

## Southern Pacific Railroad

The Southern Pacific, like every railroad, had to maintain the railroad line 24/7 - this task fell to the Maintenance-of-Way crew also known as the "Gang", or "Section Gang". Hugo had its Gang.

**1901** Mr. Lorenz, our section boss, moved to Wolf creek. Mr. Tolson took his place. *Rogue River Courier*. May 16, 1901. [Hugo Items](#).

Mr. Tolson's two brothers visited him at Tunnel 9, last week. *Rogue River Courier*. June 13, 1901. [Hugo Items](#).

Mr. Tolson, our section foreman, with the aid of his men, is putting in a spur at Hugo for the convenience of Mr. Helfing in shipping his lumber. *Rogue River Courier*. August 1, 1901. [Hugo Items](#).

### *Hugo's Section Foremen*

Mr. Lorenz  
Mr. Tolson  
Robert Crockett  
John Goff  
Roger Fenton  
Ivan Bridge

Mrs. Robert Crockett was the guest of Judge Crockett at Hugo last week. Robert Crockett is pushing his work as fast as possible so as to have his section [Leland] in good shape when winter comes. *Rogue River Courier*. August 29, 1901. [Leland Siftings](#).

## Hugo Section Bosses

**1902** Our section daily improves under the supervision of Mr. R. Crockett, section foreman of Hugo. He exchanged section with our friend Mr. Tolson, who now resides at Leland. Bob must seem at home for he was raised at Hugo. By Dick. *Rogue River Courier*. January 23, 1902. [Hugo Items](#).

Business is quiet at Tunnel 9. Robert Crockett, the section foreman, has his track in good shape. Robert is a congenial fellow. We need more of that stripe to build up our country. By Wide Awake. *Rogue River Courier*. November 6, 1902. [Leland Shiftings](#).

**1906** R. C. Crockett, ex-foreman of Section 46, has been reappointed and will be in charge of the section after April 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Crockett is an experienced railroad man and will soon put his section in first-class condition. *Rogue River Courier*. March 30, 1906. [Hugo](#).

**1910** John Goff is now our section foreman. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schoffer have departed for New Orleans on a visit. Hugo regrets losing a good citizen. He intends to locate in California. *Rogue River Courier*. March 4, 1910. [Sparks From Hugo](#).



*Hugo Section House*

In 1910 Fred Dingler family moved to the Southern Pacific Railroad's Section House in Hugo after Fred was promoted to Section Foreman. The Section House was located at Tunnel No. 9 and very close to the tunnel itself. Fred would remain the Section Foreman until 1920.

## Section Gang

**1912** The Hugo Development league has filed a complaint in the offices of the railroad commission against the Southern Pacific company, alleging the depot facilities and train service are altogether inadequate for a town the size of Hugo, which says the complaint, has 250 inhabitants. *Rogue River Courier*. November 15, 1912. [Hugo Citizens Kick](#).



**Foreman/Section Boss**

**1913** Hugo is one of the coming towns with a nice new depot, a section house, Mr. Arin building a new residence and improving his new home. Grange dance a success Saturday night, skating at McKinzie rink most every night, quite a few strangers on our streets daily, and a good many people coming and going on the trains. *Rogue River Courier*. May 2, 1913. [Hugo Items](#).

Roger Fenton  
Ivan Bridge

**Want more information?** Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood* on how you can become involved in your community history and land use.

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## Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society's Mission

This information brochure is one of a series of documents published by the Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (*Hugo Neighborhood*). It is designed to be shared with neighbors for the purpose of helping protect our rural quality of life by promoting an informed citizenry in decision-making. The *Hugo Neighborhood* is an informal nonprofit charitable and educational organization with a land use and history mission of promoting the social welfare of its neighbors.

### Land Use & History

The *Hugo Neighborhood's* land use mission is to promote Oregon Statewide Goal 1 — Citizen Involvement, and to preserve, protect, and enhance the livability and economic viability of its farms, forests, and rural neighbors. It will act, if requested, as a technical resource assisting neighbors to represent themselves.

Its history mission is to educate, collect, preserve, interpret, and research its local history and to encourage public interest in the history of the Hugo area.

Volunteer membership dues are \$10.00 annually per family and normally used for paper, ink, envelopes, publications and mailings. Send us your e-mail address if you want to know what we are doing.

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## HUGO RAILROAD SECTION BOSSES

Very Draft



*A Work In Progress*



*Hugo Section House: 1916*

*Section House was the tall two-story building at left side of photograph on the "East" communications telegraph line.*

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Historical Society**