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## Railroad Extension from Condon to Fossil Depends on the Placing of 900,000,000 Feet of Timber on the Market .: O-W. R. & N. Official Secures Data for Report to Pres. Farrell

As far as can be learned at the present time the building of the extension of the Condon branch to Fossil entirely depends upon the placing on the market of 900,000,000 feet of timber, tributary to the Wheeler county seat. This would make an immense business for a railroad and assure the extension as a paying investment from the start. It is understood that a railroad official of the O-W. R. & N. has been looking over every inch of the Fossil country and that he will report favorably on the extension providing the owners of the timber can be induced to place that product on the market.

The timber would mean 32,150 cars of 100,000-capacity for the new road. It is further learned that the railroader found Fossil's tributary country to contain 14 townships with a population of 1560 people, 20,510 acres in cultivation in that area, 85,070 acres of tillable land and 230,000 acres of grazing land. He also found that there were 2,200 horse, 3,800 cattle, 3,200 hogs and 45,000 sheep producing 500,000 pounds of wool. The grain and hay grown are consumed and fed in that territory. A coal field, said to extend over 2000 acres, is located about ten miles south of Fossil. Yet, all these resources outside

of the timber, according to the railroad official, are not sufficient to warrant the building of a rail extension to Fossil. The timber which means so much to the present building of the Condon branch into Fossil would demand the construction of a logging road up Butte Creek from Fossil, it being 6 miles to the timber line and 15 miles to the heavy timber. With numerous spurs the entire timber area could be easily reached and the logs brought into Fossil where one of the largest saw mills in the west would be erected to cut up the 900,000,000 feet of timber. Opposing strongly the bring-

ing of the timber over the Condon and Fossil extension is the most feasible outlet for this timber down to the John Day Valley by means of logging roads down Alder and Kohler creeks to the Spray country because of rumored plans of the not far distant building of a main line from the Deschutes road at Gateway running east to and up the John Day Valley on through the Burnt river divide into the northern part of Malheur county to the present line at Brogan which connects at Vale with the new Oregon Eastern railroad, a part of the shortest transcontinental line in the country. This

would not only mean a direct main line to eastern markets for the vast timber tributary to the John Day but would give a water grade route and cut-off of over 100 miles over the present O. W. R. & N. over the high Blue Mountains. Another feasible and possible route for taking out the vast amount of timber on the north side of the mountains of the Fossil country is by building logging roads down Thirtymile and running the timber down to Thirtymile canyon on the Condon-Fossil extension where a large sawmill could be built. In looking over the territory on this trip it is understood that

the railroad official found the old survey of the once proposed electric line a heavy and most expensive route to build and that the extension through Mayville would not only be one of heavy grades and out of the way on account of extended loops around hills, but that a more feasible route could be run from Condon over the old survey down Thirtymile canyon and then up Wehrli creek on to the north fork of Butte creek and up Butte Creek proper into Fossil. While this would leave Mayville four miles to the east, the large amount of grain could easily be hauled to the railroad because of the downhill haul from either the Mayville side or the west tributary country.

### MAYVILLE LADS ELOPE WITH FAIR MISSOURI MAIDS

Montgomery, Mo. Mar. 15—Claude Graham and Tonie Lillie, both of Mayville, Or., young farmers, secured licenses to marry Maggie and Mamie L. Bainbridge here yesterday, and with the girls eloped to St. Louis, where, it is believed, they were married last night. Mrs. Alexander Graham, a friend of the girls, accompanied the eloping quartet to St. Louis. The girls are the daughters of a well-to-do landowner here and have kept company with the two young farmers from the Pacific Coast for some weeks while the latter visited relatives here. The parents and friends of the two girls knew nothing of the intended elopement.

Missouri is the "show me" state and the young men of Montgomery were shown by the two young men, well known here how to turn the trick.

### LONEROCK NEWS THE PAST WEEK

Lonerock, Mar. 20, (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Hawk went to Condon Monday. Mrs. Hawk's mother, Mrs. Sarah Bennett will come home with them.

