

TO RUSH RAILROAD WORK

EVERY INDICATION OF IMMEDIATE CONSTRUCTION.

The Sumpter Valley Issues Bonds to Amount of One Million With Which to Tap Great Harney Country.

Persistent railroad rumors of the past week in this city indicate immediate construction work to begin on the Oregon Eastern and if reports are true the line will be completed to this valley the coming season.

While The Times-Herald cannot vouch for the authenticity of the information it seems to emanate from a semi-official source that Chief Stadley has definite instructions to rush the work as rapidly as possible in order that contracts for grading may let and work begin as early as weather conditions may permit. These contracts will be let in sections of from 10 to 20 miles from Vale to the western portion of this valley if reports are true and as many contracts will be negotiated as possible—the roadbed for the entire distance named may be worked at the same time provided a sufficient number of contractors may be found.

Should labor be found plentiful such an arrangement would mean the completing of the grade work this season and the matter of distributing ties and laying rails does not require a great deal of time with the present modern method of doing such work.

Engineer Millar and his crew have been brought here from the west and it is understood will be placed on particular work in this valley and between here and Vale making at least six different surveying parties between the two points. One of these is now at work in Crane creek gap making soundings and ascertaining just what is necessary to make the grade required cuts to bring the grade through the pass on the per cent desired. Some have brought the news that actual work on the roadbed had begun in that section but they are only testing to ascertain the nature and character of the formation there in order to intelligently compute the estimated cost of construction over that rather difficult portion.

It is also rumored that Engineer Louis Shaw has been promoted and as soon as he has finished the particular work he is now on he will be placed at the head of the construction work.

It is further stated upon good authority that instead of a spur to the extreme northern part of the valley with terminal at this city the plan is to make a loop covering the north central part of the valley to Burns and skirting the foothills on the west back to the straight line in the vicinity of Dog Mountain or the O. O. Ranch. Such a move would practically exclude possible competition in the valley and may be intended to protect the Harriman lines from a northern competitor. In this connection the following clippings may throw some light on the matter of such a determination on the part of the people now at work on the east and west line:

"On last Monday there was filed with County Clerk Cumba a trust deed from the Sumpter Valley Ry. to John Pingree of Ogden, Utah, as trustee, to cover the issuance of \$1,000,000 worth of twenty year bonds. This is the first issue of any kind of an obligation against that property and indicates that preparations are being made for extensive building operations. That amount of money would hardly be required to go to the head of the John Day, so the wise ones down Baker way have provided the tip that it is the intention to standardize the road. This is very unlikely as the procurement of rolling stock would be the most difficult undertaking."—Sumpter American.

The Pacific City Miner comments further: "The Sumpter Valley Railroad has issued one million dollar's worth of bonds the money is to be used in the construction of the road on from Astoria. It now appears as though the road will be pushed onward this year, but how far or in what direction remains a mystery in so far as any announcement from official railroad sources is concerned. Before the spring season is far advanced, however, events will signify the railroads in-

tion more forcibly than a month full of intentions."

This bond issue is significant since it is the first time such a move has been made by the Sumpter Valley. \$1,000,000 will not put this road into Burns, but these people are not busted capitalists by any means and may have sufficient to extend the road. The Sumpter people have long cherished a desire to tap the Harney country but have been more or less handicapped in their efforts. They really did not realize the vastness of the territory or its wonderful possibilities, however, until Superintendent Barton's trip here last fall. He was simply overwhelmed with the greatness of this valley and no doubt has made the facts known to Mr. Eccles, the president of his road. It is a very desirable territory for the Sumpter Valley since those connected with the road have vast timber interests along the line besides being connected with the sugar beet industry. This valley is an unimproved field for sugar beet culture and offers a most excellent site for a factory.

With all these indications it certainly looks good to our people and that the hopes of transportation are soon to be realized. With the settlement and cultivation of our millions of acres of fertile vacant land the Harney country will soon be at the front ranks of all Oregon. It will be the wealthiest county in the state and capable of sustaining more people than any other portion of the western country.

NO REVISION OF LAND LAWS.

A special dispatch from Washington to the Boise Statesman says: There will be no revision of the land laws at this session, neither will congress pass Senator Carter's resolution overturning President Roosevelt's order suspending all public land entries until they can be examined on grounds by special agents, and at the same time the senate will refuse to increase the appropriations for special agents, to facilitate these entries. The consequence is that there will be unprecedented congestion in the land office and interior department and entries now pending may not be patented for years unless some relief is offered by the next congress. The president's order was intended to force congress to so modify the land laws as to minimize the chances for fraud, but the house public lands committee is packed against this proposition, making legislation impossible. The settlers will suffer in consequence of this deadlock.

Senator Hansbrough today introduced a bill providing that hereafter homesteaders will not be required to live on their lands during December, January, February or March. The bill stipulates that their absence from the land during these months shall not be deducted from their period of residence.

OREGON NEEDS BEST SERVICE.

"California gets better service from the Harriman people than Oregon," said Thomas H. Grant of Burlington, Iowa, who passed down the O. R. & N. to Portland today.

