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Sunday School at Harney the first Sunday of each month at 10 o'clock, A. M. On the second, third and fourth Sundays of each month at 3 o'clock P. M. Preaching services every second Sunday at 8 P. M.
At the Presbyterian church Burns, Rev. A. J. Irwin pastor. Divine services the third and fourth Sundays of each month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at 10 a. m. every Sabbath morning.
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RAILROAD FOR INTERIOR

O. R. & N. to Extend System to Central Oregon.

A New York dispatch to the Oregonian of the 16th says: The Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company will extend its system into Central Oregon, guaranteeing to Portland merchants control of the trade of this rich section and making its rapid development certain. This decision of the officers of the company has just been announced. The proposal to extend has been under consideration by the company for some time, but until today nothing definite has been given out that would reassure Portland jobbers and wholesale men. The absolute promise of an extension has been made.

To T. B. Wilcox, who came to New York as the representative of the Chamber of Commerce, belongs the credit for securing this early announcement of the company's plans, if not the entire credit for putting through the deal. Mr. Wilcox has been in consultation with President E. H. Harriman, of the Union Pacific and chairman of the board of directors of the O. R. & N. relative to the extension for some time, and has now departed for his home with the assurance that the company will do as Portland has desired.

The details of the extension have not yet been worked out, but these will be decided upon immediately. Construction work will be commenced soon.

The Oregonian in commenting upon the above says: The New York dispatch is not definite in its description of the plans of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company relative to the extension of the road into Central and Southern Oregon, but it is explicit in its statement that the company will build promptly. This was confirmed yesterday by a dispatch from Mr. Wilcox. Efforts to communicate with Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Harriman were futile.

The Oregon Railway & Navigation Company has two plans for the construction of this extension which might be accepted. Either would accomplish the result sought and save the trade of the central portion of the state to Portland, cutting off, at the same time, all probability of an extension from California which would divert this trade to San Francisco, or from Idaho, which would send it to Boise or Salt Lake.

The O. R. & N. can either acquire the Columbia Southern, over which there has been a hitch in the proposals for a sale, or it can extend its own system over a survey which has already been completed. The probabilities, Portland railway men believe, are that the company will make its own extension, though President Lytle, of the Columbia Southern, is now in New York in consultation with O. R. & N. officials.

A matter that stands in the way of the sale of the Columbia Southern to the O. R. & N. is the valuation which the owners of the property place upon the road. The Columbia Southern is a small road running out of Biggs on the O. R. & N. as far into Central Oregon as Shaniko. The road was originally constructed by the aid of the O. R. & N., which took up the company's bonds and made it possible for the promoters to lay the rails for their line. The O. R. & N. still owns these bonds.

The Columbia Southern has been anxious either to sell to the O. R. & N. or to extend its system far

enough into Southern Oregon, probably going as far as the California line. Not a great deal of work has been done along this line, however, for the Columbia Southern is blocked in its programme by the fact that the O. R. & N. holds its bonds. The company has found it practically impossible to extend without issuing new bonds, and it was insisted these must cover the entire line. The O. R. & N. refused to permit its bonds, based upon the shorter line, to be cheapened by another issue and this attitude of the larger road has held up the Columbia Southern's plans for an extension.

The proposal for a sale that has been under consideration involved the question of railroad passenger and freight rates to such an extent that the two interests have been unable in the past to come together. The Columbia Southern has insisted that after all fixed charges were paid it netted 8 per cent on the investment and the officials of the company have insisted upon a sale price based upon this showing.

The Columbia Southern has the advantage of being a small road privileged to charge passenger rates of 4 cents per mile and freight rates proportionately large. The O. R. & N., should it acquire the property, would be compelled to reduce passenger rates to 3 cents and a corresponding cut in freight tariffs would have to be made. Computing the earnings of the road on the basis of a reduction in rates, officials of the O. R. & N. have held that it would be impossible to make the road pay the dividends its owners have claimed for it, and the larger system held that the sale price should be based upon this condition.

