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## HILL WAITS RAILROAD

### M. Horton Tells Oregonian Writer Burns has Hopes for Road

## PROSPECT FROM VALE END GOOD

### Harriman Interests Have to Build Through Harper Basin in Order to Hold Right of Way Long ago Acquired--Reports From Vale Are Encouraging.

and Mrs. H. M. Horton of Harney County Or., are on their way to North for an outing and incidentally to attend the meeting of the "Druggists' Association" to be held here this week.

Horton is one of the solid men of the interior. He has now retired from active business, but has many interests which occupy his time and attention.

He went to Harney County more than 25 years ago and for many years practiced dentistry and engaged in the drug business. He accumulated a large fortune. He died about two years ago and his estate was divided among his brothers. Mr. Horton was about 20 years the Burns County Oregonian.

Mr. Horton left Burns at 6 o'clock Friday morning by automobile. He arrived in Prineville at 6 o'clock the same evening. At 6 o'clock Saturday morning he took automobile for Madras and arrived at the Oregon Trunk and Navigation Bank Railways at 7:45 p.m. Saturday evening.

Speaking of his trip he commented that with many former trips he has paid to Portland for the last quarter of a century when it took him from Burns to five days to make the trip and then he had to spend at least one night in the stage. In the language of Mrs. McDowell, "the former trips were a torture these are luxury."

One of the first utterances of Mr. Horton yesterday was that Harney County is looking fine and the crop prospects the best in many years. The Spring crop is good, backward and very early in May there came good rains and in June heavy rains, now every thing looks well, the range being in better condition than it has for ten years. The sheep growers had had a bad year for lambing, in some places falling as low as 45 per cent. But the bands in best condition and with best handling as high as 90 per cent.

On the other hand, the sheepmen are elated over the price of wool as they received as high as 45 cents a pound, with an average of over 14 cents, when earlier in the season they thought they would be lucky to get 11 cents.

Of the railway situation Mr. Horton, like all well informed Harney County people, could not help recurring to the old days of the old railway promises and dreams. First, it was said some 20 years ago that the Corvallis & Harney would be pushed to completion. Then along in '88 and '89 the Short Line began work from Ontario, and they could, in imagination, hear the whistle of the locomotives in the great valley. But it was all a dream. Now they are looking east and looking to the west, looking to the Hill people of the Harriman people. All of the rumors about early work are reasonably on, as they have more than a quarter of a century still the greatest body of agricultural land in the state, the wonderful Harney Valley, is 80 miles from the steel

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"Although Mr. Hill and his associates are eager to finish the work outlined for this state, nothing will be done until conditions are right. Then all will not be done at once. One project will be taken up and worked out at a time. It would be foolish to try to do everything at the same time, as was suggested last week.

"From now on Mr. Hill can proceed carefully and openly with his plans. There are no more strategic points to be worked out. Our way through Central and Southern Oregon is unhindered and when the time comes we will push our lines into those places where they will do the most good. It is impossible to say how soon any of the work will be done. Both J. J. Hill, and his son L. W. Hill, both are away on their vacations now and nothing will develop in their absence.

"It is certain that when anything does develop announcement will come from an official source. It surely won't come from the chief engineer.

## ENCOURAGING NEWS FROM VALE.

Although official authority is lacking in definite railroad construction news, it is quite evident that active preparations are being made to extend the Harriman line out of Vale west at least 27 miles. This it is stated is necessary this season in order to hold the right of way through the canyon up to above the Harper basin. President Gray of the Hill lines says he is ready to push these lines further as soon as authority is given but doesn't speak of any prospective construction in this immediate territory. However, the Hill people will build into the Harney county on no distant date.

