



MR. HILL BREAKING GROUND FOR KLAMATH FALLS SEWER SYSTEM.

FIRST AUTHENTIC HILL STATEMENT

THE BUILDING OF THIS LINE, ANNOUNCEMENT OF WHICH HAS BEEN SO ANXIOUSLY AWAITED BY THE PEOPLE OF OREGON, WILL OPEN TO SETTLEMENT MILLIONS OF ACRES OF FERTILE LAND AND BRING AN EMPIRE TO THE DOORS OF KLAMATH FALLS.

WILLIAM WAGNER

KLAMATH AGENCY, May 17.—“We will build an east and west line across the State of Oregon, and your paper may make that statement as emphatic as possible.” Thus did Louis W. Hill, president of the Northern Pacific and personal representative of James J. Hill, the empire builder, give to the people of Oregon through the columns of the Republican the first definite, authentic statement that his company would build this line of road and thus open to settlement millions of acres of the most fertile land on the Pacific Coast. The statement was electrifying, especially so since it comes from the man who is in a position to make it authoritatively. Continuing, Mr. Hill said:

“We have passed through a great deal of country since we started on this trip that will amply justify the construction of a line of road east and west across the state, and it is to this that we look for returns on the money invested in construction work.”

“We have been delighted with the trip, although it has been an arduous one. It was the only way in which I could become thoroughly familiar with the conditions that will have to be met, and the only way by which a definite decision could be reached. Oregon will see a degree of development within the next few years that no one ever dreamed of. Thousands upon thousands of homeseekers will pour into this state, and we propose to do everything at our command to aid in the work.”

The party arrived at Odell Monday evening, where it remained for the night. Klamath Agency was reached at 12:30, where the delegation from Klamath Falls and Superintendent H. G. Wilson welcomed Mr. Hill and his companions. Mr. Wilson was host at an elaborate dinner, following which Mr. Hill and his party and the Klamath Falls delegation were driven to the Agency Landing, where they boarded the steamer Winema and started for Klamath Falls, which place was reached Tuesday evening.

In the course of his remarks Mr. Hill further stated that he was not particularly interested in the towns, but what was back of them. It is the country and not the cities that will make the construction of the railroads a paying investment, and it is

for that reason that he has taken such pains to investigate fully the territory back of the towns he has visited.

He further stated that he was not after set speeches nor boom talk, what he wanted were real, live facts. He suggested that at the banquet that it is proposed to give him in Klamath Falls that those having anything to say confine themselves to the production of data that will give him some insight into the resources of the country from which his road must necessarily expect to receive its tonnage.

He is a man easily approached, and he is particularly attentive to the man who tills the soil. Whenever he spied one who bore evidence of contact with nature he was ready to drop everything and listen to what he might have to say—provided it was filled with the information he was seeking—the productivity of the soil. On the way down the lake it is proposed to ascertain his wishes relative to an excursion into the Klamath basin, where he will be able to see at first hand what the agricultural resources of this section of the country are.

EMPHATICALLY DENIES MAKING LAKEVIEW STATEMENT

Such Stories Have Kept Great Northern Out of Cities Before, and May Do So Again

It was a man stirred with the fire of indignation that faced a representative of the Evening Herald in the lobby of the Lakeside Inn this morning. He held a copy of last night's paper in his hand, and in a voice that trembled with wrath demanded what was meant by the publication of such stories.

“I want it understood,” he stated with vehemence, “that it is the publication of such stories that has kept the Great Northern from building into many towns, and it may do so again.”

When asked what portion of the statements published he wished to deny, he replied with a wave of his hand that took in the entire front page of the paper, “All of them.”

“That statement,” continued Mr. Hill, pointing to the headlines, “‘We will build into Klamath Falls just as fast as construction can be pushed,’ is published with the apparent approval of myself. It is misleading. The Great Northern is not spending a dollar building into Klamath Falls; it is not spending a dollar building beyond the northern boundary of the county. On the basis of that statement a man would be justified in tearing down his frame building and erecting brick structures; he would be justified in going ahead and spending money, and he would be justified in commencing action against me.”

