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MILWAUKEE MAY INVADE OREGON

DESCHUTES COUNTRY RECONNOITERED

Rumored That Big System Plans Route From Portland Across Mountains and Through Central Oregon Eastward.

(The Oregon Journal.) That President A. J. Earling, of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, did not hurry east from Seattle after the completion of a tour of inspection of the company's lines in the Puget sound district, but instead traveled quietly into Oregon and through the entire central part of the state in auto, is the report that has just reached here. With him were a number of eastern capitalists and heads of large industrial propositions. He left Seattle about two weeks ago. The party that traveled with President Earling in Washington included Percy A. Rockefeller, of New York, chairman of the executive committee of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul; John D. Ryan, of New York, president of the Amalgamated Copper company; M. Halgen, of Butte, president of the Montana Power company; S. E. Pryor, of St. Louis, vice president of the Simmons Hardware company; Ray Maris, of New York, of the banking firm of White, Weld & Co.; Lawrence Fitch, of Milwaukee, and Dr. James C. Greenway, of New York City. Whether all of these distinguished men and financiers accompanied President Earling on the tour of central Oregon is not known, for so well were their movements concealed that those likely to spread the news had they known that the prominent railroad head and builder was in that part of the country, were left in the dark. In this respect the tour strikingly resembled that made by John F. Stevens, who while reconnoitering for James J. Hill, traveled over central Oregon in the disguise of a cowboy under the name of Samson. The result of his investigations at that time led to the subsequent construction by Mr. Stevens for the Hill system of the Oregon Trunk line. That the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul will eventually extend its own line into Portland is regarded as practically settled and while President Earling's inspection of central Oregon at this time may have been for the purpose of becoming personally acquainted with conditions and prospects in central Oregon, it is also regarded very probable that he is entertaining plans for invasion of that immense territory now tapped only by the Hill and Harriman systems. Making Rapid Development. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul is making rapid development in the Pacific northwest and by building into Central Oregon at this time by way of Portland, it would get a goodly share of a developing business now

divided only by two roads. At various times it has been rumored that the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul has figured on the purchase of the Oregon Water Power division of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, including the line to Troutdale and Estacada over which it would find easy access to the city and excellent terminal facilities on the east side of the Willamette, south of the Hawthorne bridge. The Estacada line, too, would give it entrance into central Oregon if extended, for preliminary surveys show that an extension from Casadero into Warm Springs Indian reservation could be effected through a very favorable pass at a comparatively small cost. Such a project has been pronounced very feasible by a number of expert railroad builders and it is said this course would be pursued should the property be acquired by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul system. The party of railroad men stopped here last Thursday. They let it be understood that they were land seekers and that their destination was Paisley.

BEND COMPANY OWNS HALF OF PROPOSED SCHOOL SITE

J. P. Keyes, Who Opposes Bond Issue on Grounds of Unnecessary Extravagance, Makes Statement. The election on the \$45,000 bond issue for the purchase of property and erection of a high school building will take place next Saturday a week, May 16. From general indications there seems a fair prospect for a close election, especially as those most directly interested in getting the school located in Wiestoria, the site that will be put up, are campaigning hard. One fact in connection with the matter that, it is believed, has not been generally known, was developed yesterday, in an interview with J. P. Keyes, manager of The Bend Company. Mr. Keyes is frankly opposed to the proposed bond issue, taking the ground that it is more than the town needs or can afford, and that the higher taxes may prove a very serious obstacle to those contemplating local manufacturing investment. "But what I especially want to say," added Mr. Keyes, "is that The Bend Company owns slightly more than half of the proposed site. I want this to be known right now. Up to the present it has been generally understood that Mr. Wiest was the sole owner of the tract, and I have understood that this has been used as an argument in favor of this property as opposed to the other tracts offered by this company."

TO PAY SCHOOL WARRANTS

All Warrants to be Redeemed—Board Elects New High School Teacher In addition to the teachers for next year announced in The Bulletin last week the school board has elected Miss E. Myrtle Mixer of Cottonwood, Iowa, teacher in the High School. The school district has just received from the county treasurer \$11,992.55 in account of taxes for 1911-1912 which is sufficient to take care of all outstanding warrants. Notice is being given to-day that all warrants are called for redemption and interest, which is paid at six per cent, now ceases.

GRAND JURY HAS ITS HANDS FULL

COMING COURT HOLDS EXPENSE RECORD

One Murderer and Many Cattle Thieves Will Occupy Attention of Circuit Court at Prineville Next Week—Little From Bend.

