

MORE RAILROAD DOPE

J. P. Porter Visits the "Rim" and Makes Some Calculations and Remarks.

J. P. Porter of Porter Bros., railroad contractors, who accompanied Hon. Charles H. Carey, chief counsel for the Hill lines, on his trip from Bend to Medford recently, practically admitted in Medford that the main line of Hill's railroad would be built into Klamath, as will be seen by the following interview:

"By inference only, J. P. Porter of Porter Bros., who have the contract for building the extension of the Pacific and Eastern, admits that the road is to be extended over into Klamath valley and connect there with the main line of the road which his firm is at present constructing through Central Oregon. While Mr. Porter does not state directly that such was the case, he made the remark, with a laugh, that 18 miles of road would hardly pay for shipping in the necessary equipment for its construction.

"Mr. Porter, accompanied by the Hon. Charles H. Carey of Portland and J. G. Howard, arrived at Crater lake Sunday noon, where they were met by Harry H. Hicks, who accompanied them to Medford, arriving Monday afternoon. The party left almost immediately for Salem, where Mr. Porter has entered one of his race horses at the state fair.

"Mr. Porter has charge of the field work for Porter Brothers and has led the railroad war for his firm in Central Oregon. At present they have some 2,100 men at work on this extension of the Oregon Trunk line. Judge Carey is the attorney who recently won for them the sweeping decision which gave them such great advantage over the Harriman forces and put an end to the trouble in Central Oregon which was rapidly leading to bloodshed. The party left The Dalles Friday morning in a powerful 60-horse power machine, traversed Central Oregon to Ft. Klamath and then to Medford by way of the lake.

"We mean to rush the work of extending the Pacific and Eastern," said Mr. Porter. "The work will be in the hands of H. N. Randall, who has been with our firm for a number of years and is one of our most trusted leaders. He took an important part during the troublesome days in the Deschutes canyon. He will have full charge of the extension of the Pacific and Eastern.

"Porter Bros. build railroads. We pay little attention to who owns them, but I believe that Hill at the present time is not interested in the Pacific and Eastern road, though he may acquire an interest later. I cannot state authentically that the road will be built for a greater distance than our contract at the present time calls for; but look at it from this standpoint: What object would there be in building a road only from Medford to Butte Falls?"

"Mr. Porter was asked regarding the size of the contract. Was not 18 miles a small contract for a firm the size of Porter Bros. to fool with, especially as they had their hands full in Central Oregon.

"Porter Bros. take contracts for every distance from one mile up. Nothing is too large or too small for them to handle if there is money in it, but I will say that at the present time we are very busy and are not looking for small roads."

"Mr. Porter was then informed that certain parties were thinking of investing in certain timber near the Fish Lake pass, and were only awaiting the confirmation of the fact that the road was to be extended into the Klamath valley.

"Tell them to buy the timber," was his reply.

"Mr. Porter showed a great interest in the country lying between Medford and Crater lake, and asked innumerable questions regarding its resources and possibilities. He was most enthusiastic over Central Oregon and stated that there could be no doubt but that the Pacific and Eastern would prove a valuable feeder to any line to which it might connect. At the present time Porter Bros. have men scattered along the country from The Dalles to Medford. Not one

engineering parties are busy, grading is under way, and more men are constantly being added to their forces.

"Mr. Porter, declined to make a statement regarding the story which recently appeared in the Oregonian as to the main line running through Medford to Crescent City and down the coast. He simply stated that he was building roads where he was told to build them, and that he did not know where the outlet, if there was to be an outlet, would run.

"The elevation of Fish Lake pass is some 5,000 feet, which means considerable of a grade, and regarding the feasibility of putting a road over it Mr. Porter was most dubious, if that grade was to be on the main line.

"We are simply building in Oregon at the present time," continued Mr. Porter. "Whether we will build into California or not is a question which I cannot answer. I do believe, however, that an era of railroad building is at hand in Oregon, and for that matter throughout the entire Northwest. Transcontinental lines must be fed, and Oregon furnishes a great field for the construction of such roads. Where these roads are to be built and where they are to connect is a matter that the future alone can decide."

"This was Mr. Porter's first trip to the rim of Crater lake, although he came through last year by Arant camp. While enthusiastic about the lake as a scenic attraction, he looked at it probably differently than any other man who has ever stood upon its brink. He immediately began to figure out how many times a railroad would have to encircle its precipitous sides in order to reach the water on a two-per-cent grade. Four complete circles was his verdict, and, he continued, 'it wouldn't be much harder to do than to build down the Deschutes with the Harriman forces rolling rocks down on you.'—Medford Tribune.

WHERE'S OUR DUCKS?

