

BAKER-BURNS LINE PLANNED

SUMPTER VALLEY TO EXTEND ROAD

Announcement Made of Intention to
Begin Construction as Soon as
Snow is Off Ground—Extension
Will Tap Big Pine Timber Belt

(The Oregonian.)

BAKER, March 9.—(Special.)—
One of the most important develop-
ment plans in years was disclosed to-
day when it was discovered that pre-
liminary work toward the long-talked-
of Sumpter Valley Railroad branch to
the Burns country, will be under
way as soon as the melting of the
snow makes railroad operations possi-
ble.

The first step will be the construc-
tion of 50 miles of railroad south
from Dixie Summit. D. C. Eccles,
president of the railroad, was in the
city Tuesday, and following his de-
parture for Ogden, it developed that
surveyors will be sent out to work
from the top of the Dixie divide, to
set stakes for the proposed extension
as soon as the ground is clear.

It is also known that Mr. Eccles
was in Portland before he came here,
what were his activities there has not
been disclosed. The date at which
roadbed construction will commence
is uncertain, depending on the time
of year at which the survey is finish-
ed, but the work will start within a
few months.

The extension, as it is now planned
aims primarily at one of the richest
timber belts in Oregon, located 50
miles from Dixie Summit in the
southeast corner of Grant county, a
part of the old military road land-
grant, alternate sections being held
by the Balfour, Guthrie Company, of
Portland, or by subsidiary concerns.

The timber is yellow pine, near the
northern line of Malheur county, and
will total one billion feet. It is un-
derstood that the Oregon Lumber
Company will figure in the deal, in
the way of securing cheap stumpage
on the enormous pine tract. Other
developments in the general plan of
extension are expected later.

CROP REPORT ISSUED

Summary of March Figures Is Issued
By Weather Bureau.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 8.—
A summary of the March crop report
for the State of Oregon and for the
United States, as compiled by the
Bureau of Crop Estimates (and trans-
mitted through the Weather Bureau)
U. S. Department of Agriculture, is as
follows:

Wheat on Farms.
State: Estimated stocks on farms
March 1, this year, 3,000,000 bushels,
compared with 1,826,000 a year ago
and 1,729,000 two years ago. Price
on March 1 to producers, \$0.93 per
bushel, compared with \$1.25 a year
ago and \$0.80 two years ago.

United States: Estimated stocks
on farms March 1 this year 242,000-
000 bushels, compared with 152,903-
000 a year ago and 151,795,000 two
years ago. Price on March 1 to pro-
ducers, \$1.03, per bushel, compared
with \$1.34 a year ago and \$0.83 two
years ago.

Corn on Farms.
State: Estimated stocks on farms
March 1 this year 116,000 bushels,
compared with 59,000 a year ago and
78,000 two years ago. Price on
March 1 to producers, \$0.92 cents
per bushel, compared with 100 cents
a year ago and 77 cents two years
ago.

United States: Estimated stocks on
farms March 1 this year 1,140,000-
000 bushels, compared with 910,894-
000 a year ago and 866,352,000 two
years ago. Price March 1 to pro-
ducers, 68.2 cents per bushel, com-
pared with 75.1 cents a year ago and
53.1 cents two years ago.

Corn of Merchantable Quality.
State: The percentage of the 1915
crop which was of merchantable qual-
ity is estimated at 8 per cent, com-
pared with 75 per cent of the 1914
crop and 80 per cent of the 1913
crop.

United States: The percentage of
the 1915 crop which was of merchan-
table quality is estimated at 71.3
per cent, compared with 84.5 per cent
of the 1914 crop and 90.1 per cent
of the 1913 crop.

Oats on Farms.
State: Estimated stocks on farms
March 1 this year 4,340,000 bushels
compared with 2,930,000 a year ago
and 5,325,000 two years ago. Price
March 1 to producers, 50 cents per
bushel, compared with 50 cents a
year ago and 39 cents two years ago.

United States: Estimated stocks
on farms March 1 this year 597,000-
000 bushels, compared with 379,369-
000 a year ago and 419,481,000 two
years ago. Price March 1 to pro-
ducers, 42.7 cents per bushel, com-
pared with 52.1 cents a year ago and 38.9
cents two years ago.

Barley on Farms.
State: Estimated stocks on farms
March 1 this year 936,000 bushels,

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COMMERCIAL CLUB PREPARES NEW LEAFLET

compared with 549,000 a year ago
and 822,000 two years ago. Price
March 1 to producers, 68 cents per
bushel, compared with 76 cents a
year ago and 57 cents two years ago.

United States: Estimated stocks on
farms March 1 this year 60,500,000
bushels, compared with 42,889,000 a
year ago and 44,126,000 two years
ago. Price March 1 to producers,
59.6 cents per bushel compared with
67.7 cents a year ago and 51.1 cents
two years ago.

WILL TRY BOAT ON THE LOWER DESCHUTES RIVER

Portland Men Built Craft to Navigate
Difficult Waters With View to Bet-
ter Fishing—Start Crooked River

(Portland Telegram.)

Twenty two years ago trout fish-
ermen feared the dangerous water of
the Upper McKenzie river. Walter
Honeyman, the late Herman Burrell
and Andy Hixon constructed a boat,
took it to the upper river and came
down in safety. Since that time fish-
ermen from all parts of Oregon fish
down the river in boats.

