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ANOTHER FOURTH ENTERS HISTORY

All Amusements Carried Through Without a Hitch and Everybody Made Happy

The celebration of the Fourth of July in Prineville this year, considering the short time in which it was gotten up in, was a very creditable one and the committees having the affair in charge deserve much credit for the able manner in which the different features of the day's program were handled.

While nothing elaborate was attempted the large number of people from the different parts of the county who were present were unanimous in saying that the celebration was a success in every way.

The day's program commenced at 4 a. m. by the firing of anvils which awakened the people to a realization that the Nation's birthday was to be celebrated.

At 10 a. m. the people assembled at the grounds in the court house yard, where president of the day, W. A. Booth called the meeting to order. After a vocal selection by the choir and an instrumental selection by the band the Declaration of Independence was read by Miss Mary Salomon. W. E. Guerrin jr., of Bend delivered the oration and it was one of the best in the history of the city. In fact the entire program was good.

In the afternoon the day was taken up with the various sports the results of which were as follows:

The base ball game between the Madras and Prineville teams was won by the latter by the score of 22 to 21. As the score indicates, the game was a slugging match in which the spectators got their moneys worth.

The 1/4 mile dash was won by the Fred Stroud horse, A. Watkins horse second.

The 1/2 mile dash was won by the Lark Elliott horse.

The 100 yard foot race was won by Arthur Barnes, Clarence Sharp second.

The obstacle race was won by R. L. Jordan, Robt. Suetinger second. The fat mens foot race was won by Oliver Adams, Mart Pratt a close second.

The boys foot race was won by Neut Poindexter, Carl Stone 2nd.

The girls potato race was won by Edith King, V. Hinkle second.

The boys potato race was won by Charlie Summers, Neut Poindexter, second.

The tug of war, country vs city was won by Steve Yancey's team from the country.

In the evening a dance was given by the base ball boys and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Much credit is due to the Prineville Military Band for the music furnished during the day which added greatly to making the celebration the success it was.

heading into the rich Klamath Lake region under the guise of an independent road. This will apparently leave an outsider but the southeast quarter of Oregon for new territory—the most undeveloped portion.

A. B. Hammond makes no denial of the fact he is about to start the Corvallis & Eastern onward through Vale to Ontario. He does not say it in so many words, but states candidly it is time to begin the project. Assurances have been given that the Columbia Southern will be run from Shaniko to Bend, though but 50 miles may be built in the next year. That will pass through an immensely rich country and can be built for \$15,000 a mile, while the Corvallis & Eastern will have to stretch away through large tracts of prairie land after quitting Bend, and it will not again tap the productive sections until the Harney district is reached.

The fact is, Harriman and Mr. Hammond are known to be good friends. A line from the terminus of the Corvallis & Eastern at Albany to Ontario would serve as a cross-country connection between the Southern Pacific and O. R. & N. Railroaders can see no personal gain for Mr. Hammond in the move, and an analysis of the situation convinces them the loop is to be built by the Harriman interests.

The Corvallis & Eastern has not been a paying line. Its operating expenses have not been gathered from its revenues, and in plain words the road is a losing proposition. Mr. Hammond secured it for \$100,000. A portion of the rolling stock he is said to have disposed of for \$75,000, and a steamer belonging to the road was placed on the market and gotten rid of for nearly an equal amount, so his outlay was a decidedly small one as compared with the value of the property. Since then he—or the man behind him—has been called upon to furnish all the finances with which to make up the deficiency in the earnings, and it is the consensus of opinion that the only avenue left through which could be derived a reasonable interest on the investment is to push the line across Oregon. Thus the extension would answer a two-fold purpose and likewise serve two masters.

All this goes to show Harriman has his far-seeing optic trained on Mr. Gould. The latter's relentless activity in the domain the former had begun to view as his own pasture has proven so convincing that the precautionary measures have been adopted to bluff the Western Pacific magnate from coming into the Evergreen state. Gould's men do not for an instant feel their leader will be intimidated by Harriman, and the original plan to reach Portland by way of Southern Oregon will be realized.—Telegram.

HARRIMAN HAS BLOCKING PLAN

Should plans now under way—which are said to be Harriman's sharp scheme to keep Gould out of Oregon with his Western Pacific and also establish a barrier which will forever give Oregon to his system—be carried out, a belt line across the state, to join the Southern Pacific at Albany with the Oregon Short Line at Ontario, will be built, through the medium of A. B. Hammond with the Corvallis & Eastern, and he will foster the extension of the Columbia Southern from Shaniko to Bend, bringing the Corvallis & Eastern eastward so it will also touch Bend on its way to the border, thus giving Harriman practical control of the northern half of the state in connection with the O. R. & N., and the southwest quarter with the Southern Pacific, which is also

SHEEPMEN HAVE A PROSPEROUS YEAR

Oregon's Total Wool Clip Is Estimated at Nearly Sixteen Million Pounds

The total wool clip in Oregon this year is estimated at from 15,000,000 to 16,000,000 pounds, and about one third of it is delivered through Shaniko to the eastern market. At the annual sale just held at Shaniko warehouse a number of new eastern buyers attended, and the wool brought extraordinary high prices, the figures averaging about 20 cents per pound.

"There were over 4,000,000 pounds sold, and about 250,000 pounds of wool remain in the hands of the growers," said Charles J. Gray, traveling agent for the Northwestern, who went from Portland to attend the sale. "From sheep and wool combined more than \$1,000,000 has been disbursed through Shaniko this year. The spring sale of sheep to the eastern market yielded about \$250,000 and the sale of wool \$800,000."

