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BIG CHANGE IS NOTED

W. Hill Tells Oregonian of His Trip to Central Oregon

DIFFERENCE IN SETTLEMENT

Districts Developing and Homesteaders at Work Crying Need of Interior is More People and Hill System Will Help Commercial Bodies Exploit State.

Remarkable changes as compared with the condition of Central Oregon a year ago were noted by W. Hill, president of the Northern Railway, on his recent trip to the interior portion of the state, from which he returned yesterday morning, says the Oregonian.

Transportation even in the most remote districts is now being developed, and the changes we saw in the interior are the result of the new settlements that are being sprung up as the result of the railroad," he said yesterday, "but I was almost surprised to see the great difference in the rural districts.

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One day of the tour was spent in the big timber country near the Sisters. Timber such as the party saw there would be worth from \$3 to \$5 a thousand in Washington he asserted. Mr. Harris said that all this timber would be bought in the Mississippi Valley.

Construction of independent logging roads from this timbered areas to connect with the Oregon Trunk will be undertaken in the next few years. The Hill interest, however, do not contemplate further development in mid-state very soon. They are looking toward Prineville as a possible terminus for a branch, but have not promised that line for any definite time.

"The people of Prineville have been patient with us for a long time," declared Mr. Hill. "We won't promise them a road until we are actually ready to build it. Then we shall build as soon as we promise.

"There is considerable territory in Central Oregon now that justify the construction of new railroad, but it is another thing to get the money to build it with.

Mr. Gray has fully recovered from his recent illness, and will be regular in his office in the future.

"My trip to Central Oregon," he said last night, "taught me that it is no place for a trifter or adventurer. That country needs a lot of hard workers and intelligent methods. Success awaits them."

HARNEY COUNTY 20 YEARS FROM NOW.
(Concluded from last issue.)

ducts. It had a late start with other towns but its future prospects were great. Nearby was Warm Spring Sanatorium and old lake bottom of Malheur Lake was a short way off; but strange to say what was once the bottom of a lake was now cultivated and some of the best agricultural land was this old swamp. Here an extraordinary but effectual method of irrigation was employed. As the water was obtained in a few feet of the surface electric pumps impelled by water power, supplied the soil with moisture. It was a grand sight to see those hundreds of pumps conveying so much under ground water to the surface to preserve the growing vegetation.

Now I enjoyed a refreshing auto ride across the foothills of Steens mountains to Barren valley. How sadly the name misrepresented it! Its rugged outline wavering in and out of the coulees, breaking its border, caused it to have a very picturesque appearance. I could not at first understand where the source of the water supply was situated, but on closer observation I discovered that artesian wells had been bored and generous flows were the result. This valley was the headquarters for many sheep holders, horse owners and cattlemen, for the rea-

son of the large quantity of grazing land on either side. To offset this amazing variation a railroad track wound its way through the valley at the base of Steens mountain across Wild-Horse valley, thence to Winnemucca, Nevada. Some of the most beautiful country in the west was seen on this ride. More care has been taken of the region supplied by the streams fed by the melting snow from the mountains. This was a natural garden spot and a favorable climate the consequence of thriving orchards.

Content with a peep over into Whith Horse valley and having perceived all that once desolate spot now blooming with alfalfa, I turned my attention to the Wild Horse and Catlow valleys, the last two of the quickly developed portions deserving mention.

Orchard after orchard was passed and in no long intervening spaces of time artesian wells as if glad to be free and useful to mankind.

On my way round many other lovely little valleys were noticed, but most were furnished with a natural supply of water as the Malheur forks and their tributaries.

This rapid development was due to the persistent tenacity and patience of our fathers, and much gratitude must here be offered to the sturdy pioneer and the rough frontiersman, who in the teeth of despair, through years of privation and hardships, held on stubbornly to the slim hope of sometime in the future making their vast country deserve as one of the foremost of the west. Those of you here who have the good fortune of being one of the "old timers" or those who have the fortune to have ancestors among these pathfinders may well feel proud of the fact.

