

THE FIGHT FOR SUPREMACY IN CENTRAL OREGON.

Human Rushes Surveyors Into the Deschutes Country and Will Fight for Route.

We are having a pretty big fight in the Deschutes route through central Oregon. Building a railroad that part of the country isn't all so simple. Harriman has half a dozen surveying crews in the Deschutes country now, and it looks as though it were going to be a race to see who would get through there first," said W. F. Nelson of the Oregon Trunk line just before leaving central Oregon last night.

Mr. Nelson's view of the Central Oregon situation is justified by facts which seem certain when it is known that the Southern Pacific has four surveying crews out this week from the office of Chief engineer Chas. that they were taken to make in a special train, arriving here at 2 o'clock in the morning. They are now at work on the Deschutes route.

Ever since the first survey for the Oregon Trunk line was made Mr. Nelson and his associates who were concerned in the contracts for the building of the North Bank road and the Columbia Southern have been at work securing rights of way from the banks of the Deschutes river, at Madras, to Madras, 59 miles south of Crook county. The trunk line has secured 95 per cent of its right of way, and through the Deschutes canyon, the most important part of the route, has secured a grant from the government of 100 feet on each side of the track.

This will give us plenty of room, although it will not keep other roads out of the canyon by any means—there are two sides to the river—it gives us the choice of the route," said Mr. Nelson. "We consider central Oregon is big enough to support three or four railroads, however, and shall not attempt to run other lines from running up the Deschutes canyon."

From the standpoint of the railroad surveyor, the Deschutes river is said to offer one of the best natural paths and south rights of way in the country. There are no heavy grades contend with, the divide being so low that it is almost impossible to build when it has been passed, and, although there are some difficult con-

struction problems offered in the canyon route, it is claimed that a railroad built through the Deschutes canyon will have practically all the central Oregon country as its territory.

Every effort at new construction thus far made by the Harriman line has been in the direction of drawing the great Central Oregon trade into California. All the feeders that have been planned by the Southern Pacific have been so constructed that shipments from central Oregon will be diverted to San Francisco instead of to Portland, the natural trade center of the state. The Oregon Trunk line, however, would work in exactly the opposite direction. Running down the Deschutes river, it would carry all central Oregon crops to the Columbia river and thus to Portland.

The new Klamath Falls extension of the Southern Pacific will attract the trade of the Southern Oregon country to California, and as it is this line that Harriman has planned to extend northward into central Oregon, it would naturally bring it about that that part of the state would also become dependent on California.

Mr. Nelson and a party of men interested in the construction of the Oregon Trunk left last night for Deschutes, and will spend two weeks going over the route of the road as far as Madras, and inspecting the work that is now under way. Journal.

MORE STUDENTS ENTER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL.

Leland Haynes, graduate of Iowa Public School, Agnes Fulsom, of Klamath Falls Public School, Vera Robinson of this city, and Ernest Jacobson of the Reclamation Service, enrolled in the High School yesterday.

NOTICE TO PATRONS.

Hereby caution you against buying electrical appliances for increasing number of lamps that can be burned on one fixture, as the extra sockets so installed will have to be paid for at the regular rates.

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MEETING OF COUNCIL

Regular Session of City Dads Held Last Evening.

Keno Canal Flume Ordinance is Laid Over Until Tonight—City Attorney Irwin Resigns—No Fire Limits for Klamath Ave.—Peddler's License Introduced.

Every member of the City Council was present at the meeting last night. There were also present a large number of citizens who had business before the Board.

A large list of bills were allowed and ordered paid and building permits granted for a number of barns and sheds, also for a two-story brick on Eighth and Main streets, to Crisler & Smith, and to the Reclamation Service for a horse barn and hay shed on their reserve at Tenth, High and Canal streets.

The report of the Police Judge showed that during the month of September fines were collected to the amount of \$97, and \$19 for show licenses, making the total receipts of the Police Judge for the month \$116.

City Attorney John Irwin tendered his resignation and the same was accepted. No appointment was made to fill the vacancy.

An ordinance was then presented asking for a franchise for a right of way on High street in West Klamath Falls for a concrete conduit to be built by the Reclamation Service. R. A. Emmitt, one of the land owners under the Keno canal, was present and addressed the Council in behalf of the franchise. The franchise did not provide for a covered flume, and the members of the Council agreed that with this change they would pass the ordinance at the adjourned meeting tonight. There was a remonstrance presented, signed by the property owners on the west side, against the granting of an open flume along the street.

An ordinance providing for the licensing of peddlers was again introduced and was read for the first time. It provides for a license for meat peddlers of \$5 a day, \$20 a week, or \$50 a month, and for fruit peddlers \$3 a day, \$15 a week, or

\$25 a month. Anyone guilty of peddling without a license, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than \$10 or more than \$100, or imprisonment from 5 to 50 days.

An ordinance was introduced providing for the regulation of sidewalks on Conger avenue. The curb shall be built four feet wide. An emergency was declared, on account of the construction of walks at the Reames and Alford places, and the ordinance was passed.

J. Frank Adams presented a proposition to the Council. He wished to reach solid ground with his dredge so that he could take it apart and move the machinery to the Upper Lake. He agreed to throw up an embankment through the marsh, north of Oak street to Fourth street. In return he wished the use of the embankment on which to pile wood. A proper resolution granting the privilege will be drawn up and passed at the meeting tonight.

Action on the franchise for a street railroad for the Klamath Falls Land & Transportation Company was postponed until the adjourned meeting.

The petition for the extension of the fire limits on Klamath avenue, was refused. The Council then adjourned until 7:30 o'clock tonight.

