

Laying away the factious side of the question whether the Columbia Southern is to be built into Central Oregon this year, much depends upon the extension of that road. The prospects of the Deschutes Valley in particular, viewed from a railroad standpoint, are bright indeed, and not altogether gloomy with that phase of the matter left out.

The past year in that section has seen some remarkable strides toward development, and its scope is such as will entertain no material backward movement even with the railroad factor a remote possibility of the future. Especially is this true of the irrigation propositions, one of which is already to turn the tide of colonization movements onto its segregated tracts. Under the Columbia Southern's canals, homes are waiting for hundreds which will come quicker with the aid of a railroad, but just as surely without.

So far as the timber of that region is concerned, it is probably the only industry in the Valley which is wholly dependent upon railroad facilities, and it alone will command transportation in time. Even now the several saw mills along the banks of the Deschutes show plainly that the seeds of this great industry have sprouted, and that its future development is not a question of capital, but conditions.

So it is that the Deschutes valley can point with no little assurance to its future growth and prosperous conditions even outside the circle of railroad communication. Such industries as already on foot will not permit of a period of inactivity even though a full appreciation of their worth cannot be felt with transportation facilities lacking. The past year has ushered out trying times and struggles for recognition. The new year secures to the district renewed energy in its industrial branches, a growing population, and a season of unprecedented development. There are not many sections in Oregon in a position to say as much.

A KICK WORTH MAKING.

Lake county, with all the vim of a vigorous age, is registering a kick. She has reason to, for it is stated that the forestry inspectors, who have been looking over the temporary withdrawals of land in that county, will recommend them to be made permanent. In other words, should the report prove true and action be taken upon the purported recommendations, Lake

county will be little more than a national park. Almost its entire area will be included in the reserve which is the largest in the state.

Under the circumstances, Lake county should do something more than kick. It should take immediate and active steps to prevent as great a blight upon its future as could be expected. It is to be assumed, however, that Lake county is fully aware of the imminent danger that threatens its future development, and that it will shun no opportunity to remove an ever present curse to its progressiveness. Crook county can sympathize in a measure with its sister in the south, but while the former as yet shows only symptoms of a life sapping affliction, the latter is already bedridden with the disease.

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BUSINESS IN THE COUNCIL.

It is gratifying indeed to witness the alacrity and business methods already displayed by the new mayor and councilmen in their administration of city affairs. Mayor Wurrpolder has taken hold of matters in a manner that bespeaks perseverance for good government, and improvements in so far as the city's finances allow. It is a noteworthy fact that he is looking ahead and will let no opportunity escape to better the city's industrial condition. At the council meeting Tuesday night he said: "Something must be done at once to reduce the city's indebtedness. The financial condition of any town is the first matter looked into when money is seeking a place of investment and we want inviting prospects here. It was upon this digest of the situation that alderman Stewart's motion to levy a 5 mill city tax was carried.

And the council as a whole is working together nicely. The long neglected bridges are to receive immediate attention, as are also some of the sidewalks and thoroughfares, and an electric system of fire alarms is pending the action of the fire and water committees.

As Alderman Stewart said after adjournment, the city is sadly in need of various improvements and they will come in time, but haste must be made slowly until the burden of debt is lifted. And all this will come about if business men, employing business methods, are brought to bear on the situation. The Journal advances the opinion that the new mayor and councilmen meet the requirements.

Portland expects to entertain 5000 visitors during the Livestock convention which is to be held in that city next week. Word has been received by the officials in charge that delegates will come from Kansas City, El Paso, Texas, Washington, D. C. and many other points throughout the east. Chicago will run a special train bearing 200 delegates.

A crew of 25 men and 16 four horse scrapers are at work on the Tule Lake irrigation proposition in southern Klamath county. Nearly two miles of ditch, 30 feet in width, have been constructed and the extension work will be continued to the California state line which will cover most of the Carr ranch. The recent completion of the dredge work, from lower Klamath lake to the head of the ditch will furnish a perpetual water supply for all the irrigation ditches now operating in that valley.

The number of lives lost in the triqueous theater fire in Chicago was nearly 400 in excess of the death list during the great conflagration which swept over nearly four sections of that city in 1871. The total number of deaths in the latter disaster amounted to 220.

