

ASKS FORT ROCK RIGHT OF WAY

STRAHORN WANTS LINE THROUGH VALLEY

Writes Bush Summarizing Right of Way Work to Date—Final Surveys are Complete for Entire System—Prospects Brighter.

The latest issue of the Fort Rock Times contains the following letter from Robert E. Strahorn of interest in its summary of the railroad work now being done. The letter was addressed to J. Wm. A. Bush, editor of The Times, who has called a meeting to start work on procuring the right of way desired.

Mr. Strahorn writes as follows: "As we have finally completed our surveys of the north and south line through Fort Rock Valley and the right of way maps for this section will be ready very shortly, I am writing to ask whether Fort Rock has any organization to which these maps should be sent for use in securing the particular right of way.

"I think that you are thoroughly advised upon the matter in which this detail is being carried out by the local communities in Central Oregon. If not, will you that the commercial end of Bend has undertaken to secure the right of way from that site to Riley, about 100 miles, and from the junction of the Fort Rock line with the above line to the north edge of Fort Rock Valley, some 20 miles more. The Silver Lake Commercial Club has agreed to get the right of way from the divide between Fort Rock Valley and Silver Lake Valley to the north end of Summer Lake Valley. Also from Silver Lake on the Klamath Falls line to the north boundaries of the Klamath reservation. From this point through to Klamath Falls has been covered jointly by the Klamath Falls people and myself. The Paisley Commercial Club agrees to secure the right of way from the south end of Summer Lake through to an agreed point south of Paisley, from which point the Lakeview Commercial Club secures it through to Lakeview.

"Relying upon assurances of your good-will and others of Fort Rock I have always assumed that your

people would be more than glad to close up this short link across Fort Rock Valley. The time now having arrived when we can give you the definite information upon which to go to work, I am writing to ask to whom those maps and deeds shall be sent. Your having been the one conspicuous and splendid booster for this great Central Oregon development, is my only excuse for writing to you rather than to someone else. You know, those of us who render the most efficient service in any line are always reeled upon to shoulder additional burdens.

"The final surveys now being complete for the entire system, and the squares, rights of way, terminals and all other details which I must have completed before I can proceed with the heavier financing, makes it very important that this Fort Rock right of way work should be put through at the earliest possible date.

"I am very glad to advise you that our prospects grow brighter every day for the completion of at least enough financing to justify construction work on the Bend-Klamath Falls line very early next spring, if not sometime yet this fall. I think, in view of the fact that the field work was only commenced about a year ago, and that a vast amount of preliminary details have had to be assembled, all hands in Central Oregon will agree that with these bright prospects we are even making more progress than the most sanguine hoped for at this time last year. Meanwhile we must not overlook the important advances made in the development of various resources of Central Oregon as a result of my insistence that this must be done to insure the success of the railway enterprise, and as a result of our railway activities."

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THERE SHOULD BE NO ACTION UNDER PRESSURE, UNDER DICTATION.

"We have one priceless treasure in this country, and that is the reign of good judgment after public discussion. In the long history of the people, victory after victory has been won over tyranny and force. We have a free press, we have a free form of public discussion, to the end that there may be a general understanding of our activities and a general appreciation of what is necessary to the improvement of our conditions. We may disagree about this measure or that, but we have confidence in the public judgment in the long run. Hence there is one thing which we must always maintain, and that is that there shall be no action on the part of our elected representatives, taken under pressure, under dictation. We must know what the facts are and what justice requires."—Mr. Hughes in His Speech at Portland, Maine.

NO ONE WAS AFRAID OF HAITI.

Haiti did not behave as badly to us as Mexico behaved; but Mr. Wilson intervened, fought the Haitians, shedding their blood and the blood of our troops, took possession and now has an armed force in control of Haiti and directing its government. His course of action in Haiti can be defended only if his course of action in Mexico is unqualifiedly condemned; for such action was far more needed in Mexico than in Haiti. But there was a difference in the two cases; and to Mr. Wilson it was a vital difference. Haiti was weaker than Mexico. No one was afraid of Haiti. From the speech of Colonel Roosevelt delivered at Lewiston, Maine, in behalf of Charles E. Hughes.

