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SPEND A LITTLE OF IT.

It is interesting to note that in the recent edition of the "Red Book" the number of Portland capitalists possessing \$300,000 or more is given at seventy-four. The figures, while in excess of many other cities as large and even larger than Portland, are not astonishing, for it has long been a recognized fact that the city on the Willamette was the home of many men of accumulated fortunes. Neither is it extraordinary that practically all of this immense wealth has been amassed in the city itself and its immediate vicinity. Portland has grown rapidly and so has the adjacent territory surrounding it, and the advancement of one has aided the other with the resultant accumulation of fortunes.

No business man, thoroughly familiar with Portland's business history of the past twenty years, would doubt that statement because he has seen the tributary districts, as they slowly developed, increase the trade revenues of the city itself. He has seen Portland capital build up neighboring territory; watched its development as a railroad struck its center and noted with no little astonishment the greatly increased traffic which accrued to Portland's benefit.

But the observer in the past has never been compelled to stretch his vision while watching the steady increase of Portland's business. The investments made for the benefit of the city's life and trade have been confined to one exclusive section near at home, and the vast expanse of territory lying east and south of the metropolis, with manifold resources to be developed, and with possibilities far in excess of any in the vicinity of Portland, has waited patiently as it watched the rapid development and growth of those favored districts of closer range.

"Then why," the observer will ask, "does Central Oregon with its business and wealth of trade remain so long neglected, when it is a recognized fact, as shown by these other examples that development of this interior country cannot fail to add to Portland's greatness?" And the answer is in the negative. Two and two are four, but it seems difficult for Portland's financiers to realize that the same numbers can be added together twice. At least it has been so in the past, but it is to be hoped that the future will witness a great advance in the city's mathematical understanding. Perhaps in the course of the next few years Interior Oregon will be tapped by a railroad

under the supervision of the business men of that city who appreciate the fact that their own commerce will be extended and their wealth increased in pursuing the same course of action in this direction as has characterized their moves for increased trade in districts closer at home. Then when the "Red Book" is published again the title may read, "The names of those possessing \$1,000,000 or more."

A MOVE FOR A PACKING HOUSE.

The recommendations made by Crook County Cattlemen's Association in favor of a packing house in Portland are to be held as significant. The move is indicative of efforts being made to establish a market for the interior beavers at closer range to the supply, and that in itself is sufficient to justify every attempt to bring this new industry to a successful completion.

It is gratifying, too, to know that the cattlemen of this county are alive to the fact that the Pacific coast is in need of a packing house which will assure them a steady and reliable market for their stock. Oregon has long been in need of such an industry. Interior Oregon would profit by it, Portland would be financially benefited, and the whole state would feel its influence and success.

It is to be hoped that the enthusiasm which the Cattlemen's association has aroused in the matter among the stockmen of the county will not come to an untimely end before something definite has been decided upon. Everyone recognizes the fact that Portland is slow in taking up a matter of this kind, and it falls therefore to the lot of Central Oregon stock growers to urge and insist, with an unimpeachable array of facts, figures and statistics, until either an affirmative or negative answer results.

Back in the western part of Kansas the residents are complaining. For reason of which it seems the corn crop was a trifle shy, that the supply of cinch-bugs during the past season was somewhat in excess of demand, that a poor quality of winter sorghum was shipped into that section of the country, that the hog cholera skipped a generation this summer and took off all the pigkins instead, that "sockless Jerry" has stumped that part of the state and instilled a strong disposition toward populism, and that three consecutive cyclones have visited the district recently and erased most of the frame and brick elevations from several of the towns. Shades of Carrie Nation, still alive! Poor bleeding Kansas has cause to register a kick as she has done so often in the past, for it is painfully evident that the backbone of her troubles is not yet afflicted with "magnific."

Oregon's lack of interest in irrigation schemes is probably due to the fact that the state has been soaked too many times of late.

EXTRA.

DRAKE WANTS TO SELL.

Pilot Butte Development Company Tired of Its Irrigation Scheme in Deschutes Valley.

It has been known for some months past that A. M. Drake, the president of the Pilot Butte Development company, was negotiating for the sale of the company's segregation and its holdings on the Deschutes river to other parties, but it was not until a few days ago that the Journal received any authentic information in regard to the matter.

Negotiations for the sale of the property began as early as last spring when Mr. Drake made a trip to Portland to see the parties in interest. After several days, during which the project was thoroughly discussed, an offer was made to him of \$35,000. Ten thousand of this was to be paid in cash and the balance in time payments. The deal had practically been closed, it is said, when Mr. Drake decided that the amount to be paid down was not sufficient, so the sale was declared off.

Some time later, it is stated, the newly organized Oregon Irrigation company with a capitalization of \$5,000,000 offered the president of the Pilot Butte Development Company the sum of \$125,000 on the provision that the irrigation company could sell its bonds. Whether they failed in their undertaking or whether for some other cause the Journal is not in a position to state, but those negotiations were also put on the shelf.

