock Reporter. "Portland is the highest hog market in the country and has been so most of the time for three years."

With such an inducement as this, the farmers of Central Oregon will surely seize the opportunity to bring some of this money into this part of the state. At present there are few hogs from the Deschutes valley sold on the Portland market. The reason is not far to find. The farmers have not yet increased their swine herds to the point where they have hogs to ship to that market. They must surely realize, however, that there is no quicker way of making money, and no way by which a greater return is obtainable, on the investment, than by raising hogs for the market. The alfalfa and the grain are here; the creameries and the cheese factories are here to take care of the dairy cream; there ought to be more hogs to drink and grow fat on separator milk.

Every once in a while there is a gold mine excitement. There should be an excitement due to something more profitable than any of the Central Oregon gold mines yet discovered—the hog industry. Why, with hogs bringing nine cents every rancher in this valley should have his mints in operation—his pastures full of hogs. For the past three years the Portland market has topped the country. The time was when, no matter how many hogs had been raised in Central Oregon, they could not have been marketed in Portland—the transportation was lacking. But now there are two lines of railroad to haul the porkers to the stockyards.

In the words of Shakespeare, paraphrased: "The farmer that hath no hogs upon his ranch, And is not moved by concord of swine grunts, Is fit to live upon no Central Oregon farm; The regions of his mind are slow and weak, And his success will not be extra great; Let no such man be trusted."

On this subject the Culver Tribune notes:

"Nothing indicates better that there will be many changes in the manner of farming than the large amount of fencing for hogs which is being built this year. This indicates only one of many changes which will be made. The grain which has heretofore been wasted on the land will now go into pork. Being equipped for hog raising the farmer will be able to make good out of his potato crop when the potato market will not justify the shipping of them as is the case this season.

"It has repeatedly been shown that potatoes make good feed for hogs, not only by the other places where the experiments have been tried but potatoes have been fed in this vicinity and found to be good feed."

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TO THE PUBLIC.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, February 13, 1913.

Notice is hereby given that the Northern Pacific Railway Company, whose postoffice address is St. Paul, Minnesota, has this 13th day of February, 1913, filed in this office its application to select under the provisions of the act of Congress, approved July 1, 1898 (30 Stat. 597, 620), as extended by the act of Congress approved May 17, 1906, Lot 4 Section 4, Township 18 South, Range 12 East, W. M. Serial No. 911279.

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 17th day of April, 1913. 59-3 C. W. MOORE, Register.



Dear friend:

Oh say, let me tell you what we had for breakfast this morning. It was nice oranges. Papa used to not like oranges and I would pucker up my face because my orange was sour but now I smile when I eat my orange because my orange now is sweet. You ought to eat oranges or some kind of fruit at your house because they are healthy. They cost only this much:

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