The Harriman road will certainly start from Vale next month. The Enterprise has the following in its last issue:

The calling back by telegram on Thursday to Salt Lake City of Assistant Engineer Harry J. Groendyke, who has been in Vale for the past two weeks, by Chief Engineer Carl Stradley for an urgent conference, and his proposed hasty return, was the cause of much excitement among local people who are keeping in touch with the movements of railroad men and of proposed railroad construction work on the Oregon-Eastern. Engineer Groendyke was accompanied on this hurried trip by his assistant Mr. Thompson and both stated they would return in a few days but would not make public the nature of their trip to headquarters. At this time when the public announcement of the construction of the Oregon Eastern railroad out of Vale is expected, the Harriman directors now being in conference, this hurried trip is looked upon as very favorable to this section.

Gray finishes inspection.

With the completion of his inspection of the Pacific & Eastern Railway operating between Medford and Butte Falls, Carl R. Gray, president of the Hill lines in Oregon, has traveled over every foot of main line and branch track of which he has charge. Mr. Gray returned to his office yesterday after an absence of nearly a week in Southern Oregon and the Willamette and Rogue River Valleys, says the Oregonian.

Now that he has completed his inspection, which work he started soon after he became president of the local system, he is able to determine what improvements are necessary and which of the development projects will be carried out first. Upon his recommendations will depend, to a great extent, the amount and character of work that will be done here.

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## COUNTY COURT WORK

### Considerable Road Matter Taken up Other Business Considered

## EXPERIMENT FARM TALKED OF

### Agricultural College Authorities Will Install Model Station--Interesting News Notes From Country Correspondents Giving the Neighborhood Doings.

County court was in session last week with Judge Thompson, Commissioners Smyth and Sylvester in attendance. The following business was given attention:

Petition of C. A. DeForest and others for a county road commencing at the east line of tp. 23 south, range 25 east on the public road, running west 3 miles between the northwest quarter section 12, 11 and 10, then 3 1/2 miles south and intersecting the Gap road in tp. 23 south, range 25. The matter was continued for the term and the petitioners allowed to file another notice, the one presented being not eligible.

Petition of O. S. Preston and others for a change in road from Weaver Springs south. The notice was incomplete, no copy having been filed and affidavit defective. The petition was denied.

Petition of Wm. Allen and others for a road beginning at a point at the southwest corner of section 8, tp. 23, range 33 and running north along the west line of the section, thence north along the west line of section 5 same tp., then north along the west line of section 32, tp. 22, range 32 to the northwest corner of the section connecting with the Drewsey road. The notice not being posted the required length of time same was denied.

Petition of F. J. Cawfield for a liquor license in Lake precinct was granted by commissions Sylvester and Smyth. Judge Thompson objected on the grounds that an affidavit filed by A. G. Shafer sets forth that 13 of the persons signing the petition for licenses were not legal voters of the precinct thus leaving the petition with less than a majority of the legal voters.

The same applied to the petition of Geo. W. Cawfield for license in the same precinct. W. H. McKenzie granted a liquor license in Diamond precinct. John Smyth granted a liquor license in Andrews precinct. J. E. Lucas granted a liquor license in Alvord precinct. Lloyd Johnson granted a liquor license in Lawen precinct.

Petition of W. S. Laythe and others for a county road beginning at the southeast corner of tp. 25, range 33 running 5 miles south to corner section 2 tp. 25, range 33, thence half mile east to Windy Point. Everything regular the board of county road viewers were ordered to survey view and lay out said proposed road.

Petition of T. W. Stephens and others to vacate that part of the Burns-Silvies road beginning at a point on the section line between sections 1 and 2, tp. 23, range 30, where the Burns-Izee road connects to a point at or near the northwest corner of section, tp. 22, range 30 where the Mel Fenwick road connects with the Burns-Silvies road.

Everything appearing regular the board of viewers was ordered to survey and view the part proposed to vacate.

Reports of Road Supervisors Dunsmore, Clark, Hill were approved. Report of Supervisor Beckley continued for the term.

Clerk ordered to purchase sufficient linoleum to cover vault floor.

F. O. Jackson awarded the contract to furnish 20 cords of mahogany wood and 20 cords of pine wood to the court house for \$9 and \$7 respectively.

