

SPECULATION IS RIFE

Many Reports Regarding Visit of High Railroad Officials

EXAMINE ALL ROADS CAREFULLY

Events That Are Transpiring Indicate That California Northwestern Will Not Stop at Klamath Falls, But Will Be Extended Through Isolated Oregon

The presence of Harriman and a number of his prominent railroad officials in Oregon is causing a general discussion of the railroad situation in all parts of the state and especially in the Southern part. The careful attention that the high officials are giving to the construction of new lines and the investigations that are being made of territories that are to be invaded by the Harriman system is giving rise to all kinds of railroad reports. It is evident that Oregon, which has so long been neglected by the transportation companies, is about to receive due recognition and it would not be surprising if the investigations that are being made by railroad officials of prominence would result in the announcement that Mr. Harriman will have a line built through what is known as the Inland Empire of Oregon.

Should Mr. Kruttschnitt come here his visit would mean more than a mere inspection of the California Northwestern to this city, and it is obvious that it would be in connection with the extension of the line from this city. While there are no definite announcements as to the plans of Harriman for Oregon, still the people of the state, which has long been neglected by the transportation companies, have a right to expect something in the line of railroads in the near future.

Country People Want County Fair

The announcement made a short time ago that there would likely be no county fair this Fall has met with dissatisfaction on the part of many of the country people. While it might be possible to hold some sort of a fair it would be impossible to hold one that would be a correct representation of the county and it is very probable that the annual county fair will be supplanted by a street carnival. The Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce will meet in regular session tonight and at this meeting a committee will be appointed to take in hand the carnival proposition.

If the county fair should be dropped for this year there is no reason why the carnival could not be made a grand success and if the men who are placed in charge of the matter will devote their time and energies this city will have a carnival that will be long remembered as one of the most successful and enjoyable events occurring in Klamath Falls.

Attorney C. F. Stone returned last night from San Francisco, where he was called on business. He says that San Francisco was cold enough for an overcoat, but the rest of the California towns made him think that Klamath Falls is an ice chest.

Hall-Shepherd Co. Makes Big Deal

One of the largest real estate deals to be consummated for some time was the sale of the Summers-Kinney ranch by the Hall-Shepherd Company to W. W. Marsten, of Imperial Valley, California. The ranch comprises 580 acres of the best farm land tributary to this city and every acre of it is under the government canal. The place was sold for approximately \$40,000.

Some months ago this ranch was subdivided on the market in small tracts. The new owner has not announced whether he will continue to sell tracts or will hold the place in a body. He is a big farmer, stockman and ditch contractor of Imperial valley and it is his intention to move onto the place at once and devote his time to general farming and stock raising. He left this morning for his California home, but will return shortly with a large shipment of stock. Mrs. Marsten, who accompanied her husband here, will remain in this city until his return.

The sale of this ranch has been pending for several days and was closed only yesterday by the Hall-Shepherd company, which has been successful in bringing another valuable man to the Klamath country.

CHAS. PUTNAM DEAD. Southern Oregon Pioneer and Former Sheriff of Klamath County.

Charles Putnam, formerly sheriff of Klamath county and well known to our pioneer citizens, died from paralysis at his home in Redlands, Cal., on the 18th instant, aged about sixty years. He was the oldest son of Charles Putnam, one of the printers of the early days who became a farmer and resided until his death on Elk creek in Douglas county, Oregon, where the subject of this sketch was born. Mr. Putnam's mother was Roselle, the oldest daughter of Hon. Jesse Applegate, the well known pioneer, and hence was closely related to the Applegates of this county and other portions of the state. Mr. Putnam leaves a widow who is a sister to Mrs. I. D. Applegate and to Montrose Hutchison of this county, and three sons, of whom Jesse lives at Fruitvale, Cal., Lloyd in Arizona, and Ivan, the younger and the only one single, remains at home in Redlands. Mr. Putnam was a most estimable man, loved and respected by all who knew him, and his death will be sad news to a large number of friends and associates in both states who knew him best.

Mammoth Stables Sold.

H. W. Straw has sold his livery business to R. E. Hunsaker and Henry Stout, the new proprietors taking charge of the Mammoth stables this morning. They will conduct a general livery business and will also do all kinds of draying. They are both experienced in the business and will be successful in the venture. Mr. Straw has not decided upon anything definite but it is very probable that he will go to ranching and engage in the stock business.

The Pavilla Company.

The Pavilla Company opened its two nights engagement last evening to a good audience that was entertained and made to laugh at or admire the action every moment between the first raising of the curtain to its final drop.

It is a good, clean show. One that can be enjoyed by one's wife, sister, mother, and it is a first class show, worth several times the price of admission.

This evening a complete change of bill. Attend and you will be pleased. —Boise Statesman.

Building Permits Granted.

At the special meeting of the council last night building permits were granted to Geo. Blehn, who is remodeling the Monarch building, and to S. K. Noel, who is making a number of changes in his Main street building which is to be occupied by a confectionery store. No other matters were taken up at the meeting.

Fresh berries and cantaloupes at the Monarch.

Harrimans Like Pelican Bay Home

Fishing at Pelican Bay is reported exceptionally good and the ladies of the Harriman party have caught a number of large trout. They, as well as Mr. Harriman, are spending much of their time fishing and are very much pleased with their surroundings.

Harriman and his family are enjoying the quiet life at the Lodge and when his work is over he puts in much of his time on the water either in his launch or else a row boat. Parties who have recently visited the Bay state that he is in the best of health and that he is so well pleased with his surroundings that it would not be surprising if he made further investments.