“That statement would lead the other towns that I have visited into believing that I was glad to meet the people, they were all right and good company, but when it came to railroads, then it was to be all for Klamath Falls. As far as Lakeview is concerned, I would much rather build into that place than come here under those conditions.”

The statement published in the Herald was published on the authority of a person in whom the Herald

has had reason to have implicit confidence. The information furnished to the Herald was to the effect that Mr. Hill made the statement, “We will build into Klamath Falls just as fast as construction can be pushed.” His statement bearing on this is published above.

The impression other towns might receive from the publication caused Mr. Hill considerable concern, his apparent desire being for them to understand that whatever might be done in the way of construction in Klamath county would have no bearing on what may be done for them.

CENSUS ENUMERATOR WILL BE AT POSTOFFICE THURSDAY

Everyone in the City Should See That His or Her Name Is on the Roll

From noon tomorrow till 9 o'clock in the evening the census enumerator, Mrs. R. W. Beach, will be at the postoffice for the purpose of placing on the census roll the name of any person in Klamath Falls who has not yet been counted. Mrs. Beach has made an earnest effort to secure a complete enumeration of this city, and that without the assistance usually accorded such work. Her offer to remain in the postoffice for ten hours is proof of her thoroughness in making the census as complete as possible.

The greatest difficulty experienced has been in securing the names of occupants of rooming houses in the city. The business men can materially aid in making this work complete by asking their employees if they have been counted, and if they have not they should be sent to the postoffice to interview the enumerator. Owners of rooming houses should ask each roomer if he has been counted, and if it is impossible for him to go to the postoffice Mrs. Beach should be notified at once, and she will make arrangements to see that his name is on her lists.

But one day remains for the completion of this work, and it is imperative that whatever is to be done must be done at once.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Those who buy season tickets for commencement week of the High School may have the coupon for the annual senior play reserved by calling at Dunham's confectionery any time after Wednesday noon of this week. The play will be given in the opera house Monday evening, May 23. Season tickets sell for 75 cents; single admission to play, 50 cents. The students taking part are conscientious in their practice, and the play promises to be as good as the senior play last year.

The annual commencement sermon May 22d, at 11 a. m., in the High School auditorium. A special program has been prepared for this occasion. Rev. Feese will deliver the address. Arrangements have been made with the churches to dismiss their morning services, and where possible to close the Sunday schools a few minutes early to allow those who care to attend time to reach the High School auditorium by 11 o'clock.

Wm. Weedon, proprietor of the Klamath barn, returned Monday from a visit to Ashland.

PRESIDENT HILL GUEST OF CITY

ARRIVED WITH PARTY AT 10:30 LAST EVENING

NON COMMITTAL ABOUT RR. WORK

Agreeably Surprised With the Beauties of the Upper Lake—Non-Committal About Work

WILLIAM WAGNER

Dressed in khakis, wearing typical Western ranch boots, unshaven and unkempt, Louis W. Hill looked more like a Klamath county stockman than the president of a great railroad on his arrival in Klamath Falls. The party arrived in this city after 10 o'clock p. m. Tuesday. Rooms had been reserved at the Lakeside Inn. Immediately after arriving in the city most of the party went to the Hot Springs to wash off the various kinds of soil accumulated on the trip through interior Oregon.

In speaking of his trip through Oregon Mr. Hill expressed himself as exceptionally well pleased. He commented very favorably upon the spirit of Oregon. Several times during his conversation he stated that Oregon and Montana were his favorite Western states. He was very agreeably surprised with the town of Lakeview, which, he said, was one of the best-founded and most substantial little cities he had ever visited. The party left there Monday morning, driving the machines to Odell that day, and from there to the Klamath Agency by yesterday noon. Yesterday's Herald told Mr. Hill's impressions gained from his trip to this point.

Pleased With Lake.

Probably the most agreeable surprise for Mr. Hill on the entire Oregon trip was the Upper Klamath lake. He had expected to find a small body of water like many of the other lakes throughout the country traversed. The lake was a revelation to him. He had never dreamed of so much fresh water in Oregon. The beautiful scenery appealed to him in a way that he will always have a longing for Klamath. He was taken with the beautiful Eagle Ridge resort. From the many inquiries he made it is safe to predict that within two years Mr. Hill will be the owner of a beautiful home on Upper Klamath lake.

