

L. J. Eppe and C. S. Smith to Columbia Valley Railroad Co.

Whereas, the Columbia Valley Railroad Company, a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Washington, proposes to construct a line of railway in the State of Washington, along the north bank of the Columbia River; and

Whereas, the building of said railroad as proposed will result in great benefit to the public and to us in particular;

Now, Therefore, we L. J. Eppe and C. S. Smith of Clendosta in the County of Skamania, State of Washington for and in consideration of the benefits to accrue to the public in general, and to us in particular, by reason of the building of said railroad as proposed, and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar to us in hand paid by the Columbia Valley Railroad Company, a corporation, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and for the further consideration of \$150. to be paid as hereinafter provided do by these presents grant, bargain, sell and agree to convey unto the said Columbia Valley Railroad Company, a corporation, its successors and assigns, a strip of land one hundred feet in width over, across, through and upon the following described tract of land now owned by us in Skamania County, State of Washington, to wit:

The part of Lot Three (3) in Section Six (6), Township One (1) North Range Six (6) East of the W.M. lying between the county road leading from Cape Horn to Clendosta, Wash. and the bank of the Columbia river.

Provided that the said grantee or its assigns at the building of said road construct and hereafter maintain at its own cost and expense a suitable crossing to give free access to the Columbia river.

Provided further that the said One Hundred and Fifty Dollars consideration be paid and a deed secured before construction work is begun upon said described land.

The same to be used as a right of way for the building of said proposed road, and the operation of said railroad over, across, through and upon the said land, same to be fifty feet on each side of the center line of said railroad, as surveyed, definitely fixed and located over, across, through and upon the said above described tract of land.

And we do for ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, covenant and agree with the said Columbia Valley Railroad Company, a corporation, its successors and assigns, for the

consideration aforesaid, that as soon as the said strip of land is definitely fixed and located and selected by the said Columbia Valley Railroad Company, a corporation, its successors and assigns and upon payment of the said sum of \$150. that we will or our heirs, executors, administrators or assigns shall on demand make, execute and deliver to the said Columbia Valley Railroad Company, a corporation, its successors and assigns, a good and sufficient warranty deed conveying the said right of way as above provided and described, free and clear of all incumbrances whatsoever.

This hereby agreed and provided that all charges for the making and recording of this contract and the deed herein agreed to be executed shall be paid by the said Columbia Valley Railroad Company, a corporation, its successors and assigns.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 20th day of Sept. A. D. 1899.

Executed in the presence of }

E. M. Rands

Richard Harry

J. J. Eppe Seal
J. S. Smith Seal

State of Washington }
County of Clarke }

I, E. M. Rands, a Notary Public do hereby certify that on this 20th day of Sept., 1899 personally appeared before me J. J. Eppe and J. S. Smith both unmarried, & one known as the individuals described in, and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged that they signed and sealed the same as their free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Given under my hand and official seal this 20th day of Sept. A. D. 1899.



E. M. Rands
Notary Public for State of Washington. Residing at Vancouver.

Filed for record by E. M. Rands 24th October 1899 at Q. C. H. L.

F. W. Hale
E. Auditor