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## RAILROAD = IRRIGATION

### Encouraging Prospects For Work on Silvies River Project

#### DEPENDS ON CONDITIONS HERE

#### Capital Favorable to Project and Willing to Make a Most Liberal Contract Under Long Term and Equitable Plan—The Adjudication of Water Rights.

C. B. McConnell arrived home Saturday evening by way of Bend after an absence of several weeks visiting outside points. Mr. McConnell went to Salt Lake for the purpose of placing certain data asked for by Mr. Carl Stradley of the construction department of the Harriman system who has charge of the work now being prosecuted in the Malheur Canyon.

While here last November Mr. Stradley asked Mr. McConnell for certain data in connection with the Silvies River irrigation project and later the people of Burns wished to add to this data in a general way and Mr. McConnell was asked to take the information in person to Mr. Stradley.

During his absence Mr. McConnell visited other sections coming back by way of Portland and Salem. He was asked respecting his trip and gave out the following to The Times-Herald:

"The facts surrounding the railroad situation have already been announced in the published statement made by Carl Stradley, assistant manager and chief engineer of the Oregon Short Line."

"The Oregon Short Line has charge of the construction of the western lines of the United Pacific System, but after construction is completed the operation of the line or lines through Oregon and Washington Railroad and Navigation Co. At present construction has been authorized only on the line from the connection on Snake River west to Harney Lake, and this work will be prosecuted this season with all reasonable speed. As to the future development of this section the officials interviewed could only state the general policy of the transportation company to serve and secure the business of the country tributary to its lines. We are fortunate that the officials who naturally direct this policy are so familiar with and friendly to this portion of central Oregon. Both Mr. Bancroft, vice president and general manager of O. S. L. and Mr. Stradley have a close personal knowledge of the Harney country, and freely state that one line, no difference where located will not be sufficient for the development of the Harney Valley."

"Their plan as outlined contemplates a belt line leaving the main line near Crane Creek gap and following near the foothills north of the valley to Burns thence southerly to a connection with the main line near Harney Lake. The location of such belt line and the time of its construction will depend upon the probable development of and tonnage to be secured from the territory to be served. Mr. Bancroft pointed out the many features the O. S. L. had projected from its main line through Idaho, and as an example of the results obtained he stated that during the week we were in Salt Lake, they had shipped 65 cars of hay from their ranch though the Minadka irrigated country to the New England states a large part of it going to Maune, and whole train loads of potatoes had been shipped to Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City.

"As to the Silvies River Irrigation Project we can now state that all the preliminary plans have been completed and the project is in the hands of parties amply able and willing to construct the system, providing the conditions as they find them this spring upon their final investigation justify the investment. Rights of way must be secured

equitably; a reasonable adjudication of existing water rights assured; and a willingness on the part of the owners of land under the project to sign up such holdings under a reasonable water contract. The contract will probably provide for a perpetual water right at rate of \$40.00 per acre, under a long term and equitable payment plan.

"There appears to be a misunderstanding as to the matter of the adjudication of the water rights on Silvies River now under way. As a matter of fact there has been no time lost and the board of control are and intend to proceed with all possible expediency.

"The preliminary surveys and field maps were completed last fall, and testimony will be taken as early this spring as weather conditions will permit of convenience of travel.

"The people of this section must realize that the immediate successful development of the Harney Valley depends absolutely upon a complete definite plan for its irrigation.

"It is impracticable to contemplate the settlement of these lands by a thrifty, well to do farming class on a dim promise of future development. There must be a fixed, certain time when water will be available at a definitely stated charge and terms.

"It sounds well to talk of a mutual irrigation system installed at actual cost. How is the cost to be determined? If an irrigation district was organized this year, and its bonds issued under the liberal provisions of our state laws were placed upon the market, the very best that could be realized would be from fifty to sixty-five per cent. of their par value. Irrigation bonds on a prospective project can not be marketed under present conditions at any price. Sufficient capital must be secured to provide for a considerable portion of the construction work before any attempt is made to place a bond issue.

