

## HILL RAILROAD PARTY HERE MONDAY

### Left Portland on Yesterday Morning For Burns

#### WM. HANLEY WIRES INFORMATION TO COMMERCIAL CLUB

Should Arrive Here Sunday or Monday and President Leonard Has Called Special Meeting of The Club Monday Afternoon--Booster Meeting That Night.

The Burns Commercial Club is in receipt of a telegram from Wm. Hanley stating that he would leave Portland with the Hill railroad party yesterday morning and should arrive in Burns Sunday or Monday.

On account of the uncertainty of the arrival of the party definite arrangements are held in abeyance at the present time but the club is in readiness to give the party any information it may desire in a statistical way and will do its utmost to assist them in any way possible.

The Hill party includes besides J. J. Hill, Louis W. Hill, Howard Elliott, George F. Baker, president of the First National Bank of New York, and Charles Steele, representative of J. P. Morgan & Co. It is not expected that Mr. Hill Sr. will make the interior trip owing to his advanced years and the hardships encountered on such a jaunt, but possibly all the rest of the party are with Mr. Hanley.

President Leonard of the Commercial Club has called a special meeting for Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock to meet these gentlemen

and unless their time is too limited they will be asked to remain in our little city for the big demonstration meeting for Monday evening at the court house when Tom Richardson will be one of the attractions.

The coming of the Hill party is of vast importance to this section and we may expect definite announcement of the intention of that railroad to enter the Great Harney Country. It is known that the recent surveys and rights of way selections made by Col. Wood, Mr. Hanley and others through the Malheur Canyon was for Mr. Hill and the only question was when actual construction would begin. No doubt we shall learn this upon the arrival of the party.

Just how long they will remain here is not known, therefore it is hoped that as many representative people as possible may meet them in Burns on Monday and give them such information and assistance as possible.

Mr. Hill is the man who wants a car load of Harney County produce.

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The start was made from Shaniko in "Bill" Hanley's big Pierce Arrow, with the owner of the car at the wheel, and the road to Prineville was covered. From this place the two men ran to Burns in the machine. After reaching Burns, an attempt was made to ride over Mr. Hanley's numerous ranches, but it failed signally on account of the vast number of acres which they cover.

"We rode along one fence for 30 miles," said Mr. Covey, shortly after his return, "and all the land, all the way, as far as we could see, belonged to Mr. Hanley. The country is flat and level, so there are few places that an automobile cannot be taken to go.

"Contrary to general belief, the roads in that part of Oregon are in very good condition, notwithstanding the fact that they are not given particular attention. I found them in good shape, and, in fact, could hardly ask for anything better for touring. They were not like our roads in and out of Portland, but they will always attract people because of the beautiful nature of the surrounding country. There are many automobiles owned in that section, too, for the farmers realize that a machine is a money maker in the long run as well as a time saver."

#### A COMET CALENDAR

According to best information received the following may be considered pretty authentic regarding the movement of the comet:

May 7—Comet may be located in the constellation of Pegasus, five degrees from the star Gamma.

May 8—Comet rises at 2:46 in the morning.

May 9—Comet swings across the orbit of Venus. It is distant from the earth 33,410,000 miles.

May 10—Comet rises at 2:32 a. m.

May 12—Comet appears at 2:37 a. m.

May 14—Comet rises at 2:40 a. m. It is beginning to swing away from the line of the earth's orbit.

May 15—Comet rises at 2:49 a. m. Distance from the earth but 14,880,000 miles.

May 16—Comet appears at 3:08 a. m. Distance from the earth 13,950,000.

May 17—Comet appears at 3:22 a. m. Only 13,020,000 miles from the earth.

May 18—Nearest approach to the earth; being distant 12,000,000 miles. Comet passes across the face of the sun between 8:30 and 9 p. m., Central time.

May 19—Comet appears in the evening sky, each night rising higher in the west.

May 20—Comet will be enormous monster and will set at 8:11 p. m.

May 23—Comet sets at 10:30 p. m.

May 26—Comet crosses the path of the earth.

May 30—Comet sets at 11:30 p. m. Is growing fainter.

June 5—Passes out of the range of the naked eye.

New Store and Hotel.

In addition to the extensive improvements that have been made on the Wm. Byram place on upper Canyon creek recently, that enterprising gentleman now proposes to open a hotel at the Stansell place. The place is being remodeled and it will be supplied with all of the conveniences including baths, electric lights, etc. Mr. Byram will also put in a stock of goods at this place. With the building of the railroad to Prairie the stage time schedule will be changed and it is likely that this will be made one of the most popular stations on the road.—Blue Mt. Eagle.

Good morning! Did you have Crema for breakfast?

#### ALL IS READY FOR TOM

#### Big Demonstration Meeting at Court House Next Monday Night

#### BURNS INVITES NEIGHBORS IN

#### Mr. Richardson a Man of Ideas, Energy and Enthusiasm and Good Fellow to Rub Up Against--State Tax Commissioner Chas. Galloway May be Present.

