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MORE ABOUT RAILROADS

Roads for Central Oregon—Way to Open Interior Trade.

Railroads from two directions are on the way to tap the rich field of Central Oregon—on the one from a connection with the Central Pacific at Reno, and the other from a connection with the Oregon Short Line at Nysa, says the Oregonian. All the preliminaries for an extension of the Columbia Southern into that district have been made, but they stick at the point of financing. The other lines would come up to within 50 miles of Portland, and carry away to the East or to San Francisco traffic that properly belongs to Portland. Unless there shall be an extension of the Columbia Southern, or a new railroad southward from free water in the Columbia at The Dalles, Portland interests will get scant consideration in Central Oregon.

By the arrangement under which the Columbia Southern Railroad was financed it was to have \$2,100,000 for construction purposes, and a mortgage for that sum was executed, running to the New York Security & Trust Company, of New York City. This money was to be available, however, only at the rate of \$10,000 a mile, as construction of the road should proceed. Seventy miles have been built, and \$700,000 of the bonds have been issued, the O. R. & N. Co. being the purchaser. Of the lines for which the Columbia Southern was incorporated 140 miles remain to be built, on which bonds to the sum of \$1,400,000 have already been secured by the mortgage to the New York Security & Trust Company. By the building of the additional mileage according to the original plans, this money would at once become available to pay for construction. That would take the main line of the railroad through to Prineville, with a branch from Shaniko to Canyon City, in Grant County, and would open up Central Oregon nicely.

But when that arrangement was made providing for the construction of 210 miles of railroad at \$10,000 a mile, the country had not reached its present exalted state of prosperity. That sum was then sufficient to build a mile of road under ordinary conditions. Since 1899, however, there has been marked advance in the price of labor and materials entering into railroad construction, and \$10,000 will not now pay for building a mile of road in the territory which remains to be penetrated. There was also lack of provision for rolling stock in the original estimates, the O. R. & N. being relied upon for that very essential part of the service. Indeed, contract was entered into by which the O. R. & N. was bound to supply cars for handling all the traffic of the new road until it should have exceeded 75 miles in length.

It is now found advisable to allow \$2000 a mile on future extensions for rolling stock, and the advance in the cost of labor and materials requires the addition of \$3000 a mile for construction of the track. This carries the sum necessary for extension to \$15,000 a mile, instead of \$10,000 now authorized, leaving the original financial arrangement entirely inadequate for building the line farther. For reason it was deemed best to organize a new company and proceed on a new basis for the extension southward from Shaniko. The Columbia Southern Extension Railroad Company was the result. In the past Summer it completed

a survey from Shaniko to Bend, a distance of about 100 miles, the maps of definite location have been filed, and every thing but the money is in readiness for construction of the extension. But Mr. Harriman will not take the new bonds, and will not permit them to be sold to others in New York. He is said to have made the threat that if the Columbia Southern Extension Railroad Company should make financial arrangements elsewhere that would enable it to build through to Bend, he would immediately parallel the line. This threat is supposed to have been for the purpose of preventing the marketing of the new bonds, for bond buyers have no relish for securities with such a shadow hanging over them. The money market cares nothing for the bonds except as they may yield income. It does not care whether Portland or Muckilteo reaps advantage from the money the bonds bring. Portland cares, and it is able to demand consideration in the matter.

All the traffic of the Columbia Southern Railroad is in connection with the O. R. & N. at Biggs Junction. That point is above Celilo Falls, above the competition of the open Columbia River. People who are interested in opening Central Oregon from this direction see an opportunity for doing it in a manner that will not be subject to Mr. Harriman's dictation. This would be to tap the interior by a railroad with a base at The Dalles, from which point there is unobstructed river navigation to Portland. A survey for such a road has been made under the style of The Dalles Southern. This line passes up the canyon of the Deschutes River, not across the plateau, and the produce of an important stretch of country would descend to it by easy teaming. It would tap a region of more varied resources than Sherman County. The engineering features are pronounced to be unimportant. A road there would head off the Columbia Southern on Trout Creek and practically adopt the new survey of the Columbia Southern Extension Railroad Company to Bend. As in the case of the Columbia Southern, every thing is perfected up to the point of raising the money. Construction might be in progress in a week if the financial arrangements were made.

The point in favor of this line is that it would get free water on the Columbia River. The point against it is that 70 miles of track would need to be constructed before it would reach as far into the interior as the Columbia Southern already reaches. A year would be required to build this stretch of road, and in that time progress of lines from other directions would be sure to be fast. Of course, the country penetrated by this line would all yield traffic, but the great thing to be achieved is distance—to get far enough into the heart of the country and have trade channels established in this direction before the invaders capture it.

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ENTRIES HELD UP

Hitchcock Stops All Patenting of Timber Lands.

Oregonian News Bureau, Washington, Dec. 12.—Under date of November 24, Secretary Hitchcock wrote a letter to Commissioner Hermann in relation to entries being made under the timber and stone act, in which the following language occurs:
"I now direct that until further order by the department you suspend action on all entries under said act now before your office, or that may hereafter come before it from the States of Oregon, California and Washington."

Further along in the letter the Secretary says:

You are also directed to have some of your most competent and trustworthy special agents properly investigate until further orders from the department all entries made or pending under the timber and stone act in the La Grande, Lakeview, Oregon City and The Dalles Land Offices in the State of Oregon."

The department explains that this suspension is not carried into the local Land Offices; that entries may still be made in Oregon under the timber and stone act, and that proof may be submitted, but that when those cases reach the General Land Office they are or will be suspended in compliance with the Secretary's order.

PUTS PENSION BILLS THROUGH.

Moody Has Unusual Success in Pushing Claims of Oregonians.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Representative Moody was successful today in passing through the House three of his private pension bills and one for Senator Mitchell, which has heretofore passed the Senate. The latter increases the pension of John A. Rotan, of Salem, to \$30 a month. Mr. Moody's own bills grant a pension of \$20 a month to Jesse A. McIntosh, of The Dalles, an old Mexican War veteran; \$15 a month to Helen N. Packard, of Portland, widow of John A. Packard; and \$20 a month to Regina F. Palmer, of Portland, widow of Wilson P. Palmer.

This is a remarkably fine showing, as the average number of private pensions bills allowed a member in one Congress is but two, and Mr. Moody passed one last session, passing in all four out of six he has introduced.

LAND LAW REFORM.

Hermann Wants Liek Law Repealed First.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Commissioner Hermann, of the General Land Office, has conferred with the chairman of the public lands committees of both House and Senate relative to the pending bills to repeal the timber and stone act, which he regards, in its present shape, as bad legislation. But before that law is repealed the Commissioner urges the repeal or modification of the forest reserve lieulaw, which he says is the most vicious law on the statute books.

The repeal of the timber and stone act would cut off all ways of procuring title to Government timber lands save by scrip filings. The minute this situation is brought about, the Commissioner argues, lieulaw will immediately take a jump in price, and will ultimately find its way in large quantities into the hands of corporations or speculators. With all other tim-

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ber entry cut off, they would then enjoy the undisputed right to secure, in full accordance with law, the very best Government timber land that is on surveyed lands. Either repeal the lieulaw law entirely, says the Commissioner, or amend it to provide that when lands within reserves are relinquished to the Government the tracts selected in lieu thereof shall be not only of the same area, but of approximately the same value as the tracts turned back to the Government.

While both Senator Quarles and Representative Lacey were inclined to admit the right of the argument, they gave no assurance that the proposed change will be enacted this session. In fact, the chances are decidedly against action.

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