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LIKES OUR COUNTRY

Opinions Expressed by Others

A Portland Man Talks

Views of a Former Eastern Oregon Man Now Living in the Metropolis

It is pleasing to note that our morning contemporary has at last awakened to the fact that Eastern Oregon is a vast and prolific country, and it would be amusing were it not pathetic to hear it confess as it did yesterday, after being the leading, and in fact the only, paper in Portland for nearly half a century that "It is clearly more of a country, both in its development and its prospects, than has commonly been believed."

Eastern Oregon has for years tried to convince Portland of its importance, but has never succeeded. Not even its merchants who have found it a fine market have ever understood, or apparently cared to understand, the resources and magnitude of Eastern Oregon, and its great daily trying to incubate the whole state with charming naïvete confesses that it never knew and does not now know anything about the resources of Eastern Oregon.

It moderately intimates that the arable acres can be increased five times, when irrigation systems are perfected. As a matter of fact, it would be hard to say how many times the area can be increased, for at present there is practically none of it reclaimed.

All that is under irrigation is a few small tracts, lying convenient to streams, small creek bottoms, and easily controlled areas. There are a few thousand acres under irrigation, and there are many millions of acres that will be made to blossom like a garden when the irrigation systems are perfected.

Take for instance Crook county, and it is only a small fraction of the territory awaiting irrigation ditches, yet it will serve to carry some idea of what the future has in store for Eastern Oregon.

Crook county is in the center of the state and contains 10,000 square miles. Of this about 500,000 acres are deeded land, and of this only 30,000 acres in the entire county are classed as tillable lands.

The Deschutes, a magnificent river, larger, if anything, than the Willamette, flows through the western portion of the county and will furnish water to irrigate a goodly portion of it. There are several ditches now being constructed to put its waters on what is known as the desert, and these are nearing completion. One of them alone will bring more than 120,000 acres of the very finest sage brush land under cultivation, and other projected ditches will more than double this area. Besides, Crooked river and other streams, together with still more lands subject to the Deschutes, will bring the irrigable land in Crook county alone above the million acre mark.

This land yields on an average seven tons of alfalfa per acre, more than 40 did before, and to make even a crude estimate of its possibilities would carry one into the

realm of the fabulous. Eastern Oregon is truly an Inland Empire, and the sooner Portland realizes it and reaches out after its trade the better it will be for both Portland and the magnificent territory of Middle and Southeastern Oregon. Now is the time, and delay means the capturing of this trade by San Francisco, and once captured it will be held.—Portland Journal.

Something New.

"There is nothing new under the sun." To those who believe in the above adage, and others, we extend a cordial invitation to call at the JOURNAL office and inspect its new press room. It is the work of the best printing machinery manufacturers in the world and is without doubt the best plant in this inland country and as good as any country plant anywhere. As regards facilities for fine newspaper, book or job work, when you are in need of anything in this line, don't fail to call and give us a chance to figure with you. It means that we get your work, for our prices, work and treatment are all, all right.

There is considerable talk of an extra session of the legislature, but why one should be held is more than we can fathom. Some claim that there will be so much to do that there will be no time to consider the matter of an appropriation for the Lewis and Clark fair. As the matter must be referred back to the people after the legislators get through with it, it seems to this paper that it will be worse for that appropriation, to hold an extra session than not, for if there is an extra session held it will entail an expense fully equal to a regular session and the people may be disgruntled over the fact of such a large unnecessary expense and they will refuse to ratify the acts of the legislature in the matter. In this way the appropriation may become a flat failure. As there remains but a little over two months more until the regular term of the legislature it seems to us that an extra session at this time would be in the nature of a graft for the benefit of some favored few. We feel certain that the people of Crook county do not want an extra session at this time and should one be held there will certainly be a feeling of soreness towards the prime movers in the matter that may result unfavorably for them later on.

In Memoriam.

