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## HARRIMAN SAYS ITS A GO

**Columbia Southern Extension to Bend is Now an Assured Fact—Prineville Not on Line.**

"Arrangements have been completed for an extension of the Columbia Southern Railroad into Central Oregon next year", said President E. H. Harriman of the Southern Pacific Railroad.

The statement of President E. H. Harriman that the Columbia Southern Railroad is to be built into Central Oregon means that 100 miles of trackage is to be built next year from Shaniko to Bend, Crook county, says the Oregonian of the 11th. Further extension will depend upon later developments. It was the original intention of the company to build its line through to Burns, Harney County, and if the present proposed extension proves a paying investment the remainder of the line will be constructed. As a safeguard against a losing proposition, it has been decided to build 100-mile sections at a time.

President E. E. Lytle, of the Columbia Southern, and President Harriman had a consultation yesterday with regard to the building of the proposed line, and all that remains now to be done is the signing of the contracts by Mr. Harriman to take the bonds of the road. It is by this means that the Columbia Southern will be enabled to raise the funds necessary to build from Shaniko to Bend. It is estimated that the section of road will cost not less than \$1,500,000. Bonds are to be issued and Mr. Harriman has agreed to accept the bonds. It is expected that he will sign the contract before he leaves Portland. If this is done, work on the road will commence early in next year, it is announced.

### WORK SOON TO COMMENCE.

Officials of the Columbia Southern are reticent about the details of their plans, but that work will commence as soon as the contract is signed and the material can be got on the ground is their assertion.

"I cannot tell you everything that we propose to do", said President Lytle, "because there might be some hitch somewhere, and should there be I would be blamed for talking without being able to make good what I say. There are many details that yet remain to be settled. Mr. Harriman and I are now working these out, and so far everything looks favorable. Of course, this deal involves concessions on both sides and there might be a stumbling block encountered yet. Consequently, it is not best to do much talking at present.

If contracts are signed, we will build from Shaniko, the present terminus of the line, to Bend, in Crook County. That will be all the construction undertaken for the present. I do not believe it is wise to attempt too much at once. If, after the road is constructed, we find that it is a paying proposition, then we will take steps to carry out the full plans and build farther into the interior of the state."

The Shaniko-Bend branch of the road will open up a comparatively undeveloped country, but one that is rich in possibilities. It is a good farming district and but needs the aid of a railroad to make it come to the front rank. Stock raising is also an industry that is being carried on

extensively, and millions of feet of timber will be tributary to the railroad. The district is settling up rapidly. Though it has been difficult of access, people who wanted to make homes have made their way into the country and established themselves, believing that the promise of the railroad to build into the district some day would be kept. It now appears that the time of fulfillment is near at hand.

### PORTLAND WILL PROFIT

The building of this road into the valley of the Deschutes River will not only be a boon to the business interests of that part of Oregon, but it will be to the advantage of the same interests in Portland. It will make that district productive and tributary to Portland.

From an engineering standpoint of view, the building of the line from Shaniko to Bend will not be a difficult task. There are few grades to be dealt with, and the heaviest is only 2 1/2 percent. The road will also be comparatively free from curves, that are great items in railroad operation.

Surveys for the line have been made several times, and the final route has about been determined upon. Some slight changes may be made, later on, it is said, but this will not materially alter the course of the road.

### WILL NOT TOUCH PRINEVILLE.

Contrary to expectations, the road will not touch Prineville. Since the company was first organized, it has been the general impression that Prineville would be the terminus. The present route will take the main line west of Prineville, and if that town is to be given railroad facilities it will have to be done by a spur line at some later date, it is said.

With relation to the final extension of the road from Bend to Burns, the officials have little to say as yet. That matter is in the air for the time being. However, it is announced that the ultimate intention is to push through to Harney County.

Of all the proposed railroad construction schemes in Oregon, the extension of the Columbia Southern has probably been watched with more interest than any other. A vast empire in the central and southern part of the state lies idle and sparsely settled simply because of the lack of railroad facilities. That the resources of the country are almost boundless is well known. But the use and development of these resources have been held back because of the lack of transportation facilities.

