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THE COLUMBIA SOUTHERN

EXTENSION WILL BE COMPLETED TO BEND NEXT SEASON.

Engines Being Remodeled to Burn Petroleum—First Line in the Northwest to Utilize Oil as a Fuel.

President Lytle, of the Columbia Southern, announces that the first 30 miles of the extension of the line from Shaniko to Bend has been permanently located. Finds and estimates are now being prepared. The company will let contracts for the construction of the first 30 miles early in August. This extension is being made out from Shaniko. This portion of the line is the most difficult from an engineering point of view. Among other things there is a tunnel to be made at a point 19 miles south of Shaniko. President Lytle does not look to see this part of the line finished for at least six months from the time actual construction work is begun.

"As soon as permanent location is made for the next 30 miles," he said to the Portland Journal, "a contract for construction of that part of the line will be let. It is our purpose to let construction contracts in 30 mile sections, as productive of better results. I think that by August 1, 1903, the extension will be constructed and in operation."

When this line is completed it will be the direct route to the Crater Lake district, for the lake can be reached from the future terminus of the road by easy staging.

President Lytle was asked what progress was making in the matter of changing its locomotives into petroleum burners. He stated that by August 1, and possibly before that time, four engines would be completely equipped for burning oil. The first tank of oil reached Biggs yesterday, where there are tanks for storage of the new fuel. There is another shipment on the way here from the Associated Oil Company at Kern River, Cal.

The Columbia Southern is the first line in the Pacific Northwest to utilize oil as a fuel on its engines. Representatives of the other lines will witness the result of running trains with this class of fuel. If the experiment proves entirely satisfactory, the conversion of engine from burners of coal and wood into consumers of petroleum in this section may become universal.

New Railroad Rumors.

A bran new railway rumor is flying about the streets, says the Baker City Herald. It is assured that the O. R. & N. will build from Huntington toward Sumpter. A few weeks ago, when General Passenger Agent A. L. Craig was in the upper camp, he arranged to submit contracts pledging the transportation business to Sumpter and surrounding towns to the O. R. & N. to the people of that section. He met with flattering encouragement. It is now said that similar contracts will be submitted to people along the route of the John Day and Prairie City country. It is believed that this move will result in guaranteeing the construction of the line either this fall or next spring.

Millions of Corncob Pipes.

Washington, Mo., is the home of the "Missouri meerschaum," renowned the world over for its sweet smoke. Many years ago a wood turner, having plenty of time on his hands, created from a common corncob pipe. Two years ago he died a rich man. From his first lot of pipes, sold at the corner grocery, the manufacture has increased until today one house turns out the enormous number of 17,000,000 cob pipes annually. They go to nearly every part of the globe. The meerschaum cob is found only in the Missouri river bottoms and within a radius of 30 miles of Washington. The corn on this cob is not unusual, being about the

same as any other seed corn raised in Kansas, Nebraska or Iowa, but it is an extremely solid cob, as hard as oak. Imitators have taken the seed and attempted to raise this corn in various parts of the country, but have always failed to mature the cobs properly.

Washington is the center of an agricultural paradise. The farmers can be seen driving into town every day, some of them with regular caravans, bringing their cobs to market, and they get more for their cobs than they do for the corn on them. The average price of cobs ranges from 1 to 2 cents a pound. Some of the farmers have annual incomes of \$4000 derived from the cob product only.—Boston Transcript.

Work Suspended at Oil Well.

H. V. Gates of Hillsboro, Oregon, and Walter Moore of Baker City, who are largely interested in the Malheur Oil Company, visited the company's properties in Dry Gulch this week, and as a result of their visit operations at the oil well have been suspended for ninety days. The drillers have struck an unusually hard rock in the well and in order to drill further it is necessary to secure heavier machinery, which will be purchased in the east. Messrs. Gates and Moore have great faith in the future of the Malheur oil fields, and give assurances that work will be resumed this fall. R. W. Graham, the general manager of the company who has had charge of the work, departed yesterday morning for San Francisco.—Huntington Herald.

Odd and Interesting.

At Reikjavik, Iceland, the temperance women, who are known as "white ribbons," have taken to standing at the doors of public houses from 4 p. m. until closing hour, urging men not to enter.

Capt. Andre, a Chicago life-saving official, has devised a steel rocket which, when used to throw life lines to wrecked vessels, leaves a trail of light behind it and enables lifesavers to locate the distressed ship.

The design of the President's flag is to be altered. It now bears the coat-of-arms of the United States in a blue field. In the new flag the 13 stars will surround the eagle and a sunburst will radiate from the stars.

The star Arcturus, the hottest of celestial bodies, gives out as much heat as a standard candle six miles away. This fact was ascertained by the radiometer, an instrument which will show the amount of heat given off from a man's face at 2000 feet distance.

A curiosity in the shape of a miniature book, has been issued by a Birmingham (England) manufacturer. The book which is a dictionary, is only 1 1/2 inches by 1 1/2 inches in size, but it is so clearly printed that, with the aid of a lens provided every word is legible.

Dairymen hate thunder. It turns their milk sour in a few hours. The reason is that electricity changes the sugar in milk to lactic acid. The casein or cheesy part of the milk, being insoluble in presence of an acid, is then precipitated into curds, and so the milk sours.

Complaint is made in Paris that, while French guards on the sleeping car train between Paris and Berlin are obliged to efface themselves at the frontier and make way for German conductors, the Teutons on the return journey remain at their posts until French capital is reached.

Estray Notice.

One sorrel horse, between 8 and 9 years old, weight about 1100 lbs. branded with a blotted H H or H N, is now in my field and has been there for some time. He is well broke and very gentle. The owner can have same by proving property and paying bill.
M. V. BAKER.

TO ADVERTISE THE STATE

IMMIGRATION AGENT M'KINNEY IS PERFECTING PLANS.

Corps of Trained Associates Will be Sent East—Oregon Towns Along the Lines to Co-operate.

G. M. McKinney, general immigration agent of the Harriman lines, returned to Portland yesterday for a trip up the Willamette Valley and in Southern Oregon. Monday evening he will solicit the co-operation of Portland in the immigration work of the Harriman system, at a meeting of citizens called by the Board of trade.

Mr. McKinney has been received at all places of the Northwest with much enthusiasm and with many expressions of encouragement for the great work he is about to inaugurate. As Portland is the largest city in the Northwest division of the Harriman lines, it is expected to lend a generous hand to the movement.

The cause of the great increase in the population of the state of Washington is the advertisement and colonization of the state by the railroads. The purpose of Mr. McKinney is to do the same for Oregon. Thousands of people in the Middle West hardly know of Oregon at all. Many of them will be better citizens when they are informed, for they will come to Oregon to live.

Mr. McKinney has supreme direction of the immigration work. He has appointed assistants who are thoroughly familiar with the details of the enterprise they are about to undertake. W. H. Burke will have headquarters at Indianapolis. His district will be Ohio, Indiana and part of Michigan. I. N. Conklin will have the South Wisconsin and Illinois district, with headquarters at Milwaukee. H. A. Townsend, formerly of Salem Or., will be at Des Moines, in charge of the district comprising Iowa, part of Missouri and other near by states. These men are now with McKinney touring the Northwest, acquainting themselves with its needs, its industries, its resources and its potential development. By this method they will become thoroughly conversant with their territory. Advertisement of the Northwest will be carried on in a general way, and homeseekers will have their own individual choice in selecting places for new abodes. The immigration bureau will simply put into the hands of homeseekers information about the whole Northwest country, leaving them to select districts which best please them.

Citizens and commercial bodies of the several cities will be relied upon to furnish a large part of this information. They are invited to send to the immigration bureau printed matter descriptive of the resources and industries of the districts in which they are located. This will be distributed by the bureau where it will do the most possible good. Inasmuch as this printed matter heretofore has much of it gone where it did the least possible good, citizens realize the great advantage to them of the enterprise undertaken by the Harriman system. All the leading cities which have been visited have promised to furnish advertising materials. These materials will be mostly in the form of booklets, about four by eight inches in size, containing from eight to 15 pages, replete with half-tone illustrations. The numbers of copies promised already number 2,000,000.

Mr. McKinney is greatly pleased with his trip up the Willamette Valley. His party, which returned yesterday, included: C Mackinzie, his first assistant, and W. H. Burke, I. N. Conklin and H. A. Townsend, who will have headquarters at the leading Eastern cities as named above. W. E. Conan, general freight and passenger agent of the southern Pacific lines in Oregon; H. F. Lounsbury, traveling freight agent, and G. P. Jones, traveling passenger agent of the same lines; J. H. O'Neil, traveling passenger agent of the O. R. & N. and R. M.

Hall, of the bureau of publicity, of the same company.

Mr. McKinney will leave for Eastern Oregon Tuesday. He and his party will visit Hood River, The Dalles, Shaniko, La Grande, Baker City, Union, Sumpter and other places.—Sunday Oregonian.

This is the Latest From Tracy—Nil.

A long-distance telephone message which is not entirely credited says that Tracy was out for a row this morning on Lake Washington, at Seattle. On his return to the shore, he took a coupe and was driven to his hotel. The cards of reporters were sent up to his rooms in great numbers, but the outlaw refused to admit any one.

It was given out by Tracy's valet that the distinguished criminal on his return took a bath. He then had breakfast. After that a cigar and a shine. He then sent for the morning papers and read the accounts of his own escapades. He has sent a letter, it is said, to each of the editors of the Seattle papers drawing attention to the inaccuracy and variations in their reports with the true state of facts.

It is understood that Tracy has kindly offered to read the proofs for each paper, in order to see that he is not misrepresented. The newspaper men are giving Tracy's proposal careful attention as he has promised to call upon them if they do not.

Application has been made by several posers to wait upon Tracy with a view to arranging a division of the reward in case of his capture or surrender. It is understood that Tracy has positively refused to consider the matter. A placard is posted on the main door leading to the suite of apartments which has been gratuitously placed at Tracy's disposal by the landlord of the hotel, that he does not care to be disturbed by any one. His strenuous life has become very fatiguing and his physician says he must have some rest. It is feared that should he take his daily sprint through the brush while the weather is so warm, he may suffer prostration.—Portland Journal.

What a Boy Should Know.

People differ as to how much a collegiate education helps a young man in a business career, some contending that it is of utmost importance; others, that he can get along without it. As a matter of fact, it depends on the young man himself, for, while a collegiate education can hardly be called a hindrance, it might in some cases give a young man a foolish pride that would make him hold himself above the so-called drudgery of a business life.

A very successful man, in speaking of what a young man should know to begin a business life in the right way, summarized the qualifications about as follows:

- He should be able to write a good, legible hand.
- To spell all the words that he knows how to use.
- To speak and write good English.
- To write a good social or business letter.
- To write an ordinary receipt.
- To make out an ordinary account.
- To add a column of figures rapidly.
- To deduct 10 per cent from the face of the account.
- To receipt an account when it is paid.
- To write an advertisement for the newspaper.
- To write an ordinary promissory note.
- To reckon the interest, or the discount on the note for years, months and days.
- To draw up an ordinary bank check.
- To take it to the right place in the bank to get the money.
- To make neat and correct entries in the day book or cash book.
- To tell the number of yards of carpet required for the parlor.
- If, says the successful business man, a boy can do all this, it is probable that he has enough education to make his way in the world.

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