

Bend and the Strahorn Lines ---What They Mean to Us

What will the Strahorn lines mean to Bend?

Two years ago Grants Pass was on the toboggan.

It was practically down and out, and wiped off the map.

Situated on the Southern Pacific, it had enjoyed a boom when the fruit land craze was on about eight years ago, but when this died down the town began to fall back. It had a moderate business with the interior country, but roads were bad for a large part of the year and resources were undeveloped.

West of the city, however, was a hundred-mile stretch of country, reaching to the Pacific ocean. It was rich agriculturally, millions of feet of timber waited the saw, and valuable mineral deposits existed. But for lack of transportation, the country lay idle.

From time to time the projection of a railroad to the coast which would tap this source of wealth was considered and in 1910 a few miles of right of way were cleared leading out of the city. Then its promoters were obliged to give up, and Grants Pass began to see things slip faster than before.

Then Dr. J. F. Reddy came forward and proposed that the city bond itself and thereby raise money to build the railroad to the coast. There were failures and discouragements, but the project finally went through and today Grants Pass is a coming city.

In a recent conversation, Dr. Reddy pointed out that what the road had meant for his home city, was what the Strahorn lines would mean to Bend.

Just what the new line did mean to Grants Pass is best told in a letter from Dr. Reddy himself, written last April to Keeler Brothers, who bought the Grants Pass bond issue, and made possible the construction of the new line.

Dr. Reddy's letter follows:
"Your very kind letter of April 11, just received, I can assure you that I am more than pleased with the tone of this letter. I am glad there is one man in the world who really appreciates what was done in the promotion of the Grants Pass railroad, and at the same time I am

not overlooking the fact that if it had not have been for the Keeler Brothers there would not have been any promotion to it.

"We had, as you know, three elections, and all three of them were practically failures. It do not think it would have been possible to have held the fourth, and if we had, I question very much whether or not it would have carried. Notwithstanding the fact that our elections were a fizzle, you managed to find a way to fix the proposition up in some shape, so we got the money, which was very satisfactory to this community.

"Not knowing whether or not you are familiar with the results of the Grants Pass bond issue, I thought, probably, a little dope along these lines would interest you. As you know, this city was practically down and out, and wiped off the map. We had lost 25 per cent of our population; our bank deposits had depreciated 50 per cent; business property was not salable at any price; merchants were all hard up, a good many of them failing; things were terribly depressed and everybody looking for some new community to move to. After we got your money, and started doing things, the result has been that our town has grown about 1,000 in population; and business property is once more salable at normal prices; bank deposits are going up; merchants are doing a good business; hotels are turning away people every night; we are shipping in automobiles by the carloads, and are building a \$600,000 sugar factory, three or four sawmills, and mines that have been idle for years on account of lack of transportation are now shipping ore and giving employment to a large number of miners, teams and auto trucks. Everybody is feeling optimistic and this in itself is a big asset to the community. Take it all around, the community already has its \$200,000 back. The knockers have disappeared and boosters are working double shift.

"I think we have the finest demonstration of what a community can do for itself in using the city's credit to aid in the construction of railroads, in the northwest. This city could have afforded to have bonded itself for \$1,000,000 to have received the results we have up to date.

Very truly yours,
J. F. REDDY."

STOCKMEN PREPARED

Cold Winter Will Not Do Great Damage This Year.

Even if Central Oregon is visited with as severe weather as this locality experienced last winter, the sheep and cattlemen will be in far better shape to winter their stock than they were last winter, when feed was so scarce.

All stockmen have prepared this year. The hay crop has been exceptional and they have stacked a necessary portion of their crops to meet any long cold spell.

Not a few of the stockmen have built sheds for shelter and have made ready this winter for any emergency that may arise. The stock are in fine conditions, having had an unusually favorable grazing year on the ranges in the Deschutes National forest.

Less than normal losses due to winter cold is expected this coming season.

GETS BIG CONTRACT

The new Pilot Butte hotel will have Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. telephones in every room, as the result of a contract closed by Manager J. L. Gaither, of the company, this week. Manager Gaither made the arrangements for the service with Philip Brooks, of the Pilot Butte, when Mr. Brooks was here on Thursday. The contract provides for a private branch exchange in the hotel, with an instrument in each of the 60 rooms and three others for use of the management, or 63 in all.

THE RODENT BOUNTY LAW.

In view of the interest being taken in the provisions of the Crook county rodent bounty law, now in force, there is reprinted below the provisions of the act as filed with the secretary of state and adopted by vote of the people on November 7.

The Rodent Bounty Law.
"Be it Enacted by the People of the County of Crook, State of Oregon:

"Section 1.—That the County Court of Crook County, Oregon, be, and it is hereby empowered, authorized and directed, to order paid from the general fund created for that purpose, the sum of five cents for each jack rabbit, and the sum of two and one-half cents for each sage rat that may be killed within the boundaries of said county from and after the first day of December, 1910.

"Section 2.—It shall be the duty of said County Court at the regular meeting thereof for the purpose of levying taxes, to compute the estimated expenditure for the purpose

of this act for the ensuing year and to make a sufficient levy, either as a general tax or as a special 'Rodent Bounty Tax,' to cover such estimate, and should the amount levied in any one year be insufficient the unpaid amount shall be provided for in the levy for the ensuing year.

"Section 3.—Any person killing any jack rabbit or sage rat, in order to obtain the bounty provided for in this act shall within four months from the date of said killing, present, or cause to be presented by his duly authorized agent, such authorization to be in writing, to the clerk of said county, the scalp and ears of said animals, and shall make and file with said county clerk, an affidavit setting forth the number of jack rabbits or sage rats from which said scalps were taken; that said jack rabbits or sage rats were killed within the boundaries of Crook county, Oregon.

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within four months preceeding; that said jack rabbits or sage rats were not bred or reared in captivity. Every person presenting said scalps for the payment of said bounty shall be identified by some resident taxpayer of Crook county, in writing, and said taxpayer shall, in the presence of the county clerk, witness the counting of said scalps and shall endorse upon claimant's affidavit his sworn statement showing the number of scalps presented by such person. No person shall be entitled to collect bounty on any less number than fifty such scalps at any one time.

"Section 4.—Upon the presentation of said scalps in the manner prescribed by Section 3, the county clerk shall receive and destroy the same under the supervision of the county court and shall issue his warrant on the county treasurer for the amount of the bounty to which the party presenting the scalps is entitled, which warrant shall be paid in the same manner as other county warrants are paid. The county clerk shall at each session of the county court present a statement of the number and amount of such warrants issued, together with the affidavits and receipts of claimants. The clerk shall keep a record of the scalps presented, the number thereof, by whom presented, and the amount paid in bounty."

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