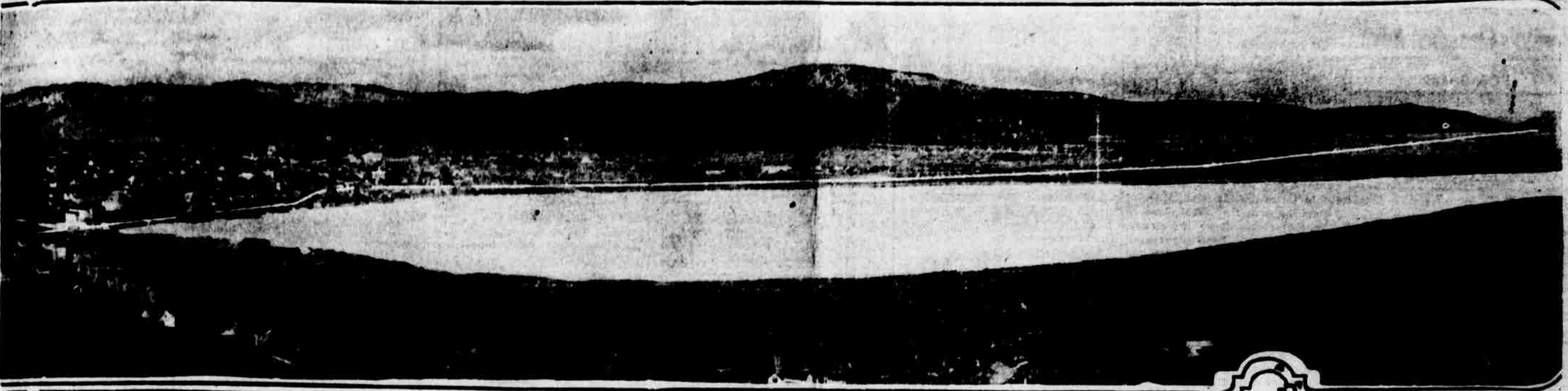


Line of the New Proposed Railroad from Klamath Falls to the Gap and Sprague River



Courtesy Oregon Journal

This proposed railroad, all but secured of immediate construction starting within a short time, skirting Klamath Lake into Klamath Falls, will be the first step in making this city the "hub" lumber manufacturing and marketing city of Southern Oregon. This unit of the railroad will open up a large agricultural area south and west of the city. To this main line branches into the rich Ma-

lin and Bonanza districts are but a matter of a short time. This line will open up and place in marketable position large bodies of timber in the district to the east of this city, besides being a link in the chain which will connect Klamath Falls with the Union Pacific and Hill Lines, the Oregon Short Line at Crane to the East, and the Southern Pacific here, placing Klamath Falls in direct connection

with Portland on the north, San Francisco on the south, and the East. The most important immediate results to follow the coming of this railroad will be the location of mills on the eastern shores of Lake Ewauna, destined to be dotted with sawmills and box factories. Lake Ewauna and the Klamath River furnish open water transportation, practically the year round for the immense bodies of

standing pine timber west of Klamath Falls, which may then easily be taken from the slopes of the Cascades, shunted into the river and towed to the mills, the open water allowing the mills to operate the year around. The railroad to the east of the city will make it practical to haul the timber from that section to this city, and assure, if constructed, Klamath Falls being the largest pine manufacturing

center in the United States within a few years. The broadest estimates placed on the cutting of the timber immediately adjacent to this city are that it will take fifty years to cut it out. In the meantime other steps may be taken to replace this timber by replanting and distribution of the cutting. This railroad also brings into close touch with the routes through this city valuable dairying and stock

lands considered of immense value. Along with these are the rich agricultural lands in the table regions, thousands of acres of which will be thrown open for settlement, the scenic wonders of Upper Klamath Lake, Crater Lake National Park, Pelican Bay, the Wood River Valley, Spring Creek, the Indian reservation, the Lava Beds, with the ice caves, natural bridges and monstrosities of nature, Mt. Pitt.

hot waters of mineral value, and the vast, unexplored game and fishing regions, the value of which are just being realized by the state fish and game commission. Work on the largest hatchery in the state has just started, and the enlarging of the Spencer follows. Water power of untold value and almost incalculable quantity abounds, all of which is in easy reach of Klamath Falls and Klamath county.

FREIGHT RATE REDUCTION IS ASSURED CITY

UNLESS S. P. TAKES IT UP, 40 PER CENT CUT TO STAND

Work of Klamath Commercial Club and Business Men's Association for Several Months Gets Results From California Commission—Rates Ordered to Publish Rates Not Later Than March 4th.

A material reduction of class freight rates, which has long been sought and needed by Klamath Falls, is practically assured, according to news received yesterday.

Several months ago the shippers of this district, through the Klamath Commercial Club and Business Men's Association retained the service of traffic managers in San Francisco in an attempt to lower the tariffs in to and from Klamath Falls. The case was brought before the California Railroad Commission, and after considerable delay a decision was made, ordering a reduction on all tariffs to California points on the Klamath Falls branch, averaging 40 per cent.