Will Visit Crater Lake.

While en route to this city from the Agency landing Mr. Hill asked as to the best time to visit Crater lake, and made the announcement that unless circumstances prevented he would visit the lake this summer. In speaking of this he said:

“Crater lake is the place to go to see, but here is the place to stay for a while. Crater lake will attract people to your country, but your large Klamath lake will hold them when they get here. I want to see Crater lake, and will try to get here this summer.”

Asks About Surveys.

Upon leaving the Agency landing Mr. Hill asked numerous questions about the Oregon Trunk surveys, wanting to know how far the surveyors were from Klamath Falls, and in which direction they were working. He was told that two of his crews were working to the east of the lake and that another was running lines on the west side. He expressed the opinion that the crew on the west side was not a portion of the Oregon Trunk outfit, which may be taken as a hint that the road will be built on the east side. Another statement made by Mr. Hill when responding to a short address of welcome at Eagle Ridge might be construed to mean that the Hill road will come to this city along the east shore of the lake. In speaking of the railroad probabilities he said: “In time there will likely be a railroad race course around this beautiful body of water.”

Will Develop Oregon.

Mr. Hill evaded many of the direct questions put to him by the Herald representative. His usual reply was “I do not know.” When asked if the Hill interests would build into Klamath, he said that the contract had already been let into Klamath county. To the question if the road would be extended to this city he replied that John F. Stevens is building the Oregon Trunk.

No Connection With Western Pacific. Mr. Hill stated that there was noth-

ing to the report that the Oregon Trunk would seek an outlet to San Francisco over the Western Pacific. He would not give any information as to railroad building except to say that they now had over 5,000 men at work in the state, building toward the south, and that an east and west line would be built.

No Compromise With S. P.

He was asked if there was anything in the report that in the Deschutes canyon compromise between the Oregon Trunk and the Southern Pacific it had also been agreed that the Oregon Trunk was to enter Klamath Falls over the Southern Pacific right of way. Mr. Hill replied: “The Oregon Trunk and the Southern Pacific are building over separate and distinct rights of way in the Deschutes canyon. I do not know of any such compromise. The Hill road will not enter Klamath Falls over the Southern Pacific tracks, but Mr. Stevens is building the Oregon Trunk.”

Will Populate Oregon

The object of the Hill party visiting Oregon is to make a reconnaissance to determine the resources of the country and to gather data for a large colonization movement. Whenever Mr. Hill was asked if his people would build a railroad into a certain section he would say he is from Missouri, and must be shown. “If the country has resources that will support people, the section will have a railroad,” said Mr. Hill. He continued, “The object of my trip through this section is to learn Oregon and to find out the best way to get people into the state. I have seen some fine country. It is very much like Montana, where we have located large colonies. I predict a great future for Oregon.”

Advertising Hill Will Do.

In the Hill party is Mr. E. C. Leedy, the head of the colonization department of the Hill lines. He has with him two assistants, C. C. Morrison and O. W. Swanson. In speaking of the work that the Hill interests will do along the publicity line, Mr. Leedy said:

“We are going to make up a car of Oregon exhibits which we shall show all through the East and Middle West. We are also going to put out literature on the Central Oregon section. I think it is remarkable that a section so rich and vast should have remained undeveloped for so long a time. In some sections we have found development along the lines of building towns that would do credit to an old railroad country, but the farming resources remain untouched. Thousands of people will come to Oregon in the next few years. The Hills are going to do for Oregon what they did for Washington.”

Hill on Reclamation.

Louis W. Hill, like his father, is an empire builder, and he does not like to be hampered in his work, nor does he like to see any section tied hand and foot. The policies of the Reclamation Service and the Forest Service receive his severest condemnation. He believes in doing anything and everything that will help a community, but he has broad, liberal ideas for doing these things. His views are in direct conflict with those of ex-Forest Pinchot, and also with those of the head officials of the Reclamation Service. After hearing Mr. Hill express his views along the line of conservation and reclamation one begins to realize that he is keeping in close touch with the West, and that he has a better knowledge of the existing conditions than most of the Westerners.