WHAT HAS DEMOCRACY DONE FOR THE LABORER?

Erasmus Asks Some Pointed Questions on the Political Issues of the Day.

Editor Evening Herald:

I shall be obliged to if you will kindly afford me space to express some ideas which have occurred to me, as, from day to day, I have read the pathetic appeals for votes of the editors of different Democratic papers. They dwell almost entirely, I notice, on what they will do if Bryan is elected, when they are not telling us about the crimes of the Republican candidate against organized labor.

I should like to have some of those Democratic editors cite a few of the acts of the Democratic party in days gone by which will serve as convincing evidence of its deep and abiding affection for the "horny-handed sons of toil."

I am under the impression that during the last fifty years it has at times had control of Congress. May I ask what particular piece of legislation it passed in the interest of labor?

Nearly all the northern states have limited eight-hour laws. For something like a hundred years, the Democratic party has been the dominant party in the South. West Virginia has a limited eight-hour law, I believe; in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Texas, work on public highways is limited to eight hours; but not another Southern state, so far as the writer is aware, has passed such a law.

The story of the child slaves in the Southern factories is one to make every true American blush for his country. The refusal of the Southern Democrats to pass anti-child-labor legislation is one of the foulest blots on the history of the Democratic party.

When they prate to you of the love of that party for the laborer just mention the existence of those pitiful little child slaves in the mills of the "Sunny South," working from ten to fourteen hours a day for a mere pittance, while their fathers form the chief ornament of the fences of that section, because of their inability to get a job. Half of those children, according to statistics, are doomed to die after a few years of torture in the mills. Yes, Mr. Workingman, just THINK how the Democratic party has shown its love for the workingman and his children!

It is in the South that almost unbelievable cases of peonage have re-

cently been brought to light—peonage winked at and probably connived in by Democratic officials. It is in the South—stronghold of this same Democratic party—that convict camps exist whose horrors outrival those of Andersonville and Libby prison. Any able bodied man unable to get work there, in some sections, is liable to find himself an inmate of a convict camp, there to be underfed, beaten, perhaps killed, and fill an unmarked grave. This in "The Sweet, Sunny South," the stronghold of Democracy!

They prate of "Taft Injunctions," but they are very reticent in regard to the action of a Democratic president, one Grover Cleveland, lately deceased and gone, we hope to his just reward, who sent Federal troops to overawe the workmen of Chicago, against the protest of the mayor of that city and the governor of Illinois.

The Democratic party is the party of reaction. Their "eyes are hidden." With all their prate they are trying to turn back the hands of progress on the chronometer of time. They forget that this is the age of machinery, of labor-saving devices. Through the Trust, mankind has learned the lesson of economy of production. As one of our greatest modern writers on Economics has said: "The Trust is an organization by which any great necessity of life can be produced, distributed, and sold, at the least possible cost." That the Trusts do not sell at a rate fair to all of us is our own fault, which will in due time be remedied by the forces of evolution apparent to any thoughtful person. That result will not be brought about by any efforts of the Democratic party.

I believe the Democrats now have 164 men in Congress. I should be glad to know what they have done for labor. Will someone please enlighten me?

In England, the Socialist Labor party have but 32, I believe, out of 670 members of Parliament. Through their efforts, the Injunction has been made impossible against labor unions, an act has been passed to provide meals for public school children, the first installment of an old age pension fund will soon be paid, and some relief for the unemployed has been obtained. A HOPELESS MINORITY OF THIRTY MEN HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THIS IN TWO YEARS!

"Fair words butter no parsnips," friends. The toilers of America would like a little light on Democratic efforts in the past in behalf of labor. (Not a Standard Oil light, however.)

Respectfully yours,

ERASMUS.

R. Madsen, Piano Tuner, will be here on October 12th. Parties wishing tuning done please leave order at the Lakeside Inn. First class work guaranteed. 1-St

Will Buy Timber—I have some money to invest in timber claims, if the price is right. L. JACOBS, Klamath Falls. 28th

WOOD RIVER WILL BE GREAT SUMMER RESORT.

Californians are Buying Sites in Northern Klamath for Use as Summer Residences.

The assertion has often been made that the Upper Lake and the Wood River country were destined to become one of the greatest summer resorts on the coast. This prediction has apparently not meant much to the people of this section, who are usually the last ones to realize the importance of the country in which they live.

The large number of California people who have purchased some of the most desirable spots to the north especially is evidence that the above assertion is no idle boast and is proof that outside people have confidence in this section as a tourist resort.

Since the opening of Wood River to navigation, especially as it applies to launches, there has been a considerable number of sales of small acreage along this beautiful stream, not the least of which is the tract in the bend of the river below Fort Klamath, which was purchased by Dr. Law, manager of the Fairmount Hotel in San Francisco. Dr. Law proposes to build a handsome bungalow to be used for a summer home.

Another important sale was made this week, when Mrs. M. McMillan, of the Lakeside Inn, purchased what is commonly known as the peninsula. This tract comprises about two and one-half acres and lies less than 500 feet from the postoffice at Fort Klamath. It has a river frontage of 1000 feet, the river at this point forming a half-circle, bordering the land on three sides. This is considered one of the prettiest spots along the river as it is covered with a fine growth of native pines and shade trees.

It is reported that other parties are interested with Mrs. McMillan and that it is their intention to erect a modern tourist hotel on the grounds, with ten to fifteen cottages along the river bank. It is claimed that this would be an exceptionally fine location for this purpose as it is easily reached by boats and it is also on the main Crater Lake road. There is also excellent fishing in the river and this alone would be a great inducement to pleasure seekers.

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