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HARRIMAN PLANS TO OCCUPY CENTRAL OREGON.

North, South, East and West Roads Are Contemplated by the Big System--Will Hasten Construction.

The Oregonian says: E. H. Harriman will spend $5,000,000 for the construction of a Central Oregon line which is to be finished before another year has passed. He will also construct lateral lines in Oregon and extend his system further into Washington, will bring out to the coast a number of the new but well-tested gasoline motors which are his latest hobby, and will do all in his power to control the railroad situation of the Northwest. All this information comes from Omaha, the center of the great Union Pacific system, and is without doubt true in all its essential features, though as yet no definite announcements have come from the headquarters of the company detailing the plans about to be fulfilled.

The time has come when the Harriman system can no longer overlook the field of Central Oregon, or neglect to bring it up to the highest point of development. Hill is reaching out for the territory, and it will be a race to see who will controll the situation.

For that reason Mr Harriman is in a hurry and is now by his announcements confirming the stories of contemplated construction which have been printed in The Oregonian from time to time. It was officially stated by Mr. O'Brien some time ago that he had more than $4,000,000 to spend on a new line. The Coos Bay road was already provided for, and the only extension of sufficient length to justify so large an expenditure was the east and west line across the state. This is the line that is soon to be built.

The incorporation of the road by William Crooke and associates some weeks ago, which line purported to be an extension of the Springfield-Natron branch of the Southern Pacific, reaching east through the Cascade Mountains, clearly established the fact it was a Central Oregon road that was to be built with the big sum of money set aside.

When the work is all done, Oregon will be gridironed with roads, the longest of which will be the one reaching across the state from Natron to Ontario. This road will extend from the present terminal of the Springfield branch up the course of the Middle Fork to Summit Lake, or near there, and from thence on across the state to some point just south of Malheur Lake, around that and on up the Malheur River to Ontario. It will be practically 300 miles in length and will open one of the richest sections of the Northwest to traffic and settlement. The surveys for this road are now all mapped out in the Harriman offices in Portland, but no information will be given out as to the location of the line, or the places through which it will pass.

All during the summer surveying parties under the direction of Engineer Graham have been working in Central Oregon. For several months one large party was camped at Madras, a short distance south of Shaniko. This party has since moved to Laidlaw, a new station, and is still, or was a short time ago, working toward the completion of a north an south survey extending from Shaniko, through the Prineville country and on to a junction with the main line of the Southern Pacific passing through Klamath Falls and making the connection near the town of Weed, south of Mount Shasta.

This line will avoid the heavy grades of the Siskious and will at the same time invade Central Oregon and the Klamath country with its irrigated lands, sheep, cattle and horses. When it is completed it will be possible for the trains to be taken over an easy grade around the Shasta Mountains, into the Klamath country, and either on to a junction with the O. R. & N. on the Columbia River or across the Cascades and up the Springfield branch into Portland.

These are the plans so far under consideration for Central Oregon by the Harriman people. While no official announcement has been made authorizing the construction of the lines, it is an open secret that they are under preparation and will be begun in a short time, perhaps as soon as weather conditions will permit in the spring. When they are finished and a modern service is instituted, then Mr. Harriman will be in a position to fight hard for Oregon business and railroad control, the course that is being forced upon him by the aggressive campaign opened by Hill and the Northern Pacific lines.

MALHEUR LOSES ITS ALLOTMENT.

Hitchcock Despairs of Overcoming the Many Obstacles to Irrigation.

The Oregonian's Washington correspondent says: Secretary Hitchcock has canceled the allotment of $2,250,000 for the Malheur irrigation project in Eastern Oregon, and the allotment of $2,800,000 for the Palouse project in Washington, which means, in substance, that there is no prospect that either project will be be built by the government at an early day. The canceling of these allotments does not necessarily mean the entire abandonment of either project; it is still possible that they may be constructed at some future time, but not until other projects have been built in both states.

The Malheur allotment is canceled because the whole project is involved in so many obstacles that its early construction is utterly impossible. The Secretary sees no immediate prospect of an adjustment with the owners of the wagon-road lands; he sees no prospect of an early understanding with other landowners; he sees no indication whatever that the goverment could build this project for several years, even if it had the money to spend.

He, therefore, has turned the Malheur allotment back into the reclamation fund, in order that it may be extended elsewhere.

A Fearful Fate.