Misses Hazel Coleman and Nellie Robinson made a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Carpenter in Porcupine Gulch last Saturday.

C. C. Andrews returned home Friday from Heppner where he has had his wife for medical treatment.

Mrs. L. A. Miller was a city visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. S. J. Wick moved to her city residence Saturday.

Mrs. M. W. Crawford is visiting her mother, Mrs. C. D. Robinson.

M. N. Mulligan received the sad news that his brother was accidentally killed in a railroad wreck while on his way home from Alaska.

Walter Duncan is driving the Heppner-Lonerock stage.

A. Neel, Miss Lela Neel, Misses Oma and Leola Bennett, and Alva Bennett were called to the bedside of Mrs. I. C. Bennett on Monday. Mrs. Bennett is no better at this writing.

E. M. Leathers moved his family to the Frank Golden place near Condon Sunday.

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### Plowing on the Large Kilbourne Ranch for the 1913 Crop



Olex, March 16, (Special)—That Gilliam county ranches are at present scenes of greatest activity is demonstrated on the 7000-acre Kilbourne Ranch on Shuttler Flat where plowing and seeding of spring grain is being done on an extensive scale. Eighteen hundred acres are already in fall wheat and 1500 more acres are now being sown to spring

grain, both wheat and barley. In the plowing and seeding operations on the Kilbourne ranch two Caterpillar engines and six mu'e teams are being used, the Caterpillars each pulling twelve fourteen-inch plows and turning under thirty acres per day. A night crew is maintained and altogether eighteen or twenty men are employed. A

blacksmith shop is located on the ranch, the owners employing their own blacksmith.

This large ranch is modern, the house and barn being lighted by electricity, and at this time several new buildings in the way of machine sheds, a bunkhouse for the men, etc., are being erected.

The owners do not entirely

devote their time to the growing of grain for hogs are raised for home consumption, cure their own meat and raise all the necessary garden truck.

The prospects in the neighborhood of Olex are excellent for a good crop, there being about eighteen inches of moisture in the sod.

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### 520 CARS OF WHEAT SHIPPED FROM CONDON

Five hundred and twenty cars of wheat, carrying 720,666 bushels, have been shipped from Condon since September last according to statistics obtained at the local depot.

### OLEX RESIDENTS ENJOY PARTY

Olex, Mar. 20, (Special Correspondence to the Condon Globe)—The party given in Wade's hall on Saturday evening was well attended and all seemed to have a good time.

M. E. Weatherford of Arlington was a visitor on Thursday of last week.

W. S. Wade and wife returned from Shipherd's Springs on Wednesday last.

J. F. Hurt went to Pendleton Saturday for a few days visit.

C. W. Martin was an Arlington visitor Saturday.

J. E. Reynolds of Arlington was in town on Thursday of last week.

Bill Eddon of Condon spent Saturday here.

T. C. Mobley went to Arlington Monday.

Glen Keeney went to Condon Monday.

Geo. Baumgaartner returned Sunday from Arlington.

Miss Cavy Weatherford was an Arlington visitor on Monday.

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### Grow More Wheat, Oats, and Barley, Says T. B. Wilcox

Oregon agriculture, distribution of natural products, transportation conditions, and the whole range of agricultural economy were subjects discussed and studied on last Saturday in the Portland Commercial Club by leaders in all lines of effort, in a conference with President Kerr of the O. A. C. on the methods to be pursued in organizing the extension work authorized by the recent Legislature.

"Get away from fruit and grow wheat, oats and barley, for which we have a greater demand than supply," said T. B. Wilcox, president of the Oregon Development League.

"Organize for better distribution, so that the farmer can make a profit on the enormous crop he is now growing merely to waste," said A. P. Davis, of the Farmers Union, and operating a farm in the Grande Ronde Valley.

"Teach the farmer how to get his product upon the market at less cost, how to utilize certain by-products now unused, and how to get greater tonnage from less acreage," said C. E. Spence, master of the State Grange, who is a practical farmer of Clackamas county.

