

## DIRT IS FLYING FAST Grading Crew Is Now Only Two Miles From Channel

## RAILS ARE LAID WITHIN SIX MILES

The Road Will Probably Be Ready for Operation to the Water By the Fifteenth of November--Leams Hauling Piles for Use on Concrete Piers

Parties who have investigated the work on the railroad between here and Dorris state that the dirt is flying fast and furious. The report that E. H. Harriman had issued orders to have the road completed so that he could step from the boat to his private car by the time he was ready to leave Klamath county seems to be verified by the activity of the contractors. It is certain that Harriman's visit here has had the result of causing the work to be rushed to the limit.

The grading crew, consisting of several hundred men, have established camps on the Gillman place and are now working within two miles from the channel. Three steam shovels are on the job, a new one having been added yesterday. All of the biggest fills have been made except the heavy cut and fill at the Downing ranch. The steam shovels are at work on this now and it is stated that this will be completed within 60 days.

The rails were laid yesterday to within six miles of the water, and it is believed that the road will be ready for operation to the channel by the middle of November. The work trains are following the steel gang and are ballasting the track as fast as the rails are laid.

Piles are being hauled by wagon to the channel to be used for abutments for the construction of the concrete piers and bridge across the

water. It is stated that the concrete work will be done at once and will not await the completion of the track. It is not known whether the trains will operate to the channel to connect with the boats this winter or not. Old residents of that section state that the channel freezes over during the cold spells every winter so that it would be impossible for boats to navigate. This is not the case in the river but only in the cut through the marsh. If this is so it is probable that the winter terminus will be established near the townsite of Worden. This is only three miles from Testers landing and stages could run from there to connect with the boat at the latter place.

The Godfrey family drew a big house at their opening performance last evening at the Opera House. It has been several years since the Godfreys have visited this city, but they had many friends who remembered them and were present to welcome their return. Mr. Godfrey is an expert in aerobic work and his exhibitions won the applause of the audience as did also that of the two little girls. Mrs. Godfrey's serpentine dance was exceptionally good. The Godfreys will be at the Opera House tonight and Saturday night.

### LOST—TEAM OF HORSES.

A large team of horses from Odessa. One buckskin and a gray. Anyone finding and returning same to Odessa will be given a reward. It-pd

## Chiefs Met to Choose Route Through Oregon

According to J. P. O'Brien, General Manager of the Oregon Lines, the recent conference at Pelican Bay of Mr. Harriman and his chiefs, was for the purpose of deciding which of the several routes which have been surveyed into Central Oregon will be chosen. Mr. O'Brien says:

"We have surveys of all the proposed extensions, the Corvallis & Eastern, the Columbia & Southern, the route up the Deschutes river, in fact, all of them into the central part of the state. It doesn't really matter which route is chosen, the north and south or the east and west, for either one would have to tap the same territory. I couldn't venture a

guess whether the Columbia Southern would be extended or whether the new line will follow the Deschutes river from its mouth up. It will all depend on the result of the conference at Pelican Bay."

According to his statements there is little chance of any construction work, either new or renewed, being done on any of the Harriman projects of the northwest, other than the extension into Central Oregon to connect with the Klamath Falls road. All the snags of war, of labor, capital and material will be concentrated on the invasion of the vast undeveloped regions of the central part of the state.

## Gov. Chamberlain Announces Appointment of Geo. Noland

Attorney Geo. Noland has been appointed Circuit Judge of the First Judicial District to succeed H. L. Benson, resigned. Mr. Noland received a telegram this afternoon from the Mayor of Astoria, stating that

Governor Chamberlain announced the appointment at the Regatta, which is being held in that city. The official appointment will be forwarded to Attorney Noland on the return of the Governor to Salem.

## One Thousand Farmers Coming

Through the efforts of the owners of the Oregon Military road grant one thousand Central Illinois farmers are packing up their household goods and preparing to move to Oregon before next spring. They have made their arrangements to come out by special trains to Southern Oregon and will settle on the military road grant in Lake and Harney counties. This is probably the largest emigration from one point to a western state since the days of the old Oregon trail, and will bring a particularly desirable class of farmers and residents into Southern Oregon.