"It rests with our own people whether the northern portion of Harney Valley shall develop along conservative, substantial business lines, which means the construction of a comprehensive irrigation system which will also assure adequate railroad facilities.

"The city of Burns has nothing to fear. Harney County will have no towns larger than the surrounding and tributary territory will support, and every section will have to work out its own salvation."

#### WRITES ON BOGUS PEDIGREES.

"Bogus Pedigrees" is the title of a particularly interesting article by Prof. E. L. Potter of the Oregon Agricultural College, secretary of the State Board of Station Registration, in "The Oregon Countryman" for February, just off the press. It describes the four classes of fraudulent pedigrees for horses; those issued by associations or companies without recognized standing; those issued by recognized associations upon misrepresentation from the owner; pedigrees correct in themselves but belonging to a horse which has died, for which a "grade" has been substituted; and pedigrees in which the age or description has been changed to make them fit another horse. Sometimes, when an imported horse is sold, his foreign certificate is used, and his American certificate retained for use in selling a grade, or vice versa.

"Most of the bogus certificates now current in Oregon are of the class issued by unrecognized associations. The following is a list of such associations," says Prof. Potter, "as far as they are known to the writer: American Horse Breeders' Trotting Ass'n., 161 High St., Boston, Mass.; American Horse Registry Ass'n., N. J. Harris, Des Moines, Iowa, Secretary; American Iceland Pony Club, Geo. H. Simpson, Wheaton, Ill., secretary; American Percheron Registry Ass'n., S. M. Heberling, La Grange, Ill., secretary; Belgian-American Draft Horse Registry, A. J. Meyers, Lovington, Ill., secretary; Coach and Draft Horse Ass'n., of America, Frederick Wightman, La Crosse, Wis., secretary; Hartman Stock Farm Registry Record Co., Adam Krumm, Columbus Ohio, secretary; International Consolidated Record Ass'n., H. A. Jones, Penn Yan, N. Y.; Morrison's International Roadster, Des Moines, Iowa; National Percheron Horse Breeders' Ass'n., D. E. Phillips, address unknown; The National Standard Pacing and Trotting Horse Breeders' Ass'n., Thos. C. Parsons, 1023-5 William Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio, Registrar; The American Jack Register, W. L. Clough, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; The Standard Jack and Jennet Registry of America, Kansas City, Mo.; U. S. Horse Register, J. E. Ragsdale, Gibson City, Ill., secretary."

Prof. Potter says that some of the horses registered by these associations are really pure bred, but that it is not usually the case. There may not be certificates from all these associations in this state the ones common being the Hartman Stock Farm Record Co., the American Draft Horse Registry, and the American Percheron Registry Association.

The countryman of this month also contains articles by S. H. Boddinhouse, "12 Wilmette, Ill., on 'Planting the Apple Orchard'"; Prof. H. D. Scudder, on alfalfa as a dairy ration; H. L. Rees, of the horticulture division on "The Scope of Plant Pathology"; A. E. Volek, "12 Junction, on 'Selection of Sheep for the Willamette Valley'"; J. D. Griffin, "12 Astoria, on 'The Cranberry Industry'"; and the departments of domestic science and experiment.

#### RUSSIAN HOUND MAKES GETAWAY.

When Driver Richardson of the Burns stage arrived at the local office on Friday of last week, he was somewhat surprised on finding that a part of his valuable cargo had disappeared.

The stage on leaving Burns carried a large box in which a Russian wolf hound was chained. The dog, a beautiful specimen of the shaggy white coat Russian hound specie, standing about three feet, was being shipped by Dr. L. E. Hibbard of Burns to a friend in Payette. During the long monotonous trip the fierce hound chewed a hole in the side of the box and slipping his collar over his head, secured his liberty without attracting attention.

Driver Richardson, somewhat dismayed, phoned back over the route and the big hound was located at Barton's, the next stage picking him up and bringing him into Vale without trouble, precaution having been taken by not making the dog a prisoner.

