

JULIAN BYRD - - - - - Manager

Let the business community and the property-owners of Portland take notice that surveyors are in the field locating a line of railroad from Nyssa, on the Oregon Short Line, to Vale, in the Malheur valley. Let them consult the maps and note the facts of geography and topography; and then let them consider the significance of this movement. Nyssa is the point in Oregon first touched by the Oregon Short Line; Vale lies in the valley of the Malheur, on the line of the most direct route connecting the Short Line with the Malheur, Harney, Gouse Lake and Klamath regions. From Vale it is an easy stage to Burns and Harney county; from Burns it is another easy stage to Paisley or Lakeview, in Lake county; and one more stage reaches the heart of the Klamath section. The route is an easy and natural one; and it passes everywhere through productive or potential country; and a railroad operating through it would command absolutely the whole traffic and resource of that fourth of Oregon which lies to the southeast. And it would command it, not for Oregon and for Portland, but for Salt Lake City and the east. Thus hooked up to the Union Pacific Railway system, and with no direct connection with home markets at Portland, our southeastern district would, for all commercial purposes be lost to us—and lost for keeps. Its cattle, its wool, its wealth of timber, would in the nature of things go East—and its commercial patronage as well—for with its outlet opening to the east it would be as effectively shut off from Portland as if it lay on the other side of the Rocky Mountains.

From the standpoint of the Union Pacific Railroad people, the movement is a very natural one. The country lies within the belt contiguous to their through line, and its traffic, already large, is bound very soon to be greater. By the time a railroad line of 300 or 400 miles in length could be built—say in two or three years—the country will easily afford a highly profitable business. And from the standpoint of the southeastern counties this connection is to be in every way desired and encouraged. They have been appealing for twenty years past for a railroad connection—to Portland, to San Francisco, to the East. They have tendered an empire as the prize of the first comer, and have grown weary and sick with disappointment because nobody has thought it worth while to heed them. They will welcome the Eastern connection promising to break the fetters of their isolation.

And yet there will be on the part of the old-time settlers of the southeastern region a distinct regret if their future commercial life is to be apart from their natural connections. They appreciate the advantages resulting from the coordination of political and business forces, and they have the natural sentiment of a patriotic people to live in close relationship with the general life and interests of their own state. Other things being equal, they would rather have a home than a foreign connection; they would rather trade with Portland than with Salt Lake or Omaha. But at the same time they have the sound business instinct to do the best they can for themselves, and if their fortunes lie in the foreign connections they will make the most of it and turn their back upon the home state.

Let the business community and property-owners of Portland consider this situation well. The southern eastern branch of the Short Line while plainly in progress is not yet built. The projected line from Nyssa to Vale is but a first step. The succeeding steps are inevitable if, when time

and convenience serve, the opportunity shall be what it is today. But they are not likely to be taken if the country should be entered by a railroad from another route. There is still a chance for Portland to forestall all foreign movements, to make the southeastern territory her own. A prompt movement from Shaniko through the Upper Deschutes country, and with branches to Klamath Falls and Burns, in like manner with the movements now making in the Klickitat Valley by a Portland company, would hold the southeast for Portland. It would give her a territory far better in its trade possibilities than Alaska, upon which the recent fortunes of Seattle have been built—this in addition to a great paying investment.

There are we know, difficulties in the way of extending the Columbia Southern line on to the south. But these difficulties are not of a sort to stand very long before a resolute and well-backed purpose. Let it be made plain that if a way cannot be found for extension of the Columbia Southern, its line will be paralleled by the route of the Deschutes with its northern terminus below—mark, below—The Dalles-Celilo obstructions, and the difficulties which now appear so serious will quickly fade into thin air. To put it in plain words, the O. R. & N. Co. would rather permit the extension of the Columbia Southern from Shaniko southward than have another line built on the east side of the Cascade Mountains, with its terminus at a point on the Columbia River below the obstructions to navigation, and therefore in a situation—thanks to the open river at the Cascades—to reach Portland independently of the O. R. & N. Co.'s rails.—Oregonian.

The Times-Herald is gratified to note the increased interest in school work by the people of this county and especially in Burns. While it is possible the patrons do not visit the school rooms as much as they should, they nevertheless realize and appreciate the work of the excellent corps of teachers. Burns should also be proud of the fact that the people in various parts of the county recognize the educational institutions of our city as being second to none. Many move to our city for the school year while others send their children. The enrollment of the public schools is much larger every year and ere long it will be necessary to add to the building. With this year many of the young men and women will have finished the public school studies and be ready to advance higher. The Times-Herald hopes to see a high school established so that we may be able to keep them all at home and give them every advantage of advancement in education. Good schools are first in the advancement of a community. Nothing is of more benefit to a town.

With the coming session of the state legislature less than a month hence it is timely to discuss the matter of a high school. Our representatives in both branches of that body should be asked to make every effort to pass a bill establishing a high school at Burns. Realizing the necessity of efforts along this line, The Times-Herald hopes to see a concerted move toward accomplishing this end.

In the report of the county officials published in our last issue, the total of the money turned over by the sheriff to the treasurer appeared somewhat short. However, if one was interested enough to add up the column of figures they would find that Sheriff Allen was all right, but that The Times-Herald was short a cipher. Tom's bondsmen never made any complaint about the matter, but we feel it justice to him to explain that it was our mistake.

"Hilo, central! Just give me the the Burns Hotel please"—Frank Mogan.

County Court Proceedings.

Following are the proceedings of the county court for the term which adjourned last Monday.

It appearing from an affidavit of W. E. Alberson, acting supervisor, that the residue of road tax receipts formerly in possession of Charles Turner, had been burned, report of said Turner, as supervisor, accepted.

M. Horton, of Diamond, granted a liquor license.

L. W. Shepard appointed road supervisor of district No. 5, to serve until his successor is elected.

Home Telephone & Telephone Company granted privilege of setting telephone poles along the public roads of the county, provided that said right should not be deemed exclusive and further provided that the said poles shall not in any way interfere with the free use of the road.

R. P. Moffet and others having petitioned for a change in Burns-Drewsey road on the east side of Stinkingwater mountain, the said change being recommended by the road master, J. E. Johnson was appointed surveyor, J. O. Crawford, G. L. Buchanan and M. L. Lewis viewers, to view proposed change and report on or before the first day of the next regular term.

The time of contract of J. E. Johnson for work on road leading east from Lawen, extended to September 1, 1903.

Haines & McKinzie were allowed \$2,250 in part payment on road contract, and time extended to October 1, 1903.

Clerk ordered to draw warrant in favor of Frank Dibble for \$650 on his contract for road work. \$25 extra was allowed him for extra work done at the request of the road master.

J. E. Johnson allowed \$560 for work on the Emerson road, \$592.41 on Lawen Narrows road, \$311.50 in which was included balance due on Shaw lane and \$53.50 for extra work ordered by the roadmaster.

Ben Campbell allowed \$250 on road contract and time extended to September 1, 1903.

Perry Williams' contract for keeping the county poor canceled and a new one made with C. E. McPeeters to extend to July 7, 1904. Bond of \$500 accepted with C. E. Kenyon and C. Cummins as sureties.

Report of Peter Clemens as road master approved and he was retained in the employ of the county.

C. A. Sweek employed as county attorney for one year with a salary of \$300.

John Breedlove accepted as a county change.

J. E. Johnson employed to survey and prepare maps and reports to forward to the interior department showing possibilities of Silver valley as a reservoir site for government irrigation work. Allowed \$7.50 per day for surveying and \$6 per day while preparing maps.

It appearing that \$1,353 on tax roll remained uncollected, the clerk was ordered to attach warrant for collection of same.

An Interesting Collection.

County Clerk Kieder has a very interesting collection of old guns displayed in his office at the court house. He takes great interest in collecting curios and has many old relics to which much history is attached. His collection of Indian relics is indeed fine, and he has a cabinet filled with old coins, Confederate money, etc. He would be pleased to buy anything along the line of old guns, Indian relics, etc., or if not for sale he would like to take them and display them among his collection.

Among the guns he has in the office are: J. S. Devine's favorite carbine used in the Indian war of '77-'78. A brass frame Winchester formerly the property of Peter French and used by him in '78-'79. A Henry rifle brought to this section by Frank Burns, who brought the first cattle to the Stauffer ranch in '72. Shotgun presented to Mr. French by his first bookkeeper in '80. Old Spencer carbine the property of C. F. McKinney. An old gun brought across the plains by Frank Howard's grandfather in '47. J. E. Ragon, old fashioned Janger rifle which belonged to Gen. Joseph Lane in '52. A 50 caliber Springfield rifle issued by Gen. O. O. Howard to citizens at Fort Boise during the bascook Indian war. Tape-lock musket picked up on the battle ground on Silver creek after the

English fight in '77, presented by Newell Hall. Bayonet for Enfield rifle used during the civil war.