Wm. Webber given a warrant for \$150 in payment for money advanced to pay railroad charges on road machinery.

Road Master Beckley in Dist. No. 2, deposed and Lee Wilson appointed in his place.

Fruit inspector allowed 50 cents a day for each horse used in his duties in his traveling and inspecting orchards.

At the annual school meeting of Virginia Valley there were two directors to elect, on account of a resignation. Mr. Robt. H. Harris for one year and Mr. B. T. Steele for three years were elected and Mrs. Hattie Hastie was elected clerk.

Mrs. Robt. H. Harris began a summer term of school June 6. She now has twelve pupils and all are enjoying the school very much.

The young men of the Valley will soon leave for the hay fields. Judge Coleman and Don Steele beginning this week with Bert Bower at Cow Creek.

Prof. Harris has moved his house down from the Hill where it is not quite so picturesque but more comfortable.

Mr. Reinarts, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Dilline and Mr. Eugene Harris expect to leave soon for Wild Horse to do some carpenter work.

Miss Nellie Sterrett arrived in the Valley the first of last week to visit the family of R. H. Harris. Miss Sterrett is assisting Mrs. Harris in teaching and the children can not decide which teacher they like best.

Our school will close next Tuesday until Sept. 1, when we hope to have a new school house.

Mr. Frank Steele returned from the railroad last Friday making a very quick trip.

Mr. Danl Tuier returned from the railroad last Wednesday making the trip in record time. Twelve days for the round trip.

Joe Rutherford started Monday to work on the roads under Road Boss Beckley.

Chas. Arnold has just returned from a trip to the railroad.

The glorious fourth passed off very quietly in the valley. Most of the people resting quietly at home. Frank Steele took a party to see the famous Malheur cave. With well filled baskets westward off in the cool of the morning in high spirits. Up and over

one hill after another until we reached a kind of plateau and where least you would expect to see a cave there we found it. Just a little rim rock with a slight depression in front of it we found the entrance. A large room seemed delightfully cool after the hot sun so in its shelter we ate our dinner. Then armed with plenty of lanterns and torches we started out to follow the windings of the underground passage. Very soon we left behind all traces of daylight and sometimes through narrow passages, sometimes through lofty halls, at other times the roof so low almost to touch our heads followed the strange path. The small fire-crackers sounded like a gun in this place and we wondered what a cannon-cracker or cannon would sound like. Our exploration were only stopped by the lake, there being no boat we could go no farther although we would have liked very much to have taken a trip on its clear water.

We returned to the entrance almost surprised to find it still daylight as we had been so long in the darkness it seemed as if it must be night out side. We returned home well satisfied with our trip and voting it a 4th long to be remembered. In the party were B. T. Steele and family, Mrs. Don Henderson and children and Mrs. Hattie Hastie and children.

The following is sent out from the Agricultural College: After a trip of 750 miles through Harney county, the Oregon Agricultural College regents have selected a site five miles east of Burns for the headquarters of the dry farming experiments. The land there is most typical of the Harney conditions of any visited, and a model station for experiments will be established there, with sub-stations in districts where conditions vary.

The trip took the party four days, traveling from Burns south to the center of the valley to Lawen, thence around the lakes, up to the northern border of the county to the extreme eastern site, then south to the Steins mountains and back through the Catlow and Blitzen valleys.

The county has appropriated \$15,000 for purchase of the land, the legislature provided \$4,000 annually for maintenance. The college has not yet named the man to take charge of the work, but will do so at the July meeting of the board of regents, probably about the 15th. The best dry farming methods are to be applied, to discover the crops best suited to the district and the cultural work necessary to make them profitable.

After visiting 45 towns of Eastern Oregon, J. J. Sayers, field secretary of the Oregon Development League, is back at the Portland office much impressed by his trip through the interior. He is enthusiastic about the possibilities and the future in store for Eastern Oregon. Mr. Sayer starts this week for a similar trip through the coast counties.

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