TO BOND THE DISTRICT

Burns to Have Modern \$30,000 Public School Building at Once

CRATER LAKE NATIONAL PARK

Local School Electors Vote for Bonds by Big Majority And Board Will Start New Building Soon as Possible—Site to be Settled at Annual June Election.

Although it was not a large number of the voters of this school district that expressed themselves at the bond election last Saturday the vote showed a decided majority in favor of bonding the district for a new school building.

The Times-Herald has favored this move since it was first agitated and believes it the duty of every patron to give the board all the assistance possible to rush the new building to completion. We have needed a larger and more modern public school building for a number of years and we should give those in charge the moral support that so encourages and helps an undertaking of this kind. Burns should not fall behind in educational matters and the vote of last Saturday would indicate our people all awake to the situation and are to give the children of this district every educational advantage possible.

It is hoped there will be no delay in placing the bonds and that the contracts will be let at the earliest possible moment. We should take pride in being the educational center of this vast territory and use every effort to obtain such facilities as may be necessary to this end.

The matter of a location will be left to the votes at the regular June school election but the board will no doubt get the bonds on the market as quickly as possible and not wait the result of this selection of a site.

BEND AND BURNS.

Few actions of this community could mean more for its future than does the most successful business men's trip to Burns, just completed. Aside from the economic importance of the enterprise, outlined elsewhere in this paper, the fact that from a town of this size more than thirty representative citizens could be mustered, upon comparatively short notice, and taken upon a three days 150 mile automobile excursion over a new road to a town hitherto practically unknown locally, is a striking and most gratifying proof of the spirit "get up and get" without which no town can prosper, and with which Bend is certainly endowed.

Perhaps the very best part of the trip, however, is the splendidly cordial reception accorded the Bend visitors by the people of the Harney county seat. Burns did herself proud by her reception of the Bend representatives. Nothing could have a greater spirit of hospitality than did the whole-hearted way in which the Burns boosters made their visitors welcome, showing them Burns' very vital interest in the Bend-Burns road, and its enthusiasm for it, and in every way exhibiting a spirit that augurs wonderful well for the mutual pleasantness of the future relations, business and social, existing between the two towns.

The people of Bend who made the trip possible, the Bend Commercial Club under whose management the enterprise was successfully carried through, and especially the people of Burns, are to be congratulated.—Bend Bulletin.

CRATER LAKE NATIONAL PARK.

The following description of one of the natural wonders of Oregon is sent out by the U. S. Geological survey:

Many thousands of years ago among the majestic volcanoes of the Cascade Range towered one, perhaps the loftiest of them all, which has now disappeared. After the cataclysm which swallowed this huge mountain there remained, however, an enormous crater, a caldera, which more than compensates in interest for the loss of the mountain. There are thousands of craters in the United States, but there is only one great caldera, and that contains Crater Lake, truly one of the wonders of America. If Crater Lake were situated in the bosom of the Appalachians thousands of people would visit it annually; if it were an Alpine crater many American people would rave over it as the choicest gem of European scenery. As it is, although the Crater Lake region has been a national park since 1902, the people who have visited it number only a few thousand. But an awakening is at hand; the railroad is building a line close to the park, the Government is planning roads and trails, and in a short time it will be the fault only of the people themselves if they fail to visit this wonderful region and receive impressions never to be effaced from memory.

As a pioneer in the field, the United States Geological Survey has made a careful topographic survey of the Crater Lake National Park. Pearson Chapman, gov-

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Scott Peak, 8,951 feet in elevation. This was simply a minor peak on the southwest side of Mount Mazama. From it the view, according to Mr. Chapman is incomparably fine. On the opposite rim of the lake, apparently but a pistol shot distant, so clear is the air, stand out The Watchman and Glacier Peak, of nearly equal height with Scott Peak. To the south lies the great Klamath Lake, and far to south Mount Shasta loses its snow-capped crown in the skies. At a still farther distance to the north towers Mount Hood.

