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Captivated With Central Oregon

Captivated by the natural grandeur of the Deschutes canyon and impressed with the possibilities of Interior Oregon, Hampton D. Ewing, a lawyer of Yonkers, N. Y., accompanied by his family, arrived in Portland, after having traveled by automobile through Central Oregon from Klamath Falls to the Columbia river.

"Central Oregon is a magnificent empire," said Mr. Ewing. "Of course, there is a limited area that is not adapted to farming pursuits, but there are tens of thousands of acres that are being settled and converted into profitable farms. Under modern methods of agriculture, sand and drought are no longer obstacles; in fact, they are seemingly an advantage.

"The development of Interior Oregon will be promoted rapidly by the two railroad systems that have invaded it through the Deschutes Canyon. Feeders are certain to be built to each of these railroads and Portland will derive most desirable trade relations with a resourceful section of your state heretofore unpopulated and undeveloped and without transportation facilities.

"I was particularly impressed with the scenic grandeur of the Deschutes Canyon, which, to my mind, surpasses that of the Royal Gorge of Colorado. The Deschutes Canyon is the longer of the two and consists of a succession of surprises in the way of matchless and almost indescribable scenery. To me, it was a surprise and a revelation. I say this after having traveled extensively throughout the United States, and I think I have seen everything in the way of scenery that is worth seeing."

Although Mr. Ewing had visited Portland before, this was the first time he ever invaded the interior. Leaving San Francisco for Portland, Mr. Ewing and his family left the train at Montague, Cal., and, crossing Goose Neck Mountain, entered the Klamath country. Several days were passed at Crater Lake, which Mr. Ewing pronounces a most wonderful resort, equally as attractive and beautiful, from a scenic standpoint, as the Yosemite Valley.

"I live in a city of 80,000 people," said Mr. Ewing, "but it is a reasonably safe guess that I am the only one of that entire population who has visited this remarkable lake. If the state would provide more convenient means of reaching Crater Lake it would prove one of the finest resorts in the country and annually would attract thousands of tourists."

After leaving Crater Lake and proceeding northerly into the Deschutes valley, Mr. Ewing and party started across the Cascades for Lebanon and Albany. The serious fires in the forests on the Upper Santiam made it necessary for them to turn back and complete their trip to Portland via the Columbia river.

Mr. Ewing says the fires, three in number, in the timber on the forks of the Santiam river, are more serious than reported. He reached the fire line of the fire on the Soda Fork of the Santiam last Thursday and found that the fire had burned over an area considerably larger than a man could walk around in a day and was still burning. Leaving his automobile Mr. Ewing entered the fire zone, and, with a camera, obtained some remarkable photographs of an Oregon forest fire, which he will preserve as souvenirs of the trip.—Oregonian.



News Snapshots Of the Week

By flying 1,205 miles, the distance from St. Louis to New York, Harry N. Atwood made the greatest flight since the aeroplane was invented. He arrived in New York twelve days after leaving St. Louis. "Mona Lisa," declared to be the world's greatest painting and for which \$5,000,000 was refused, was stolen from the Louvre in Paris. In a tame fight at the Twentieth Century A. C. of New York Sailor Burke won the decision over Billy Papke, the middleweight champion of the world. The surviving members of the G. A. R. met at Rochester, N. Y., for their annual encampment. The parade of the old warriors, the main feature of the meeting, was witnessed by President Taft. Andre Jager-Schmidt, a French reporter, established a new record, girdling the world in forty days.

Favors the Desert Land Entryman

The General Land Office made a ruling in favor of the Desert Land entrymen in this state, which enables the entryman on a desert claim to make final proof and secure title to his desert claim, before securing a final water right certificate from the state.

The water rights for desert claims are initiated by filing a water right application in the office of the state engineer. This application is subsequently approved and returned to the applicant, and is his authority to construct works and apply water to the irrigation of his claim. This application is analogous to the certificate the entryman received from the Land Office, and as the Land Office certificate is replaced by a deed after final proof, so is the water permit replaced by a final water right certificate or deed, after the land is under irrigation. It was this water right certificate that the Land Office demanded of the entryman holding down a claim on the isolated desert near Denio, 150 miles from the nearest railroad station at Winnemucca, Nev., and equally as far from the local Land Office at Burns. The matter was brought to the attention of State Engineer Lewis, and he advised the General Land Office of conditions, pointing out that proof could be made on a desert claim in three years, while under the state laws five years is allowed to complete appropriation of water.