President Wilcox of the Development League, threw a bombshell into the meeting by declaring that the state had gone fruit mad, and while tons and tons of berries, apples and other fruits rotted where they grew the preceding year, he was scraping the state from one end to the other to get wheat, barley and oats.

"There will be no diminution to speak of in the price of flour for the next 10 years," said Mr. Wilcox. "Wheat is the most profitable crop that the Oregon farmer can turn to just now." (Continued on page 6.)

### ADOPTING ORDINANCES FOR PAVING

A special meeting of the council was called on Friday night by Mayor Burns and all councilmen were present. The object of the meeting was to pass on the new ordinance which provides for street improvements. The ordinance was read three times and passed unanimously each time. It contains the Bancroft Act and in other ways provides for the contemplated improvements of the streets and especially the paving of Main.

At another special meeting called Monday night an ordinance prepared by the city engineer, specifying the manner in which the curbs shall be put in and providing for a walk 12 feet wide on Main street, was adopted. The curb is to be 28 feet from the center of the street. This will make the paved street 56 feet wide and the walk will cover the space from the curb to the buildings.

### REP. W. A. CAMPBELL SLOWLY IMPROVING

Representative Campbell has moved from the Nisbeth Sanatorium in Portland and the Campbells now have apartments at the Barker in that city. "Sandy" is slightly better than he has been for several weeks.

### DR. N. G. BLALOCK DEAD

Dr. Nelson Gales Blalock, well known over the entire northwest died at his Walla Walla home Friday afternoon. He was one of the first to see a great future for the Inland Empire in the up-building of which he has been a great power. He has been associated with many enterprises in this section and at one time owned the island in the Columbia below Arlington. Mrs. Farr of this city is a niece of his and he had many other relatives in this county.

The Oregon Hotel will serve a turkey dinner on Easter Sunday March 23 from 12 till 2 p. m. 50 cents a plate.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Robertson went to Portland yesterday.

Mrs. J. W. Donnelly went to Portland yesterday to visit her son, Edgar.

N. F. L. Van Slype went to The Dalles today to visit his daughter.

J. E. Reynolds shipped a car of cattle Monday from the local yards to the Portland market.

F. T. Hurlburt went to Arlington today.

### MRS. G. W. MARVEL OF ROCK CREEK DIES SUDDENLY

Sad are the circumstances surrounding the death of Mrs. G. W. Marvel at her home on Rock Creek Tuesday afternoon. She started, with her husband, to drive to Mikkalo and became ill while on the road. They turned around and drove home and in a short time Mrs. Marvel became unconscious, failing to recognize the members of her own family, and lingered but a few hours. She had not shown any symptoms of illness and the cause of her death is known but is supposed to have been heart trouble. Burial was given yesterday in the Olex cemetery.

Mrs. Marvel was one of the pioneers of Gilliam county, having come here with her husband in the days of early settlers. She lived on the same ranch on the creek for twenty years and raised a large family. Her loss will be deeply felt not only by her family but by all in the neighborhood in which she lived.

### EASTER SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES

Congregational Church Services will be held in the Congregational church next Sunday morning and evening. Come, Sunday School at 10 a m, preaching at 11 a m and 7.30 pm. Special music in evening. Junior Endeavor at 3 p. m. Let (Continued on page 6.)

J. J. Wasson went to Portland Wednesday.

Mrs. Henry Wilkins was up from Clem Tuesday.

Geo. Blake of Portland was here a few days this week.

Lester Wade went to Arlington Saturday to ship a bunch of cattle from there to Portland.

Wilbur Bennett returned from Portland this week.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY SHOW AND SUPPER RECEIPTS ARE \$133

The supper served by the Catholic ladies on St. Patrick's evening in the old church was well patronized and the entertainment in the Athletic Club opera house the same evening was attended by a large crowd. The total receipts of the supper and the show were \$133.