In the government survey the park was surrounded by 130 iron boundary posts, and concrete piers have been erected at the four corners and the two entrances, one on the south and the other on the west.

The map of Crater Lake National Park will be issued in two editions, the regular map and the pocket edition, folded and bound in covers. These maps may be obtained from the Director of the United States Geological Survey at Washington after June 1.

From the topographic map one gets an idea of the remarkable tragedy which must have occurred in the dim past, when a mountain probably rivaling Mount Shasta in height disappeared into the bowels of the earth. The surface of Crater Lake is 6,177 feet above sea level; the lake is nearly 6 miles in diameter and is surrounded by a rim of ragged rock rising from 1,000 to 2,000 feet above it. The lake is in many places nearly 2,000 feet deep and its surface is broken only by Wizard Island, the result of the final gasp of the dying volcanic force.

Wizard Island, a cinder cone which rises nearly 1,000 feet above the lake, is itself a young and perfect volcano, having a little crater of its own. Several other smaller cones were pushed upward, but none appear above the water's surface.

At one time it was a question whether this ancient mountain, which has been restored in fancy and named Mount Mazam, did not explode and blow away in ashes and scoria like Krakatoa or Pelée, but this theory has been overturned by geologists, who find unmistakable evidence that the mountain sank back into the earth. The surrounding country, according to J. S. Diller, a geologist of the United States Geological Survey, indicates unquestionably that at some time during the Tertiary period, when many of the high peaks of the Cascade Range were flaming beacons, great streams of molten rock issued from Mount Mazama, accompanied by thunderous explosions and ejections of pumice, which today covers the land's surface for miles.

The later of these eruptions occurred it is believed, during the glacial period, the great streams of ice and lave alternating the crushing stupendous conflicts between the two elements, filling the air with steam clouds and flooding the lower plains. Later came the final convulsion which demolished the upper mile of Mount Mazama.

When Crater Lake really comes into its own, people will row across its beautiful blue, bronze, and purple waters, glance up at the towering cliffs, and realize that they are in the very interior of one of the greatest extinct volcanoes in the world. The collapse of Mount Mazama is stated by Mr. Diller to have been the crowning event in the history of the Cascade region.

Situated in the midst of an otherwise waterless region, this lake furnishes the underground water supplies for many streams radiating from it in almost every direction. Most of the approaches to the lake lead through splendid forests, valley meadows and natural pastures.

The highest point in the Crater Lake National Park, as shown on the Survey's map, is

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The need of itinerant schools for farmers in the far corners of the state was urged by Pres. W. J. Kerr of Oregon Agricultural College in an address before the Grangers' convention this week. He stated again his belief that the college was not established for the thousand or so students on the campus, but for every man, woman and child in Oregon.

"Even if the college enrollment, which this year is 1,773, should grow to three or four thousand, it would be but a small per cent of the population of the state, all of whom, it is my belief, should be served by the college," said Pres. Kerr.

"We have this year in the college representatives of every county in the state; 1,589 students from Oregon; 165 more from 27 other states; and 19 representatives of 8 foreign countries. All this speaks well for the educational advantages offered at the college, of course, but does not solve the problems of the thousands who can not come to Corvallis.

"The college must serve them through the various avenues of extension work, such as institutes, of which 75 were held this year, with 143 sessions attended by 28,180 people. The four demonstration trains which made 78 stops added an attendance of 57,050 people, and another 270 attended the two itinerant schools sent out at Medford and the Milton-Freewater district, reaching a total of 85,500 people reached through the extension work. Many thousands more are aided with advice through correspondence, over 38,000 such letters being sent out in the year just past. One department alone received more than 1,000 letters a month requesting information on different subjects.

"I should like to see the itinerant schools increased in number, and sent into all the farther corners of the state, wherever there are those who cannot come here for instruction and help; I should like to see them hold sessions of from three days to two weeks at a time, with programs full of vitally practical work, in solution of the problems of the particular district. In this way only, it seems to me, we can meet the present pressing need of scientific agricultural training in the remote rural districts."

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