

SOME RAILROAD TALK.

Official of S. V. R. R. Makes Promises and Predictions.

C. W. Nibley, Manager of the Sumpter Valley railroad, was in Portland Saturday, and did a great deal of talking to a Telegram reporter. He was evidently talking for publication, and the effect he hoped it would have. If he will fulfill the following promise, Sumpter people will be appeased to some extent. He said:

"On March 15 we shall put on a double daily passenger train service between Baker City and Sumpter. The present logging train will be continued, but will leave Baker City late in the afternoon, so as to carry the day's mail and the evening papers to all the mining camps in that district."

Then he talked about railroad building and extensions, declaring positively that the Hilgard-Granite road will never be built, and that the survey is a bluff by the Grande Ronde Lumber company, to protect a lot of timber lands. To the average mind, this would appear to be a poor way to "protect" such property, making it appear valuable, at least, and exciting the cupidity of the public—but that is neither here nor there. After announcing that this proposed railroad will not be constructed, he casually remarks:

"The Sumpter Valley Railroad Company fully appreciates the importance of the business in sight for the coming season in Eastern Oregon, and you may say that commencing almost immediately, we will extend our present line southerly from Sumpter 18 miles, through Bonanza and on toward Prairie City, and we may build this season as far as Canyon City, if negotiations now pending in New York are consummated."

There would appear to be some connection between the two statements.

Eugene People Interested in Sumpter.

The Eugene Guard publishes an interesting letter from William Mayer, formerly of that place but now a resident of Sumpter, in answer to many letters of inquiry received from acquaintances there. He tells of conditions here, industrial and business, of the future bright outlook, and incidentally suggests that now is the time to invest.

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