

R. R. RUMORS THICK AGAIN

SPRING ACTIVITY APPARENT

Portland Telegram Most Acutely Affected by Spring Fever, Perpetrating Gem of Transportation Literature and Swamping La Pine.

Spring has come! How do we know? Why, that's easy—just as easy as guessing what the Democrats will do to that single term plank. Railroad talk is rife again.

True, one swallow does not make a spring. Neither does one railroad. But a flock of 'em—on paper and otherwise—does. That's proven truth in Central Oregon. And railroad rumors are as thick in the air as dust on the Burns road.

Prineville is planning railroads again. Persistence, as well as consistency, is a virtue. And—when it comes to snaring railroads—the Prinevillians are virtuous beyond compare.

Then our friends across the mountains at Salem have caught the Spring fever, and the capital papers are industriously building an electric line over the Cascades to Bend. It's going to start in sixty days, they say. We hope it does; what's more, we wouldn't be the least bit surprised if it does—that road is sure to come, sooner or later.

But the gem of all the Spring fancies is perpetrated by the estimable Portland Telegram. The other day it suffered a violent brainstorm, transportationally speaking.

Central Oregon, and Bend and La Pine especially, haven't an idea of the pending railroad developments about to become realities—according to the Telegram story. Our Bend logging railroads are really units of the Hill and Harriman system. In fact, probably not less than three great roads are going to plunge into the La Pine district at once if not sooner says the Telegram.

We hope they do. Perhaps they will. But aside from the merits and possibilities of the case, the Spring at it is worth reading. Here it is:

"For a long time railroad rumors have not interested the La Pine valley people. They had hopes when J. J. Hill bought a right of way through the valley in 1910, cleared a stretch of the right of way and left off construction at Bend in 1911. As far back as 15 years ago the Harriman system established a survey; then Hill followed along the Harriman survey and bought a right of way. Now comes Strachorn and announces that he will investigate the La Pine valley before building through Central Oregon. On top of all this, a crowd of Eastern people are looking for a route from Eugene, by way of the Mackenzie mining district into La Pine valley, this road to be electrified from a power plant now being constructed at La Pine.

Too Good for Logging Road. A persistent rumor is that Hill will use his right of way this summer. It is said that John F. Stevens made an agreement for the Hill system not to build beyond Bend for five years and that the time expires in July. The Brooks-Scannon Lumber Company, at Bend, is now building a railroad south of Bend, over the Hill right of way, and has covered about a van miles. The company has no timber in the basin toward which the road is heading, their holdings all being north and east of Lava Butte. Why the lumber company is heading for La Pine is not apparent and engineers say the roadbed appears to be standard and much too good for a logging road. The construction is on the east side of the Deschutes river, where the Hill right of way is and where the latest Harriman survey is located.

"On the other hand, the Shevlin-Hixon Lumber company is also building a railroad south of Bend and has constructed for about 12 miles, on the west side of the Deschutes. This company is already well into their timber, where they expect to log for the next 25 years for their Bend mill. There is a rumor that this road, too, will be pushed into La Pine valley. The Harriman system has an old survey on the west side, where the Shevlin-Hixon company is building which crosses to the east side of the Deschutes just south of Lava Butte. It is entirely possible that the Harriman people may be trying to beat Hill to the butte by that route. The Harriman system, which has a survey through the pass leading out of the southeast side of La Pine basin, connecting with its cross state road, is said to be ready to start westward from a short distance southeast of Burns, and Burns has offered \$250,000 to come that way.

See Edwards for paper hanging.—Adv.

The Bend Flour Mill Co. has made a careful selection of suitable seed for spring sowing. Thoroughly cleaned and of the best quality. See list of varieties.—Adv.

BREAK YOUR MATCH IN TWO.

A Suggestion That Became a Rule in Forest Fire Prevention.

One day late in June a man in a room on the seventh floor of an old fashioned brick building in Washington, holding a sheet of telegrams in his left hand, was busy with his right taking red headed pins out of his mouth and sticking them into little irregular blocks of green ink scattered over a large white wall map of the United States.

"The big problem," he said, taking a fresh pin out of his mouth and turning sideways to his assistant, "is to get at the fellow who knows what conservation is but forgets to apply it when he lights up a cigar in the woods."

The assistant sat at a flat topped oak desk in the middle of the room, struggling through a mass of reports from field men in the endeavor to find suggestions for a set of fire prevention "rules."

"Well, what do you think of this?" he said, holding up a report from the Pacific northwest: "Break your match in two before you throw it away."

The other man stuck the last red pin into the map, reached for his pipe and lit it.

"Let's see," he said. He snapped the burning match in his fingers. As the pieces dropped to the floor he uttered a sharp exclamation and tenderly licked the index finger of his left hand.

The assistant laughed. "That's the

idea!" he said. "You've got to blow it out before you break it or get burned." So this suggestion became No. 1 of a set of ten rules which the forest service sent to 6,000 newspapers at the beginning of the summer's fire season in the national forests.—Outlook.

Homemade Gas.

Spanish peasants living in the cork oak region use homemade gas obtained from cork refuse. As described by one authority, the process consists in filling several large teakettles with the waste bark and placing each in turn over the fire during the evening, burning the volatile gas as it escapes from the spouts. The carbonized residue forms the fine black-brown pigment known to commerce as "Spanish brown."

His Golf Prize.

When the Duke of York was living in Edinburgh in 1681 he was told that a certain shoemaker named Paterson was the best golf player in Scotland, and him, the duke, later James II, chose as partner in a foursome, winning a huge stake. He promptly turned over the money to Paterson, who forthwith built a house in which the duke placed a stone with a Paterson crest bearing the motto, "Far and Sure."

Always Wrong.

Manager—I'm disgusted with the mistakes that new man makes! He gets everything balled up. Assistant

Manager—Oh, well, some of the best ones are that way at the beginning. He may bring home the bacon yet. Manager—He won't unless we send him for ham.—Judge.

His Motive.

Judge—Why did you commit a second theft after you had just been acquitted of the first one? Prisoner—I had to pay my lawyer, your honor.—Boston Transcript.

Their Work.

"What a noisy chatter children do keep up at the table!" "They certainly do put the din in dinner."—Baltimore American.

A Plain Heroine.

"This is refreshing. The author says his heroine isn't beautiful." "It will be refreshing to see the pictures of the heroine come up to the print."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Many Sided Woman.

Man thinks he is going to solve the mystery known as woman after he is married. And then the plot thickens.—Toledo Blade.

It is bad to work loiteringly; it is worse to loiter instead of beginning to work at all.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

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NO. 232.

At Bend, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, March 7, 1916.

Resources.	
Loans and Discounts	\$31,157.48
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	.35
Bonds and warrants	646.43
Furniture and fixtures	2,715.00
Due from banks (not reserve banks)	20,000.00
Due from approved reserve banks	17,138.24
Checks and other cash items	183.47
Cash on hand	7,475.64
Expenses	1,396.57
Other resources	402.15
TOTAL	\$81,115.33

Liabilities.	
Capital stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus fund	1,250.00
Undivided profits, less expense and taxes paid	522.34
Individual deposits subject to check	52,749.26
Demand certificates of deposit	3.95
Time and Savings Deposits	1,589.78
TOTAL	\$81,115.33

STATE OF OREGON)
 County of Crook) ss.
 I, Thos. Cobb, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 THOS. COBB, Cashier.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of March, 1916.
 CHAS. S. BENSON, Notary Public,
 My Commission expires March 5, 1917.
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