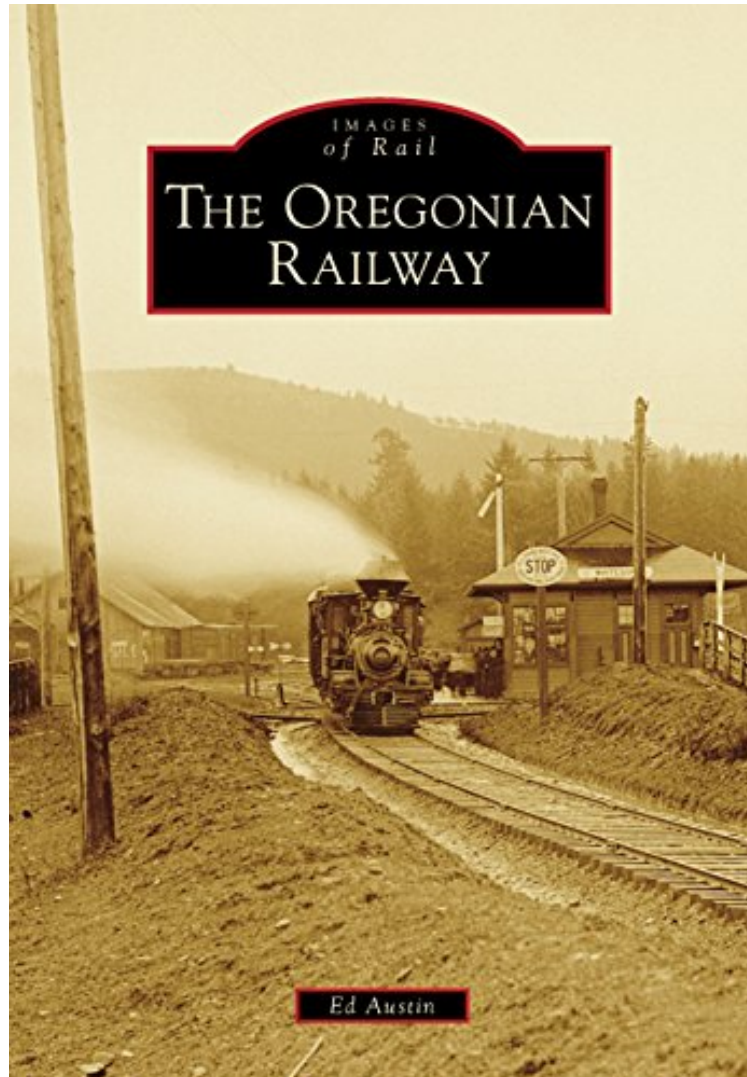


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It is this railroad system, from its inception in 1877 to the present day, that Ed Austin explores herein.

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