Fredonia F. Tyner was born in Chariton county, Mo., October 15, 1835, from whence she removed to Oregon, where she was married to John S. Wright. Of this union eight children were born; four sons and two daughters survive her. After a long illness, which was borne patiently, she departed this life at the home of her son, Jess Wright, near Howard, on Oct. 22, 1902, aged 67 years, 7 days. She had been a member of the Christian church for a number of years. She died in the triumph of faith in Christ. She was buried from the M. E. Church, Oct. 24, at 2 p. m. Services by the pastor, H. C. Clark. * * *

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District Court Proceedings.

OCTOBER TERM CONTINUED.

Elias Johnson vs. Nettie Johnson; decree granted.

Chas. Erickson vs Ed. Dorgan et al; continued and case set for first day of next term.

R. P. Harrington vs Ed. Dorgan et al verdict for plaintiff in sum of \$200; def't gave notice of appeal.

Mrs. R. P. Harrington vs Ed. Dorgan et al; stipulation filed to abide by decision in case of R. P. Harrington vs Dorgan et al.

Nevada Tetherow vs Jas. T. Tetherow; decree granted.

Etta Battenburg vs Roy Battenburg; decree granted.

W. T. Casey vs Crook County; writ sustained and order of County Court, establishing county road, set aside.

In connection with the rumor of the resumption of work on the Oregon King, comes the report that W. S. Thomas, the late superintendent of that property, will soon return to his camp. Mr. Thomas has been working in a clay proposition near Salt Lake City, for the past six months. He has a host of friends here who welcome the prospect of his early return.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Morning Star Mining Company was held at Antelope last Wednesday evening, at which time a report of the progress of the work on this group was made. The report showed the affairs of the company to be in a most prosperous condition, and that a great deal of development work had been done on the limited amount of money spent. It was decided to continue the work on present lines, and with the aid of the new hoisting machinery just installed this work should proceed rapidly. The company was re-capitalized at \$1,000,000, with shares of the par value of 50 cents each, and a limited amount of this stock will be placed on the market at about five cents per share, the money thus received to be used only for development work. The old officers of the company were re-elected for the ensuing year.

The school entertainment last Saturday night was a success financially as well as other ways. About \$75 was added to the library fund and it will only be a short time until the Prineville public school will have one of the best libraries of any school in the state outside of the cities.

Married.

SMITH—VANDERVERT.—At the home of the bride, in Prineville, on Thursday evening, Oct. 23rd, James H. Smith and Marguerite W. Vandervert. Rev. H. C. Clark officiating. The happy couple have the best wishes of a host of friends.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to the neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted us during the long sickness and death of our dear mother, and especially Miss Lizzie Hawkins who assisted us so long and faithfully; also the friends at Prineville for their kind hospitality.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wright, S. J. Leach, J. H. Wright, J. V. Wright, L. O. Wright, Rutha B. King.

NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There

Some Stolen, Others Not

Outlings From Our Exchanges—News Notes of the Week—Timely Topics.

The scheme of President Lytle to have the government purchase the rights of the corporations organized to irrigate under the Carey act while it looks all right on the face, is likely to contain "a nigger in the woodpile." If these corporations are honest, their work will be just as advantageous to the country as if the government did the work. If they are not honest, they are not entitled to recognition at all. Assuming they mean to do all they promise. Then the citizens of Prineville should organize, and at the earliest possible moment get to work and by their acts encourage the government to build reservoirs at the headwaters of the Ochoco and Crooked rivers, thus assuring a constant supply in these streams. This scheme would be of the greatest benefit to Prineville and vicinity at once. The expenditure for labor and supplies would redound to the immediate profit of the merchants, hotels and banks. The late frost problem will be solved when reservoirs are established. With the development of the natural resources of Prineville and vicinity, this will be the metropolis of Eastern Oregon.

Increased Mail Services.

C. G. Cornett came in on Saturday stage to arrange for the new schedule to take effect the first of next month on the Prineville-Burns stage line. This line will put on a three times a week service the first of November, which will be a great convenience to the people of both Crook and Harney counties. It is only a matter of time when we will have a telephone line and a six times a week mail from here to Burns and the country will develop very rapidly and our city do a largely increased trade with the interior points.

Notice to Electric Customers.