The Deschutes river has become a
great haunt for many of the anglers
of Portland. But no one has at-
tempted to come down the stream as
it is regarded much more dangerous
than the McKenzie.

Walter Honeyman is going to make
an attempt to come down the stream
April 1 when the season opens. With
Dr. E. DeWitt Connell, Mr. Honey-
man has constructed a boat which
will be used in the dangerous trip.

The boat has been built so that if
it strikes a rock in the stream, in-
stead of being wrecked, it will slide
over in safety.

One of the reasons for attempting
the trip is because the stream can-
not be fished from the Indian reser-
vation side where the brush is thick
and the fish plentiful. By putting
the boat in the river at Crooked river
and floating down 28 miles to Kes-
keha, Dr. Connell and Mr. Honeyman
will have the opportunity of fishing
the choicest part of the river.

Out of the Race.
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the west. Residences totaling in cost
over \$75,000 have been built in the
past six months.

With the many beautiful views of
mountains and river and timber,
handsome homes, green lawns, and
attractive gardens, the magnificent
trees scattered generously through-
out the residential districts, and the
wonderful climate, Bend leaves little
to be desired by those who seek ideal
places in which to live.

Railroads.
In October, 1911, the Hill and
Harriman railroad systems com-
pleted their Oregon Trunk and
Deschutes lines. Bend is the
terminus of both these roads. The
handsome depot, erected with native
stone, and the best equipped ware-
house in the state, indicate in what
importance the railroad companies
hold Bend.

An extensive distributing business
is being conducted from Bend to the
southeast and south country. Mail
lines and regular daily auto truck
and automobile service radiate to the
south and southeast.

Practically all of Western Harney
county, and northern Lake and Klamath
get supplies in by way of Bend,
and in return export via Bend their
clips of wool, hides, cattle, etc. The
establishment of regular wool sales
at Bend means that wool from all
over interior Oregon will be collected
here, that buyers will come here, that
thousands of sheep will be sheared
here, and that, in the near future,
woolen mills will be established.

In all surveys that have been made
for a branch Hill road to the south,
to command connection with affiliated
roads and an outlet in that direction,
Bend has been made the terminus
point.

In addition to the foregoing Robert
E. Strahorn has committed him-
self to the project of constructing the
Oregon, California & Eastern railroad
from Bend eastward to Burns and
south to Silver Lake, with branches
from the latter point to Lakeview and
Klamath Falls. At the present time
Mr. Strahorn's surveyors are in the
field locating lines, a large portion of
the work being completed. The City
of Bend on February 28 voted a \$20-
000 bond issue with which to pur-
chase terminal sites for the railroad in
the city and confidence is felt on all
sides that the railroads will be built,
although no date has yet been set for
beginning construction. This will
mean the location here of car shops
and other terminal facilities as well
as furthering the city's position as the
distributing center of Central Ore-
gon.

Anticipating this development,
Lang & Co., of Portland, the largest
wholesale grocery house on the coast,
has recently purchased a warehouse
site here and announced its intention

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to build in the near future. Other
distributing houses are expected to
follow Lang & Co.'s lead.

Saw Mills.
The biggest present development
at Bend is in lumber manufacturing,
two modern new saw mills being now
nearly completed at a cost estimated
to be close to a million dollars. As
a preliminary to this construction the
companies built a dam over the Des-
chutes for the creation of a logging

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ROBERT E. STRAHORN DISCUSSES
IRRIGATION NEEDS OF CENTRAL
OREGON AT SALEM CONFERENCE

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the much more rigorous terms than
would be imposed under State ap-
pices, might we not reasonably ex-
pect a much greater degree of suc-
cess from well conceived and prop-
erly administered district projects en-
joying the low interest rates and
other advantages of State participa-
tion? The State being the chief ben-
eficiary through increased taxable ar-
ea, population and production would
be giving but small return by its care-
fully safeguarded guarantee.

Rural Credits Administration.

"Our State, in its administration
of the school funds, of which it is
loaning over \$6,000,000 to our farm-
ers at a cost of one-fifth of one
per cent of the net revenue, furnishes
an illustration of its ability to care
for such trusts as well as the best
private business organization. Doubt-
less some of this same machinery
could be economically utilized to care

for detail of rural credits and guar-
antees of district drainage and irri-
gation project financing.

It is plain that the National Gov-
ernment will not take up any new
project in Oregon for years. It is
agreed that capital cannot be ob-
tained for such private or corporation
projects on any terms. National rural
credit legislation applicable to our
wants is apparently far removed, and
yet it is perfectly apparent that if
we are to increase our farming indus-
try or its efficiency to any marked
extent it must be done along these
lines.

"Are we then in this imperial State
so devoid of men and measures, and
public spirit and financial resources
that development of half of our ar-
able area must be abandoned? Does
any man in this room, or many out-
side of it, believe that there is any
question of our united ability and
disposition to provide for these un-
dertakings without saddling upon the
State a penny of real liability or loss?
If not, then shall we meekly sit down,
see our best industry go backward
and conspire to discourage the great-
est railway development that has
been inaugurated in many years?"

"Surely in this great Common-
wealth we can find enough character,
ability and experience to steer us
from the shoals of parsimony and
stagnation on the one hand, and from
the rocks of extravagance and specu-
lation on the other."

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