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## SECOND LEVEE GIVES WAY

### High Water at Silver Lake Again Causes Heavy Property Loss.

Last Friday the big levee around the UR ranch on the east side of Silver lake broke and totally covered the meadows of that large hay ranch with about three feet of water, which means a loss of the hay crop this year. Gowdy & Egli the owners of the UR ranch have gone to considerable expense this spring in building levees around their place in order to keep the water out, and thought they had it completely under control.

As the water has been running out of Silver lake into Thorn lake for some time and the lake was thought to be at its highest, but the last week of unusual warm weather has swollen the streams that are tributary to the lake and have caused the great overflow at its outlet. Mr. Gowdy says the levee would have held, but the water began to back up from Thorn lake which made the force of the water too great on the newly made levee.

It is not probable that there will be any hay cut off the UR ranch this year, as the water will likely remain on the meadow all season. The UR place would have cut 400 tons of hay this year if the water could have been kept off, but if the present condition remains it will be a total loss this year.

There are several families moving out of the marsh on account of high water as their homes are completely surrounded and the water still raising. We have been informed that the water is higher this year in the valley than has ever been known before, and it is said that the loss will be as much as 1600 tons of hay this season, which will place several of the stockmen in the valley in bad shape for the winter.—Silver Lake Oregonian.

### CORNER STONE TO BE LAID.

Ceremonies at the High School Building will be Held Next Saturday Morning

The corner stone of the new county High school building will be laid next Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. S. M. Moran, Grand Master of A. F. and A. M. of Eugene, will be here to conduct the exercises and will deliver a short address.

Work on the new building has been pushed rapidly during the past two weeks, and the corner stone ceremonies consequently will be somewhat sooner than was expected. The foundation of the structure has been completed to the point where the stone is to be laid and everything is in readiness for further work. The brick and stone masons are busily engaged in getting out material for the main part of the building and work next week will be carried on as rapidly as possible. Those in charge of construction say now that the new school building will be in readiness for occupancy by early fall and that the first classes called together can recite in some of the completed rooms.

### RIGHTS ON FOREST RESERVE

Forester Pinchot Gives Information Regarding Privileges of Miners and Stockmen.

The recent dispatches from Washington which state that four reserves will be permanently created in Eastern Oregon, including one in the Blue mountains and another in the Maury mountains, has given rise to the question as to what extent they will effect the mining and stock interests. Chief Forester Pinchot has replied as follows:

"Prospecting and mining are not interfered with in any way.

The location and entry of claims proceed under the general mining laws of the United States and the particular State or Territory, just as on any public land. No permission or license is required. The existence of a reserve effects the miner only in that he is not entitled to the privileges of the law permitting free use by any resident of the State of the amount, for any purpose, of timber growing on classified mineral lands. Within a reserve, if he has not sufficient timber in his own claims, he must secure it through application and permit. Prospectors and miners on a small scale are allowed what they need free of charge; corporations or large operators must purchase at reasonable stumpage price. As far as practicable both are required to cut without waste and take precaution against fire.

"The privilege of grazing upon a reserve is allowed only upon application to the supervisor, who is authorized to issue permits for 100 head or less to any resident of the reserve. Applications from persons living outside of the reserve or for more than 100 must be approved by the secretary of the interior, who also fixes the total number allowed upon the reserve. When this total allowance, which is intended to be the maximum which will not overstock the range, does not provide for all applicants, the latter are given preference in the following order:

- (a) Persons residing within the reserve;
- (b) Persons owning ranches within the reserve but not residing thereon;
- (c) Persons living in the vicinity of the reserve, owning what may be called neighboring stock;
- (d) Persons living at a distance, who have some claim of equity or priority.

"This rule of preference is not rigidly bound, and may be modified where justice demands it; for instance, class (b) is not constructed so as to permit large stock owners to crowd out the cattle of settlers under class (c) by buying small ranches in the reserve, for which they have no other use. The whole intent of the grazing restrictions is to insure the fullest permanent use of the range to those best entitled to it.

"Cattle are permitted in practically all reserves; sheep in those where no marked damage seems to result therefrom."

### OREGON KING NOT SOLD

Rumors of Sale of Crook County's Famous Gold Mine Have Not Been Confirmed.

The Sumpter American speaks quite positively of the sale of the Oregon King mine in this district in spite of the denial by the management of the mine that any sale has been made, says the Ashwood Prospector. We quote the following from an interview with Mr. Hendrix, one of the reputed purchasers:

"The Oregon King mine, which is pronounced by some who have examined it, one of the greatest mines of the state, has been taken by the Geiser-Hendrix Company of this city. Albert Geiser, one of the members of the firm, is at the property this week making arrangements for opening work on a larger scale, and effecting improvements that are contemplated with a view of increasing the output of the shipping product and concentrating the milling ore.

"As an index of what the present management proposes to accomplish, Mr. Hendrix said that before the year closes he expected that the company would be sending from the Oregon King fifty tons of concentrates every day."

There have been rumors during the past week of the sale of that property, but nothing definite can be learned regarding the deal.