The Party Guide.

William Hanley, the Eastern Oregon stockman, is the guide of the Hill party. Mr. Hanley knows every foot of the state over which the party has traveled, and he has done everything in his power to make Mr. Hill see the great future for Central Oregon. To his efforts will be largely due the many good things that Mr. Hill will do for this state. Mr. Hanley is a man who likes to travel with a Missourian. He believes in showing instead of talking. He is just the man for the occasion. He has the knowledge of the country, and knows just where and how to take Mr. Hill to get the best results. Mr. Hanley expresses one regret. He says the country traveled over is so extensive that he could show the Hill party only a very small portion of it.

Interested in Southern Pacific.

While Mr. Hill is seeing the country to ascertain the resources, still he is on the lookout for every particle

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GROUND BROKEN FOR SEWERS

PICK IS WIELDED BY PRESIDENT LOUIS W. HILL

VERY IMPORTANT EVENT FOR CITY

City's Guest Is Introduced by Mayor F. T. Sanderson, and Is Heartily Cheered

President Louis W. Hill broke the ground Wednesday for the new sewer system. It was quite appropriate that the head of a great railroad system that has done so much for the up-building of the Northwest should be the person who officially started the work for the first great civic improvement undertaken by this city. Arrangements for the ceremony were made by Mayor Sanderson yesterday, Mr. Hill expressing his pleasure at being able to participate. He was conveyed from the Lakeside Inn to the corner of Fourth and Main streets, where there had assembled a representative gathering of the citizens. He was accompanied by the mayor, several members of the council and other leading citizens. Mayor Sanderson stated the object of the ceremony and introduced Mr. Hill, who was cordially received by the assembled multitude. Taking the pick from the hands of the mayor he landed several blows on the street's surface, making the first dirt fly in every direction. Bowing his acknowledgment of the hearty cheers that greeted the work, Mr. Hill boarded his auto and started on a trip through the Klamath Basin, which will take him as far as Merrill.

REV. HICKS WILL PREACH AT BAPTIST CHURCH TONIGHT

The distinguished divine of Ashland who lectured at the Baptist church Tuesday evening preached in that church last night. Those who heard him declared him to be the most eloquent speaker they have ever heard in Klamath Falls. He held his audience spell-bound from start to finish. His subject was, “Paddle Your Own Canoe.” Mingled with the most humorous illustrations, which convulsed the audience with laughter, including stories of the Sunny South and dialect descriptions from the German and Irish, he placed his audience in the most attentive mood for receiving the earnest words of encouragement to faithfully and hopefully fight the battle of life. He inspires every hearer to throw away all doubt and timidity and renew the effort to not only win in this life, but prepare for the greater life to come. Such eloquence and logic is rarely heard, and the Baptist church and their friends and visitors are to be congratulated upon having the visit from the distinguished divine from the Rogue river. Rev. Bledsoe is under obligations to the visitor, and is greatly pleased with the opportunity of introducing him to the people of Klamath county. It is hoped that Rev. Hicks may have an opportunity to leave his prosperous and happy flock at Ashland long enough to visit us again soon.

THE LAKEVIEW STAGE CHANGES TIME

The Lakeview stage has changed its time of departure, now leaving its offices at the American hotel at 6 p. m. in the evening and making the night drive on this end, arriving at Lakeview the following evening at 6 o'clock.

Arrivals at the Lakeside: O. L. Snelling and wife, Lakeview; Chas. Lambert, Bonanza; Chas. P. Bray, Ashfork, Wis.; R. N. Haines, Medford; E. P. Fansworth, San Francisco; G. E. Oxley, Berkeley; D. S. Wilson, Portland; H. Scheedy, Portland; Geo. Taylor, Albany; E. E. Fitche, N. S. Merrill, Merrill; H. L. Holgate, city; Luther W. Huntington, Castle Rock, Wash.; F. C. Klatzuba, Merrill; R. C. Spink, Klamath Agency; G. E. Cain, The Dalles; E. L. Vanzant, Burns; John Hall, St. Paul; and the Hill party.

The pig has never been known to express any desire for jewelry, though it often wears a ring.

The man who stutters does not need to be told to think twice before he speaks once.