The term of circuit court which convenes at Prineville next Monday promises to be the heaviest ever mustered before a Crook county grand jury. There is no doubt that it also will hold a record for expense. Below are listed the chief cases that will come up, Deputy District Attorney Willard H. Wirtz having furnished the information covering such actions as can be mentioned in advance. It is understood that some very interesting developments may crop up for the consideration of the grand jury. The Bulletin's readers will be given a complete report of all the court proceedings, as G. P. Putnam will remain in Prineville while it is in session. Gaylord McDaniel is charged with murder in the first degree for the killing of Herman Poch, a small rancher and hide dealer who lived above Prineville about two miles on the Ochoco river. The murderer was a step-son of the murdered. It occurred December 31, last. The defendant has been in jail since the occurrence. This case will be tried without fail. The murderer used a shot gun, at short ten paces, shooting victim in breast. Many Cattle Cases. The most important cases this term, however, are the horse and cattle rustling cases. An effort has been made to round up all suspects and get the matter finally settled though it is a sort of continual performance. The defendants now in jail or under bonds awaiting trial are George Kentner, Alonzo Weaver, George Messinger, V. M. Robertson, and John McPherson. Of these Kentner is the only one in jail. Messinger is under \$5000 bail for larceny of a dwelling and stealing cattle from George Millican. V. M. and W. L. Robertson were tried in December for wholesale larceny of horses, having shipped from Bend to Tuppenish, Wash., three car loads of stock during August and September last fall. Kentner is held in connection and the officials expect to get other indictments before the grand jury is sent home. Each of the Robertsons is under \$2,000 bail and John McPherson is under \$4,000. He is charged with the larceny of a mare and colt belonging to George Millican, and was taken near the Nevada line a month or so ago by Sheriff Elkins. Among the cattle rustling cases is the State of Oregon vs. Donald Garrett. He was indicted last fall for larceny of a steer belonging to Veazle and Brown in the northern part of the county. As a result of this act

SAYS SPRINGER IS INCORRECT

JUDGE'S FIGURES ARE QUESTIONED

Sisters Herald Points Out That Instead of Surplus There Will Be a Deficit—Letter From County Treasurer Giving Figures.

When County Judge Springer was in Bend early this month, he made a statement as reported in The Bulletin of April 2, to the effect that the county's indebtedness was about \$117,000; that more than \$125,000 had then come in in taxes and that as much again was due. From these figures it was assumed by the judge that all warrants would be paid at par as soon as the money was paid over to the treasurer and that the county would then have about \$100,000 on which to run for a year. Commenting on this statement, the Sisters Herald has the following to say: "For anyone not familiar with county affairs and the collection and disbursement of taxes such statements only deceive them for the time being. The assessed valuation of Crook county for 1912 was \$9,979,152. The county levy was 24 mills of which 7.75 mills is for special funds, leaving 16.25 mills or \$162,161.22 with which to pay off \$117,000 of indebtedness and conduct the county for a year. A conservative estimate of the expense of keeping up the court house for a year is placed at \$65,000. The expense of the county for the past few months has been very heavy and is not included in the \$117,000. The Circuit Court docket for the May term is the heaviest in the history of the county, including many criminal cases, which will mean a long and expensive term of court. Then there is much expensive road and other work planned for this year that will add additional expense, so that it can very readily be seen that it will require careful and conservative management of the county's affairs to prevent coming out at the end of the year with more indebtedness than we started with." As there seems to be some difference of opinion on this rather important matter, The Bulletin has asked Judge Springer to make a statement by which it could be seen just what the situation is. This it expects to have in time to publish next week. The Bulletin has been seeking information on the subject from County Treasurer Jordan also and in reply to a recent letter of inquiry he has written the following: "January 1 there was in the general fund \$1046.36, cruising fund \$11,812.16. The registered warrants at that time were \$111,984.04. I have called in since January 1 \$70,302.95 and received in warrants from the sheriff \$35,486.90, leaving a balance of \$6125.09 still remaining unpaid up to January 1.

There has been registered since January 1 \$10,706.67, making a total of \$16,832.06 registered warrants still outstanding with no funds on hand to pay for same. If the next turnover from the sheriff is as large as I think it should be, (about \$20,000) the county will be out of debt once more, for a short time at least. The county is owing more than the amount mentioned above, as there is a large number of warrants issued which have not been presented for registration. "The total assessed valuation of the county for 1912 is \$9,979,152 against \$9,531,013 for 1911, a gain in value of \$448,139. "The millage for this amount is divided as follows: State and county, 17.45 mills, general school 3 1/2 mills, high school 2 mills, road fund 1 mill, library 1-20 mill, total 24. "I have received from the sheriff since January 7 general fund \$99,114.71, school fund \$19,423.64, road fund \$5214.52, high school \$8866.70, cruising fund \$130.29, library fund \$277.51, special school fund \$41,280.74. Total \$174,508.11." The Bulletin is not yet in possession of enough facts to make comparison on this letter. There are certain discrepancies in it, however, which a little figuring will disclose. These this paper hopes to have explained next week.

VOTES DECLARED ILLEGAL

Three Who Helped Select Wiestoria Site Were Not Qualified. That at least three persons who voted at the meeting when the Wiestoria site was chosen for the proposed high school voted illegally is the statement made this afternoon by Mrs. E. M. Thompson. Inasmuch as it is practically certain that these three voted for the Wiestoria site, and as the first ballot, as will be remembered, was a tie—50 to 50 for Wiestoria and Park Addition sites—Mrs. Thompson and others declare that the election was fraudulent and maintain that no bond issue election should be held. The names of the voters who cast their ballots illegally are M. G. Coe, Blanche Rice and E. T. Hoech, according to Mrs. Thompson. She has been advised by the sheriff that none of these was on last year's tax roll. It is Mrs. Thompson's belief that these voted under the impression that they were properly qualified.