The dog was one of those big Russian hounds a few years ago imported by Col. C. E. S. Wood of Portland. Although fierce and brutal when on the chase after animals or in captivity, they are generally gentle when left to themselves.—Vale Enterprise.

Reatos for sale, all sizes and lengths, price 20 cents per foot. Any one desiring Reatos address W. A. Ford of J. O. Alberson, Alberson, Oregon.

Clay Clemens mill is the nearest one to Burns where all kinds of lumber both rough and dressed can be had. Near Canyon road. Call him by phone.

AUCTION SALE—Saturday, Feb. 24, there will be sold at auction the household goods and belongings of Robt. Settlemyre; also farm implements, chains, etc.; a \$700 saddle and bridal. W. T. SMITH, Auctioneer, Burns, Ore.

## ACTUAL WORK BEGINS

### Ground Broken on Tunnel by Railroad Contractors in Canyon

#### THE BRIDGE BUILDERS ARE BUSY

#### Preliminary Work on Oregon-Eastern Railroad Building Progresses Rapidly—Activity Begins Over Half Way Between Here and Starting Point at Vale.

A greater activity is gradually being given to railroad work in the Malheur Canyon by the Utah Construction Company with the opening up of better weather. Temporary bridges are being erected just beyond the entrance to the canyon on the Maddock ranch. For the past month hauling of heavy bridge timbers and piling has been going on from the yards in this city and enough material is now on the ground to push the work along rapidly. The bridges will facilitate traveling and hauling of heavy outfits from camp to camp.

One hundred and fifty men are working on the big cut, sixty feet deep, at mile post 15 near the mouth of the canyon. Temporary roads are practically completed as far as the big 2600 foot tunnel and it is said they far excel the county roads. Three miles of completed roads between the west and east portals of the big tunnel are now in good shape and the two camps are being connected.

W. L. Watis, of the Utah Construction Company, who was in town Wednesday, stated that big gangs of laborers were now working on the approaches to the big tunnel and that shortly tunneling will be started. He further stated that the Banks Bros. had broken ground Monday on the 300-foot tunnel at mile post 56.

No new contracts have been awarded since that let to the Banks Bros. according to Mr. Watis as all the forces that can be used advantageously in the canyon at the present time are pushing preliminary work with all haste.

But with the opening up of spring a great impetus may be expected.

From good authority it is understood that grading of road bed from the local yards to the canyon will be started within another month. The completing and filling in around the concrete flume in the local yards as well as other work going on here corroborates this information.

During this past week rails, dump cars, timber and other material including large hoisting machines to be used in excavations and roadbed building have arrived in the local yards and are being prepared for hauling to the canyon camps.—Enterprise.

#### SAVS THIS IS THE LAST.

Editor of Times-Herald  
Dear Sir  
I wish to thank you for so kindly introducing me to the public. It was more than I hoped for as hardly expected you to even publish my letter. It was very thoughtful of you to enlighten your reader's on all my pet ideas. All that I have to regret is: that you got most of them wrong. To start in with I did not borrow a copy of the Times Herald to read Mr Embree's and Dr Denmans letters, but was shown them by a friend. But after your timely suggestion I did borrow a copy to write this in ans to your editorial. The reason I do not sub-