## Governor Advocates Public Ownership

At the meeting of the Development Congress in Marshfield, Governor Chamberlain made a speech which would lead one to believe that he was an advocate of public ownership of railroads. In speaking of the resumption of work on the Coos Bay-Drain railroad he said:

"If Mr. Harriman does not meet the demand for new roads in a spirit of compromise and justice use the club of taxation, and if that fails, the people of Oregon have the power to get a railroad for themselves under the initiative and referendum. They can amend the constitution so as to give the state power to appropriate money to build a road or to guarantee the bonds of some company that will build across the state. I believe the state could build and operate it at a profit, as well as a private corporation, and that may have to be done."

Jos. Nichols, an old time resident of the Bonanza country, has sold his ranch at that place. He left on the boat this morning accompanied by his family for Cascade Locks, where he will make his future home.

G. R. Carlock came up from Merrill last evening. He states that the second crop of alfalfa was light in the Merrill valley on account of the lack of water for irrigation. There seems to have been some trouble with the Adams ditch so that the farmers could not get all the water they needed for their second crop.

A party of twenty, who have been enjoying an outing at Odessa, came down on the boat this morning to see the city. Among the party were: Thos. J. Fuson, Miss Anna Stuart, G. H. Billings, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Billings, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Kellog, Violet C. Herbert, M. F. Chapman and Wm. Heke, of Ashland; C. C. Cate and Lloyd Comer, of Corvallis; J. J. Skinner and wife, of Medford, and Grayse Rose, of Phoenix.

Henry Low and family, who started on a trip to the Fort Klamath country, were compelled to stop here, as their little two year old baby was taken sick. They may have to give up the trip and return to the ranch. The steamer Canby came up from Keno this morning after another load of barley for the railroad contractors. Martin Bros. have the contract for 200 tons of barley from Erickson & Petterson. Over half of this will be loaded from the city dock in Klamath Falls and hauled by boat to Testers landing. The balance will be taken from Merrill.

## DUCKS ARE PLENTIFUL Season Will Open Next Tuesday September First

## SPORTSMEN ARE GETTING READY

No Official Announcement Has Been Received as to Creation of Lower Lake Preserve and the Extent of the Boundaries are Still Unknown

On next Tuesday, September 1st, the open season for ducks will go into effect and will continue until the first of February. The sportsmen of Klamath Falls are already preparing to go out after game. Mr. Bishop, who is always well posted on the best places for hunting, states that the ducks are very plentiful this year. The mallard is the principal game at this season of the year, the canvas back, teal and other ducks coming in later along in November.

along the river below Klamath Falls, and in the marshes on either side, and the indications are that there will be the best duck shooting this fall that there has been for many years. The young geese are also very plentiful this year.

Parties who plan for several days hunting trips will probably go to the Upper lake. The marshes and lakes in that section are said to be alive with game, and it looks as if the season about to open will be a very busy one.

The best shooting is usually on



A BUNCH OF MALLARDS.

the Lower lake and marshes in the southern part of the county. The recent order of the President setting aside the Lower Klamath and adjacent marshes as a preserve has not been officially announced as far as anyone here is aware. The boundaries of this preserve have not been definitely established and the sportsmen are somewhat at a loss to know just where they will be allowed to hunt in the southern part of the county. The adjacent marshes extend for many miles even to the river. Most of this land, however, is in private ownership and of course cannot be affected.

## Bar Will Be Cleaned Out

The steamer Klamath did not arrive with the mail this morning until seven o'clock. It was stranded on the bar three miles below town since eleven o'clock last evening. A crew had been blasting to remove some of the rock bar and it is believed that the loose stones was what caused the trouble. One of the paddles was broken but was replaced by a new one today. The mail and nearly twenty passengers were taken out on one of the launches this morning.

Mr. Bishop is of the opinion that there will be plenty of hunting ground left in the lower country. There is good shooting on Tule lake, but this is too far for people of this city. The ducks are very plentiful

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