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STONE & WEBSTER BUILDING RAILROAD TO CUPPLES RANCH

INCLINE ROAD FROM TOP OF HILL TO FARM NOW UNDER WAY-BUILDING OF DAM WILL BE STARTED SOON

The Stone & Webster Company has found that another railroad will be required for the building of the huge dam and power plant on the Baker River and the second road is now well under way. It will run from near the site of the old Washington Portland Cement company's crusher building to the Cupples farm on the other side of the Baker River. From the top of the hill to the Baker River is a steep incline, and then a bridge has been built across the Baker and nearly a mile up the valley on the other side. The road will be used for hauling the gravel and sand to be used in the construction of the dam and plant buildings, an enormous quantity of each being required. The sand and gravel will be secured from a bar on the farm, where there is a plentiful supply of the material and of just the right quantity required for the work. The work of building the incline railroad is progressing rapidly, and it will be ready for use by the time construction work is started on the dam.

The Baker River is now at its lowest stage, and it is expected that the work of building the foundations for the dam will be started within the next few weeks. The diversion tunnel, which will carry the waters of the river while the foundations are being built, has been completed, and as soon as the gates are in place the river will be diverted into the tunnel. Huge cranes are being erected

to handle the materials required to the construction work, and the railroad from the Great Northern tracks in East Concrete to the dam site has been completed.

A steam shovel is now engaged in excavating the site for the power plant on the east side of the river a short distance above the camp, and an incline railroad has been built from the river bed to the top of the hill for handling part of the materials needed for the erection of the buildings. Huge bunkers for the storage of gravel and sand are being built on the top of the hill near the old Washington quarry, where it will be convenient to both the dam and buildings.

There are now over 900 men engaged on the various projects of the company in connection with this work and it is said that this crew will be considerably increased when actual construction is started on the dam. Three shifts are being worked so as to take full advantage of low water in the river, powerful lights being used to light up the entire canyon after night.