In the negotiations which have been pending between the Columbia Southern and the O. R. & N. there has crept in the threat of the Harriman system to parallel the smaller line's road, and also an intimation that a line might be constructed from either Payette, on the Oregon Short Line, or Madeline, Cal., on the Nevada, California & Oregon Railroad, which is a Southern Pacific feeder, into the Central and Southern Oregon territory.

The O. R. & N. has gone so far with its proposal to parallel the Columbia Southern as to order surveys for a line, leaving the main line at or near The Dalles and going up the Deschutes River Valley into Central Oregon. From different points in Central Oregon there have been proposals to extend in different directions. The construction of this line has been found to be entirely feasible and the officials of the O. R. & N. are inclined to concede that the Columbia Southern could be built into the same territory upon an advantageous plan.

The threat of the Nevada, California & Oregon Railroad to extend from Madeline into Oregon carried with it the declaration of the Columbia Southern that its line would be continued to meet this system. Should the two smaller lines be able to carry out this plan, the district in Central and Southern Oregon now practically without railroad communication would be a route almost direct into San Francisco.

Another proposal that threatened Portland's interest was for the construction of a branch of the Oregon Short Line from Payette into Central Oregon.

It is evident, however, from the above dispatch that the O. R. & N. has determined to do whatever railroad building is attempted in Central and Southern Oregon. Within a comparatively short time it will be definitely known whether the O. R. & N. intends to build a line of its own or whether it will extend the Columbia Southern. But one thing is certain and that is that Central and Southern Oregon are to be opened up just as quickly as railroad constructors can lay the rails.

SEASON SLOW

Demand for Live Stock Not Developed.

Baker City Democrat; C. J. Millis, general livestock agent of the O. R. & N. Co., called upon his Baker City friends yesterday. To a Democrat representative, Mr. Millis said:

"The season is a very late one in Oregon and it has been a long hard winter in the east. It is difficult to tell any thing about the stock market now. Our stock out here has come through the winter all right, but in those sections where we usually ship our stock cattle there is yet no demand developed. As soon as they get waked up from the long winter we will undoubtedly hear from them. I am going next week to Montana to attend the annual convention of the round-up associations and expect to get definite information there and probably will bring back some orders for Oregon stock.

"From all my reports it can be said there will be a splendid wool crop in Oregon this year. The long winter, while not very severe, has somewhat retarded the growth of wool, but as there will be hundreds of new clips there will be a large increase in tonnage and the quality of the wool will be about the average. This should be a very prosperous year in all agricultural lines and I find that mining prospects are of the best."

NEW EXPERIMENT STATION

Agricultural Department Will Look Over Blue Mt. Region.

Judge Hartman, as chairman of the board of Umatilla county commissioners, is in receipt of a letter from Prof. W. J. Spillman, agronomist of the agricultural department, stating that Matt Crosby, formerly of the Michigan agricultural experiment station, will, during the coming month of July, select in the Blue mountains in that county an experiment station.

Mr. Crosby comes as the representative of the agricultural department to conduct by and with the advice and co-operation of the citizens of the Blue Mountains, a station for experimenting with the introduction of cultivated grasses and forage plants.

Ready For Distribution.

The new stamped envelope that has been under preparation for several months past has been made ready for issue and is now being distributed to the postoffices throughout the country. The envelope is in four denominations—1 cent, 2 cent, 4 cent and 5 cent. The change made is very great, and it is believed by the officials who have the matter in charge, that it is a great improvement. The stamps on all the envelopes are different shapes. The 1-cent envelope has a green stamp in the form of a perfect circle about an inch in diameter. The bust of Franklin in white is in the central figure. The 2-cent stamp is oval in shape. It is a brick red and bears the bust of Washington in white. This stamp is about one and one fourth by one inch in size. The 4-cent envelope is about one and one fourth inches square and is brown. It bears the portrait of Grant in white. The 5-cent stamp is shaped like an eclipse. It is blue and bears the portrait of Lincoln in white. The portraits on all the stamps are busts, and are embossed on the envelope. The

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