The following clipping from the Oregon Journal would indicate that somebody had played the old prank of "snipe shooting" on one T. A. Tutweiler:

"T. A. Tutweiler, Klamath Falls, Ore.: 'It will be but a few years until the far-famed duck shooting in the Klamath country is a thing of the past. For years the lakes around Klamath have been full of all kinds of water fowl, and sportsmen from both California and Oregon considered it a paradise.'

Who T. A. Tutweiler is that imparts this startling information to the public, nobody knows. Everybody in this section does know, however, that it is too early in the season for any great number of ducks to come in. With the lower lake country declared a government reserve, a law passed prohibiting the shooting of ducks out of a boat, and the active operations of our alert game wardens, it would seem very probable that the ducks in this section will increase instead of diminish.

Tonsorial Triumph.

"What was the best job you ever did?" Inquired the first barber.

"I once shaved a man," replied the second ditto.

"Well?"

"Well, then I persuaded him to have a hair cut, singe, shampoo, face massage, sea foam, electric buzz, tar spray and finally a tonic rub."

"What then?"

"By that time," concluded barber No. 2, "he needed another shave."—London Answers.

Live Spiders Food For Young Wasps. The young of some wasps can live only on live spiders, and the mother wasp therefore renders the spider powerless by her sting, after which it can live a month, and then deposits it in the cocoon where she has laid her egg. On hatching out the wasp grubs feed on the bodies of the living spiders. Another wasp deposits her egg in the body of the spider, which is then buried alive and is fed upon by the wasp grub.—London Standard.

On the Fence. "That woman won't take either side of the social dispute until she is reasonably sure which one is going to win. She's a cat!"

"Ah, then that accounts for her being on the fence!"—Baltimore American.

The Drawback. "Elele says there was only one drawback to her wedding."

"What was that?"

"Elele says her father looked too much like a groom."

PEARY-COOK CONTROVERSY IS GROWING

Newspapers Range Themselves on Either Side of North Pole Explorers.

The lie direct is beginning to be passed between rival partisans of Commander Robert E. Peary and Dr. Frederick A. Cook as to which one of these explorers reached the north pole.

The New York World asks: "The question used to be: What lies about the north pole? Now it is: Who lies about it? With Cook and Peary in the field of authorship, African hunting stories may not get better than third place in the list of the six best sellers. Peary must be ready with his facts. In the latter stages of the controversy native testimony will not weigh heavily against such scientific proofs as a man who has been to the pole with instruments of precision should be able to cite. The whole world will await with impatience Cook's detailed story of his journey, his log and map, his account of ice, weather conditions and possible islands, his astronomical observations. If he does not prove his case his place in history will still be secure as one of the most audacious and memorable impostors in the annals of science. If he does prove it, many apologies besides Peary's will be his due."

The Louisville Courier-Journal objects to Peary calling Cook a liar, and thinks that although Peary reports that he is in good health, it is plain from his utterances that he "returns with a sharp and persistent pain in his midst." Also, "Commander Peary has sacrificed in advance a considerable proportion of his profits in telegraphing that Cook is a liar and a faker. It would seem that a man intrepid enough to reach the north pole might be large-minded enough to refrain from clubbing the other fellow pending developments which must establish positive proof. Dr. Cook may be a fraud, but up to now he has carried himself like a sportsman and gentleman, which is more than can be said for Peary."

Forthcoming lectures on the north pole will have great financial value, according to the Chicago Record-Herald, which says that Dr. Cook "expects to make \$500,000 lecturing on his dash to the pole, and that Peary probably expects to make twice that sum telling how Cook didn't dash."

The Brooklyn (N. J.) Eagle, published at the home of both rival explorers, takes Dr. Cook's part, but asks that in the meantime judgment be suspended.

"The friends of Dr. Cook," the Eagle continues, "will contrast his conduct with that of Commander Peary, greatly to the detriment of the latter. They will compare Dr. Cook's reception of Peary's news with Peary's reception of the Cook report,

and from these premises argue that Cook is generous and that Peary is jealous. That conclusion may be just to Cook, while grotesquely unjust to his rival."

"The burden rests on Dr. Cook, not on those who have hesitated to accept his story," affirms the New York Tribune. "The testimony which those who know him well offer concerning his character and the statements which have been made by Mr. Bradley about the adequacy of Dr. Cook's preparations are strong arguments in favor of believing that the Brooklyn explorer really discovered the pole."

The Philadelphia North American is on the fence, and observes that "a little reflection will convince most people that whatever credit goes with the achievement of the farthest north must be to Dr. Cook and to Commander Peary alike as if the other had never laid claim to having reached the pole."

Peary has found a strong defender in the London Pall Mall Gazette, and it thinks that "so far as Peary is concerned there is no question whatever of the accuracy of his statements. The veteran explorer is believed on his word. Everybody feels that he has merely succeeded in setting the crown of completeness to the long and patient work of his life. In the meantime Dr. Cook, in his lecture last night, did not support his story with any proof whatever."

The London Evening Standard says that we are on "the beginning of a dispute which may become historic." A London dispatch says: "Cook is now classed here with De Rougemont, whose name became synonymous with colossal faking."

Various German newspapers attribute the doubts raised in England to envy of the United States or to a general spirit of unwillingness to admit that persons of any other nationality are capable of performing difficult and splendid feats.

Most of the Paris newspapers agree that Dr. Cook has passed into the background since Peary entered upon the scene, and some declare that Peary's appearance will mean that Cook will be doubted more than ever.

LAKEVIEW LAND DRAWING

It was expected that the Lakeview land drawing would be finished last Saturday night. There were three 1,000-acre tracts sold for \$200 each, one falling to a Montana man, one to a Kansas lady, and one to a Nebraskan. A 640-acre tract also fell to a resident of Kearney, Neb., while the Heryford ranch house, barns, outbuildings and two windmills, valued at about \$5,000 and located in the Chewaucan valley, fell to a Fullerton, Cal., man.

Major C. E. Worden and wife and Burge Mason and wife left Sunday morning for the houseboat on Crystal Creek.

HILL AND HARRIMAN INTERESTS ARE BOTH BUSY

Harriman People Seem to Be Getting the Worst of It in the Courts at Present.

The following special dispatch to the Journal from Madras gives information regarding the railroad situation in that neighborhood:

MADRAS, Sept. 16.—The Oregon Trunk people are very busy in this vicinity at present, Chief Engineer Kyle and Right-of-Way Agent Clark having spent the past week between this place and Bend. Right-of-way is being secured between Madras and Redmond, only contracts for which were taken by the Central Oregon people, after the line was surveyed last winter.

The construction force on both sides of Crooked river is being increased every few days by men who are sent in from the outside and by others who are seeking work from this portion of the state.

The activity of the Harriman interests is no less marked in this vicinity than that of the Hill people, they having about ten construction camps between Madras and the mouth of Trout creek. Every day two to five loads of lumber pass through the town to be used for bunk houses, etc.

The Oregon Trunk has no construction crews in this vicinity, the work being confined to places where there is conflict with the Harriman people. One Harriman construction crew is located two miles north of town, where there are some heavy fills, and blasting is heard at all hours of the day.

Although the Harriman people seem to be getting the worst of it in the decisions of the courts and the land office, there is no letup in their construction work, and wherever possible they are securing houses from ranchers along their survey which will be used for offices, winter quarters and warehouses.

The Descending Scale.

"The first letter John ever wrote to me," said a married woman to her friend, "was shortly after we had become acquainted and before there was really anything like an understanding between us. This is the way he signed it:

"Yours, my dear Miss Weston, most sincerely,

JOHN HAMILTON EASTON.

"There, you see, were ten words—enough for a telegram—just to bring a commonplace friendly letter to an end. But after we became engaged his first letter to me was signed in this way:

"Yours, my darling, affectionately,

JOHN.

"That, you will observe, was a reduction of 50 per cent from his conclusion as a mere friend. The first letter he ever wrote to me after we were married was signed:

"Yours,

JOHN."

She stopped for a moment and sighed and then continued:

"We have been married seventeen years now. Yesterday I received a letter from him. Here is the way it was signed:

"J."

FINKERTONS GET FREE AD.

Had The Robbers Ready to Do Time When the Famous Detectives Made Their Appearance.

In the Oregonian of last Saturday appeared an article giving a report made by the Pinkertons in which reference is made to the bank robbery which took place in Klamath Falls on January 16th last, as follows:

"Another bank robbery which attracted considerable local attention at the time occurred on January 16th, when two masked men entered and robbed the Klamath County bank at Klamath Falls. The Pinkertons located the robbers three days later and secured the bulk of the \$3,500 booty taken. Riley Priefer and John Hall both pleaded guilty to the crime and are now serving time."

To every citizen of Klamath Falls who was here at the time, this is a huge joke. Both the bank robbers referred to were captured by the Sheriff's office within three hours after the crime was committed, and were sentenced to the penitentiary on the same day that Pinkerton's representative arrived here.

FINE GRAIN YIELD

A fine report of the Merrill section was received by this office on Saturday through Joe Devlin, who is working a header and six men in the grain fields about Merrill. Mr. Devlin says he has the contract to cut 500 acres of wheat for Guy Merrill, and that the yield will run fully sixty bushels to the acre.

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