It is a fearful fate to have to endure the terrible torture of piles. "I can truthfully say," writes Harry Colson, of Masonville, Ia., "that for blind, bleeding, itching and protruding Piles, Bucklen's Arnica Salve, is the best cure made." Also best for cuts, burns and injuries, 25c at The City Drug Store.

W. R. Rutherford and wife, of Haines spent Thanksgiving with the former's parents in this city, Mr. Rutherford is principal of the Haines public school and his wife holds a position as a teacher in one of the grades.—Huntington Herald.

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PACKING PLANT PROBLEM

UP TO STOCK RAISERS OF EASTERN OREGON SECTION.

Portland Telegram Shows the Actual Situation in Lengthy Editorial--Business Not Sentimental Consideration.

J. F. Mahon, a wealthy stockraiser from Eastern Oregon, brings to the front the old complaint of that section of the state to the effect that Portland is remiss in her efforts toward the establishment of a packing plant to the greater profit of the stockgrowers region.

There is something further to be said on this subject, and what we now say is uttered in a spirit of friendly, businesslike consultation, and not with any feeling of resentment because of alleged culpability for conditions over which the people of this city have no control.

This matter of establishing a packing industry is in the first place strictly a business matter. It is hedged about entirely with business, and not with sentimental considerations. It requires the investment of a large sum of money, that can be secured solely upon the reasonable assurance of profit. The problem here in Portland is to discover the conditions that will disclose the promise of profit for such a plant. If the stockmen of Eastern Oregon will point them out, we will assure him an attentive ear.

We may well concede—we boast of the fact—that in the eastern part of this state there lies a magnificent stockraising territory, with its productive capacity scarcely tested as yet. It is admitted with regret that the eastern Oregon stockman does not find a market for his cattle, sheep, horses and hogs that renders the business as profitable to him as the character of the country warrant. We also accept, without question, the assertion that a packing plant in this city, if it were successfully conducted, would correct the adverse conditions from which he now suffers. But right here is where we run up against the first and greatest snag.

Stockmen of these eastern counties, as business men everywhere, are familiar with the status of the meatpacking business in this country. They are well aware that any specific activity undertaken in this field must reckon with the trust. They know of the coalition between the latter and the lines of transportation. It matters not what the theory may be as to what might or should be done, the trust and its influence are an ever-present quantity. The trust's antagonism is encouraged when packing is undertaken on an independent basis. While, on the other hand, the producer has come to believe with good reason that his profit is not to be enhanced through the enlargement of trust operations.

Now what is the Portland capitalist to do, provided that he has sufficient unemployed money at his command to engage in this business? Is he to go into a packing plant deal with blind disregard of the conditions that surround the venture? It is urged that Portland has money to spare for this purpose. The assertion of the Chamber of Commerce that Portland has $40,000,000 in bank is quoted as signifying that the funds are in hand, but the will is lacking. The contrary is the truth.

The amount in bank in this city is small compared with the activities of the place, and the need of an ever-ready surplus fund. There are individual banks in some of the cities of the middle west, not much larger or busier than Portland, that have deposits equal to two-thirds that amount. With the industries established here, the bank fund which the Chamber of Commerce shows is nothing more than what is requisite.

Again let it be asserted with emphasis that we have the will to engage in any justifiable effort that will aid the stockmen of the eastern part of the state, and especially when it will bring to this city greater commerce and industry and enhance importance as a commercial center. The matter has been considered here by conservative level-headed men, who have canvassed all sides of the situation. These men appreciate fully the real difficulties to be encountered. The railroad and business interests centering here are favorable to the project, but they are no more anxious to enlist in an industrial cause where money will be sunk without recompense than the stockman is willing to endure the conditions which occasion him loss.

Would it not be a proper course for the stockmen of Eastern Oregon to take this problem up among themselves with a view of a later practical conference with the business men of this city? What is needed first in any movement that would result in the establishment of a packing plant is the interest of a packing plant is the interest of men who are familiar with all livestock conditions in this state. These men in the eastern counties fill the bill. It is for them to cooperate, not by finding fault with what Portland has not done, but making the matter one of personal interest, with the view of arriving at a joint conclusion, looking to the consumation of something that counts.

This whole question is an intensely practical one. It is not to be settled offhanded. It is a problem requiring careful thought and consultation and an understanding of all the conditions that now exist or are likely to follow the establishment of such a plant.—Telegram.

THREE MORE OREGON APPOINTMENTS.

