

MUCH RAILROAD WORK IN SIGHT

Strenuous Railroad Construction Work to Be Felt Here, for Two Big Systems Are Busy—Hill and Lovett Watch This Section.

Confirming the article published in the Mail Tribune Monday, the Oregonian says:

That the extreme southwestern part of Oregon and the northwestern section of California are soon to come in for a share of the strenuous railway construction that is now in progress in Oregon is strongly indicated.

Both the Hill and the Harriman systems have their eyes turned toward the rich mining fields and timbered areas of those portions of the two states. The probability of the Pacific & Eastern extending into the district was mentioned at the time the first reports of the purchase of the road by James J. Hill were published, and the Harriman system has now sent scouts into the country in no less percentages than J. P. O'Brien, general manager in Oregon of the Southern Pacific, and R. B. Miller, traffic manager.

Inspection Tour Into South. Last week Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Miller were out on a reported "inspection trip" over the lines of the Southern Pacific. It has now become known that this "inspection trip" included an extremely arduous automobile journey from Grants Pass, 50 miles southwest to Crescent City, Cal. Accompanying them was W. H. Harburt of Portland, once president of the O. W. P. and who built that company's first power plant on the Clackamas.

The points visited by the railroad men included Takilma, where there is now located a copper smelter; Deering and Waldo and a portion of the large redwood belt of timber that is standing near Crescent City.

Almost immediately after his return to Portland Mr. O'Brien left for San Francisco, where George W. Bosche, chief engineer is known to have gone, and where they will be followed today by Mr. Miller.

Mr. Miller, while admitting that they had made the journey to Crescent City, declares that during the coming conference in San Francisco the trip is not likely to be mentioned. He declined to say, however, what had called the officials to the Bay City.

"I have made some hard trips, but the one last week was by far the worst in my experience," said Mr. Miller yesterday. "The road was very rough and very hilly. It crossed three mountain ranges and there were grades eight miles long. We frequently had to get out and walk. On the way in we stopped at several places, but on the return, coming straight through, it required 16 1/2 hours of travel for the 90 miles. We were 11 hours traveling from Crescent City to Waldo a distance of 50 miles. Going in, between Waldo and Crescent City, we met but one team, and that was the stage. On the return we met one team other than the stage."

In reply to a question, Mr. Miller said that the party went in just to see the country.

Private Survey Made. It is known aside from what the railroad officials are willing to tell, that a private railroad survey had been made from Grants Pass to Crescent City and that a good railroad route has been discovered. In the district are two exceptionally promising mining districts, the Waldo district and the Blue Ledge country.

Prospecting work is in progress on a number of mines and some are already producing sufficient quantities of copper ore to make the operation of the smelter at Takilma a good business venture. The entire district is well timbered, one portion of containing a heavy stand of California redwood, and it is said to abound in feasible water power projects.

In addition to whatever may be inferred from the inspection trip made by the Harriman road officials, it is known that that railroad and the Santa Fe are now building a joint line up the coast from San Francisco to Eureka. The situation brought about by Hill's threatened invasion of the district has apparently caused consideration of an extension of the coast line to Crescent City and on through the mountains to Grants Pass, to connect with the Southern Pacific Shasta route.

The Pacific & Eastern, now generally accepted as a Hill road, has been making reconnaissancees southwesterly from Medford, and it is understood has found a feasible route into the Waldo and Blue Ledge mining districts and to the coast at Eureka.

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"Ye olde hotel" has been the center around which many events revolved in romantic literature. The typical innkeepers of Old England were characters of no little importance and have been immortalized by such writers as Dickens, Thackeray, Dr. Johnson, Washington Irving and other writers who were the makers of our classic literature. The innkeeper was fat, phlegmatic and fond of his "cups." He had many tales to relate to travelers and was an entertainer in this manner quite as much as the provider of food and shelter to the public.

But the innkeeper of a few decades ago has disappeared, and in his place we have the personage who, if less picturesque, can lay claim to as many accomplishments in the gentle art of making the traveler or guest feel at home.