It was also shown that such a ruling would operate greatly to the disadvantage of entrymen on isolated desert claims, enduring hardships in their endeavor to build up the state and at the same time make a living. A favorable reply to this appeal was received and the entrymen will hereafter be required to furnish only the certified copy of a permit, and a statement from the State Engineer to the effect that the failure to furnish such water right certificate is not due to the applicant's non-compliance with the law.

For Sale.

One thoroughbred gray Percheron stallion, weight about 3000 pounds, height 18 hands, aged 10 years; fine disposition.

Also one Spanish Mammoth Jack, Jordan, No. 1073, black with white points, height 15 hands; aged 10 years; long body, fine head and ears, flat bone and big feet. Inquire of ELLA C. FELL, 8-24tf Redmond, Ore., Gen. Delivery.

Express and Passengers.

Express matter from Culver to Prineville one cent a pound. Passengers \$2.50. LOCKARD STAGE CO. 8-24tf

Houses and Lots For Sale.

Two houses and six lots for sale if taken at once. Inquire of C. D. CALBREATH. 8-10-1mp

Trainload Sheep Goes East

J. N. Williamson shipped a train load of lambs, ewes and wethers East today from Gateway. The Portland market has never been a good one for this class of stock. Recently a Crook county shipper sent three carloads of sheep and lambs to the Union Stock Yards but the market was so poor he shipped them home again.

Mr. Williamson was not inclined to take any chances so arranged with the O.-W.-R. & N. Co. for a trainload to Omaha, with the privilege of going on to Chicago if the Omaha market was not good. The railroad company has promised good feed and watering places en route and if this first venture proves profitable it will be followed by several more trainloads.

The Big Bridge About Completed

The first connecting keyarch of the Oregon Trunk Line bridge over Crooked river was put in place by the bridge crew Friday at noon. The keyarch joining the two ends of the bridge, fitted to a fraction of an inch, and there was no trouble in making the connection.

A large number of people from towns round about were at the bridge nearly all day watching the bridge crew work. The contractors finished all the heavy steel work that afternoon and on Saturday five gangs of riveters were put on. Early next week it is expected the bridge will be ready for trains to cross.

This bridge is 340 feet from the top of the rails to the water in the canyon below, and during the construction period there has not been an accident, though the work was of a perilous character. Laying of rails from the bridge to Redmond, eight miles, is expected to be completed about September 20, so that trains can reach the hub city.

Ayerdales For Sale

Thoroughbred Ayerdales puppies for sale. G. W. ROBERTS at Prineville Machine Shop. 7-20-t

Pasture Open.

My pasture will be open August 20. Horses 15 cents a day; cows \$3 per month; cash in advance. 8-18-1m MED VANDERPOOL.

\$750 for Quarter Block.

\$750 buys a quarter block one block south from new public school grounds; cultivated. Address Box 34. 7-13-tf

Horse Pasture

Four miles north of Prineville. \$2 per month. Independent phone. 8-24-1mp EARL HELMS.

High School Has Good Enrollment

Crook County High School opened Tuesday with an enrollment of sixty-eight students. More new students are expected to enter this week and many of the old students are yet to register. The attendance is already larger than it was at any time last year and with the present outlook it is expected that the high school will have a most prosperous year.

Special interest is manifested in the departments of public speaking and manual training. Many of the students are arranging their courses so that they may take advantage of the excellent work offered in these two branches.

The manual training teacher will be here in a few days to take charge of this branch of work.

Will Try to Reorganize the Company

As a final resort, as told in a letter being sent to the holders of rights under the old Columbia Southern project near Laidlaw, an effort is being made to reorganize the company by the Oregon, Washington & Idaho Finance Company, of Portland. George W. Hinshaw, of Marion, a holder, was at Salem last week in conference with Secretary Olcott and members of the State Board, and the letter containing the new proposition to finance the scheme was exhibited.

This project, which includes about 27,000 acres under the Carey act, has had troublous times for several years. It was originally known as the Three Sisters project, when later its name was changed to the Columbia Southern Irrigation Company, and again to the Columbia Southern Irrigating Company.

The plan has embraced an idea to construct a reservoir and store the waters of Tumello creek, from which creek the water now on the project is furnished. Mr. Hinshaw says that there are a sufficient number of ditches dug to water the entire project if the ditches were in the right places and were not too low. But under existing conditions there are numerous ditches which are dry and are useless.

It will be necessary to construct the proposed reservoir, and for this purpose the new scheme is launched to secure additional capital. The conditions of the affairs of the project are such, according to the letter sent out by the finance company, that the new plan is a last resort, and that if the project is ever to be

put on its feet it must be done at once.