TRIPLE SHOOT NEXT SUNDAY

State Tournament Will be Brought to a Close. Next Sunday the Rod and Gun Club will have a triple shoot, ending the tournament in the state league. There was no shoot last Sunday owing to the cold wind that was blowing. There is a tie to be shot off with La Grande, a postponed contest with Troutdale and the regular event with Troutdale. A large attendance of club members is desired. The standing of the state league, according to the official figures sent out by the secretary from Eugene, is as follows, up to and including the shoot of April 20:

	Won	Lost	Tied	Per.
Wallowa	5	0	0	1000
Troutdale	4	1	0	800
La Grande	2	1	1	636
Bend	1	2	1	333
Portland	1	3	0	250
Pendleton	1	3	0	250
Eugene	0	4	0	000
Baker				

CEMENT STARTS STORY OF STEAL

JUST A YARN, SAYS JUDGE SPRINGER

If He'd Swiped a Railroad For Prineville It Might Have Been Worth Mentioning—Considers Himself to Be "Public Property." The following clipping is from the Sisters Herald: "There is a report going over the county that Judge Springer appropriated for his own use 200 sacks of cement, or thereabouts, belonging to the Oregon Trunk Railroad. The report goes further and states that the railroad sent in a detective and traced the loss to the judge and gave him 48 hours to pay for the same or be arrested. The editor does not believe the story, but as the judge has been in print lately saying that he is willing at all times to inform the taxpayers on all things and to have an accounting made of the expenditures of his predecessor, we wonder if he would not be willing to come out and deny the report or tell the taxpayers the straight of it." The Bulletin requested an explanation from Judge Springer, and his reply is the following letter: "The following letter was mailed to D. W. Barnett of Madras, in response to a letter from Mr. Barnett informing the county judge that a rumor was being circulated that the judge had paid the O. T. R. some money to save himself the trouble of answering to a charge of swiping a carload, more or less, of cement: The Letter. 'Mr. D. W. Barnett, Madras, Oregon. Friend Barnett:—As far as I am concerned, the yarn about the cement is the result of ignorance or maliciousness. There was some cement condemned by the contractor and left at or near the Crooked river bridge. I learned from S. S. Crawford that the man in charge, the contractor I believe, a Mr. Lambrecht, allowed any one to take as much as he could use; and so I sent my teams and got some of it. I learned recently that there is some misunderstanding between the contractor and the cement company. You are at liberty to publish this letter if you wish. Yours very truly, 'G. Springer, County Judge of Crook Co.' "To official papers, the county judge considers himself public property, and while he may not always take time to explain a little thing like a carload or two of cement, if he steals a railroad and gets off with it as easily as he has so far with the cement deal, he promises to solve the problem of transportation for Prineville. Also, it will not prevent him from investigating timber cruising deals, or any other matter of interest to the taxpayers of Crook county. (Signed) "G. SPRINGER."

We Are Quite in Earnest.

in our recent announcement that each baby born in Bend up to September first will start its journey down this vale of tears with one dollar of our money in the form of a bank account. So far our offer has not met with a gratifying response and we begin to feel that we are not taken seriously. We are quite in earnest. This is not a philanthropic scheme—in the long run we expect to make money by it. Please report all new arrivals to us promptly.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

FAITH, Hope and Charity, the Good Book tells us, are the cardinal virtues. For some time past I have done business pretty much on faith, and while I have not lost hope, I fear that my present course may get me on speaking terms with charity. This, then, is to say that on and after June first this store will be run on A STRICTLY CASH BASIS. All accounts 90 days past due that are not paid by May 10th will be placed in hands of an attorney for collection. I have lost none of my love for the American people; this is purely a business proposition, absolutely impersonal, actuated by a desire to give my patrons lower prices and to give myself more money in the drawer and less on the books. "Pay as you go," I believe, is the better way, the safer way, especially in these strenuous times when we treat the dollar lightly and thrift has become a forgotten virtue. Everybody knows that a certain percentage of charge accounts eventually go to profit and loss. Who pays the margin of loss? The honest man, of course. Most of my trade will rejoice in this change and be glad to aid themselves of the re-pricing—from TWO TO TEN PER CENT. REDUCTION practically all along the line. Your every need in Hardware, Stoves and Ranges, Kitchen Utensils, Pure Aluminum Ware, China Ware and Builders' Supplies can be supplied here, and remember AT CASH PRICES.

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75 head of high grade, Holstein Dairy Cows from Illinois will arrive in Bend about May 5th.

They will be sold at auction about May 8th. Definite sale date will be advertised in The Bend Bulletin and by posters, at the different stores in and near Bend. Terms will be part cash, balance payable Jan. 1st, 1914, or one-half of cream check. We do not tie you up to sell your cream to any particular party, but where you get the best price. Write or call for particulars.

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