"The fastest trains and the best trains on the Harriman systems go to California by way of Ogden and Salt Lake and Oregon's service is not equal to it in any way. My attention was particularly called to this fact this week at Green River, where I was compelled to wait for the fast California train which carries the through mail from Chicago to San Francisco. I came west from Cheyenne on No. 5 and we waited at Green River for three hours for the main train, instead of coming on to Oregon on time as should be done. After the mail was transferred from the California train to the Oregon train, the California train pulled out ahead of us.

"It seems that Portland is as important as San Francisco. Passengers from Chicago to Portland should have equal service with passengers to San Francisco, it seems, where they pay the same price and ride on the same system. This discrimination will result in diverting heavy homeseeker and tourist travel away from Oregon if it becomes generally known in the east. Mr. Grant is here for the purpose of looking over the timber land of the western part of Oregon and is interested in bringing homeseekers to the Pacific coast.

A NEW LAND OF PROMISE

J. H. McMULLEN DOES MISSIONARY WORK FOR US

Written to Eastern Friends of the Harney Country—Tells of Its Wonderful Greatness and Possibilities.

The following is taken from the Republican-Voice published at New Richmond, Wis.: A letter received the other day by P. Phillips from an unexpected source throws some interesting light on a country heretofore practically unknown to the public, but which it appears promises to yet develop into "a land of milk and honey." The letter is from John H. McMullen, son of Ed McMullen, both well known here. Mr. McMullen is a photographer at Burns, Oregon, in the Harney valley, and writes from there as follows:

"You ought to know something of the conditions in this country, if for no other reason than that you might acquaint others of it, especially any of whom you know who are looking for a good place to settle and make a home. No one would think that in this age there could be an entirely new and unsettled country, unknown to the world. It is only because it is unknown that it is undeveloped. The Harney Valley is surrounded by mountains and is difficult for a railway to enter. There are no rivers on which to ship out the products of the valley. So there has never been a market for the valley, except for horses, sheep and cattle, which can be driven out to the railway, one hundred miles away.

"But the railways are coming in here, and that very soon. President Roosevelt has sent a special agent out and there is promise now of sixty thousand acres being thrown open for homesteads in the spring. The land is rich and the eyes of the people in all the parts of the west are on the Harney Valley. Two families just came in from Oklahoma today. When we get the railways in, we will have every modern improvement and advantage that you have in New Richmond or elsewhere.

"I have taken a homestead, after being located in Burns seven years, when I first came I could have secured a claim only a mile or two from town, but now I am nine miles out. The land is as rich as it ever was around New Richmond. You can imagine what it will be when the railways open up. I believe there is going to be a great chance to make money here, that is for one with an eye to business.

"While the climate is not quite as mild as down on the north line the state, we raise nice apples, peaches, grapes and prunes. Some seasons there is scarcely any winter. This winter we have had some cold weather—back there you would call it fall weather in November. The month of December was fine, the we are now having some cool nights.

"If there are any people back in St. Croix county who want to secure land here, they ought to lose no time about it, for there is bound to be a big boom and an awful rush this way in the spring."

"JOHN H. McMULLEN."

WILL TOOT OUR OWN HORN.

The Times-Herald certainly commends the public spirit shown by the business men of Burns in the matter of advertising the resources of Harney county. At a meeting of the "Push Club" last Monday evening several thousand descriptive pamphlets were ordered printed to be used in connection with the regular correspondence work now being carried on at the expense of our enterprising citizens. This advertising matter is not to be used to exploit Burns, but gives complete information regarding the entire Harney County without partiality to any particular section. It is general so far as the descriptive matter is concerned and as complete as circumstances at this time will permit.

A most complete and up to date map has also been drawn by the secretary of the club at the instance of one of our progressive real estate men, which shows Harney county entirely and sufficient of adjoining counties to indicate the various stage routes and railroad points in order that homeseekers may see just how to reach this land of promise. This map also gives a scale and

shows plainly the distance between places. The railroad surveys of the Oregon-Eastern now being definitely located and completed in this valley are also shown. A cut of this map has been ordered of suitable size to be printed on the back of ordinary letter heads. Many local business men will use these besides thousands will be printed extra to be sent out upon application.

Miss Helene Swain, who is one of a party of thirty-three young ladies to make a trip to the Jamestown exposition as guests of Philip S. Bates, publisher of the Pacific Northwest, will be supplied with as much advertising matter as she can conveniently carry. This will include among other things some fine views of interesting and scenic portions of the county as well as farms, orchards, schools, public buildings, etc. Several novel plans to exploit the Harney Country in connection with this trip have been suggested and no doubt some of them will be taken up by the "Push Club" later if found to be within reach of the exchequer.

Such unselfish interest upon the part of business men of Burns to advertise the resources of the Great Harney Country should be appreciated by every citizen who desires the early development of this magnificent inland empire.