Your attention is called to the monthly lighting rates, which will be found in the last part of Section 10, Ordinance 122, which reads as follows:

Evening until 10 p. m., .05 per candle power; evening until midnight, .08 per candle power. All night lights .08 per candle power. Residences, churches and halls special rates. Residences were given a .04 rate for this reason. They are supposed not to burn their lights only when in actual use, and in no case to burn lights all night in unoccupied rooms.

Beginning November 1st, 1902, we will charge an .08 rate on all night lights unless permission has been granted for same.

We positively will not furnish current to lights not purchased from P. L. & W. Co. Where this fraud is found to exist service will be discontinued without notice.

P. L. & W. Co.,

Per C. L. Shattuck.

Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley and Mrs. W. H. Butts got home Tuesday night from Bend, Crook county, where they located timber claims. They are enthusiastic over the timber prospects in Crook county.—Dalles Mountaineer.

D. S. Wilhelm, of Rosland was a visitor at the JOURNAL office the first of the week and reports the loss of a purse. See his ad in another column. He reports everything moving along nicely up his way and says that he may locate in our city for the winter if he can find a vacant house. A few cottages would be a profitable investment for some of the real estate owners in this city.

Dr. Cline has bought the Harvard dental chair and cabinet formerly owned by Dr. Ralph Hutchison, and placed them in his office. He has the only Clark's glass bowl, self-cleansing spittoon in eastern Oregon, and this, together with the furniture just added, gives him the finest equipped dental office in the interior. He has also repapered and refurnished his office. We are always glad to note any improvement being made in the city, and if the JOURNAL misses anything you are doing, come in and speak to us about it and you will have a notice in the next issue.

There has been some hesitation on the part of outside insurance companies regarding placing insurance in the city on account of the impression having gone abroad that the water supply was inadequate for fire protection. The water supply has been increased very materially, so that there need be no fear on that account, and when the additional 1000 feet of hose is received there will be but few towns in the state having better fire protection. The fact that there has been but one serious fire in the city for several years speaks well for the fire companies and citizens. The building of a large number of flues this fall where formerly pipes were used, has lessened the danger of fire very materially.

Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office,

The Dalles, Oregon, Oct. 21, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, the following named persons have, on August 29, 1902, filed in this office their sworn statements, to-wit:

LEONARD T. SMITH, of Buckley, county of Pierce, state of Washington, sworn statement No. 1069 for the purchase of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 12, T. 15 S., R. 18 E., W. M.

FRANK F. SMITH, of Buckley, county of Pierce, state of Washington, sworn statement No. 1070, for the purchase of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 8, T. 15 S., R. 19 E., W. M.

That they will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish their claim to said land before the Register and Receiver, at The Dalles, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 13th day of January, 1903.

They name as witnesses D. L. Cady, Florence M. Cady, J. M. Smith, C. Cady, D. A. Cady, B. Cady, M. J. Cady, W. E. Cady, Leonard T. Smith and Frank F. Smith, of Buckley, Washington, and M. J. Cady and W. E. Cady, of Getchell, Wash.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before the said 13th day of January, 1903.

JAY P. LUCAS, Register.

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BLANCHE PARSONS of Buckley, county of Pierce, state of Washington, sworn statement No. 1068, filed August 29, 1902, for the purchase of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 32, T. 14 S., R. 19 E., W. M.

ALBERT S. PARSONS, of Buckley, county of Pierce, state of Washington, sworn statement No. 1067, filed August 29, 1902, for the purchase of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 32, T. 14 S., R. 19 E., W. M.

PEARL CHAMBERLIN, of Seattle, county of King, state of Washington, sworn statement No. 1024, filed August 21, 1902, for the purchase of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 1, T. 14 S., R. 18 E., W. M.

That they will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish their claims to said land before the Register and Receiver at The Dalles, Oregon, on Monday, the 13th day of January, 1903.

They name as witnesses: Florence M. Cady, D. Lawton Cady, Blanche Parsons and Albert S. Parsons, of Buckley, Wash., May J. Cady and Walter E. Cady, of Getchell, Wash., and Pearl Chamberlin, of Seattle, Wash.

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J. P. LUCAS, Register.