The Lewis and Clark exposition number of the Oregonian is a decided credit to that progressive journal. The good resulting from its publication will be too far reaching to allow of an estimate. It reflects great credit on the Oregonian management.

The loss of the anti-gambling bill while being carried from the House of Representatives to the Senate after it had passed the former body in the recent extra session, discloses the fact that the carrying process is itself sometimes a game of chance.

So-am-J-Ram, a Hindu, is lecturing in the Willamette Valley on life in India. He declares emphatically that notwithstanding his name he bears no relationship to the sheep family.

The devil has smiled more than once over New Year's resolves. After all they are funny things.

Additional Locals

Wood for sale at the Bee Hive. Dill pickles and Gherkins in bulk at the Bee Hive.

H. B. Reed, of Sisters was in the city the first of the week.

P. B. Davis of Sisters is in the city this week transacting business.

George Summers left Wednesday for Portland where he goes on business.

C. E. Forsythe, of Portland, part owner of the local electric and water system is in the city.

Mrs. Ben Jones and family returned the first of the week from the Haystack country, where they have been visiting Mrs. Jones' mother, Mrs. Logan.

R. E. Simpson and wife left Saturday for The Dalles where Mrs. Simpson will visit relatives while Mr. Simpson extends his trip to his old home in Tennessee.

I. W. Ward arrived from The Dalles Tuesday and intends spending that next few months in the city. He recently submitted to an operation for appendicitis and now looks the picture of health.

The second quarterly meeting of the Methodist church will be held Jan. 9th and 10th. Preaching morning and evening—on Sunday. The quarterly conference will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday.

Harry Booker, of Deschutes, is in the city, and will leave Saturday for St. Louis. He speaks enthusiastically of Bend and its environs but sadly deplors the much evidenced petulant government under which that fair city labors.

An incident told recently about S. A. D. Pater, who will be remembered in this section for his attempted manipulation of the Pine Mountain timber (ring south of here. At the time Mr. Pater and his wife were making the Gen. Millean ranch their headquarters, and the former had succeeded in locating a good many claimants. Special Inspector A. R. Greene happened along one day, traveling in and found Mr. Pater in a very cheerful frame of mind. Without saying a word in response, Mr. Greene was soon made the recipient of Mr. Pater's confidence, who later tried to locate the inspector on a claim, telling him how easy it was to beat Uncle Sam. Special Agent Greene finally told him that he wasn't looking for yellow pine—only trying to protect it, and Mr. Pater discovered his mistake too late. Had he evaded the special agent he would perhaps have succeeded in getting his claimants their land. As it was he held it up until he could induce scrip men to place their paper on the timber.

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FAIR ASSOCIATION MEETS

Stock Holders Held Session Last Monday to Elect Their Officers for the Ensuing Year.

The Central Oregon Livestock and Agricultural Association held

meeting last Monday afternoon at the court house. T. H. Lafollet, A. Thomson and Champ Smith were elected directors for the ensuing year, with Mr. Lafollet as president and Mr. Thomson, secretary and treasurer.

The president will appoint committees in the near future to assist in the management of the association, and an active campaign towards having a successful meeting next fall will soon be inaugurated.

CITY FATHERS IN SESSION

Newly Elected Mayor and Councilmen Take Up the Duties of Their Offices Tuesday Night.

The city council held its annual meeting Tuesday night and Mayor Wurrpolder and the three newly elected aldermen assumed the duties of their respective offices. The new body picked up the business left over by the retiring officials and started in to make a business record for itself. No report has yet been received from Ex Mayor Brink, but it is expected that this will be handed in by the time the next meeting is held.

Mayor Wurrpolder called attention to the indebtedness of the city, which is estimated at \$6200, and suggested that an extra levy be made this year to reduce the debt as much as possible and Alderman Stewart's motion to levy a 5 mill tax was carried.

The bridges and sidewalks were also the subjects of discussion and improvements are soon to be made more secure and sidewalks in various parts of the city will receive attention.

Alderman Stewart in his report of the fire department recommended that a system of electric alarms be provided, and the matter Tuesday evening was referred to the committee on streets and public improvements, which will probably report favorably on the matter. Space this week prevents the publication of the annual reports which will appear in the next issue.

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