Francis J. Heney has resigned as United States Attorney for the District of Oregon, and the President has appointed William C. Bristol, of Portland, to take his place, say the Telegram.

B. L. Eddy, of Tillamook has been appointed to succeed Joseph T. Bridges as Register of the Roseburg Land Office, and James M. Lawrence, of Bend, Or., has been named as Receiver of the Roseburg office, to fill the place of James H. Booth, brother of State Senator Robert A. Booth, both of whom are under indictment for land frauds.

With the announcement of these appointments ends a long struggle, in which United States Senator Fulton stood against President Roosevelt and Secretary Hitchcock. The Senator failed to secure the appointment of the men he wanted. The agreement on the appointees was reached by the President and Secretary of the Interior after a conference with Francis J Heney, in which it appears that Senator Fulton did not take part.

Senator Fulton was opposed to the appointment of Lawerence as Receiver of the Roseburg Land Office, and it is said he was in favor of the appointment of County Judge L. R. Webster instead of Mr. Bristol as United States District Attoney.

It appears that Mr. Bristol's appointment came as the result of his indorsement by Mr. Heney, while it is said that Secret Agent William J. Burns and Inspector Thomas B. Neuhausen recommended Mr. Lawrence to the Receivership. The appointment of B. L. Eddy had been agreed upon for several months past.

Torture of a Preacher.

The story of the torture of Rev O D Moore, pastor of the Baptist church, of Harpersville, N. Y. will interest you. He says "I suffered agonies, because of a persistent cough, resulting from the grip. I had to sleep sitting up in bed. I tried many remedies, without relief, until I took Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, Coughs and Colds, which entirely cured my cough and saved me from consumption." A grand cure for diseased conditions of Throat and Lungs. At The City Drug Store; price 50c and $1 00, guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

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FORGERIES ARE UNEARTHED

AN INVESTIGATION BY LAND AGENT OSWALD WEST.

Biggest Oregon Land Fraud of Them All is Disclosed to Governor Chamberlain --Swindled The State.

A Salem dispatch says: Far more serious than previous development of the many sided land frauds perpetrated in this state, are the charges made in a letter to Governor Chamberlain today from State Agent Oswald West, who in effect asserts that by means of forged certificates of sale of school lands, eastern bankers in the aggregate had swindled the state of untold sums of money.

Not content, the land agent asserts, with having defrauded the state of approximately 500,000 acres of school land, practically all it possessed, my means of "dummy" entrymen, when money was no longer to be made in that manner, the land operators prepared printed certificates of sale and assignments and inserted in them descriptions of school lands, on which certificates had previously been issued, the number entry, then forged the signature of the clerk of the state land board and notaries public attached forged notary seals and the forgery of the great seal of Oregon and resold the lands time and again to innocent persons in the east.

West states the forgeries were discovered while engaged in separating bona fide entries from dummies. The land operators secure lists of all school lands on which all but the last or "demand" payment has been made, and filling these into their prepared certificates, invite the purchaser to have the land cruised and induce him to obtain an abstract from the clerk of the state land board, who, knowing nothing of the fraudulent nature of the proceeding, reports the certificates in good standing and exchanges able deeds on payment of the balance due. The deal is then concluded.

West says he discovered a large number of forged certificates in the hands of eastern bankers, and says the magnitude will be known only when through publicity the duped persons send their certificates to this city for examination. The forgeries, West concludes, are almost perfect.

Furious Fighting.

"For seven years," writes Geo W Hoffman, of Harper, Wash, "I had a bitter battle, with chronic stomach and liver trouble, but at last I won, and cured my disease, by the use of Electric Bitters. I unhesitatingly recommend them to all, and don't intend in the future to be without them in the house. They are certainly a wonderful medicine, to have cured such a bad case as mine." Sold under guarantee to do the same for you, at the City Drug Store, at 50c a bottle, Try them today.

H. Y. Blackwell left Wednesday for Walla Walla, Wash., with a car load of horses. He was accompanied as far as Pendleton by C. W. Blackwell, of Lando, Idaho, and W. B. Mynatt.—Long Creek Light.

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J. F. Mahon, of Mule, Or., was at the Imperial yesterday while on his way to California where he will remain for several weeks. Mr. Mahon has the distinction of furnishing more mules for the use of the Army and for farming and driving than any other man in the West. He has a large stockfarm near Mule where he makes a specialty of raising mules of large size and great strength. The town of Mule takes its name from the business of its founder.—Oregonian.

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