### TO OPEN LUMBER DISTRICT.

The Columbia Southern, has made many promises to open up this country, and it has had a hard struggle to get into a position to carry out its plans. When the present section of the road was built, the bonds were taken by the Harriman system, but the company held its own stock. The O. R. & N. has desired the road, and would no doubt have made efforts to absorb it, but it was a game at which two could play. As a result the company has been enabled to hold out and operate under its own direction. The same policy will be pursued with the extended road, connecting facilities being observed between this line and the O. R. & N. at Biggs.

Richard Smith, of Klamath Falls, ex-captain of the Columbia foot ball team has been presented with a silver loving cup in recognition of his brilliant work on the team.

## MESSAGE OF PRESIDENT

**Many Points of Importance--The Lewis & Clark Fair Receives Favor and Encouragement**

Congress convened in regular session and the President's message was first read on the 7th. Following is a few of the salient points of the message.

**FINANCIAL LEGISLATION**—Customs receipts should be deposited in National banks.

**MERCHANT MARINE**—Commission to inquire into the needs of shipping is favored.

**IMMIGRATION**—Stricter enforcement of laws against aliens not desired; better distribution of those who will make good citizens.

**PUBLIC LAND FRAUDS**—Special appropriation to ferret out all wrongdoing in this as well as the Postal Department.

**EXTRACTION FOR BRIBERY**—Bribery should be added to the list of extraditable offenses.

**ALASKAN BOUNDARY**—A joint commission should now be appointed to mark the boundary line.

**INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION**—Reference of the Venezuelan claims to The Hague court and other moves by the several powers show that the desire to avert war is rapidly gaining ground.

**RELATIONS WITH CHINA**—Commercial treaty, recently signed, places our commercial relations with the Orient on a more satisfactory basis.

**CONSULAR SERVICE**—Good reduction on its cost is shown, despite increased expenditures, as a result of an increase in the receipts.

**RURAL MAIL**—System is deserving of extension, while the salaries of the carriers must be adjusted.

**GREAT EXPOSITIONS**—Lewis and Clark Fair should receive recognition, and that at St. Louis is further favored.

**DEVELOPMENT OF ALASKA**—Its laws should be amended and the public lands surveyed at once.

**PUBLIC LANDS**—Revision of existing laws is apparent.

**INSULAR POSSESSIONS**—Tariff arrangements should be made to bring the Philippines into closer relation.

**PRESERVATION OF FORESTS**—Necessity for their perpetuation is most urgent.

**CIVIL-SERVICE RULES**—Ability should count, therefore competitive examinations are favored.

**THE ARMY**—System of promotion should be changed so deeds and not seniority count.

**THE NAVY**—Great as it is now, increase must be steady; a general staff like that of the Army should be created.

**PANAMA AND COLOMBIA**—The United States would have been guilty of folly and weakness amounting to a crime if it had acted otherwise than it did toward the new republic.

In the "big talk" the Portland papers are making about the extension of the Columbia Southern to Bend, not one word is said about the road eventually coming to Lake county. However, it is hinted that the road may "turn tail" and go to Burns. Well, we have two alternatives left—the N. C. O., and the Klamath Lake roads. We expect to see these roads extended to the Lake County line within the next year or two.

## Heirs of Ben Warner Located

Several brothers of the late Ben Warner have finally been located in Colorado. When he died all the property was disposed of and the residue, about \$20,000, was escheated to the State. The sales were not confirmed and the property was re-advertised and sold last Saturday. J. C. Gentry, an attorney from Meeker, Colorado, who represents one of the Warner's, appeared on the scene when the sale came off. Proceedings will be begun to secure the property for the heirs.

The second sale of the Ben Warner property came off as advertised at the Court House, Saturday. It was expected that bidding would be spirited, but it wasn't. Last summer Henry Leehman purchased 80 acres, paying \$2,550. The same piece of land sold to Leehman Saturday for \$3,225. John Reid bid \$3200 and quit. The town hall that was sold to Al Gallagher last summer for \$300 was again sold to him for \$335. John Reid's bid was \$330.

### Arrested for Selling Liquor.

A warrant of arrest was issued out of Justice Bayley's court last Friday for the arrest of W. E. Scammon and W. R. Miller, for selling liquor without a license at Plush. The warrants were placed in the hands of the Sheriff, and accompanied by his wife went over to Plush. Mr. Scammon was served with the paper, and came over to Lakeview Monday, had a hearing, waived examination, gave a bond for \$500 to appear before the grand jury, and went home. Miller had started for Idaho three days previous to the Sheriff's arrival, and the officer followed. It is expected that the Sheriff will, upon his arrival at Burns, telegraph to have Miller apprehended before he reaches the Idaho line, and can then go after his man.

