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## EXTENSION ANNOUNCED

### Judge Lovett Says Railroad Through Harney Valley is in Plans

### GOOD ROADS COST BIG MONEY

### Judge Thompson Investigates Expense of Road Building in Other Counties and Finds Objection to The Bills Before Legislature--Burns to Get Railroad.

In the papers received in Burns last Sunday considerable encouraging railroad information was given. A special dispatch from New York to the Oregonian says:

In his statement of the action taken by the Union and Southern Pacific executive committees on Tuesday, President Lovett placed the emphasis on the announcement of double-tracking to cost \$75,000,000. There was another item in the statement, however, which will require greater outlay and add decidedly more to the earning power of the Harriman lines. This item was approval of long-contemplated plans for extensions and new lines, this expenditure to extend over a period of six years.

The extensions include the bisection of Washington by the completion of the North Coast from Spokane to Seattle and from Spokane to Lewiston; the construction of numerous branches of this line for the development of the state; an east and west line across Oregon from Ontario on the eastern border, through the Harney Valley, to connect with the Southern Pacific's new main line from Klamath Falls to Natron, and the continuation of the Southern Pacific to Crescent City, Cal., from Grants Pass.

The Northwestern Pacific, which has been surveyed along the north California coast from Sherwood, California, will be extended to Crescent City to connect with the new line from Grants Pass.

An extension of the Deschutes line will be built from Redmond to Odell on the Natron-Klamath cutoff and a connection with the proposed east and west road from Redmond to Burns via Prineville is contemplated.

The Harriman representatives in Portland had not been officially notified of this work as to particulars and say the line through Harney Valley may not be taken up at once although prospects are for work to begin on it this spring according to best information.

### FINDS GOOD ROADS ARE EXPENSIVE

Judge Thompson Investigate Road Building in Other Counties in State.

County Judge Thompson arrived home Saturday from almost a month's visit to outside points. He attended the convention of county courts in Portland last month, later going to Salem and witnessed the workings of the state legislature and then visited at Eugene, his former home.

During his absence Judge Thompson investigated the good roads movement in a most thorough manner gaining much information and practical knowledge of the problem that will be used to the advantage of Harney county in the near future.

Judge Thompson finds opposition to a portion of the good roads bills proposed by the association now before the legislature and gives some of the reasons. He found through personal inquiry that to build the roads according to the ideas of those proposing them costs an enormous sum. That the bill providing a state highway commission is not desired on account of the arbitrary power vested in the commission over the authority of county boards. The bill is so drawn that the county that would take advantage of state aid must bow to the dictates of this commission respecting road-building regardless of their personal feeling.

He found many farmers in the

Willamette Valley as well as the grange opposed to the movement, not to the principle or want of good roads, but to the enormous expense. The building of the class of roads suggested by some is estimated at \$15,000 per mile. This together with the necessary machinery required, would be quite a burden to taxpayers. When this is considered to expensive in counties having a farmer on every 160 acres of land producing something to be hauled to market and taxes distributed in proportion, it would really be more burdensome in a sparsely settled section with additional outlay in getting the heavy machinery necessary on the ground. These are matters that have not been thoroughly considered in this section perhaps.

We are all good roads enthusiasts and desire them--especially in Harney county where we have no other mode of travel--but when the cost is considered we may take a notion to build a railroad, rather, and present it to some big system that will run the cars over it. This hardly the right comparison to make, but under present circumstances we would be better off in the long run.

The Times-Herald has always favored better roads and we need them, but when we consider Harney county roads and compare them with western Oregon we have great advantage by the comparison. No doubt we waste much money in road repairs and it is apparently thrown away, yet it seems necessary under the circumstances. We can build some permanent, or practically so, roads under present methods and no additional taxation, which may be better than a method that would be so slow in finally giving us a highway of any distance. With all our agricultural land at work and a means of transportation to market the products is provide the need of such work would be more necessary.

Judge Thompson is ready to do his part toward good roads if the taxpayers fully understand the matter and are willing to foot the cost.

### TRIP AROUND THE WORLD.

A novel plan of raising funds to apply on the church piano was successfully carried out by the J. B. Club last Tuesday evening. They advertised a trip around the world in 80 minutes.

Several large sleighs were engaged and started from the French Hotel at regular intervals. The trip included stops at Mexico City, Pekin, Paris and finally wound up at Dixie. Mexico City was found in the I. O. O. F. banquet room where guests were refreshed with hot tamales and coffee. China was at the I. Schwartz residence where tea, rice, etc were served.

