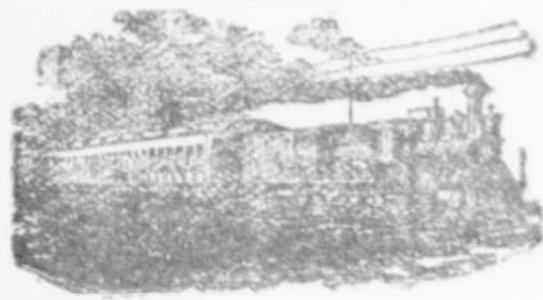


Railroad from Shaniko to Upper Deschutes Country Assured If Settlers Will Give Aid



ROSCOE HOWARD, business manager of the Deschutes irrigation & power company at Bend, is authority for the announcement that the long sought railroad into the rich Deschutes valley will be built in a year. The proposed line

will cost \$1,000,000, and will run from Shaniko through Madras and Redmond to Bend, with a spur to Prineville.

The road is to be financed by the D. I. & P. Co. through Roscoe Howard, who will personally float \$500,000 in bonds among his friends and associates at Portland. Madras will obtain \$250,000 on next year's wheat crop, and Prineville capitalists are to provide the other quarter million.

And now, ye settlers, prepare for the big boom! Here is the proposition in Manager Howard's own words:

The Central Oregon railroad company has been organized to build a railroad from Shaniko, the present terminus of the Columbia Southern to Prineville and Bend by the way of Madras.

The railroad is proposed to be built by capital from Crook county and Portland.

The merchants of that city are and have been fully alive to the great possibilities and the value of trade to them after development of the 60,000 square miles of territory in central Oregon, an empire lying idle awaiting development, if it could be given railroad transportation. They are also fully alive to the possibilities of the present railroad activity in the southern part of the state, which, if continued, will open the trade of this section going to San Francisco. They know that a north and south line connecting the important center of this county and running into Portland there will lose a great volume of business. If the support that Crook county can give to this proposition is given, Portland merchants will subscribe to the bonds and the road will be an assured success.

The business interests of Crook county and Portland feel that sufficient time has elapsed waiting the building of such a railroad by the present existing lines without results, and going on the principle that "God helps those who help themselves," are taking steps to build it themselves.

It is proposed to take subscriptions to the preferred stock in Crook county, taking in payment in cash, labor, material or supplies. In this manner a heavy subscription from the county is possible and will be of as much value in building the road as money.

Money is not too plentiful, but there is an abundance of timber, bar ties, culvert and bridges, there are many teams and men who can build grades, and there are many supplies of fuel for men and teams.

It is not proposed to ask donations, except for rights of way. For all subscriptions from this county preferred stock bearing 7 per cent interest will be given.

At Prineville, last Thursday afternoon, T. M. Baldwin, W. A. Booth, C. W. Elkins, W. F. King, F. Forest, G. M. Cornett and D. F. Stewart met Roscoe Howard and C. M. Redfield, general manager and chief engineer respectively of The Deschutes irrigation and power company, and John Steidl of the Central Oregon development company from Bend; L. Enderud, secretary of the Baldwin sheep and land company from Hay Creek; A. C. Sanford of Madras, George O'Neil of O'Neil, and C. H. Elbert of Redmond. Messrs. Howard and Redfield presented much financial and engineering data. At the evening session, those present adopted the following: "We hereby endorse the Central Oregon railroad project as presented by Messrs. Howard, Redfield and Steidl, and promise to aid it in every way within our power. We hereby recommend it to the citizens of central Oregon and urge their full support."

The Central Oregon railroad committee was then formed, with T. M. Baldwin temporary chairman and C. W. Elkins temporary secretary.

A meeting of the committee will be held at Prineville Thursday, June 25, when other representatives from the county will be invited to become members of the committee and plans for taking subscriptions to the preferred stock decided upon.

The opportunity is herewith presented, to get the long wished for railroad into central Oregon. Your earnest co-operation is requested.



WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT.

EDITORIAL GOSSIP FROM EXCHANGES

Prineville Review.—F. T. Hurlburt, a banker of Condon, was in Prineville Friday and again on Monday, on his way to and from Clatsop Falls, where he has a large interest in the Clatsop Falls Power Company. Mr. Hurlburt is also one of the incorporators of the company formed to project an electric line out of Condon into Central Oregon. He spoke freely of the company's intentions, and said that while the enterprise was not yet under way it was under consideration, and that a reconnaissance would shortly be made. The project will involve the construction of approximately 100 miles of trolley from Condon down Pine creek to its confluence with the John Day river; thence, after crossing the river into Wasco county, up Pine Hollow to Shaniko, thence north to tap the Agency Plains wheat district. After this shall have been accomplished it will be built on to the Bend country and secure the tonnage of that district, while a spur from O'Neil up crooked river to Howard will look after Prineville's business and is part of the general program.

Madras Pioneer.—Antelope, which voted "dry" in the election June 1 by a majority of only 2 votes, stands a good chance to flip over into the wet column, as the election has been contested by two saloon-keepers of that place on grounds that may be sufficient to set the result of the election aside. The notice of the contest of the election was to be served the first of the week, and the law provides for a hearing within 10 days. It is estimated that 27 voters who did not live in Antelope precinct voted there on election day, voting on the prohibition question as well as on the state and district ticket. The fact that they voted on the prohibition question will probably be sufficient cause to set aside the election, even though each one of them may have voted "wet."

Local News Melange.

Don't have to cook it. Puffed rice, 15c at The Corner Store.
Fourth of July post cards, 3 for a nickel—The Corner Store.
Ted Becker went to Bend Sunday evening to spend Saturday.
J. N. B. Gerking has lost a four weeks old colt from heart failure.
Dan Heising came down from the Headgate country Saturday.
W. J. Turnidge of Ionia county will spend four or five days after the Fourth fishing in the Deschutes above Bend with G. W. Horner. Mrs. Turnidge and children are in Laidlaw also.

TAPPING MAIN CANAL.

Special to the Chronicle.—
GIST, July 2.—Messrs. Wright Field and John Fryrear are building a ditch from the main canal to carry water to their place.

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Five coffee in Laidlaw July 4.
Fruit of all kinds, lemons, cherries and oranges at Horner's.

E. B. James has ordered some new olive. Please bring your quarters with you.

List your land or property with the Deschutes Valley Land & Investment Company.

William F. Thorp has issued printed slips giving the farmers' telephone calls on lines 1 and 2.

Madras flour is giving good satisfaction. It has been reduced in price and is sold at the "Corner Store."

William F. Thorp has an Ideal bicycle at the City barber shop for sale at \$5 to the first owner. Come quick! A rare chance.

Timber claims, desert entries and homesteads, to be legal, should be proved up by publication in the newspaper nearest the location of the land. Laidlaw is the nearest town to many of these claims, and the Laidlaw Chronicle is the paper to print your notice of publication in.

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W. Thorp, Prop.

Flags, firecrackers and fireworks at Horner's for the Fourth.

Subscription canvasser wanted in every town. Liberal commission for some time. Address the Chronicle.

C. C. Bennett has in over an acre of potatoes and 2 1/2 acres of carrots on Dayton's ranch near Laidlaw, which he has rented for the season.

The gentleman who was to answer the recent letter of the Columbia Southern irrigation company to non-resident land holders, printed verbatim in the Chronicle, has not yet sent in his copy. It is hoped this notice will suffice to supply the article for next week.

Apprentices wanted to learn type setting. We can use three bright boys or girls able to read and punctuate plain English. Work all or part of the time, with prospect of a trade and steady work, here or elsewhere, later on. Apply immediately at the Chronicle office.

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