

WE received last week a letter from the U. S. attorney giving the present condition of the suit against the Willamette Valley and Cascade Mountain Road Co. After the suit on the part of the government begun, the road company filed a plea to the complaint and admitted that the road had never been completed, but alleged, amongst other things, that it was a bona fide purchaser for value without any notice of the fact of non-construction, the effect of which plea was to say that it made no difference to it in law whether the road was actually constructed, and what ever was the fact about that, it (the company) was still entitled to the land. The case is now being tried on the truth of this plea. The truth of the plea therefore being the only question to be tried, limits the scope of the testimony to "that" fact, and hence there is no testimony that can be given by a settler or action which can be taken by him that can be of importance at this time. After the testimony is given upon the plea, the matter will be argued in Portland, and if decided against the government, will doubtless be appealed, and if the court of appeals and the Supreme Court affirms the decision of this court, that will be the end of it, but if the Supreme Court should overrule the plea, then the case will be sent back to Portland for a hearing upon its merits; that is for a hearing upon the question of whether or not the road was ever actually constructed, and then the testimony and assistance of settlers will first be available. The question now is very much one of law. The court will not permit the attorney to go into the merits of the case at this time. But in case of an appeal and the case being remanded by the Supreme Court back to Portland then the attorney will be allowed to go to the bottom of the transaction and sift it thoroughly. It will be at least one year before it is reached by the Supreme Court. Thus our readers will understand it will be a long time before the matter is finally settled.

THE condition of our school building, not being sufficiently large to accommodate the pupils of the district, besides there are many families who live in the country, and not in our district who are desirous of sending children to our school if we could accommodate them. But not having room for the children of our own district, we cannot admit outside children without making some provision for them. Those living in other districts who desire to come here to school, do not ask a fine building worth ten or fifteen thousand dollars, but simply ask that we receive them if we have room.

Those who favor a \$10,000 school building argue it foolishness to build on to the old school house, that it is money thrown away. Is it not better to squander six or eight hundred dollars than \$10,000? Because if a railroad passes through, which will be the case in a year or two, and misses this town a few miles, the result will be a general moving of the town to the railroad. Now we ask what will a country school district, which this district will be

in the event of such a move, want with a \$10,000 school house?

The fact of the business is, we are premature, and want an elephant, which in the future, unless we do get the railroad here, will be out of all proportions in comparison to our wealth and surroundings. Furthermore we believe it impossible to cash the bonds voted to build a school house, for the directors tried for several months to sell the first bonds voted and failed, and if the last bonds are sold at all the purchaser must need be some one of the firms, who refused buying the first bonds voted.

Taking these facts into consideration, is it not better to spend a few dollars on the old house? so that we will have sufficient room for a time until we find the whereabouts the railroad will pass through our county?

A Ramble.

On Tuesday the 15th inst. we left Burns in company with a friend to visit the eastern part of our county. Tuesday night we stopped in Harney where we were received with courtesy and spent the evening very agreeably talking with acquaintances and taking observations. The business men of Harney seem to be very well satisfied and from what we could learn, are receiving their portion of the litte money in circulation in this region of country. Miss Lehman, principal of the Harney school, honored us with an introduction to Miss Donaldson, her assistant teacher, who had just arrived that afternoon to take a part in teaching the young ladies of Harney City and county to sprout and finally, we hope, grow into usefulness.

We were told Miss Donaldson is very proficient in music and drawing. Her lady-like appearance and deportment warrant us in saying that she is quite an acquisition to Harney society as well as the school.

Wednesday we crossed the hill onto Pine creek stopping Wednesday night with Mr. Meeker, who has a productive ranch and water sufficient to irrigate 100 acres of land.

Next morning we called on Sam Miller and had a chat with him, from there we went up Calamity creek as far as J. H. Anderson's.

Mr. A. has a section of fine land and nearly the whole of it irrigated, making it very valuable. Mr. Marks has a fine ranch irrigated with water brought from the Malheur river in a ditch five miles in length, by the way, we had the pleasure and excitement of catching in that ditch, a Salmon trout weighing at least 25 pounds. There are other ranches on the Calamity and Pine creeks equally as valuable as the ones already mentioned making it a desirable section to live in. On the Malheur river the ranches are all valuable, some ranches the nature of the improvements make them more valuable; W. F. Moffit has a ranch worth a mint of money, in fact all the farms on the Malheur well improved are, if managed properly, a fortune to any man.

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