The Paris art galleries were installed in the Baptist church where guests viewed a magnificent (?) art and Dixie was finally reached in the Masonic building where there was some real south with the exception of weather. A number of young people were blacked up and entertained the large crowd with plantation music, dancing, etc.

It was a very enjoyable affair for all those participating and a neat sum was collected for the piano fund.

### TO KILL COYOTES.

The Oregonian says:--W. R. Hammersly, the Government's best expert coyote hunter, who is stationed on the Fremont Na-

tional Forest Reserve, in Lake county, is in the city on his way to Wallowa county to assist in the coyote extermination campaign. Mr. Hammersly has a record of having killed more coyotes than any other Government hunter. Last year his record was 372 and this year he has killed 390 and practically has five months more, until July 1. He has been instructed to hunt in Wallowa county four months.

Two years ago the Agricultural Department decided to experiment with official hunters whose exclusive duty would be the killing of destructive wild animals. Hammersly was the fifth appointed and his record for killing coyotes stands far beyond reach of his nearest competitor. The position pays a salary of \$100 a month and expense. The hunter also gets the bounty on all coyotes killed and Hammersly has augmented his pay to \$500 and \$600 a month.

"My most successful way of exterminating coyotes is by trapping," said Hammersly yesterday. "The biggest catch in one day I ever made was eighteen out of twenty-two sets. The best record I ever made with a rifle was three. I do not go much on poison. Coyotes have a great deal of instinct and when they begin to feel sick find some kind of emetic and expel the poison much the same as if they were treated by a doctor. About the only way I have been able to poison them is by using capsules, so that the poison will get beyond their stomach. But trapping is the best method. It is all in the bait. I mix my own bait and there is the secret.

"The Government hunters have been of more benefit to sheep and cattlemen than all official agencies combined. When sheep and cattlemen are troubled with coyotes all they have to do is request a Government hunter and the pests are soon exterminated. There is money in the job, but the standard is high. You must make good. A record of 300 a year is considered a good average."

Mr. Hammersly was born and reared in Lake County and was always a crack shot with a rifle and expert hunter. He was formerly a forest ranger and two years ago took the Civil Service examination for Government hunter.

"The situation in Wallowa County is more serious than many suppose," continued Mr. Hammersly. "Rabies among wild animals is more serious than among domestic animals, and the only way to stop the danger is to kill all the coyotes. Their extermination will also be a blessing to sheep and cattle men."

Mr. Hammersly is a cousin to Thomas E. Hammersly, Deputy United States Marshal.

### A SECRET DISCOVERED.

John Gemberling, the ingenious local jeweler, has solved the supposed lost or unknown art of making Indian arrow points. This has been something of a mystery to the white man for ages and old hunting and battle grounds of the West have been gone over time and again by people collecting arrow points. Some have paid big sums for collections of these souvenirs of the noble Red man in the days of long ago before he had become acquainted with the white man's fire arms.

It is rather simple after all, as all the tools necessary are a prong from the horns of a buck deer and a piece of flint. By pressing the horn hard against the flint with a slight twist it can be chipped off and made into the shape of an arrow with little trouble.

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### BIENNIAL REPORT OF PRESIDENT

### Over 88,000 People Have Taken Part in The College Work During Past Two Years--Report Urges an Appropriation for Dry Farm Station in This Valley.

That the Oregon Agricultural College is established for the service of the entire state, and not for the privileged few who can attend classes on the campus, is the dominant note in the biennial report of President W. J. Kerr, about to be published. That the college is living up to this high aim, through its extensive work, and is planning much additional service through highway improvement instruction in rural districts, public demonstrations of the best methods of agriculture for farmers who cannot attend college courses, and like new departures, is also emphasized in the report.

Over 88,000 people have taken part in the college work during the past two years and thousands more have been given assistance and instruction through the bulletins and circulars published and through personal correspondence with members of the faculty to whom they applied for solution of problems confronting them.

Up to the present time there has been no organized extension department at the college, so this service to the people of the state unable to attend courses has been given by the professors in such time as they could spare from their instructional duties on the campus. The demand for extension work has grown to such proportions, however, that it is now absolutely necessary to organize a separate department in order that the college may give its services freely to those who need such help.

It is planned to conduct more farmers' institutes in the various counties, to keep a number of traveling schools of agriculture constantly in the field, to use railroad demonstration trains to carry the results of the experiments of the college laboratories and fields throughout the state, and to publish most of the educational bulletins.

