

# SEASON'S WORK ON PAYETTE VALLEY NOW OVER

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## Crews Stop With Rails Laid to Within Eleven Miles of McCall.

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NAMPA—With rails laid to a point 118 miles from Nampa and to within 11 miles of McCall the northern terminus of the line, track laying operations on the Idaho Northern extension of the Oregon Short Line have been abandoned until next spring. Part of the track laying equipment employed on the work has already been transferred to Pocatello.

Track laying ended at the bridge across Lake fork, 35 miles above Smith's Ferry and three miles above Donnelly, which station is opposite and the nearest railroad point to the town of Roseberry. The bridge across Lake fork will be 1275 feet long—640 feet of permanent trestle and the rest to be a fill. Work on the bridge and fill will probably continue for several weeks, but by the time it is completed the winter season will be too far advanced to permit of further track laying.

### Exit, the Stage Line.

The extension as far as Smith's Ferry was turned over to the operating department September 1, and daily train service inaugurated between that point and Nampa. Railroad mail service will be extended to Horseshoe Bend, November 1. The people of that village at present get their mail via a stage line between there and the town of Eagle. It is anticipated that Cascade a new station 16 miles above Smith's Ferry, will be made the terminus of train service on the extension during the coming winter, although no definite information in this regard is available at present.

Some idea of the difficulties encountered in both engineering and construction work on the railroad up the Payette river is furnished by the fact that the close of track-laying operations on the extension this winter marks the end of the third year's work on the 101 miles of railroad from Emmett to Payette lakes.