The proposed plan is for the organization, or rather the reorganization of the Columbia Southern Irrigating Company, with 10,000 shares of common stock at \$1,000,000 and 6000 shares of preferred stock at \$600,000, the holders of the preferred stock to receive 6 per cent cumulative, out of the net earnings.

Important to Homesteaders

The United States land office at The Dalles has received the following instructions governing final proofs on homesteads. It will be interesting to the people of Central Oregon:

The practice of according credit for constructive residence covering the period of six months following the allowance of the entry is, perhaps, due to an erroneous interpretation of section 2297 of the revised statutes, by which section it is provided that on proof to the satisfaction of the register and receiver that a person had actually changed his residence or abandoned the land covered by his homestead entry for more than six months at any one time, then, in that event, the land so entered shall revert to the government. While the said section may protect a homesteader from contest for abandonment for a period of six months following the allowance of his entry, it is clearly not authority for according the entryman credit for constructive residence during that period.

After most careful and mature consideration of this matter I feel it my duty to disregard the erroneous practice heretofore obtaining in your office and to direct that you exact of the homesteader entryman proof of residence for the full period of five years, as required by the statute before the same can be approved as a basis for the issuance of patent therein. Because of the long practice heretofore prevailing, I believe it right and proper to give ample time for notice of the contemplated change before putting the same into effect. I have therefore to advise you that in all instances where ordinary final proof is submitted under the homestead laws on or after the 1st day of December next, the law as above interpreted be followed. SAMUEL ADAMS, Acting Secretary.

Hay Baler For Sale.

Bran new Steel Beauty Hay Baler; capacity 10 or 12 tons daily, for sale at a bargain. Inquire at J. E. Stewart & Co.'s. 8-31-1mp HERBERT RIDEOUT.

Regular Meeting City Council

The city council met Tuesday. Present, Mayor Edwards and Councilmen A. H. Lippman, Geo. Noble, I. W. Ward and C. I. Winnek. Officer Weston and Recorder Breece.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Report of city treasurer read and approved.

The Committee on Health and Police recommended that the city lots used for dumping ground be marked; that some person be authorized to collect water rent; that the saloon ordinance be changed to cover back rooms; that east "F" street be graded and sidewalks ordered laid.

The committee on Fire and Water called the attention of the council to the fact that the fire alarm signals were not working properly.

Report of police accepted and placed on file.

Report of G. W. Noble accepted and placed on file.

Report of R. W. Breece accepted and placed on file.

The following bills were ordered paid:

C. E. Smith, treas. sal.....	\$ 25.00
R. W. Breece, rec. fees.....	34.80
T. E. J. Duff, fees.....	20.50
Wm. Snodderly.....	3.00
T. M. Stroud.....	3.00
Lloyd Yancey.....	3.00
P. L. & W. Co.....	85.48
Van M. Morse.....	3.00
A. Wonderly.....	10.00
Crook County Journal.....	2.80
R. S. Price.....	5.75
The Winnek Co.....	1.25
F. Conard.....	186.20
I. W. Ward.....	32.50
R. L. Jordan.....	10.35
Jno. D. Stevenson.....	1.50
G. W. Hess.....	1.50
— Moran.....	1.50
A. J. Weston, salary.....	100.00
Ben Jones, 6 days.....	20.00

The petition of The Winnek Co. for a lamp post was granted.

Ordinance No. 190 was laid over until the next regular meeting.

The resignation of officer Weston was laid on the table. The vote on its acceptance was a tie.

Officer Weston was instructed to ascertain the amount of oil stored within the city limits and report thereon at the adjourned meeting next Tuesday evening. Also to have dumping signs placed on the property belonging to the city and have notices of same published in paper. Adjourned.

Dragged Half a Mile.

Roy Gray and Jack Webb were driving out to Bonnyview farm Tuesday and when near home the horses took fright and ran away. Webb was thrown out over the front of the buggy. His foot got caught between the iron and leather of the dash board and he was dragged about half a mile. Roy had to cut him loose before he was released from his perilous position. The hair on one side of Webb's head was worn off and he was otherwise bruised. Had it not been for the fact that the road at the place of the accident was very soft and smooth he would have been killed.

Ranch for Rent

120 acres; 90 in cultivation; house, barn. Apply to W. H. KANUS, Prineville, Oregon. 8-17-tf

Horses for Sale.

On the old C. Sam Smith ranch, near Prineville. 125 head of mares and geldings, large enough for work horses, will be sold in any number at reasonable prices. For further information address G. H. RUSSELL, Prineville, Oregon. 12-16-tf