The increased interest throughout all Oregon in these phases of the activity of the college is by an aggressive attendance of 28,108 in the 143 sessions of the farmers institutes held in 28 counties in the past two years. An attendance of 50,050 was secured for the 78 different stops made by the four demonstration trains. With the 270 students enrolled in the apple packing schools, there is a total of 86,639 persons who participated in the itinerant schools and institutes. Added to these are the people to whom a large number of bulletins have been sent, and a correspondence of some 10,000 letters a year.

The demand for extension work has been far in excess of the funds available for it. Estimates for equipment, supplies and maintenance for the next two years have been greatly reduced by the regents in preparing the budget which is the basis of the appropriations now being discussed in the legislature. Many items have been cut twenty to fifty per cent of the original estimates. The most conservative estimate of the requirements for equipment amounted to \$33,702 which the budget reduced

to \$60,000, and estimates for repairs and improvements were reduced from \$92,639 to \$40,000.

In his report the president shows the necessity of a library building to house the college library, now crowded into a part of the second floor of the administration building, at a cost of \$125,000; an auditorium costing \$100,000, and a similar sum for a men's dormitory. None of these are asked for this year, however, because of the desperate need of buildings for horticulture, dairying, stock judging, mining, farm mechanics, foundry work, and greenhouses. The other items in the report are similarly reduced, showing the final budget to be far below conservative estimates the actual needs of the college for the coming two years.

The president's report urges appropriations for the establishment of a branch dry-farming station in the Harney Valley, another branch experiment station in southern Oregon, and funds for irrigation investigations in various parts of the Willamette Valley, a work in which the Federal government has offered cooperation to the extent of half the cost of maintenance.

### INDUSTRIAL NOTE.

(Portland Correspondence.)

State development will receive a new impetus if house bill No. 301, now before the legislature, passes. This measure will create a statistical bureau and immigration agent and authentic statistics presenting the opportunities of Oregon will then be available for use by the various commercial organizations that are now without an official source for reliable data. A state booklet, furnishing facts about Oregon in concise form, will be the basis of extensive advertising.

The Oregon Development League will reprint a state booklet in large quantities. It is felt that the thousands who are inquiring about the advantages this state offers can best be supplied with information if it comes with the official stamp of the state, indicating its authoritative character. The railroads, also, will duplicate such a booklet by hundreds of thousands.

The bill now being considered was framed by the Oregon Development League to meet a general demand for a state publication. The measure provides that the immigration agent shall serve without pay but makes an appropriation of \$25,000, barely the cost of compiling and printing a limited original edition of the booklet. Once available, such a publication will be duplicated widely.

That Oregon will double its present population during the next ten years is the prediction of Dr. Joseph Schafer, head of the Department of History at the University of Oregon. He draws interesting parallels between the agricultural states of the Middle West and Oregon, which he says is now facing an era similar to that marking the periods of heaviest settlement in the Miss-

issippi Valley. He finds that Illinois, Iowa, Indiana and others doubled their population in ten years periods when people sought the cheap agricultural lands to be had there. He expects history to repeat itself in Oregon.

Pendleton is setting up a good example of Western enterprise by starting early to put on a great show at the time of its annual "Round-Up." Liberal subscriptions are being made to build a track and grandstands that will be ample for the occasion. A large tract of ground near the city has been purchased and the 1911 show promises to be a great success. Pendleton is attracting wide attention through its unique frontier celebration.

Usual low-priced colonist rates to the Pacific Northwest from the East will be in effect from March 10 to April 10 and will, no doubt, result in inducing many settlers to come west. Rates will be the same as last year, on the basis of \$25 to the Coast from Missouri River terminals. Fare from other points is in proportion, for example, \$33 from Chicago; \$32 from St. Louis; \$50 from New York City; \$49.75 from Washington, etc.

### SECOND ENTRY MEASURE.

A great many settlers in the west will be interested in and affected by a bill which recently passed congress and went to the president for signature. This bill provides for second homestead and desert land entries in the case of settlers who, in their first attempt to make an entry, failed to secure title. This general law will obviate the necessity of passing special bills for the relief of individual entrymen, as has been done a great many times in the past.

It was recognized by the interior department that where an entryman in good faith failed to secure title, either because of some misfortune or misunderstanding, and not because of any fraud, he would be permitted to make a second entry, and thus acquire the full benefit to which every citizen is entitled under the homestead and the desert land laws.

The bill in question was drafted by the secretary of the interior department; passed the house last April, and was reported to the senate on January 11 by Senator Heyburn of Idaho. It passed the senate January 30, and is now before the president for approval. Not only will the new law when signed, relieve settlers who have heretofore failed to acquire title through no fault of their own, but it will benefit settlers in the future who may be unable to acquire patent on their initial attempt to perfect an entry.

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