The President says that he is above all things else "an American citizen." Fortunately for him, nothing has taken him to Europe or Mexico during the past few years.

Papers that used to call McKinley a crook and Roosevelt a tyrant are scandalized now that anybody should breathe a whisper against our high and holy Woodrow.

HUGHES FOR ARBITRATION.

He Would Be Fine to Accord to Labor All Rights Found Just After Consideration.

In his Maine speeches Mr. Hughes made it plain that he was not attacking labor or the equity of the proposed increase of wages for the railroad men. He was simply contending for the all important principle of arbitration as the right means of settlement of such questions. Speaking at different places in Maine Mr. Hughes dwelt upon this question, saying: "I deeply deplore, in the name of labor, in the name of justice, in the name of American ideals, the surrender of the Executive and of Congress to force, instead of permitting reason to reign.

"The measure to which I have alluded was not, properly speaking, an eight-hour measure. It was a wage measure. It was a plain proposition for a change in the wage scale. I do not speak of the equity of that. That is a matter to be fairly considered. I want what is just and right with respect to wages. I am for the arbitration and the peaceful settlement of these industrial controversies. We can settle everything in this country if we approach those matters with a fair and open mind and an examination of the facts.

"This particular measure shows on its face that it was legislation in advance of the investigation, instead of investigation in advance of legislation. It is said that there was in its favor the judgment of society. The judgment of society in this country has never been passed in favor of legislation without knowledge of the equity and regardless of the facts of the case. There was no judgment of society in favor of the roads which were exempted from its provisions. If there was a judgment of society, why not apply the rule to electric or other kinds of roads or roads less than 100 miles in length? I say, away with such pretense! It was a surrender to force instead of a clear, candid, faithful framed examination of the facts, and then action in accordance with American principles.

"Autocracy represents force; tyranny represents force. Democracy represents the rule of the common judgment after discussion, after an opportunity to know the facts."

It All Depends.

"If Hughes wins an Oregon town will get a new shingle mill employing fifty men," says the Olympia Recorder, "according to an announcement of the individual who took an option on timbered land. If Wilson wins the option will be allowed to lapse. That's the way with a thousand and one enterprises, all waiting to see which way the wind blows. The moment it is ascertained that Charles E. Hughes is elected, just watch the wheels of industry spin and listen to the hum of business."

U. S. HAYVEY W. WILEY TO VOTE FOR HUGHES.

He Says Wilson Has Failed to Enforce Pure Food Law.

"I favor the election of Mr. Hughes to the Presidency for entirely different reasons than those held by most of his supporters. It is not because of the Mexican policy nor the foreign policy of the administration nor by reason of its domestic policies. It is because of the apparent indifference of the administration of President Wilson to the cause of pure foods and drugs. Practically all of the abuses which were injected into the pure food law by the preceding administrations are still in force. Benzene of soda is still rampant. The fumes of burning sulphur are marching along undisturbed. There is evidently a lull in the activities of the administration of the law. A well-known beverage, declared by the supreme court misbranded and amenable to the food law has not been molested. No attempt has been made to enforce the law in regard to the bleaching of flour. The repeal of the mixed flour law, that splendid safeguard to the purity of our bread, has been tacitly approved by the treasury department.

"Mr. Hughes in his activities on the supreme court has stood like a stone wall for the proper administration of the food law. I believe his election would see a radical change in the attitude of the government towards pure food and pure drugs, so vital to the welfare of our people. For this reason I sincerely hope that Mr. Hughes may be chosen as our next president.

"I should expect Mr. Hughes as president to have the same attitude toward the pure food and drug law that he had as a judge on the bench and to appoint a secretary of agriculture with subordinate officers who would be enthusiastic and earnest in the enforcement of the pure food law for the benefit of the physical, mental and moral welfare of our people."

WE SHOULD CONSIDER WHAT IS RIGHT, THEN DO IT.

"Our government is based on the idea that we have legislatures to investigate, to consider what is right and to do what is right. It is based on the idea that public opinion is formed from discussion of questions, and that we can come possibly to right solutions. It is not based on the idea that the Government must act without knowing the justice and merits of the cause in which it acts."—Mr. Hughes in His Speech at Portland, Maine.



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