These new rates were to have become effective January 3, but the Southern Pacific company was allowed until February 4 to adjust its new schedules. The time was then extended to February 19, at which time the company had applied for a rehearing of the case. This application has been denied and the rate adjusters advise that the railroad company is ordered to publish the rates of the original decision not later than March 4.

Unless further steps are taken in the courts in the matter, it is now adjusted as far as the California points are concerned. As the hearing was held by the California commission, its jurisdiction does not extend to Klamath Falls, but the reduced rates will probably be published at this point at the same time as the other.

Chamberlain Given Up WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—The universal military service bill introduced by Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, will not pass congress this session. The senator declares he has lost all hope of getting action on his bill at this session.

RECLAMATION MEN TO BE HERE

DUE TO ARRIVE TONIGHT TO INVESTIGATE LOCAL PROJECT AND MEET WITH FARMERS AND OTHERS INTERESTED

D. W. Cole, senior engineer, of Boise; D. C. Henry, consulting engineer, and Edward Taylor, district counsel for the United States reclamation service, of Portland, are scheduled to be in Klamath Falls Friday on matters in connection with the Klamath irrigation project.

Mr. Cole is from Boise, Idaho, and the other two members of the party are from Portland. They will be in the city and will visit various points over the county during their four or five days stay.

A considerable portion of their time will be spent at the reclamation headquarters here, where they may be seen by Klamath county farmers and others interested in the irrigation problems and projects in the county.

There are a number of important projects under consideration in the county at this time.

RACES TO SIDE OF SICK WIFE

A. H. HALE, GOVERNMENT DITCH HIDER OF MALIN LEFT TODAY ON RACE ACROSS CONTINENT TO VIRGINIA

A. H. Hale, government ditch rider in the Malin district, left on this morning's train for Appalachia, Va., on a race across the continent to be at the bedside of Mrs. Hale, who is dangerously ill, and barely expected to live.

Mr. Hale received word of her dangerous condition late yesterday afternoon, and immediately left for this city, arriving here at midnight last night.

He left this morning, and will take a direct route, traveling on the fastest trains, to reach home as quickly as possible. J. H. Mann of California has been sent for to take Mr. Hale's place in the Malin district.

Raising of Terminal Money is Promising

Coming in Slowly But Progress Being Made—Approximately \$10,000 Yet Remains

There is yet to be raised for the Strahorn railroad terminal fund approximately \$10,000 clear, according to Captain J. W. Siemens, who is in charge of the raising of this money.

"That is the way the fund stands now if one or two parties who have promised to contribute large amounts do not fail to give them," said Captain Siemens.

"We are getting a little along daily, but the progress is not entirely satisfactory, to insure the starting of work on March 1st. Of course, right now the weather is hindering us slightly, so it is difficult to get into the country. I understand, however, that a committee is working in the country and is getting results.

"I received today a contribution of \$50, which came totally unsolicited from Winnick Bros., general merchants of Fort Klamath."

W. J. Long, representative of the Spitzer-Rorick bonding house of Toledo, Ohio, is here in the interests of his company, whose bid for the \$300,000 construction bonds was accepted by the city some time ago.

He is meeting with the city council

Turkey Reaffirms Pledge WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—Turkey has reaffirmed her pledge to the alliance with Germany and Austria in the successful prosecution of the war, Ambassador Elkus has cabled from Constantinople.

Sweden Protest LONDON, Feb. 22.—The liner Perseus, 6,000 tons, has been sunk and four of the crew are missing. Sweden has formally protested to Germany the sinking of the steamer Hugo Hamilltor.

Transport Torpedoed SYDNEY, Feb. 22.—The Australian transport Berrima was torpedoed in European waters Sunday. It is officially announced. She reached port safely, however, but it is thought four of the crew were killed. No troops were aboard.

while here, and the details for the completion of the sale of the bonds are being worked out. The city officials hope to wind up this phase of the railroad work in the near future.

LAST SNOWFALL INSURES CROPS

RECLAMATION SERVICE RECORDS SHOW TOTAL OF 42 INCHES FOR THIS WINTER UP TO DATE.

STILL FALLING

The recent snowfall has caused damage to electric power and telegraph wires to some extent, has precluded the possibilities of irrigation interests and dryland farmers suffering from drought this year.

Snow in the mountains has been much lighter than usual until the last few days, and considerable more snow fell on the heights than in the valleys, and will insure a good water supply, it is reported.

The snow came earlier this year and stayed on longer, according to the government records at the United States reclamation office. Practically no snow fell for 1915-16 until January, 1916, when twenty-nine inches, which melted into 3.58 inches moisture, fell. The maximum depth last winter was 18 inches on January 13. At the end of the month there was four inches left, and by February 9 it was all gone.