ESTRAYED—At Crane creek on June 20, one black horse weight about 1100 lb. branded circle S on right hip and of felus of left shoulder. One brown mare weight about 1400, little Catholic cross on left hind leg.

A suitable reward will be given for their return to Lawen or Burns, A. D. LITTLE, Lawen, Ore.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

The co-partnership heretofore existing between Lee Caldwell and A. M. Byrd, under the firm name of Caldwell & Byrd, has been dissolved by mutual consent, A. M. Byrd retiring from the business. Lee Caldwell assumes all indebtedness of the firm.

LEE CALDWELL.  
A. M. BYRD.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Harney County: W. L. Marsden and J. W. Geary, partners, plaintiffs, vs. William H. Gibson, defendant.

To William H. Gibson, the above named defendant:

In the Name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby summoned and requested to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action on or before the 22nd day of December 1902, pursuant to an order of the above entitled court based upon the affidavit of the plaintiff and of date the 5th of Nov. 1902 for the publication of the summons in said action you will take notice of the date of the said order for publication as above stated you will also take notice that the time in which you are required to appear and answer is six full weeks from and after the date of the first publication of said summons in the Times-Herald, newspaper of general circulation printed and published weekly at Burns, Oregon, and also that the date of the first publication is Saturday (today) Nov. 8, 1902.

You will take further notice that if you fail so to appear and answer for want thereof the plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum of fifty eight dollars and the costs and disbursements of this action.

THORNTON WILLIAMS,  
PLIFF. AMY.

Executrix's Notice

In the matter of the estate of John W. Jones, Deceased—Notice of appointment.

Notice is hereby given, that letters testamentary were issued to the undersigned Elma A. Jones, as Executrix of the estate of John W. Jones, Deceased, by the County Court of Harney County, Oregon, on the 8th day of December, 1902. All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present them with the proper vouchers, at the office of Elma A. Jones, attorney, Burns, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. Dated, Burns Oregon, Oct 4th 1902.

ELMA A. JONES,  
Executrix of Est of John W. Jones Deceased.

Petition for Liquor License.

To the Honorable County Court of Harney County, Oregon: We, the undersigned petitioners, residents, taxpayers and legal voters of Wild Horse precinct, Harney county, Oregon, most respectfully petition your Honorable Court to grant a license to Scheubner Bros. to sell spirituous malt and vinous liquors in less quantities than one gallon in said precinct for a period of six months from Jan 7th 1903: Brit Kelley, Dick Fry, Joe Baumoffier, Chas Owen, Lou J. Baumberg James Mackaby, L. C. Chynberg, John F. E. Carlson, Frank Larson, F. E. Redon, Sid A. Kertz, Robert Douan, Frank Kussy, Phil Bush, Lubris Gilbert, Chas Fields.

Notice is hereby given that on the 7 day of January, 1903, we will apply to the above entitled court for the license as specified in this petition.

SCHUEBNER BROS.

Petition for Liquor License.

To the Honorable County Court of Harney County, Oregon: We, the undersigned petitioners, residents, taxpayers and legal voters of Pueblo precinct, Harney county, State of Oregon, most respectfully petition your Honorable Court to grant a license to J. C. Peterman to sell spirituous, malt and vinous liquors in less quantities than one gallon, in said precinct for a period of six months from January 9th, 1903.

H. J. Jarvis, C. F. Holloway, R. Doherty, J. G. Holloway, Joseph Holloway, C. W. Canfield, Joseph Catlow, M. J. O'Connor, D. W. Deffenbaugh, H. G. Cameron, Robert Gilham, Frank Adrain, W. M. Crandall, Sam Hall, G. F. Baldis, Edw J. Catlow, Fred Allen, J. W. Gray, T. A. Thomsen, W. J. Sisson.

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of January, 1903, I will apply to the above entitled court for the license as specified in this petition.

J. C. PETERMAN.

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