

## RAILROAD RUMORS.

N. C. & O. and C. S. Headed  
for John Day Valley.

It is reported at Lakeview, Oregon, that the Nevada, California & Oregon Railway is about to put engineers in the field to survey the proposed extension from Termo to Lakeview. The work of grading the roadbed and laying ties will begin without delay and rails will be put down as fast as they can be obtained from the mills. The company has rails for 19 miles of road and will have to wait on the factories for the remainder. It expects to be supplied about July 1, and to have trains running into Lakeview by Thanksgiving.

The Nevada, California & Oregon has been built from Reno, Nev., to Termo, Cal., a distance of 130 miles. Much of the territory through which it passes is not profitable. It has good country for 10 or 15 miles south of Termo, and the northern stretch to Lakeview is capable of furnishing large traffic.

D. Comyn Morgan is president of the company and Amedee D. Morgan treasurer. They are New York men who have a rating of \$20,000,000.—Oregonian.

## Columbia Southern Litigation Settled.

All litigation between E. E. Lytle and Drake C. O'Reilly, on account of the Columbia Southern railroad, has been settled for good, and five cases pending in the state and United States courts were dismissed yesterday. Mr. O'Reilly drops out of the road and E. E. Lytle and Walter H. Moore become owners of the entire issue of stock. Mr. O'Reilly received \$127,700 in cash for his interest. Of this amount, \$114,700 was applied to his 1147 shares of stock, which Lytle and Moore took at par, and \$10,000 to the matter connected with the extension from Moro to Shaniko. The Moro Shaniko account was submitted to arbitration. It is said that Mr. O'Reilly expected to get \$34,200 on this account, but a compromise was reached at \$10,000. The settlement between the litigants was give or take, and the Lytle-Moore people decided to take. If the litigation between Lytle and O'Reilly had been continued it would have bankrupted the Columbia Southern and all connected with it. In the settlement O'Reilly gets fair valuation for his interest. Lytle and Moore have no reason to complain of their end of the deal, for they have a good property. They are progressive men and when the proper time comes they will extend the line into profitable territory.—Oregonian.

## N. C. &amp; O. Railway Checkmated.

It is not known whether the settlement of the Columbia Southern litigation will have any bearing on the plans of the Nevada, California and Oregon. This company's line is completed to Termo, near the Oregon boundary. Its next move will be towards Lakeview, the seat of Lake county. Had the Columbia Southern been tied up by a receivership, the Nevada, California and Oregon would have hurried its road to Prineville and made central Oregon tributary to California. This would have bottled up the Columbia Southern, as it will be many years before central Oregon will be able to support two roads. E. E. Lytle, president of the Columbia Southern, saw through the designs of the Nevada, California and Oregon and realized that if his road was to be of any value to any one either, he must buy O'Reilly's interest or sell his own to O'Reilly. This was the motive for the settlement of the litigation between Lytle and O'Reilly. Now that the Columbia Southern is out of court and is making money, the next move of the Nevada, California and Oregon is awaited with

interest. To the railroad world it looks as if the Columbia Southern has checked Mr. Altschul's little game to annex central Oregon, for commercial purposes to San Francisco.—Oregonian.

## Grande Ronde Quartz and Placer.

Wm. Muir, the veteran miner of the Grande Ronde quartz and placer group of mines, is enjoying a respite from his labor and spending the time among his friends in La Grande. Mr. Muir has not been to town since last November. He, with one companion, P. M. Mewald, has spent the winter doing underground work in his mines. With the exception of one visit from an expert, they have seen no one during the winter, but have enjoyed to their hearts' content a "high lonesome." The ground, Mr. Muir states, has been in very poor condition for working this winter. Because of the unusually large amount of moisture and the lack of cold weather, the ground is so soft that it can scarcely be held in position by the timbers of the mines. In fact, the ground seems to be constantly moving and Mr. Muir, who is by no means a superficial student of science, believes that some geological transformation may be taking place. It is possible that it is merely local, but he believes that it applies to the entire section. Mr. Muir says that there is considerable snow in the mining section, and, as the roads are yet bad, he would not have undertaken the journey but for the fact that he had an appointment to meet some mining promoters at this place.—La Grande Chronicle.

## Sumpter Grocery Company Change.

J. F. Alden who, until the first of the month, was a partner in the Sumpter Grocery company, left Monday afternoon for his Union county stock ranch, having retired from business here. M. W. Wheeler, who has been the other partner, has taken Mr. Alden's interest and will hereafter operate the business. He has secured the temporary services of J. W. Cowden to take care of the growing trade. Mr. Alden's family will remain here for a short time, at least, and as he has various other interests in the vicinity, will be back from time to time.

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The officers of the company are James Clark, president; Leon H. Long, vice president; George H. Linsley, secretary and treasurer and H. W. B. Smith, general manager, the above named gentlemen together with J. C. McFadden, of Walla Walla, form the board of directors.

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