

**AIMING AT SAME POINT  
PLAINS THE RATE REFUSAL OF  
HARRIMAN PEOPLE.**

at Southern More Closely Allied With  
Their Lines Than The Sumpter  
Valley—Favoritism.

Announcement that the Great Southern Railroad, to be built from the Dalles to Central Oregon, is in close touch with the Harriman interests and that its policy will be directed from Harriman headquarters, while its tickets are disseminated by Harriman employees, has furnished a reason for the reported action of the transcontinental system in preventing extension of the Sumpter Valley independent road. If the Great Southern is built south into the Burns country it will tap that district, which it was the intention of President Eccles of the Sumpter Valley ultimately to reach.

The Telegram recently announced, in an exclusive dispatch from New York, that because of the refusal of the Harriman interests to grant the Sumpter Valley a special construction rate on steel rails, it would be impossible for the smaller road to carry out its announced policy of extending to Prairie City. There can be little doubt that Prairie City would be the permanent terminus of the line, and this knowledge, doubtless inspired the Harriman action, if, as apparent in this matter, the Sumpter Valley is controlled by rival capital.

Those familiar with the situation point out that while the special construction rate was denied to Eccles, the Great Southern, to all intents and purposes, except actuality, as independent of the O. R. & N., as the other, has been enabled to ship rails and will build. It is announced that this road will be constructed in time to handle the wheat crop of 1905.

Ever since the incorporation of the Great Southern Railroad Company its control has been concealed and its board of directors and officers composed of men not previously identified with the railroad business. This has caused much speculation because of the fact that its charter indicates a purpose to build to Southeastern Oregon and thence into California, although no official announcement of the company's plans has been made public other than the purpose to complete in time for handling the wheat crop of 1905 the first section of the line, extending from The Dalles to Dufur. The route follows the line of the O. R. & N. to the point where Fifteen-Mile Creek empties, and from that point follows the course of that stream southward from the Columbia River.

It is announced that trains of the Great Southern will arrive and depart from the depot of the Harriman system at The Dalles and the company will be represented by the same ticket and freight agent, John G. Heimrich, of Seattle, who has been the principal in the affairs of the new company, will move to Portland to take charge of the general office to be established as general manager.

Grading for the roadbed was begun several months ago and it is announced has been practically completed ready for distributing the ties and laying steel. Steel rails for the line have been ordered from the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, it is announced, for immediate delivery, the purchase representing an expenditure of \$150,000.

In addition to this statement that the graded portion of the line is to be fully equipped and ready for traffic early in the coming year is the further significant statement that the road will be extended to Bend eventually. A glance at the map will denote that Bend is also an objective point toward which the Sumpter Valley contemplated building in its extension of the line to Prairie City, for which the rails were to have been ordered, according to the information from New York, when it was ascertained that the Harriman lines would not grant the special rate on steel rails expected by President Eccles and his associates.

**BIG DRIVE TO WINNEMUCCA.**

One of the largest drives of beef cattle that has been driven out of this county for a number of years was that of the Pacific Livestock com-

pany's several thousand head of beef cattle which passed over the mountains several days ago about twelve miles above Vale enroute to Winnemucca, Nev. whence they will be shipped to the company's big feed yards in California, and fattened during the approaching winter to supply their meat market in San Francisco, says a special from Vale, Malheur county, of Nov. 28. It will be perhaps a month before they reach Winnemucca.

L. B. Rinehart, of North Yakima, Washington, and several other cattle buyers are in this county buying cattle. They have purchased several hundred head from cattlemen, who fear the snows of the coming winter. Mr. Rinehart, who was a cattle buyer in this section over twenty years ago, secured one band of splendid cattle at \$12 per head, with calves included and alfalfa hay at \$3 per ton.

George McKnight, a prominent sheepraiser of Heppner, Oregon, has been in the valley buying hay to feed his bands of sheep, which will winter here. He has several thousand head and secured enough hay at from \$3.75 to \$4 per ton.

**HORSETHIEVES.**

The Baker City Herald says that two men accused of horse stealing were brought from Baker City the first of the week and confined in the county jail on a charge of stealing horses and selling them to Messrs. Clay and Dunn, who shipped them to Eastern markets. Their names are John Hall and John Lang. Hall was released on bonds but Lang is still in jail.

Four of the stolen horses were the property of Jas. York. The gentleman went to Omaha recognized his animals and is now on his way back with them and nine others belonging to different parties, that had the brands changed on them.

Developments have come to light in the past few days show that a number of animals had their brands "worked" or changed and sold to parties who shipped them to Ontario and Huntington.

**A Horse Thief Wounded.**

The Blue Mountain Eagle is informed of an attempt made recently to steal a saddle horse and rig from the barn of G. A. Miller, near Ritter, which resulted in the wounding of the horsethief.

Mr. Miller heard a noise out about his barn about 9 o'clock in the night and stepped to the door. Seeing a man in his barn lot, he called to him to know what he wanted, when the answer came in the form of a pistol shot, the bullet striking the door casing only a few inches from Mr. Miller's head. Quickly taking down his rifle, he ran out into the yard and fired several shots at his horsethief visitor, one of which took effect, since blood was found about the barn lot and along a trail some distance from the house.

On the morning following the shooting, Mr. Miller found his saddle animal in his barn lot, and it had on a saddle and bridle, all the property of Mr. Miller.

Just who the miscreant was is not known, but every indication points to the fact that had not Mr. Miller appeared on the scene just in time, he would now be looser a saddle horse and outfit—Blue Mt. Eagle.

**NEWS NOTES.**

A one-legged chimney sweep is successfully operating in Corvallis.

The shores of the islands in the Columbia River in the vicinity of Arlington are said to be black with wild geese.

The Haines Mercantile Company has founded a private bank, the people of that place tiring of depending upon Baker City for banking facilities.

The penitentiary at Salem has 364 inmates, which is more than the institution has had before in many years.

County Treasurer Elkins, of Crook county, is dead at Prineville, of brain fever. He has lived in Crook county 30 years.

Two million pounds of next year's Wyoming wool clip have been contracted for 17½ cents per pound. Many stock masters are holding for higher prices.

Counting the secret service men, city detectives, special police and trackwalkers, 2000 men comprised

Roosevelt's personal guard on his trip to the World's Fair.

A man who drove over from Hot Lake to Union is said to have related the circumstances of how the filling of his teeth was carried away by the heavy winds that he encountered.

Eight thousand pounds of trout were brought across the line from British Columbia November 27, in one consignment, at Northport the larger part of which was distributed at and from Spokane.

Irrigon Irrigator: Irrigon is unique in that she has so little legal machinery. The only sworn officers we have are a postmaster and a notary public. Of course we leave out the school board. Our nearest justice of the peace is at Lone, and constable ditto. We never had a deputy sheriff, but then we never needed one very badly. However, are doing pretty well.

Fossil Democrat: Elmer Mathews has shown considerable enterprise in bringing a carload of Jersey cows to Wheeler county from the Willamette valley. They are going like hot cakes, he has only four head left at W. S. Thompson's ranch, and he has decided to bring two or three more carloads up to sell in Wheeler and adjoining counties. Our people are beginning to pay more attention than formerly to the quality of their milk cows, hence Mr. Mathews is having little trouble to dispose of his Jerseys.

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