The Burns Commercial Club has arranged for the big booster meeting next Monday night when Tom Richardson will be present to address the people of this section on the development of the great interior of the state.

Mr. Richardson has made a business of boosting Oregon for several years and his talk Monday evening should be heard by all the enthusiastic people of this county who desire its advancement. Mr. Richardson will give us all some pointers and perhaps tell us of some advantages that we do not realize. His capability to see the possibilities of a section will no doubt be of benefit to all who hear him.

No elaborate preparations have been made for the entertainment of our visitor, as he expressed his wishes in this respect in a letter to President Leonard of the Commercial Club. The speaking will be held in the circuit court room at the court house and by way of diversion the band has been asked to play a few pieces and the Commercial Club Male Quartet will render a couple of selections. Arrangements have been made to take Mr. Richardson out in the country for a few hours Sunday or Monday if he desires to make the trip.

Assessor Donegan has received word that one of the members of the State Tax Commission, probably Charley Galloway, will be here at the same time and will be asked to take part in the meeting.

Tom Richardson has been invited repeatedly to come to Burns and get acquainted with the great possibilities of South-eastern Oregon but up to this time he had been unable to accept. Now that he is coming we should use our best efforts to have him get as much out of the trip as possible. He is boosting for the entire state and it is for our good that he comes to us. After he has once seen the Great Harney Country he will be in much better position to help develop this unsettled section and bring it to the attention of thousands of people through his method of advertising. His time is limited and it will be impossible for him to get over the county, therefore it is hoped that the people from the various sections may find it convenient to be in Burns on Monday to meet him and help make the big meeting beneficial to all concerned.

#### INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

(Portland Correspondence.)

The Portland business men returned from their visit to thirty Oregon points intensely enthused. Aside from the splendid welcome extended to them everywhere, some of the more homely features appealed to them especially—for instance the luscious asparagus, toothsome new potatoes and strawberries which were sent to the excursion diner by different communities. The aesthetic side was not overlooked, either, and at several points the excursionists found upon returning to their train that it had been converted into a bower of roses or other blossoms.

Business had little attention in Portland Friday and Saturday of

the Columbia River Valley and the plateau section, the latter having the wider range of phenomena.

Mean annual temperature ranges from 43 to 56 degrees. The highest temperature ever reached was 119 at Pendleton, on August 10, 1898, and the lowest 34 degrees below zero, at La Grande on January 14, 1888.

Prineville has the least annual range, the change from highest to lowest mean temperature being only 31 degrees, while Malheur county has the greatest, 44 degrees.

In some portions, highly favored, the growing season reaches 200 days, while in the least favored frost occurs every month in the year. This condition is offset by the fact that, on account of the dryness of the climate, frost often does not form until temperatures as low as 27 degrees are reached.

Rainfall ranges from 8 to 25 inches, while some windward mountain slopes have as much as 60 inches. Most of the rain falls in the winter months, but a secondary rainy season occurs in May and June, at a time when the growing crops most need moisture. The number of days in the year having .01 inch of rain or more, ranges from 44 at Blalock and Prineville to 108 at Baker City.

The report finds that the soil of practically the entire 50,000 square miles of this section is of basaltic origin and very fertile. With irrigation and transportation facilities it is capable of producing sugar beets, alfalfa and fruit, while without irrigation, under dry-farming methods, wheat will continue to be the principal crop. The passing of the great cattle ranges as conditions improve is predicted.

A party of Short Line surveyors were in Ontario Saturday, other parties are up the Malheur Canyon and it is amusing to watch them on the run. They slept too long, undervalued the efforts of Wood, Hanley and others, and now find themselves without a right-of-way and their enemy in the seat. The Harriman policy retarded the growth of the state 20 years and there is no feeling of friendliness toward the company.—Ontario Argus.

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GOOD CLIMATE SHOWN.

That Eastern Oregon is far from having an unpropitious climate, and that nature has made an order of seasons that is especially fitted for the development of crops are the showings made by a pamphlet on the climatological data of that section just issued by the Weather Bureau. The generalities which commonly pass for facts regarding the habitability of the eastern portion of the state are here submitted to the cold test of tabulated figures, which cannot be gained.

From the tables made up by the Bureau it is shown that, while the rainfall is undeniably scanty, this fact is to some extent compensated by the seasonal distribution and by the abundance of sunshine and by the low absolute humidity. The air, states the report, is stimulating and healthful and though temperatures of 100 degrees are common, generally admitted to be disagreeable, are of local character and highly destructive winds are unknown. Cold waves are unusual and seldom last more than a week before Southern winds break their force. Winter climate is often moderated by Chinook winds, bringing abnormally high temperatures.

The conclusions reached by the report are based upon data from 26 stations widely distributed over the eastern part of the state and two roughly demarked divisions are recognized,—the Col-

umia River Valley and the plateau section, the latter having the wider range of phenomena.

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