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## RAILROAD SPECULATION.

## Some Interesting Guesses as to Where Projected Lines Will Run.

J. S. Locke, of Huntington, president of the company which attempted navigation of the Snake river with the steamer Mabel, operating between Huntington and the Seven Devils copper mountains, was in this city yesterday, a guest at the Hotel Sommer.

Mr. Locke, who is a keen business man, talked interestingly of plans by the O. R. & N., looking to the tapping of the splendid Harney valley, in Harney county.

"The Harney valley is the largest in eastern Oregon," remarked the Huntington man, "and you could put Grande Ronde valley in it, and then leave space for thousands of people.

"I have just returned to Huntington after a trip of 700 miles with representatives of the O. R. & N. Co. We journeyed to the towns of Drewsey, Harney and Burns, thence into the famous Lake country.

"It is generally understood that the O. R. & N. Co. people investigated the new Oregon Southern, which railroad is completed to Shaniko, with the idea of figuring on the plan of securing that route to tap the Harney county.

"In my opinion the Sumpter Valley railroad, now building to Whitney, will be extended to the Prineville section. Probably the line may sometime be disposed of to the O. R. & N. Co., to be used as a feeder line.

"The impression is gaining force in Huntington that the O. R. & N. Co., will make that town the junction for lines of railroad going along the Snake river to Lewiston, Idaho, and a feeder extending into the splendid Harney county, with its great stockraising and wheatgrowing possibilities. The country to be traversed from Huntington to Lake county is not to

be compared in difficulty with that over which the extension of the Sumpter Valley railroad is being pushed."

Mr. Locke is very enthusiastic over the certainty, as he thinks, of the Huntington-Lakeview line being pushed forward to actual completion by the O. R. & N. Co. He said regarding the richness of Harney valley, alone:

"The Harney valley, having about 2000 square miles, is capable of producing millions of bushels of wheat, oats and other grain, and the extension of a railroad into the Lake county country would also be over a region where steel rails could be laid with extremely small expense. The Lakeview region, too, is a splendid agricultural country.—La Grande Journal.

## Dredge for Burnt River.

D. H. Stearns, of Portland, president of the Gold Coast Development company, is in the city perfecting plans to do some development work in that section. Mr. Stearns has purchased the old Cavana ranch and will soon begin the erection of a \$60,000 dredger, to operate in Burnt river on this ranch. Mr. Stearns states that there is certainly gold in this stream and he will be able to secure it with this dredger. The dredge is to be run by electricity and operate both day and night. He will leave tomorrow afternoon for Chicago and New York.—Huntington Correspondent of the Boise Statesman.

## Miners Union Dance at Bourne.

The Bourne Miners union No. 42 will give its first ball Friday evening of this week, in Bourne hall. The committees are: On invitation, J. T. Rusk, W. E. Campbell and Joseph Calvert; music, C. H. Cook, W. M. Francis and M. W. Beckwith; floor managers, O. W. Newlin, Gus Anderson and Chris White. Some of the men were in town Saturday selling tickets to the ball and disposed of a large number here. This is slated for the big social event of the season, and the gentlemen in charge are sparing no pains to make it a success in every detail.

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