We Should Take More Interest

How many of our school children's parents ever visit the schools or even know the teachers when they meet them on the street? How many know what their children are studying, or how they are progressing? asks the Fairfax Forum. Is there any of you who have a building to make or a fence to build; a dress to make; a house to paint; or whatever the job may be, that say to the one you have employed:

"Here are the tools and material, go ahead and do it to suit yourself, and it will suit me." Is not that what many of you are doing with your children? you say by the actions: "Here is my child, with its books, paper and pencil. I've furnished material and tools, educate him as you like." Now we hear some of you say: "The teacher knows better what they ought to study than I do." While that may be in part true, the carpenter or a dressmaker, or a painter know better how to do the work than you do, yet you do not leave it all to them. On the rising generation depends the welfare of this great nation. Patrons and parents, take more interest in our schools and visit them often, and by your presence give the teacher more encouragement; ask them how your children are doing. Perhaps a few minutes' talk with them will save trouble that years to come can never undo. Think about this and ask yourself if you are doing right.

Winter Pruning of Shrubs.

This is a good month for pruning in the lawn, garden and orchard. Nature is taking a rest and will not be disturbed by the work of knife and shears. Trees, bushes and vines may be pruned and watched with measure to good advantage. Old raspberry and blackberry canes can be cut away. The gooseberry and currant bushes may be thinned out. For this work a good sharp knife is one of the best implements. If the fruit trees are pruned and the branches burned, much of the scale remaining through the winter will be killed.

Pruning shears may be secured at any store where seeds are sold. They are made of all sizes and cost in proportion to the size and purpose for which used. In many places the large knife is the best tool for use. It should be handled in an expert manner. Keep it sharp and make the cuts upward and do the work quickly with one pull. That will make a smooth cut and prevent splitting of mangling the trunk from which the branch is cut. Old tools are worthless and do more injury than leaving the bushes unpruned.

The round umbrella form is the most desirable and low fruit trees Open the center in order to prevent shade to the forming foliage and help them to get the proper color in ripening. The shears should be used freely in clipping the ends of the unsightly branches and making the shrub uniform. Insects and pests of different kinds work on the tender branches. Generally the scale will be found enclosed on the slender limbs. Cut them away and burn them before spring and thus get rid of many troubles for the coming season.—The Westerner.

THEY ARE ALL DISSATISFIED

CATTLEMEN CUT OUT FROM ACCUMULATED RANGE.

One Man's Application for Range Which He Has Used for 15 Years Rejected by Forest Reserve Official.

What is believed by Umatilla county cattlemen and others familiar with the circumstances, to be a rank injustice in the division of range in the Blue Mountain forest reserve, has been inflicted by the forestry officials in charge of this reserve upon J. S. Cherry, the pioneer cattlemen and farmer of the Pilot Rock district.

For the past 15 years Mr. Cherry has been ranging his cattle in what is known as the Dark Canyon district, or on the head of McKay creek, and owns land within a short distance of the reserve at that place.

He has occupied no other range, has built up his cattle industry there and his use of the range in question has never been questioned, but at the Sumpter meeting, at which the range was allotted in the Blue mountains reserve, Mr. Cherry's application for this range was rejected in open violation of regulation No. 46, of the reserve rules, which gives nearby land owners and home builders preference to the range in the reserves.

He was offered an allotment of range in the Camas Prairie district, a section of country which he never occupied and where it will be impossible to hold his cattle without close-herding them and he feels that a direct blow at his business has been struck by forestry officials who have cut him out from the enjoyment of his just rights in the reserve.

In a hearing of his complaint in this city last evening Forest Superintendent A. F. Potter decided against Mr. Cherry and gave the range which he has used for the past 15 years, to Charles A. Johnson, the well known sheepman of the Pilot Rock district.

Umatilla cattlemen representing over 1000 head of cattle and a large number of horses have been denied their just rights in the same section of the reserve, according to Mr. Cherry, and they also feel that their business is being unwittingly destroyed by the agricultural department, through the arbitrary decisions of the forestry officials in charge here.

Among the cattlemen of Umatilla county who have ranged in the Dark Canyon district uninterruptedly for many years, and who own land in the vicinity and have homes there, and who are entitled to first choice of the range under the regulations, are W. P. Card, who owns 50 head of cattle; M. A. Sturdivant, 75; Dave Horn, 50; Folsom Brothers, 100; W. H. Evans, 60; Waucop & Hubbard, 75; James Hawke, 125; Male Brothers, 50; J. S. Cherry, 150.

The cattlemen interested in the forest reserve range are now considering the matter of forming an organization through which to defend the individual rights of those engaged in that industry.

In the hearing before Mr. Potter yesterday evening Mr. Johnson was represented by Dan P. Smythe, secretary of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association. Mr. Cherry was without legal assistance.—East Oregonian.

A dance will be given at Harney on Feb. 22. Good music. Supper at the Harney Hotel. Dance tickets \$1.

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A Modern Miracle.

"Truly miraculous seemed the recovery of Mrs. Mollie Holt of this place," writes J. O. R. Hooper, Woodford, Tenn. "she was so wasted by coughing up phlegm from her lungs. Doctors declared her end so near that her family had watched by her bed-side forty-eight hours when, at my urgent request Dr. King's New Discovery was given her, with the astonishing result that improvement began, and continued until she finally completely recovered, and is a healthy woman to-day." Guaranteed cure for coughs and colds. 50c and \$1.00 at the City Drug Store. Trial bottle free.

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