He says 350 carloads of sheep were shipped from Shaniko this spring. The increase of sheep this year was unusually heavy owing to a very favorable lambing season. Many growers say they have had 100 per cent increase of their herds. The sheep are billed to Omaha, Kansas City, St. Joseph and other points, but many are stopped en route and grazed in Wyoming or Colorado and then forwarded to the packers as fat stock.

Wool is delivered to the warehouses at Shaniko in bales about 4 by 8 feet, weighing 350 to 500 pounds "in the grease." This means the wool is in the condition it was when removed from the backs of the sheep—heavy with sand, grease and dirt. There are scouring plants at Pendleton and The Dalles, but little of the wool was sent for scouring this season. Much of it has in former years been bought by mills at Passaic, New Jersey, but they got little of this year's crop. Most of it was taken by Boston houses. The freight rate from Shaniko to New England points is \$1.88 for wool in the grease and \$2.25 for scoured. When scoured in Oregon the weight of the wool is reduced 60 to 75 per cent, and it is more profitable to scour it here and ship the clean wool. But the eastern houses were anxious to have the wool on hand at the mills immediately. The quality of eastern and central Oregon wools is gradually improving. One lot this year at Shaniko brought a fraction over 26 cents. Willamette valley wools are quoted at 27 cents.

"Broadly speaking the wool-growing industry in Oregon is doomed to decrease because of the natural encroachment of settlers," said Mr. Gray. "The cattlemen are bitterly opposed to sheep, and they help to discourage the industry. The taking up of land and cultivating the soil where sheep formerly ranged is limiting the grazing ground. The result will be the breeding of finer strains of sheep and raising of higher-priced wools."—Portland Journal.

WILL BUILD THEIR OWN RAILROAD

Citizens of Vale, county seat of Malheur county, have given up hope of securing the long-expected extension of the Corvallis & Eastern railroad through central Oregon, and have organized a company to undertake the construction of a railroad about 30 miles to Payette, a town on the Oregon Short Line, about 40 miles east of Huntington. The company is capitalized of \$150,000, and its officers are: President, E. A. Clark; vice-president, J. W. McCulloch; secretary, E. Petric; treasurer, M. H. Hope. The name of the corporation is the Vale & Malheur Valley Railroad company. Surveys will be made at the expense of local incorporators, and an effort will be made to interest eastern capital.—Journal.

under which several hundred thousand acres of land were disposed of in Western Nebraska at the rate of 640 acres per entryman.

This tells its own story. People are afraid to enter upon the vacant public domain. They are not land lawyers. A failure to comply with the requirements, not alone forfeits their claim, but under the very harsh construction of the law, subjects the settler to indictment. Special agents of the government are not satisfied to kindly warn and notify him of his non-compliance but are eager to pounce upon him and insist on a forfeiture, and then a punishment. The worst feature of the whole business of a so-called square deal is that when the poor fellows, claim is cancelled, the rich scrip-holder steps in and holds it with his scrip. The result is land entries by the people diminished, and 20,400 entries less are made for same length of time, this year compared with last. The country is set back.

WILL COMPLETE STAMP MILL

Manager H. T. Hendryx, of the Taber Fraction company, is preparing to complete the Cracker-Oregon stamp mill and put it in working shape for milling Taber Fraction ores, says a dispatch from Sumpter. Since his announcement here that he had secured a lease of this milling plant arrangements have been hastened for deeper work on the Taber Fraction. There is a good quantity of milling ore in sight in the workings that have been opened to the 100-foot level, and it is also known that while the Columbia was opening this ground from the 1,200-foot level there was a good amount of ore in the drifts. What the intermediate ground between the 100 and 1,200 levels may be remains to be proved, but the fact that there has been such rich ore at the very surface and large milling bodies at depth gives positive assurance that there will be an abundance of ore in the 228 feet of ground the Taber Fraction has on the big lode.

The Cracker-Oregon mill is admirably situated for use of the Taber Fraction, as it is at the base of the hill beneath the workings, and may be easily connected by an aerial tram, which Mr. Hendryx says will be erected at an early date. Until the tram is working it is the purpose to haul ore by wagons, the distance being but the length of two claims.

TAKES MIGRATORY TAX INTO COURT

Suit has been filed in the Circuit Court here to test the constitutionality of the migratory sheep law, passed at the last session of the Legislature. Under the provisions of the statute all sheep brought into this state from other states for pasturage or to be driven through are subjected to a tax of 20 cents per head for each year or portion of a year that they are within the state.

The suit was brought by ex-Senator W. P. Reser, a sheepman and farmer of Walla Walla County. A short time ago Reser brought a band of 100 into this county to be pastured during the Summer, and was compelled by the stock inspector to pay a tax of \$20 upon it. However, the payment was done under protest, and the present suit is to recover that amount as well as to decide the constitutionality of the law.

The grounds upon which the suit is based are mainly that the law is in violation of those sections of the state constitution which say that all taxes shall be on valuations, and not per capita, and that all taxes shall be uniform and equal. Several other reasons are given.

Announcement

Boyd Adams having purchased an interest with C. C. Dunham in the New York Racket Store, and they having purchased the stock of Clothing and Furnishing Goods of B. Gormley desire to announce to the public that the new firm has moved into the building formerly occupied by Mr. Gormley and will do business in our new quarters under the firm name of the

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