scribe for your paper is because I do not like its Policie's If we had a live paper here such as the Search light, that was edited in Burns for a short time, that would stand up for the rights of the People against the ringsters regardless of who it hurt. I would be glad to subscribe for it. We are now taking 7 papers and magazines. But no county paper for the above reasons. I am not opposed to the settlement of the Country, providing it is not misrepresented to induce people to come here - Nor to the the promotion of irrigation systems when and where there is water enough for them without robbing the people who already have water rights, and so that the people who obtain land under them also get plenty of water. And the fact that I have bought a lot of farm machinery and seed grain with the intentions of putting in a crop on my ranch in the Spring, for the reason that I no longer get water enough to raise a hay crop. Will show whether I believe this to be an agricultural country or not. But this is not saying that I believe crops can be raised on any piece of dry, sage brush land without irrigation of some kind. And then there are always the late frosts. It is not strange that you cant see any reason for congratulating the Burns commercial club as I understand you are a member. And the old saying is one can never see the mote in their own eye. I wish to apologise to some of the members of the Burns commercial club as I have learned since writing the first letter, that they are not all in favor of a new court house at this time I not only think the Present court house is good enough I know it is, and am well acquainted with the condition of it. And in regards to the Vault for the county records. It was built as a fire proof Vault a short time ago, and under stood that if a new court house was ever needed that they wouldn't need a new vault. Has the Vault changed since then? Or do you mean to say that the man who built it did poor work, and that the county court that accepted it was unduly influenced or cheated? The present court house is a good substantial, comfortable frame Structure and a much better Building than the homes of the majority of the taxpayers of the County. Is it not then well suited to be the home of the county Officers who are the servants of the people? Would the County Business be transacted any better If in a \$150,000 Building? You are right about one thing I believe in being economical in County, as well as private Business and am not ashamed of it. No spend thrift ever amounted to anything. But if we really needed a new court house I would be the last to object to it. I am an advocate of good roads and like to travel them as well as anybody But when it costs \$150000 a mile to Build them and with the county as Sparsely settled as it is at the present time. I dont think there will be many

homes built. We have not received any great benefit yet in our locality from the new road machinery which the county has bought Perhaps we may in the near future? The experiment Station was supposed to have been established for the benefit of the farmers here, but it is my opinion that it will benefit Burns people more than any one else for the reason that most of the supplies will be bought there as I said in my 1st letter. And I think if they want to test dry farming on the dryest land so as to be of most benefit to the people on such land they would have done better if they had put it further out in the Valley to South East on some of the dry sandy land and farther away from all sloughs or overflowed land so there would be no chance of subirrigation. Farming is done and crops are raised by subirrigation nearly all around the present location at no very great distance from it. I am not surprised that you gave our wise and Honorable County Court a little puff before you got through. We all know Just how you feel about that. I expect just criticism but do not like to be misrepresented are you trying to lead argument away from County Court House? I did not expect to express my Views on other matters as the people are not interested in arguments of a personal nature But you gave the wrong impression in your criticism and I was obliged to write again.

Have said all necessary regarding court House so expect this to be my last letter. Unless some one ans in papers in an abusive way. While I do not believe in abusive language as there is no argument in it am conceded enough to Believe I can hold my own when it comes to using it.

Thanking you for your fairness in publishing my 1st letter and hoping you will be as fair with me this time I am Respectfully  
Fred. Otley, Jr.

#### COUNTY HAS RIGHT TO MAKE LAW.

A special from Salem to the Journal says:—That the recent supreme court decision in the case of Schubel vs. Olcott, which held that counties are municipalities, having the power to legislate as to matters within the county, has let down the bars to all sorts of novel legislation on the part of counties is indicated in a letter written by Attorney General A. M. Crawford.

The letter is in reply to a communication received from Robert S. Grant, Jr., of Waverly, Ore., who is objecting to the tax levy proposed by the county court of Harney county to raise funds for building a court house at Burns. Mr. Grant says that building a railroad through Harney county leaving Burns off the main line, may change conditions radically.

"Section 1 of article 4 of the constitution, which is the second initiative and referendum amendment, extends the initiative and referendum powers reserved to the people in the state at large by the first amendment, to the people of every municipality and district, which the court held in the above entitled case to include counties," says the attorney general.

"Therefore it would seem that the people of the county have the right to initiate and enact any law referring only to that county, in the same manner that the people of the state at large have the right to initiate and enact a law for the entire state.

"If a majority of the people of the county wish to enact a law directing the county court to defer building the court house, or to submit the question of building it to a vote of the people, or make any other disposition of the question, they might do so by initiating the same and voting upon it at the election in next November."

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