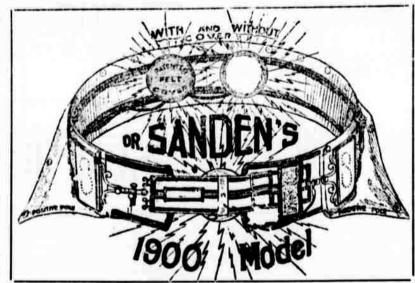
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RAILROAD SITUATION.

Central Oregon Full of Surveyors but There is no Building Now.

Railroad activity in central Oregon increases with the approach of winter. Established companies and projected comin every direction, until the natives are beginning to wonder where it all is to end.

But railroads do not build wherever they run survey lines. Sometimes 50 lines are run in order to establish one permanent survey for the grade stakes. The person who starts to figure out townsites or buy property on the strength of the appearance of a party of surveyors in a particular section, might as well chase the will-o' the-wisp.

Therefore, although central Oregon is practically covered with surveyors, it is no will be enough railroads built to open up One of the two lines proposed down the the country and drain all the important Columbia river is sure to be built soon. trade territory. The Sumpter Valley The Vancouver & Yakima will soon exroad, which is penetrating the state from tend its line. A railroad down the Coling for another line down the Des Chutes eiver, the Oregon Midland which has let lines in California, Washington, British contracts for entering the southwestern section, the Corvallis & Eastern which is surveying for an extension from the west, labor market.-Portland Telegram. the California, Nevada & Oregon road which is pushing north to enter the state from the south, and other proposed and incorporated roads give pulpable evidence Miners' Union at Cornucopia, organized that the partition of the Juland Empire is near at hand.

Construction work on some of these lines will begin this winter. Next spring Since that time the forces in opposition will be developed on an extensive scale. there will probably be a veritable building have been quietly at work, according to The veteran prospector has mined in all war among the roads anxious to be first in the statement of a miner who is just down the camps of the West. In speaking of the field. Already railroad contractors are from the Cracker Creek district, and the eastern Oregon, he said: "Any propbidding in Portland for laborers. Owing Columbia mine management saw fit to erty to be a successful mine and to be to railroad building activity in all parts of discharge members of the union, not in a made a producer must outlay \$50,000 or

will be a serious question to get enough to supply the demand. The Idaho & Northern is using a large number of men extending its line. The O. R. & N. is doing considerable improvement work that takes a number of men. So are the other that they propose to have their rights re- erties producers. This is a very promispanies have their surveyors running lines roads. The Rio Grande will need an army for its proposed line between Salt Lake and Los Angeler.

The Burlington has released a number of men through the completion of its Alliance-Denver line, which somewhat rethe Great Northern's Cascade tunnel will are putting the finishing touches on the Northern Pacific's Pullman cut-off into Seattle. But in case work is started upon half a dozen other roads, which are incorporated and surveyed, there will be a versign that railroads are going to be built in itable famine in the labor market. It is all the places they run lines. However, possible the O. R. & N. will resume work there is good ground for belief that there upon its extensions in the Clearwater. the east, the Columbia Southern which umbia to Long Beach is possible. The has entered from the north and is survey- one to Nehmem and Tillamook is bound to be built. These, with other proposed Columbia, Alaska and the Northwest generally, will make a big draft upon the

Labor Troubles Said to be Brewing.

About ten days ago the president of the a union at Bourne, taking in as members a majority of all the miners employed

pose, it is said, to throw off any suspicion they will attempt to compel the Columbia gold mines will come to the front."management to recognize the union and employ only its members. The advert of the union in the eastern Oregon gold lieves the strain. Men employed upon fields will not unlikely bring about the same conditions as prevail elsewhere. soon be relieved, as well as a number who Whether there is need in this section for such an organization is a matter for argument and both sides of the issue, perhaps, have evidence to present. It is hoped that arbitration will be resorted to in the adjustment of affairs effecting the welfare of the miner and the mine owners and no step taken on either side that will precipitate unnecessary trouble.-Baker Dem-

Cannibar Discovery in Cornucopia District.

J. W. Dooley, an old prospector, was in town during the past week from the Cornucopia district and he reports great activity all over that camp. He says he has made the discovery of a large cinnibar deposit about eight miles north of Baker City and he is preparing to ship samples of the ore to the Smithsonian institute at Washington, D. C., to determine the commercial value of the new find. Mr. Dooley also owns a group of promising copper claims northeast of this city, and it assays which he is having made in Salt Lake, Denver and this city throughout the Cracker Creek district, return satisfactory values, the property

the Northwest, labor is very scarce and it body but one by one, for the evident pur- \$75,000 in development. This is the history of all great mining camps. You that the management was opposed to un- have the properties here but very tew ion labor. The places of union men were mines. In some instances large sums of at once filled by non-union men and here money have been spent in development comes the rub. The union men indicate work but not enough to make the propspected and while it is not given out what ing mining camp but capitalists must be they intend to do, but it is intimated that interested here before the eastern Oregon Baker City Herald.

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