

RAILROAD MEN VISIT WITH US

Chief Engineer Stradley of the Short Line, in Charge Of Construction Work on Oregon & Eastern and O. W. R. & N. Co., Officers. Will Continue Work All This Winter

Burns was visited Saturday evening by three railroad officials of the Harriman line. They were Carl Stradley, chief engineer of the Oregon Short Line, who has charge of the construction on the Oregon & Eastern; C. I. Tuttle, general traffic agent O. S. L.; H. J. O'Neil, general traffic agent of the O. W. R. & N. Co. and H. J. Roberts connected with the engineering department of the O. W. R. N. The party arrived late Saturday evening and left again Sunday morning. They had intended remaining over a day but were three days making the trip from Ontario and Chief Stradley had to get back to headquarters. They came in over the route of the new east and west line up Malheur canyon and had a rather strenuous trip on account of the recent severe rain storms which had not only made the roads muddy but had washed it out in many places.

Mr. O'Neil has been a frequent visitor to our territory recently and always makes new friends each time. Mr. Roberts was here for the first time and was most agreeably surprised at the magnitude of our big Valley and the fine crops he saw.

Mr. Stradley was on a tour of inspection over the line of work now under way and reports quite satisfactory progress.

Mr. Stradley stated to a Times-

OUR STATE SCHOOLS CONSIDERED EFFICIENT

One Hundred and Sixteen School Houses Have Been Built The Past Year. Wells Tested By State Board Of Health

The following interesting article is from the pen of L. R. Alderman, State Superintendent of Public Instruction:

Through school board conventions, teachers' institutes and patron-teacher associations, which latter have been encouraged by the Mother's Congress, public interest in the schools is rapidly growing. Especially have people been interested in making sanitary conditions better.

One hundred and sixteen new school houses have been built during the past year. All of these are modern in lighting, heating and ventilation. Many old school houses have had the lighting improved, the windows on one side boarded up and more windows cut on the other side, so that cross lights have been done away with. Stoves have been jacketed and window boards provided, and in many cases a complete ventilating system put in. The change is being made from the common dipper to the individual drinking cup or the bubbling fountain. The water from hundreds of wells has been tested by the State Board of Health, which board under the direction of Dr. Calvin S. White has cooperated most effectively.

We have in Oregon a rural supervisory law that is bringing all the schools of the state to a high standard. In all counties where there are 60 or more districts there is now an educational board appointed by the county superintendent, who serves one or more rural supervisors, who may not receive more than \$1,200 nor less than \$1,000 for a year of ten months. These supervisors give their whole time to the supervision of the rural schools. As it now stands there is a supervisor for every 34 rural districts, and for every 1140 school children. On an average the supervisor can visit each school for a half day for every six weeks. This is a change from the old way, when the county superintendent could visit only once a year. Until now only city schools had adequate supervision.

Ten years ago we had only 31 high schools in the state. Now we have 111, four-year high schools, and next year we shall have about 140, and about 200 of one, two and three-year rank, that our people believe in education is shown by the fact that we have whole counties where four out of every five eighth grade graduates enter the high schools. Our grammar schools are so graded that in most cases the student takes it as a matter of course that he must not stop until the uniform eighth grade examination is passed.

Oregon has in some localities settled the question of the rural social center by establishing rural high schools within riding distance of practically all the homes in the county. These high schools are organized under the county high school fund law. This law I consider one of the best in the United States, as it makes it possible for rural districts, with but little cost and the minimum amount of red tape to secure high schools. A general tax is levied on the whole county, and the money is used to pay the tuition of the pupil, no matter where in the county he attends high school. This tuition is \$40 each for the first 20; \$30 for each of the second 20 and \$12.50 for each over the first 40. The law is in operation in nine counties in Oregon. In these local high schools we have much that tends toward adult education, and secures a better social life. The debating societies, in which young and old take part, also the library work and the lectures that are given here are a great help in the making of a bigger and better social community.

The high school course of study is being made to fit the student for life as well as for college. We aim both in the grammar and high school to enable the student to discover for himself what he

BE A BOOSTER AND GET BUSY

If Burns Is Going To Be The Leading City In Harney Valley, Timely and Concerted Action Is Necessary. A New Era of Development Is Fast Dawning And We Must Be Ready To Lay The Future Foundation

Get the habit and be a booster. Now, right now, is the opportune time to begin our campaign of progression for all time to come. What we are and plan today, we will be tomorrow, so to speak. If we do not take time by the forelock and do it at once, it may be that the opportunity of a lifetime will have passed, in so far as the future of Burns is concerned and subsequently the welfare of our own being from a financial standpoint. In no part of this great and glorious country is there more natural resources to be taken advantage of than right here in Burns and Harney County, and its up to the good citizens and progressive business men of this community to get busy, while they are, (and if they hope to be) in the lead.

Let us not neglect to do that which perchance will cause us to experience the keenest regret in after years.

The little city of Burns is now approaching the threshold of commercial success or failure, and the present coterie of business men and citizens will be held responsible for either course. In these pioneer days when it seems that we must make a special effort to control every possible dollar worth of business, we are apt to lose sight of the most important feature of our existence—a foundation for the future trade. Let us hesitate in our mad rush for the almighty dollar for a long enough period to consult our best instincts.