The hotel man of today is a man of science and his hotel, if modern in construction and methods of operation, is conducted in accordance with distinct scientific principles. This plan can be observed in any fine hotel of class, and the development of science in hotel work in America is one of the most interesting topics of today.

In no other hotel can these facts and principles be observed better than in the new Hotel Seward of Portland, Or. This magnificent new hotel, which was opened last July, is a marvel of beauty and scientific hotel construction. The building is six stories high, contains 150 rooms, is built of pressed brick and glazed stucco, and furnished throughout in mahogany and Circassian walnut. Almost every room has a private bath attached and all are outside rooms, affording guests ample sunshine and fresh air. There are local and long-distance telephones in every room. Otis elevators. The lobby has been pronounced the most beautiful of any hotel in the west. The system of ventilation is perfect, so that such a thing as impure air is unknown. The rooms are cleaned by a great pneumatic cleaning plant in the basement, which has connecting tubes with every room, and is operated by electricity. It is impossible for a speck of dust to remain after the cleaning process has been carried out.

Quiet and homelike, this hotel affords superior advantages to business men and their families who reside in the different cities of Oregon.

- No. 1—\$2750—6-room house, bath and sleeping porch, city water, electric lights, cement walks, lot 50x150, 6 blocks from Main street; \$1500 cash, balance terms; nice neighborhood; it won't last long.
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TENT CITY IS MOST POPULAR

Some 50 Tents Erected, With Side-walks of Wood in Front—Comfortable and Airy—Rooms Are Well Furnished.

Have you visited the Tent City? Of course, you have seen it as you passed along Main street going to or from the business section of the city. The tent city is a wonderful place. Some 50 tents have already been erected with floors and side walls of wood and neatly stained. The tops of white canvas with an additional fly over all insures circulation of air and protection from the heat of the sun. The tent city is laid off in streets, each tent is furnished comfortably and completely and is as desirable as most rooms in any hotel. The entire grounds are enclosed, each tent is electric lighted, sanitary, clean and well protected.

Very Necessary. The tent city was made necessary by the crowds of people who are coming to Medford daily and cannot find suitable rooms either at private homes or the hotels.

The enterprising, hustling firm of Cuthbert & Co. took the matter up and in a surprisingly short time succeeded in installing and furnishing the tents, making them ready for occupancy.

The firm of Cuthbert & Co. deserve great credit for solving a vexing problem. Think of the Commercial club spending thousands of dollars to bring people to the city and then not being able to take care of them!

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Public Invited. The public in general is invited to visit the tent city and learn how neatly things have been arranged. A reasonable charge will be made for these tents and it is anticipated that most of them will be filled in a very short time. If you can't find a room, or, better, if you realize the superior advantages of sleeping in a tent instead of a house, come soon and secure one of these tents. Come and visit the tent city, anyway.

These tent cities are now located in a great many towns and cities of the west and are proving very popular.

MRS. SAYLER WANTS NEW TRIAL ON MURDER CHARGE

WATSEKA, Ill., April 13.—Judge Dibell has set April 30 as the date for a hearing of arguments on the motion of the Sayler defense for a new trial of Mrs. J. B. Sayler and Dr. William Miller, convicted of manslaughter.

Mrs. Sayler, who was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for the killing of her husband, is prostrated today. Her attorneys would not make a statement, but it was intimated that if the motion for a new trial is denied they will take the case to the supreme court of Illinois.

If a new trial be granted, the defendants must be tried on a manslaughter charge only, as the recent verdict prevents any action against them on a charge of murder.

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SWITCHMEN BACK AT WORK AGAIN

Strike Is Declared Off Unconditionally—Granted Increase of Three Cents an Hour—Strike Is Four Months Old.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 13.—The strike of the switchmen on 13 railroads of the northwest has been declared off officially. President Hawley of the switchmen today declared the men would go back "unconditionally."

The announcement was made after a count of the votes of the various locals on the proposition of returning to work.

The decision to go back does not mean the failure of the strike, however, according to Hawley.

The switchmen have been granted an increase of 3 cents an hour as recommended by the federal arbitration board. The strikers in Chicago who agreed to remain at work pending arbitration, received this increase from February 10.

West of Billings, Mont., the increase amounts to 5 cents per hour.

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