In the meantime the president of the Pilot Butte company has been making an effort to unload his proposition onto other parties, and the negotiations at present which the Journal is in a position to state are now going on will probably result in the land segregation of the Pilot Butte Development Company being turned over into other hands for irrigation. Mr. Drake at present is in Portland where, it is said, he has been negotiating with parties to whom he wishes to sell for some time. Word has come to the Journal that he has refused an offer made him by a Seattle firm.

Mr. Drake, fearing that his year's time would be up before he had the amount of work done required by the government in its contracts with him, has also asked an influential resident of this county to intercede for him before the State Land Board and have his time extended, but it is not probable that the gentleman in question will do this or that the Board will grant the request if made.

The land to be irrigated, which at present is being held up pending the result of the negotiations, lies in an irregular shape for a distance of twenty miles along the east side of the Deschutes river. Much of it, in fact practically all of it, is broken up with lava ridges and barren tracts which will make it a difficult proposition to handle. It is said that these features will figure largely in the matter

of selling the segregation as the rocky condition of almost all of the land adjacent to the appropriation will greatly retard the early reclamation of the tract besides necessitating an additional expense in constructing canals which would not be met with if the tract were composed of good soil and the land presented an even and unbroken surface.

Additional Locals.

J. S. Bogue was down from Roseland attending court this week.

Percy Davis and W. S. Fullerton were business visitors from Sisters this week.

Rev. H. C. Clark will conduct services at Clayton next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

O. J. Gray the timber locator of Prineville, accompanied by H. H. Irvine and G. S. Johnson, of St. Paul, Minn., were in town on business before the land office Monday. —Lakeview Examiner.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will give a supper Friday evening, October 30, at 5:30 o'clock in the building one door north of Elkins & King. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

W. H. Hubbard, R. E. Peabody, J. P. Hubbard and J. A. Thomson are here from Dayton, Wash. The party will leave the last of the week on a tour of inspection with Thron Thomson, in the vicinity of Howard.

George Bates and wife are in the city from Deschutes. Mr. Bates' ankle, which was seriously injured with an ax while he was cutting wood some weeks ago, is gradually healing, although he is still compelled to wear a slipper.

A. H. Lippman & Co., of this city have been awarded the contract for building the school house in district 48. The amount of the bid was \$871.30. The building is to be one story frame, 24 x 36 and will have a seating capacity of 25 persons.

Tom Hamilton was in the city Tuesday two days after his runaway accident in the Willow Creek basin. Mr. Hamilton was cut badly on the head, but in no way that will have serious results. He stated however, that he had a good team of horses for sale cheap.

John Siemore was a business visitor this week from Deschutes. Mr. Siemore states that Widowvale is growing steadily and will soon be ahead of the other towns on the Deschutes. He has recently finished building a large general merchandise store on his property.

A. H. Powers, of Minneapolis, Minn., accompanied by S. S. Johnson and wife, of Cloquet, Minn., and E. W. Durant, of St. Paul, were in Prineville the first of the week. They left Sunday for the Deschutes country where Mr. Powers owns about 300,000,000 feet of yellow pine. Mr. Johnson recently sold his immense plant and lumbering interests at Cloquet to the Weyerhaeuser syndicate and has come to Oregon to make further investments. The party returns tomorrow.

Charles Brock and wife came over from Deschutes Wednesday to attend circuit court.

Frank Stroud was in the city the first of the week from the Haystack country with a load of grain.

W. H. Staats and A. H. Grant came in from Deschutes on this noon's stage to attend to business matters.

John Steidl, of the firm of Reed & Steidl of Deschutes, was in the city this week looking after his lumber interests.

Charles M. Garw right of the B. S. & L. company of Hay creek was in town this week attending to business matters.

Rene West and father J. I. West came over from Deschutes this week to appear as witnesses in the Dunkel murder case.

Miss Blanch Kilgore, who has been visiting Mrs. C. E. McDowell the past two weeks, left Wednesday for her home in Shaniko.

Every day now sees clouds of dust above the race track where the various horses are being exercised for the race meet. The track has been put in good shape and unless rainy weather sets in will be in trim condition for the running.

The October edition of the School Bulletin came off the Journal press Wednesday. Superintendent Beeghly, who is editing the sheet, has put some hard work into the paper which presents this month, a very neat appearance. The November edition will be out on the tenth of next month.

The present week has been a record breaker for the business houses in the city. Hundreds of people are in town now from outside points and trade is as brisk as could be wished. Both the hotels and all the boarding houses are full and turning people away. With circuit court in session and the races coming on next week it is rather difficult to tell what will be done with many visitors still to come. But Prineville is equal to an emergency and they will be taken care of.

The members of the baseball team have been putting in some pretty good work in the practice line and will be ready to meet the Haystack team when it comes here to play October 31. The Haystack team is also practicing and a close and interesting game is promised for the races. The ball game will be played on Sunday for a \$50 purse. Secretary Liggott, of the Jockey Club, states that it will be necessary for the manager of the Haystack team to send in their entry to him inside of the next week. The same rule holds for all clubs desiring to play.

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