It customarily follows that when the railroads make their first appearance to a new public, a large influx of people seeking openings for their respective business interests, will locate at the various towns springing up along these roads and at those points which look best to them. These people will all come in with capital. They come prepared to buy or build, and will come to stay, and if business warrants, they will stick, and the better success they have the more successful will be the efforts of those who are already here. It is a fatal fallacy for any citizen to give a stranger or an outsider a lukewarm reception when he enters this city, no matter what may be his vocation or anticipation, and one which all will pay dearly for in time to come. Whoever the stranger may be, extend the glad hand of good fellowship, look him in the eye and tell him of the many good things we have here and what we expect to have, speak well of your town and its people, and give the stranger a warm welcome and a word of recognition when you meet or pass him. Don't overlook these little things as they are things that count, and can be given without cost. It will advertise your town and

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COLONIST SEASON WILL LAST ONLY 15 DAYS

Railroads Have Taken The First Step Towards The Elimination Of The Low Rate Colonist Tickets

Further steps toward what probably will eventually result in the abolishment of the low-rate colonist season altogether have just been taken by the Transcontinental Passenger Association in Chicago, says the Telegram. This association, which fixes the rates and dates for this class of business, has decided that the excursion rates shall apply for only 15 days this fall—the shortest season ever fixed for such traffic.

The dates, as announced in private telegrams to local Hill and Harriman passenger officials today will be from September 25 to October 10, inclusive. In recent years, both for spring and fall business, the seasons have extended all the way from 30 to 45 and even 60 days, while the one-way fare from St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Superior and all Missouri River common points has been sometimes \$25 and sometimes \$30.

This fall the prospective colonist gets the worst of it in both rates and dates, for not only is the season reduced to the lowest possible limit, but the minimum rate for tickets will be advanced to \$30.

The present announcement shows that the railroad lines which have been opposed to granting colonist rates are slowly gaining the upper hand of the more liberal lines which have always favored a long season and the minimum rate of \$25. The opposition to the plan of encouraging settlers to take advantage of the colonist season excursions is due to the fact that many of the railroads do not believe it is a desirable business to go after, that there is no profit in it, and that a difference of \$5 or \$10 in the rate would not keep the Eastern or Middle Western farmer from coming out to the Coast if he really wanted to make his home out here.

The short season is favored because it is held that the prospective home seeker can plan to come during a 15-day season just as well as in a 45-day season, such as existed last spring, and that the railroads have plenty of equipment to handle the rush in any event.

New Post Office Rules

Some postmasters have formulated the following rules for the benefit of their patrons in order that they may know what to expect: No letters given out until they have been received. If you don't get a letter or a paper on the day you expect it, have the postmaster look thru all the boxes, cellar and garret also. It ought to be there somewhere and he likes to hunt for it just to please you. If your friends don't write, rave at the postmaster. He is to blame—maybe? If he tells you no, put on a much grived look and say their ought to be some. He is probably hiding your mail for the pleasure of having you call for it. Ask him to look again. If your are buying stamps make him lick them—he has nothing else to do—and it ought to be a part of his business?

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Many Who Left For Better Lands Return Again After Being Convinced Our Home State Is Now Second To None, And Find Here Failures Few And Opportunites Many

We deem the fact worthy of comment that a careful perusal of the state exchanges, show a general return of Oregonians who have sojourned in other lands for a time with the intent of bettering their prospects—financially and otherwise. After a clever survey of that much vaunted advantage of climate, soil production and business opportunities in these districts, they have returned to Oregon eminently satisfied that no other region on the footstool offers so varied an assortment of natural advantages and opportunities. A year, two years, or several years ago, they listened with open mouth to the siren song of the ubiquitous land man, disposed of their business homes here, sold fertile farms and also placed their multifarious possessions of stocks and implements on sale or under the auctioneer's hammer, to trail north or south as the notion took them, toward the dazzling lures of promoters. They have chewed the cud of experience, it is bitter and they relish it not. They have learned the lesson that "all is not gold that glitters" even though it may be contained in the handsomely printed circular of the companies whose chief interest is not philanthropy, but the separation of prosperous ranchers and farmers from their fat wallets. No more eloquent tribute can be paid our fair state than the return of those certain sons who have wandered after strange gods in ungodly lands and endured the painful, although necessary operation of having their "eyes opened." Our stately Oregon is neither jealous or fickle, the certain ones whom she has blessed with her bounty may be, and her fertile acres are at the service of aforetime deserters, who have observed that she is a dependable jade and growth bank accounts from the various and numerous uses to which her fertile soil is utilized in a legitimate manner. This year she promises to pay in a most bountiful manner and measure, and all who have pinned their faith in her will receive their just reward. It has surprised not only her native sons, but those of her sister states, and the continual influx of land seekers and investors, as well as the steady absorption of our land, and at prices that were never uncertain as logic, is but a forerunner of the prophecy so long claimed for our fair state, and which is now about to be fulfilled beyond the imagination of the most skeptical. Young man or woman, if you have a homestead, hold it, if not get one and hold onto it—while you can.

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