In December, 1916, this winter, 17 inches of snow fell, melting into 1.37 inches moisture. In January, 1917, 15 inches fell, melting into a total of 1.36 inches. The deepest snow occurred on January 3, and was 18 inches deep. On February 19, this year, one inch fell, on the 20th, two inches, and Tuesday night up until 4 p. m. yesterday, approximately three inches, making a total of 42 inches, melting into 4.2 inches of moisture, for this year—so far.

AUSTRO CLIMAX BELIEVED NEAR IN WASHINGTON

YARROWDALE PRISONERS SAID TO BE RELEASED

Administration's Request That Wilson Be Given Power to Act After Congress Adjourns Turned Down by the Judiciary Committee—Liner Celtic Mined, But Proceeds—Americans Landed Safely From Sunken Boat

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—The Austro-American situation held the center of the international stage today. The climax appears to be near, and it is believed that within two days the United States government will know whether diplomatic relations are to be severed. The administration refuses to give out any information concerning negotiations.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—A Reuter's dispatch received today via Amsterdam declared that the American Yarrowdale prisoners have been released.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—Despite Secretary Lansing's appeal, the senate judiciary committee turned down the bill presented by the administration giving the president power to handle the international situation after congress has adjourned without recourse to war.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—The liner Celtic was struck by a mine when twelve hours out from Liverpool en route to New York, officers of the liner Philadelphia announced on their arrival here today. They said the Celtic was not seriously damaged, was towed back to Liverpool, and was scheduled to leave for New York again today.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—Five Americans were aboard the Swedish steamer Skogland, which has been submarined off the coast of Spain, Consul Hurst, at Barcelona, cabled today. The vessel was stopped six miles south of Paragona on February 18th. The crew of twenty-five was given ten minutes to leave the vessel, which was loaded with coal for Italy. The submarine then bombed the Skogland. The crew landed safely at Paragona.

SOUTHERN TOWN IS INUNDATED

WATER RUNS IN STREETS OF WATSONVILLE, AND MANY WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE PENNED IN THEIR HOMES

Center of city is flooded at noon today and water is still rising. Up town streets, half mile from river, are inundated. All territory from Watsonville to Beach, five miles, under water; sugar beet, bean, potato lands being inundated. Scores of women and children are penned in their homes.

WATSONVILLE, Calif., Feb. 22.—The lower half of this city is under water from the overflow of the Pajaro River, and water is running in the streets this morning. Business has been suspended. Four inches of rain have fallen this week.

FRESNO, Calif., Feb. 22.—Threatened floods here were averted when storms ceased this morning. One inch of rain fell, but the river is receding. The rain is the saving of the grain crops. Four feet of snow in the Sierras will supply water for all irrigation.

300 British Dead

BERLIN, Feb. 22.—Two hundred British dead were counted following the repulse of an attack south of Armentieres, it is announced.

Administration Whitewashed

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—Administration officials are completely exonerated from all responsibility in the "leak" incident over Wilson's note in the "leak" committee's report, which will be completed tomorrow. Two newspaper reporters are blamed.

Gives Power to Conscript

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—Arthur Holder, chairman of the American Federation of Labor's legislative committee, proposed to the house judiciary committee today to substitute for the general spy bill, a bill giving the president unlimited power in case of national emergency and to conscript men and materials.

Six Vessels Sunk

BERLIN, Feb. 22.—The sinking in the Mediterranean of a "crowded Italian transport" and five other vessels, including the Italian steamer Oceano, the French steamer Mouton and the French bark Aphrodite, was announced today.

FOOD RIOTING BREAKS OUT IN SECOND CITY

SEVERAL HUNDRED JEWISH WOMEN ATTACK DEALERS

Push Carts Overturned, Shops Wrecked—Police Reserves Called Out. Trouble Started over Rise in Price of Fish—One Death Yesterday. Representatives Demand Investigation of Embargo.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 22.—Rioting over the high cost of food broke out here this afternoon. Several hundred Jewish women shouting "It's robbery! It's robbery!" attacked dealers who recently advanced their prices.

Push carts were overturned and Seventh street shops were wrecked. Intermittent fighting continued until the police reserves were rushed to the scene.

The trouble started when the women discovered that the price of carp had been raised from 10 cents to 18 cents a pound over night.

The police are watching at every corner for demonstrations. It is feared that a repetition of yesterday's rioting, in which one death occurred, will be repeated.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—Ten members of the house demanded today that an immediate investigation of the food situation in the country be made. Representative Bailey introduced a resolution in the house demanding an embargo on all foodstuffs.

Dynamite Plot Unearthed

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Feb. 22.—The police announce that they have gathered evidence of a plot to dynamite the big plant of the Youngstown Sheet Tube company here, which employs 10,000 men. Two Turks have been arrested on suspicion, with a large quantity of dynamite in their possession.

House Concurs on "Bone Dry"

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—The house voted in concurrence yesterday on Senator Reed's "bone dry" amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill.