

OREGON TRUNK FILES APPLICATION FOR RIGHT OF WAY

Direction Taken in Crossing Indian Reservation Known Only in Washington

On Saturday the Oregon Trunk filed in the Lakeview Land Office an application for a right of way extending its survey south to the Klamath Indian Reservation line. It is understood that the application for the right of way across the reservation will be made in Washington, and therefore any further application of the Oregon Trunk will not be filed in the Lakeview office until the survey is completed across the reservation and reaches public lands, wherever that may be.

The survey of the Oregon Eastern practically parallels that of the Oregon Trunk from the north boundary of Township 27, Range 8, until it reaches the reservation, and at several points the surveys conflict. The Oregon Eastern has been working from each end and has the survey completed from Klamath Falls to the south line of the reservation just above Naylox, so the connecting link across the reservation is all that remains in doubt.

The Oregon Trunk, however, seems to be making one survey, that from the north, and what course it will follow in reaching Klamath Falls is not known. It is the belief that the Oregon Eastern survey skirts the reservation line, being about six miles from the west line until reaching the Williamson River canyon, and should the Oregon Trunk follow this survey, it would appear that it would have a difficult time in getting a line down from the Marsh to Upper Klamath Lake. Should the line go through Wood River Valley there would be heavy work getting over on to the valley slope, and the same trouble exists in coming down Williamson River, as the Oregon Eastern had much trouble securing a satisfactory grade, even with the whole country to select from.

The survey of the Oregon Trunk just filed reaches a point on the reservation just fifty-eight miles direct north from Klamath Falls, and only fifteen miles from Crater Lake, which lies to the southwest. In the surveys filed the Oregon Trunk crosses the Oregon Eastern twice in a distance of less than five miles, and hence it is anticipated that there are likely to be lively times when construction actually commences.

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TURNS DOWN UNCLE SAM

Absolutely Refuses to Accept Secretary Knox's Proposal

United Press Service.

TOKIO, Jan. 18.—Never since the Japanese government emerged from its life of benighted ignorance and donned the robes of Western civilization has it been more clearly demonstrated that its statesmen have schooled themselves in the art of diplomacy to a remarkable degree than is shown in the manner in which that country is now handling the matter of the Manchurian Railway.

It is rumored here today that this government has sent to the United States a courteous but well guarded absolute refusal to accept the proposal of Secretary Knox to neutralize the Manchurian Railway. So carefully has the wording of the refusal been prepared that it leaves no room for a reopening of the matter with the Japanese government or for future American proposals on similar questions. It is clearly a triumph for the diplomacy of the Japanese.

Another evidence of the energetic manner in which the Japanese meet such questions as these is shown in the telegram from Pekin today conveying the information that the public there is beginning to doubt the sincerity of the American government, and fear is being openly expressed that it is an attempt on the part of the United States to place China in a more dangerous position than she is now occupying. Indications point to the joining of forces of Russia and Japan on this question. Information from a reliable source is to the effect that those two countries have entered into an agreement to simultaneously, within a few days, send a refusal of the American proposals.

A few tons of stream tin, sluiced from gravels of the Seward peninsula, Alaska, constituted the entire output of that meta by the United States last year.

To take care of the overproduction of potatoes in Germany several factories have been established to dry them for market, as fruit is dried in this country.

STRAYED—From my stable in Klamath Falls, one bay driving, mare branded Z; weight about 1100 pounds; had on a blanket and headstall of a halter. Information leading to the recovery of same will be suitably rewarded. J. B. Mason.

PORTLAND WILL ENTERTAIN BIG NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—A big convention of the coming year for Portland is that of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The annual gathering of the National body will be held here July 19-24 and it is thought the greatest meeting in the history of the order in America will occur at that time. There are 1400 accredited delegates who will be in attendance and in addition, many other members and their friends will make the trip to the Northwest. It is expected that no less than 30,000 visitors will be attracted to the North Pacific Coast by this convention. Committees are at work planning entertainment for the Hibernians and every indication now points to the gathering being a big success.

Wool growers of the country will gather at Portland in 1911, bringing to this city a convention representative of a great industry. Delegates to the recent convention of the wool men at Ogden from the Pacific Northwest were a unit for Portland as the next meeting place and they captured the gathering without serious opposition. Ninety per cent of the wool growers of the country are members of the organization and the convention will bring thousands of visitors to Portland. The next meeting of the National body will be held here in January, 1911.

Grocers of the State will gather at Eugene January 26 and 27 for the annual convention of the Oregon Retail Grocers' Association. There is a splendid program of deep interest to the dealers in foodstuffs and the attendance is expected to be the largest in the history of the State association. Problems coming up in the grocery business will be discussed and mutual help gained from the interchange of ideas of the various dealers.

Portland is entertaining today what is said to be the biggest excursion party ever organized in the Northwest and which includes 225 residents of Spokane, the Couer d'Alene country, Walla Walla and the Palouse country, and of the Canadian Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. The party occupies a special train of Pullmans and is bound for California. It was organized by the Spokane Chamber of Commerce and the Walla Walla Commercial Club in connection with the Harriman lines, it having become the custom to run a midwinter excursion to California each year. While in Portland the excursionists are being entertained by the Portland Commercial Club.

An example of the big money in hog raising was given here during the past week when a single porker, weighing 680 pounds brought \$61.20. This is the highest price that a single hog ever brought at the stock yards. The hog was raised by Henry Larkin, of Coifax, Wash. Hogs reached \$20 during the week.

Coos Bay seems to be in line for some real railroad building and both the Hill and Harriman systems are reported to be showing interest in that section. It is said work is to be resumed on the Southern Pacific line from Drain and the Northern Pacific is said to be negotiating for big holdings, which lie close to Marshfield.

ICE GORGE IN FAMOUS CANYON BREAKS LOOSE

Swollen Creek Leaves Channel and Covers the Adjacent Land

J. W. McCoy returned last Thursday from Fort Klamath, where he has been for the past five days on business connected with his interests in that section of the country.

Mr. McCoy reports that Anna Creek has overflowed its banks for a distance of nearly a half mile and is doing considerable damage to the adjacent hay lands by leaving a heavy deposit of sand and pumice. A sort of ice gorge had formed in Anna Creek Canyon, which broke up and is now being carried down the stream to the meadow lands, bringing with it a considerable quantity of earth and sand. The creek has left the channel about a mile above Fort Klamath. It is estimated that it will mean quite an expense to clean away the wash and return the water to the proper channel when spring opens up.

FOR SALE—A complete threshing outfit, consisting of one 20 h.p. Altman-Taylor engine equipped for burning oil; one 36-64 Aultman-Taylor separator with Parson feeder, separator is rebuilt about same as Buffalo Pitts with Jones attachment; has been run one season. Hard oil cups all over.

One Daniel Best cleaner that cleans the grain before it enters the sack.

One Derrick table, derrick and wagon in good shape.

One side elevator, new last year; also new draper last year.

Two water wagons, oil drums, rotary pump, two low-down water pumps.

For particulars write W. H. JONES, Nelson, Butte County, Cal.

WILL SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF CLEARING THE LAND

Purchases Equipment With Which He Can Cut Sage Brush, Plow Land, Sow Seed and Harvest Crop

This week the death knell of the sage brush of Klamath County, or at least that part of it that flourishes under the irrigating ditches of the Klamath project, was sounded, and the time is not far distant when not an acre of irrigated land will be afflicted with this pest. W. W. Masten has just closed a contract for the purchase of a 16-foot combined Holt harvester and one 40-horse power catapiller engine, and it is with this outfit that he proposes to change the face of the Klamath country during the next few years. When he has demonstrated that his method of handling the soil is the correct one, he will doubtless have a number of followers, with the result that the area cultivated will be rapidly increased until all of the irrigated, and a great deal of the unirrigated, farms of the county will be raising crops.

The outfit purchased by Mr. Masten is one of the most up-to-date in the West. It is capable of cutting the sage brush, plowing the ground, sowing the seed and harvesting the crop. The engine has a speed of five miles an hour on the road and with its attachments is capable of plowing a strip fourteen feet wide.

In discussing his plans, Mr. Masten said:

"The time is at hand when Klamath County must adopt the modern methods of handling the soil. The modern way means the money-saving way, and I believe that the equipment which I have ordered is the best that can be found. Of course, the time will come when outfits of this kind will not be used here. That will be when this section is divided into small farms, but that is some time off. In the meantime steps must be taken to meet the present conditions. It is my intention, in addition to using the outfit in the working of my own farms, to take contracts for the clearing and plowing of uncleared land. I will, if desired, sow the seed and harvest the crop, and I think that I can do so cheaper and quicker than the owner of the land can do it with his present methods."

One of the great drawbacks to the more rapid development of the section that has passed into the hands of new owners has been the difficulties met with in the preparation of the soil for the planting of the crops, where the farm purchased has not been cultivated. The homeseeker is obliged to gather together his equipment of horses, cutters, plows and other farm machinery. He has to build his barns and his home, and, very often, the initial expense is greater than he is able to pay. Under the proposed scheme advanced by Mr. Masten, he will be relieved of the greater part of this burden, with the result that he will have the first year's return from his crop to add to his small means to aid in the completion of his plans.

The machinery purchased by Mr. Masten represents an investment of something over \$6000. It again demonstrates that he is a man of unusual foresight and remarkable enterprise. While he will doubtless realize a fair profit on his investment, it nevertheless shows that he is possessed of ideas other than those confined entirely to his own selfish aggrandizement, and that he is willing to risk his money in order that he may aid

in the consummation of the great scheme of development that will eventually make Klamath County one of the great agricultural sections of the Pacific Coast. Klamath County needs a few more such men as he, and with their coming will be solved the greatest of problems that has confronted the man of small means for the past years—that of the cultivation of his land at a cost within his means and only in proportion to the net amount realized after the payment of taxes, interest and operation expenses.

COURSE IN AGRICULTURE

The winter short courses opened at the Agricultural College Tuesday, January 4, with the largest and most representative body of students ever in attendance. There are men and women ranging in age from 16 to 65 years and representing almost every walk of life. Side by side with the girls and boys from the ninth and tenth grades of the public schools of the State are graduates of Brown, Yale, Lake Forest and many other great Eastern and Middle West universities and colleges. There are farmers and fruit growers who own or manage farms ranging from five to 2500 acres. There are teachers and housewives, stockmen, dairymen, horticulturists, business men and capitalists. This representative attendance speaks well for the future of Agricultural Oregon.

Farmers' week at the Oregon Agricultural College will commence, Monday, February 14. The activities will be conducted in institute form and will cover all branches of agriculture, horticulture, dairying and domestic science. Anyone who is interested in the practical problems of farming, fruit growing and housekeeping and the new and improved methods which may be used in their solution, will do well to attend the exercises of the Farmers' week.

STREET COMMITTEE TO ASSESS BENEFIT

Property Owners to Pay 50 Per Cent of Cost of Sewers

At an adjourned meeting of the City Council Thursday night it was decided that 50 per cent of the cost of the sewers in the first unit should be paid out of the sewer funds, and 50 per cent be assessed against the property benefited. The sewer ordinance, which was introduced at the meeting last evening, was filled in to contain this provision. The property owners of the city will be given time, before the final passage of the ordinance, to be heard in case the 50 per cent arrangement should not meet their views.

The time allowance for completing the work was decided upon at 150 days from the date of contract. It was decided by the Council in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance that the duty would devolve upon the street committee to appraise and determine the benefit and the amount of cost to be assessed against the property which is to be sewer

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JOHN KRISTT, Fort Klamath, Oregon.

MANUAL TRAINING A NEW FEATURE FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Principal Butcher Now Working for a Good Gymnasium for the County Institution

One of the most important steps recently taken for the betterment of the Klamath County High School was the determination of the County School Board to add a manual training department to the school. This decision was reached by the board upon the strong representation of Principal Butcher and the rest of the High School faculty. Prof. Butcher has worked hard since taking charge of the High School to accomplish this end and is entitled to due credit for his success.

The value of manual training in a school can not be too highly estimated. Practical education is fast becoming an important factor of the successful school of today and no school is now considered complete unless it includes courses in drafting and iron and wood work, in connection with its chemistry and physics departments. In this way the student becomes acquainted with the practical things and is better fitted to enter upon the duties of life, when he is ready to make his entrance into the business world. If he wishes to take up any of the trades or professions, he already has a solid foundation laid, and is better equipped to win than if he was deprived of this knowledge.

It is the hope of Mr. Butcher to be able to secure a good gymnasium for the school another year, and he is using every effort to this end and should receive the encouragement of the business men in his laudable undertaking.

APPLICATION FOR FREE MAIL DELIVERY

Petition by Postmaster and Citizens or the Municipal Authorities

As Klamath Falls will soon be entitled to free delivery of mail, the following provisions contained in the postal laws will be applicable at this time:

"Applications for the establishment of the free delivery service at any postoffice entitled thereto may be made by the postmaster, by the citizens joining in a petition, or by the municipal authorities, and should be addressed to the First Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Free Delivery.

"Applications should give the population of the city, village, borough, according to the last general census, taken by authority of the State or United States law, and the gross revenue of the postoffice for the preceding fiscal year.

"They should also state the condition of the sidewalks, whether the houses are numbered, the names of the streets posted up and the city properly lighted.

"Mail must be frequently and promptly delivered by the carriers so that citizens may have no occasion to call at the postoffice for mail, and the local addresses of those receiving mail through the general delivery should be secured and their mail delivered by carriers to the greatest practicable extent."

Wm. Uhrman, of Dairy, was in the city Thursday. He suggests that a brand book should be published for the guidance and information of the ranchers of the Klamath country.

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CRESCENT BAKING POWDER

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PLAN HOTEL FOR SHIPPINGTON

W. I. Clark arrived Thursday evening from Oakland and he and Major Worden signed an agreement for the erection of a large tourist hotel at Shippington on the Upper Lake, which has been talked of for some time.

Mr. Clark would not state what the probable cost of the hotel was to be, but admitted that it was to be modern in every respect and sufficiently large to accommodate all those who come to Klamath County to enjoy themselves with gun and rod. Work is to commence the first thing in the spring.

West Virginia's production of coal last year was 41,897,843 short tons, a decrease from the output of the year before of about 13 per cent.

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