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RALROAD WILL EXTEND LINE

COLUMBIA SOUTHERN AIMS AT BEND 103 MILES EXTENSION.

Branches Will be Run to Prineville and Ashwood--Engineers in the Field --To Burn Next Season.

Says the Oregonian: The first definite move toward the long looked for extension of the Columbia Southern Railroad southward into Eastern Oregon was made yesterday when E. E. Lytle, May Enright and E. R. Doyce filed articles of incorporation of the Columbia Southern Railway Extension Company. The object announced is to build an extension of the Columbia Southern Railway from Shaniko to Bend, a distance of about 100 miles, with branches to Ashwood and Prineville. The amount of the capital stock authorized is \$1,000,000.

The extension will consist of first a line from the present terminus of the Columbia Southern at Shaniko in a general southerly direction, crossing Trout Creek and Crooked River, to a point on the Deschutes river, at or near Bend postoffice in Crook county; second, a branch up Trout creek, via the Oregon King mine, to a point at or near Ashwood postoffice; third, a branch up the valley of Crooked River to Prineville. The usual authority to maintain and operate the railroad, and to construct, maintain and operate telegraph lines, is also taken. It is also provided that the company may establish and operate stage lines whether in connection with its railroad or steamboat lines or otherwise, and build, purchase or lease steamboats or barges and operate them on the Deschutes river, and receive merchandise for storage, and carry on a warehouse business.

ENGINEERS NOW IN FIELD.

The incorporators of the new company are officers of the present Columbia Southern Company, Mr. Lytle being president, Miss Enright secretary, and Mr. Doyce auditor of the old corporation. The new company is organized for building the extension as a matter of convenience in financing the project, and it does not mean that there will be any break in the continuity of operation when the new line shall be ready for business. The whole property will be practically one line from Biggs to Bend. It will be a standard-gauge, modern railroad in every respect, and the route has been reconnoitered, but the definite location has not yet been made. This work is now in progress, engineers having been in the field some days.

President E. E. Lytle says the filing of these incorporation articles means the building of the extension at once, construction will be begun as soon as the weather in that region is suitable, and the line will be put through to completion this year unless some unexpected obstacle be found. It is said not to be a difficult country to build in.

GREAT RESOURCES OF TERRITORY.

For a year or more work has been in progress towards opening the agricultural, timber and mineral resources of the region to be penetrated by the proposed extension of the Columbia Southern. Irrigation companies have been in the field and have extensive reclamation projects under way. Lumbermen from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan and Iowa have acquired large tracts of pine lumber along the Deschutes in Crook county, and are ready to erect saw mills the minute there shall be transportation for the product. Three Eastern companies own 44,000 acres covered with yellow pine, all accessible from the proposed extension. Mining development in the vicinity of Ashwood, a new town on Trout creek, has reached a stage that demands transportation facilities. From the Oregon King considerable ore has already been shipped, under the necessity of teaming 20 rough miles to Shaniko. The Ashwood is another mine the richness

of which has been demonstrated, and it has ore now on the dump awaiting a railroad. The operation of these mines alone would warrant the construction of a railroad, for the tonnage they will yield will be large and constant. All these interests have been waiting some time for the railroad to move forward, and great activity in these fields of endeavor is sure to follow the opening of the road. Farms and orchards will occupy the range. There is every reason to expect a great transportation in that country as was worked by the railroad when it was built through Sherman county. Settlers immediately poured in, and the volume of traffic that came out has never ceased to be a cause for wonder.

PORTLAND WILL BE BENEFITED.

Portland trade field will be greatly extended by the construction of the proposed extension. A considerable part of Lake and Klamath counties which now have their commercial relations with San Francisco will find it easier to reach Portland after the road to Bend shall be completed. A wider extension of country will be drained this way, and its rapid development will amount to opening a new empire at our door. Further extensions of this railroad are contemplating one prong to go to Lakeview and another to Burns. Those may come next year. Then interior Oregon will be fairly supplied with transportation lines that will tend to bind Oregon together rather than tear it in parts.

Woolen Mill for Ontario.

Argus: Stephen Carver, president of the Bank of Ontario, has just returned from Montana and among other tidings that he brings is a statement that a gentleman offers to put in a first-class wool scouring plant here providing the people will raise a small bonus to help the good work along. The amount wanted is so small that we predict that it could be raised in two days time. If the wool growers together with those mostly interested in building up this whole section of country would look to other towns where woolen factories are located and see what this one thing means, they would not hesitate a moment. A payroll of 100 men each month means more for a town than four county seats the size of the present one. This would mean a woolen mill for all kinds of wool goods, a soap factory with an everlasting business as long as sheep live and wool grows.

The party mentioned says he can have the business running by July next, which would cause a market for graded wool and clean wool for the coming crop. Get to work people and make a report by February 1st, with the needed sum, or let us hear from you in a business way what your ideas are. This man has samples of our wool and says it is all right.

Taken for the President.

"The president's in the secretary's office," whispered an excited messenger to the officers and clerks he met in the offices and corridors of the navy department last Tuesday morning. No President since General Grant had visited any of the executive departments, and the messenger's report naturally caused some excitement among the employees. All of them knew President Roosevelt, through his service as assistant secretary, and most of them made it convenient to drop into the secretary's anteroom with a view of seeing the president. They did not see him, however, because he was not there. But they did see Representative Moody, and the messenger's mistake was understood at once. Every president has a double, and Mr. Moody is President Roosevelt's. To those who know them too well there are many points of difference in their appearance, but all other persons might easily mistake one for the other, and it has often occurred outside Washington.—Washington Star.

"Hick'ry Farm," February 7.

TERMS WILL SOON EXPIRE

DELAY IN APPOINTMENT OF OREGON FEDERAL OFFICERS.

Delegation Cannot Get Together--All May Stay Until After June Election--Donegan Stated for Burns.

A dispatch to the Oregonian from Washington says: The terms of a number of Federal officers in Oregon are about to expire, and a few such have already run beyond their four-year limit, but there is little promise of new appointments in the near future. Tomorrow the terms of United States Marshal Zoeth Houser, United States Attorney John Hall and Appraiser of Merchandise O. Summers, at Portland, will expire, as well as the Charles B. Moore, at Oregon City, and Register E. W. Bartlett or La Grande. The delegation is not yet ready, however, to fill any of these places. Shortly the terms of Collector of Customs I. L. Patterson, at Portland, and John Fox Astoria; Postmaster A. B. Crossman, at Portland; Collector of Internal Revenue David M. Duane, at Portland, and almost all land officers will also expire. Most of the present officers were appointed on recommendation of McBride, when he was the sole Senator, and are, therefore, unsatisfactory to Senator Simon. He, however, will not take up these cases until the president "gets the two Oregon senators together," as he has repeatedly assured Mr. Simon he would do. The nomination of George Bebee as Receiver of the Oregon City Land Office, is likely to come to the Senate any day, but early confirmation is not looked for, as Senator Simon is not satisfied with the appointment. The term of Postmaster Porter at Baker City is about to expire, and both Senators express a willingness to defer to Representative Moody in this appointment and early action is expected.

The appointment of the register at the Burns Land Office, to succeed Hayes, removed, threatens to be hung up for some time, as Senator Simon is waiting on the president in this case. Some time since Senator Mitchell stated to the president in writing that he would join Senator Simon in recommending one of the eight applicants for this office, and that he considered any one of them competent for the place. "Whether the delay of the appointment is on account of anything that Senator Simon has done, I do not know," said he, "I am ready to endorse any one of the applicants, in order to have an appointment made so far as I am concerned, I favor the postponement until after the June election of the consideration of the important offices in Oregon, as to whether any or all the present incumbents shall be retained or whether any or all shall go out and new men be put in."

DONEGAN WILL GET IT.

The Oregonian, in the issue following the above, speaks of the different plums in the state, and also of the nomination for congress. It has the following to say regarding the appointment of a successor to Geo. W. Hayes in the Burns land office: Senators Mitchell and Simon seem unable to get together on the appointment of the register at the Burns land office. Senator Mitchell's opposition to L. S. Geer, who represented Harney county at the last session of the legislature, is well known, and Senator Simon apparently will not agree to any one else. As a result there is a deadlock between the two, but local politicians familiar with the situation that Donegan, of Harney, will receive the place. The report has been persistently circulated since State Senator J. N. Williamson announced that he was a candidate for the congressional nomination that in so doing he broke a compact between himself, Congressman Moody and Senator Simon. According to the story, as it is told by Senator Simon's friends, a conference was held in Senator Simon's office on New Year's eve,

at which there were present, besides the Senator, Congressman Moody and a representative of Mr. Williamson. As the report goes a deal was framed whereby Williamson would not oppose Moody, in return for which he was to have the support of the congressman and Senator Simon in his candidacy for secretary of state. Failing in this, he was to be made president of the senate at the next legislature, of which he will be a member unless he concludes to resign.

Williamson's friends deny absolutely that such a conference was held, or that such an arrangement as the one outlined could be fixed. They say that Moody has never made any overtures towards a conference or any adjustment of political matters looking to the support of Williamson for secretary of state, or any other office. They declare that the tale is a fabrication. What bear out, in a measure, the denial is the fact, known to certain politicians, that Williamson's friends did endeavor to arrange a meeting with Congressman Moody some time before the Prineville statesman made his public announcement, and that Moody emphatically declined to confer.

Lined by Wattersen.

Here we have a president in the White House who, though a professional reformer, is naturally honest as times go. It is natural that he should wish to stay where he is as long as the law allows. From noon to noon, from noon to Dewey even—to Schley and Miles midnight—there is one dominant thought in his mind—the succession. He goes to bed with it. He gets up with it. He walks with it, talks with it, sings to it, plays on it. It is his ment, his drink and his respectability. Were it not better he were spared all of this? Were it not better the Constitution said, "Six years shall thou go, and no longer?" We think so. When the end has come—after two long years of selfish intrigue rivaling the days of feudal court—the people will think so too. We cannot lay the weight of too heavy a hand upon the man. Theodore Roosevelt. He is much like other men—a little loud in his claims to virtue and valor perhaps—a little louder in his speech to impress upon the groundlings his blunt integrity and sturdy courage but a man of talent for all his posing, and sure to make trouble for his party and the country. His first business is to break up the McKinley machine. He is doing this right along. Concurrently he is replacing it with a Roosevelt machine. Already we hear less of civil service restriction. We shall continue to hear less until the public places are filled with Rough Riders. Human nature; not very squenish; more tea clean; very selfish and grasping, and bent on lining its own jacket, or feathering its own nest. Hoop-la, get out of the way for Teddy!

Ontario dispatch: A canal and reservoir which will bring 40,000 acres of land under water are now assured for this section. Engineer Foster, of Baker city, has just begun the survey for the big ditch, and will complete his work as quick as possible. This new canal will reclaim the second bench land, above that watered by the Oayhce ditch. It will start about 40 miles from Ontario, and about 1 1/2 miles above the source of the ditch just mentioned. When the water is low, the supply for the new canal will be drawn from a reservoir, at the same time permitting the present canal to take out the normal flow of the river below. The project will involve an expenditure of \$180,000, and will be financed by bond men, assisted by local capital. The canal has been talked of for years, and has been surveyed three times. None has ever questioned its feasibility, and only a lack of capital prevented the projectors from going a head. Its worth to this region can hardly be estimated, since the second bench land, which will be brought under water, is acknowledged to be the best in this section.

INDIAN CORN A GOOD CROP

FARMERS RAISE IT IN UPPER COLUMBIA VALLEY.

Col. Judson says There is No Reason Why Inland Empire Cannot Compete with Iowa and Kansas.

Industrial Agent Judson, of the O. R. & N., has taken a new track with his development plans, and is now bent on getting the corn-growing industry established in the Upper Columbia valley. He believes this will benefit the farmers in two ways. It will nearly double the productive capacity of their land, and it will increase their prosperity by diversifying their crops. Colonel Judson believes the inland empire in a few years will be an active competitor of Iowa and Kansas in the way of Indian corn.

In 1900 a few farmers in the vicinity of Athena planted small patches of the corn on recommendation of Mr. Judson. That experiment gave satisfactory results that a considerable larger area was planted last season and a goodly crop was harvested. Seven carloads were shipped to market—about 3000 bushels—and a considerable quantity was kept at home for feeding purposes and for seed. About 500 acres will be planted in corn in the Athena vicinity the coming season.

The virtue of the crop is not merely that it is a new one of the Columbia valley. But it will enable the farmers who grow wheat by summer following their land every other season to raise a crop every year without in any wise diminishing the power of their land to produce. That is, instead of summer following they will grow corn. The corn requires but little more cultivation than would be necessary to keep down the weeds on the fallow lands, and it restores to the soil the nitrogen taken out by the wheat, thereby putting the land back in condition for another rousing wheat yield. This alternation of crops will keep the soil busy without destroying its productivity. And this Colonel Judson figured, will add immeasurably to

the prosperity of the farmers of the wheat country.

In the trail of the corn crop will come several indirect advantages. The local market will be supplied with home-grown corn meal and it may become an article of export accompanying our flour shipments to all the lands of the Pacific. It is the best food that can be provided for fattening animals, hogs, cattle, poultry, etc., and cornraising will lead to more systematic treatment of the livestock industry, as well as to more economic use of the soil.

Farmers Want Snow.

"Farmers want snow. If a hard freeze comes before a blanket of snow falls to protect the young grain, it will do much damage. It is, of course, impossible for a winter to pass without a freeze, so it has developed the situation into a race between cold and snow. The hopes of the farmer are with the snow."

The above statement was made in this city yesterday by James Salings, a farmer of the Dixie country. Mr. Salings says wheat of the Winter variety is well above ground in the heavy foothill land, and that if weather conditions will remain favorable next seasons crop will be a wonderfully productive venture for the farmers of the Walla Walla Valley.

"There is still a dearth of water," he said. "Unless a great deal of moisture is taken up by the soil in the winter more rain is needed in the spring and summer than usually falls in this section. That is another reason we want snow. Three or four hard snows followed by chinooks would give the water, but a freeze between snows would be disastrous. However, a farmer has to take his chances against the weather. Like everything else in life farming is a good deal of a gamble, and one has to trust a great deal to luck, after having done all he can for himself."—Walla Walla Union.

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