It is understood that the state tax or license, paid by the saloon men, is not sufficient to cover the law, but that a county license must be secured. At all events this will be a test case, and the decision will be awaited with some interest.

### Rebekahs Eat and Are Merry.

Lakeview Rebekah Degree Lodge held high jinks after their regular meeting Friday night. The craziest game that was ever invented, Stocks, or Pit, was played for the first time in Lakeview. The old and young alike enjoyed the game and none seemed to tire of it. The continual shouting of "three," "two," "four," etc., reminded one of the New York Stock Exchange. The game is very popular in the east. The committee in charge converted the lower part of the I. O. O. F., hall into a banquet room, and the tables were made to form an F, signifying Fraternity. Some thought it might stand for "Food for Funmarkers to fill a long Felt Want." Anyway, the food was of the choicest and very daintily prepared.

Moray L. Applegate, who has been in the Philippines for the past three years is home again, having arrived Sunday says the Express. For the past year, Mr. Applegate has been collecting an exhibit for the St. Louis Fair and will either be at St. Louis in charge of the exhibit or will return to the Philippines and have charge of the forwarding of exhibits.

## THE TOWN ACCEPTS IT

**J. A. Anthony Submits a Proposition to Light Town of Lakeview for Half of Revenue**

The city council met in special session Tuesday night to receive proposals for furnishing the town with electric lights, and J. A. Anthony made the following fair proposition, which the council voted to accept. He is to furnish current over his line from his plant at New Pine Creek to Lakeview where it is attached to the town's wires. He is to pay all expenses in the maintenance of his line and plant, and the town is to look after its own property. The town will collect all bills for lighting, and Mr. Anthony is to receive one-half of the gross proceeds at the present rate of charge, which is: 6 cents p. c. for all night, 5 cents for 10 o'clock, and 2 1/2 cents for bedrooms and kitchens. The town electrician, P. A. Stanley's report showed that the present month the income for lights is \$302 and if Mr. Anthony's lights (4 stores) were added to that the gross receipts would be \$362.

Mayor Heryford appointed councilmen Harry Bailey and B. Reynolds to arrange all the details and draft the necessary papers to bind Mr. Anthony and the Town to perform their part of the contract as agreed upon.

At the present rate of income from all sources, the town does not pay expenses, and the indebtedness of nearly \$20,000 is creeping up every day. The new council felt in duty bound to devise some means to put the town plant on a paying basis, and bring in a small income, and to not only start a sinking fund to pay off the bonds, but put money in the general fund to repair and improve the much dilapidated sidewalks and streets.

If Mr. Anthony's proposition is ratified by the city council, Lakeview will be lit entirely by Mr. Anthony's plant at New Pine Creek inside of two months.

### Lodge Elections.

Last Thursday night at their regular meeting Lakeside Lodge No. 111 elected its officers, as follows:

F. E. Harris, M. W., Al Cheney, Foreman, Thos. Watson, Overseer, A. Bieber, Recorder, Warner Snider, Financier, C. U. Snider, Receiver, Fred Spangenburg, Guide, Chas. Reed, I. W., Thos. Keir, O. W., Trustees: S. P. Moss, W. J. Moore, X. Arzner.

The auxiliary lodge, the Degree of Honor, had a surprise in store for their Brother Workmen in the shape of a spread in the banquet hall, and when the Lodge adjourned the surprise was sprung. Singing, dancing and games was the program until the lunch hour. The tables were arranged in the shape of an H, the initial letter of Honor, the banquet being given in honor of the Workmen by the Degree of Honor.

Installation will take place Jan. 14th.

At the regular meeting of Lakeview Encampment, No. 18, I. O. O. F. last Thursday night, the following officers were elected: S. F. Ahlstrom, C. P., B. F. Barnum, H. P., F. P. Light, S. W., W. R. Heryford, J. W., W. J. Moore, Scribe, G. Schlagel, Treasurers, Trustees: J. W. Tucker, W. R. Heryford, F. P. Light.