He has paid a number of visits to Odessa to call upon his neighbors, but it might be possible that he has had other motives in visiting this resort and that it may some day become a portion of the Harriman possessions in Klamath.

The fact that Mr. Harriman and his family are making such a long stay in Klamath county shows that they are pleased with their Oregon home and that they may be expected here every summer in the future.

DEATH OF EARNEST CARTER.

Deceased Well Known to All of Old Residents of Klamath.

Ernest Carter died yesterday afternoon at the home of Howard Van Vlikenberg, death being due to a hemorrhage of the lungs. He had been ill but a few days. Mr. Carter is well known in this county where he resided some years ago. Recently he came here from Ashland to work at the ground glass tombstone business and repairing of all other cemetery monuments.

Mr. Carter will be remembered by many of the Klamath residents as the man who came in here when the first gold discoveries were made in the Klondyke and bought up a large number of Indian dogs which he took to Seattle for shipment to Alaska.

Deceased has for a number of years made Ashland his home. He was about forty-five years old. The funeral was held this evening from the Whitlock Undertaking parlors.

KENO ITEMS.

Location Wanted to Raise Minks for the Market.

George Olson, who was reported dead with his throat cut, turned up in Keno Tuesday morning, and everybody thought the dead had come to life.

Mr. Staton, from the Upper lake, was in Keno last week looking up a location for a minkery, as he intends raising minks for the market. He reports having several females on hand now and if he can find a suitable location will buy all the live mink that he can get. We wish him success.

Mr. George Spanis, from down the river, came to Keno Tuesday with a load of new potatoes and sold them at two and one-half cents per pound.

Thos. McCormack is building a new flume to operate his electric light plant.

Mrs. Wall, Harry Wall's mother, came to Keno last Sunday from the East on a visit.

N. W. Deal and George Kerns have gone to the coast to look up a location.

Sam Padgett and R. W. Tower, with his brother-in-law who is just from the East, have gone to the mountains in pursuit of large game.

John Ackley is completing his new barn.

The sheepmen have purchased three donkeys of Snowgoose and it was a novelty to see the donkeys packed for the first time.

Remodeling Harriman Launch.

Telford & Son, the boat builders at Odessa, are remodeling the Harriman launch so as to make it more comfortable. The seats have been widened and the backs made higher. Mr. Harriman uses his launch a great deal and he believes in having it both convenient and comfortable.

Furnished rooms to let—G. W. White.

SECRETARY NOT SICK

Report Regarding F. W. Benson's Illness Exaggerated

IN SAN FRANCISCO ON VACATION

Receiving Treatment for Slight Nasal Trouble But Will Not Undergo Operation for Cancer of Stomach—Death Would Muddle Political Situation

Secretary of State F. W. Benson went to San Francisco a few days ago and at once the report became current that he was in a very critical condition and was to undergo an operation for cancer of the stomach. Inquiry at the office of the Secretary brought out the following facts:

"Mr. Benson went to San Francisco partly for a vacation and partly to consult a physician there in regard to a slight affection of his nose which has been troubling him for some months. His family are at Gardner, Ore., and there is not the least foundation for any rumor that he is to undergo a serious operation or that his life is in any danger.

"Some time ago he underwent the X-Ray treatment for the trouble with his nose and received benefit from it, but when the treatment was suspended for a time the trouble was renewed. He decided to consult a San Francisco physician while on his vacation trip to San Francisco and no doubt that has given rise to the story that he is suffering from cancer.

"The story is not true. Mr. Benson is in his usual health and spirits and such false reports about him are unwarranted."

The illness of Mr. Benson caused many of the prominent politicians of the state to study the political situation in Oregon. Conditions are rather muddled and if it were true that the Secretary is in a critical condition and could not recover matters would be still more complicated.

According to the statutes of Oregon, the Secretary of State is the successor of the Governor when the latter dies, resigns or leaves the office. This is of especial importance when it is remembered that George E. Chamberlain, the Governor, has received the popular vote for United States Senator and a majority of the members of the Legislature are pledged to elect Chamberlain to the Senate. If the Legislature elects Governor Chamberlain to the Senate to succeed Charles W. Fulton, the Secretary of State will become acting Governor until the following general election, giving the Secretary of the State the powers of Governor and

Secretary and the salaries of both offices. The election of Chamberlain would make Benson the acting Governor and give him two of the three votes in the state board meeting, which means almost absolute control of the political patronage of the state institutions and various and sundry appointments.

In the event of the decease of Benson before the convening of the Legislature, Governor Chamberlain would have the appointing of a new Secretary of State to fill the unexpired term. If the Governor appointed a Democrat and was then himself elected to the Senate, he would still leave Oregon with a Democratic governor.

Providing the Secretary of State held on until after Chamberlain's promotion to the Senate, and then died, this would leave the two most important positions in the state government vacant and State Treasurer George A. Steel would have to conduct the Governor's office, the duties of the Secretary of State and his own affairs as State Treasurer, until an election could be held to fill the vacancies regularly.

Cold Spring Found Near Upper Lake

Workmen digging for the foundation for a boat house on the Worden water front on the Upper lake struck a spring of cold water. Mr. Worden was notified and made a trip there to investigate. He says at this time it is impossible to determine the volume of water the spring flows, but it is clear and cold and is the best water that has been found near the city.

It is his intention to make a cross cut to a point of rock near where the spring was found for the purpose of locating the flow further back from the lake. If the spring should prove a large one it will be of value in supplying at least a portion of the demand for this city.

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