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## **POWER COMPANY IS RUSHING WORK ON NEW PROJECT HERE**

### **OVER 300 MEN ARE NOW EMPLOYED ON PRELIMINARY WORK FOR NEW STONE & WEBSTER WORK**

The preliminary work on the huge power project being constructed just north of town by the Stone & Webster company has been going ahead rapidly for the past few weeks, and it seems certain that actual construction work on the big dam and power plant will be under way in the near future. At the main camp on the hill a large number of carpenters and other workmen have been steadily employed and there are now about 40 buildings at the camp of various sizes, occupied as bunk houses, dwellings, offices of various kinds, and other buildings needed to care for a large crew. A large warehouse has been built near the site of the old Washington steam plant, and a part of the steam plant has been enclosed for use as additional storage space for supplies and equipment.

There are now more than 300 men employed on the various activities of the power company and more men are being added as rapid as quarters can be provided for them. It is reported that about 500 men will be employed here when construction work starts on the dam and allied structures.

The largest job under way at this time is the construction of a railroad along the east bank of the Baker River from the old Washington plant northerly to the site of the power plant just north of the camp. The railroad follows the bank of the stream a few feet above the water level and passes under the Baker river bridge near the east end between the pier and the bank. There is considerable rock work along the right of way

and it will probably require some weeks yet before the track can be laid. A number of new spur tracks have also been built near the Washington plant.

A small crew of rock men are now employed in drilling for the main tunnel from the dam, two crews of about 15 men each being engaged on this work. The dam site is being cleared of brush and some excavating has already been done, but it is not expected that much work will be done at this point until the preliminary work is about completed.

This work is bringing hundreds of new men into town, and with other construction work under way in the city, is making Concrete known all through the state as the busiest town on the coast.