## GREAT COUNTRY SAYS GOVERNOR

### Resources of Crook County Open the Eyes of the State Land Board.

Everyone who heard Governor Chamberlain speak last Tuesday night turned Democrat for the time being and welcomed him with applause during his short address and afterwards shook him heartily by the hand. The Governor seemed to enjoy it. Perhaps it was because as he said, "I find that the hearts of the Eastern Oregon people are in the right place. They have more blood in their necks than any other people in the state."

Governor Chamberlain's speech before the crowd which gathered to hear him in the Athletic club building was, at this time, lacking in one respect—there was no politics in it. He confined his remarks to the progress being made in the irrigation enterprises in Central Oregon and the development which is so rapidly converting Crook county into a district of wealth and influence. He said in part:

"I have been through Malheur, Harney, Umatilla and other counties where irrigation is in progress, but I have seen no place in the state where the possibilities are as great as those embraced within the limits of Crook county. Our mission here was for the purpose of examining these various irrigation projects. Heretofore we had seen only maps and we felt it a duty, as servants of the people, to visit this section and see the ground. And we have seen it, we have seen it all. At the base of the snow mountains we have seen the water taken from the streams into the ditches and carried down into territory which it will soon fructify and make valuable. I venture to predict that within less than 18 months lands which have heretofore been considered worthless will be found covered with settlers, and two years from now one will see one of the most magnificent tracts the eye has ever glanced upon. From the Bend to the Agency Plains is this work going on, and there is no question but that the population of this county will be more than doubled in less than 10 years. From a community of straggling houses a few years ago, Crook county has grown into one of the strongest sections in the state and on every hillside and in every valley a steady and thrifty yeomanry is struggling to develop the latent resources."

Governor Chamberlain's aid that the state land board was surprised at the wonderful changes which had taken place here, and he called attention to the fact that a large portion of this land which was to be reclaimed was tributary to Prineville and that its settlement must necessarily make money for the local business men.

"It is the duty of every citizen to lend a helping hand," he argued, "for every ten added to the population not only adds wealth to Prineville, but to Crook county and the state at large."

In closing, Governor Chamberlain said that the process of reclaiming the arid territories in this section, was not a matter of speculation. It was to be expected, he stated, that the companies would make a reasonable profit on their investment, but the people themselves who settled the country would be protected by the law itself. The price of the lands will be determined by the cost of construction, and that price will be fixed by the state land board. Neither can the companies exact an arbitrary price for the water after the lands are settled.

Secretary of State F. I. Dunbar, and State Treasurer Chas. F. Moore followed with a few remarks and Mr. C. C. Hutchison dealt to some length with the irrigation progress which had been made in the four years he had been working

for the development of this part of the state.

Besides Mr. Hutchison, the members of the state land board were accompanied by W. A. Laidlaw, general manager of the Columbia Southern Irrigation company, and A. W. Prescott of the Oregonian staff. They arrived in the city Tuesday afternoon from Bend where they had been examining the various irrigation enterprises in that section.

The hall in the club building was very prettily decorated with flags and bunting, and a short program of songs and instrumental selections was rendered before and after the speaking.

### WILL FORM A WHEAT POOL.

Farmers in Umatilla County Are Planning a Pool of the Grain Crop This Season.

The wheatgrowers in Umatilla county are making arrangements to pool their entire crop of wheat this year and dispose of it to buyers much the same as wool is disposed of on various sales days.

E. L. Smith, the well known implement dealer of Pendleton, and one of the most extensive wheatgrowers in the county, is the father of the idea and says that he has had it under consideration for some time and is convinced that it can be made a big success. The plan which Mr. Smith proposes, and in which he has the hearty co-operation of a number of prominent wheatgrowers, is to form an association of wheatgrowers of Umatilla county for the purpose of controlling the sale of the wheat raised by the members of the association. With the association would then agree upon a certain day which this wheat would be offered for sale to the highest bidder. The sales day would be advertised sufficiently so that all buyers who might wish to bid for the pool could be present. Mr. Smith firmly believes that a far better price could be secured for the wheat through this method than as at present.

The success of the pooling of the wool clips of the county by the sheepmen under the auspices of the Woolgrowers' association is what set the wheatgrowers to thinking about the advisability of pooling their harvest. They contend that if the wool can be disposed of to an advantage by the pooling of the clips the result will be the same with the wheat. And this is made more plausible and possible by the fact that the fluctuations of the speculative markets, such as Chicago and New York, do not effect the price of wheat in the Pacific Northwest.

### BEND IS BUILDING FAST.

Little Town on the Deschutes Is Rapidly Taking on Appearance of a City.

What was scarcely more than a rocky sage brush flat on the Deschutes three years ago, is now being rapidly transformed into a prosperous and thriving town. The Bend is growing faster than any other place in Eastern Oregon and its building operations now being carried on point toward a prosperous career.

At the present time houses and buildings in the course of construction and lumber scattered in all directions make the place appear as if a boom had struck it, but the growth is steady and the lack of lumber during the past few months accounts now for the great amount of it stacked up for use. Two or three new store buildings are being erected and several residences will soon be completed. The new addition to the Pilot Butte Inn there makes that hotel one of the largest in Crook county and its location, within sight of the snow capped mountains, is an attractive one for tourists.