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TRAVEL STORIES OF THE NORTHWEST (By Fred Lockley)

When Carl Gray was president of the Hill roads in Oregon he invited a party of his friends, of whom I was one, to go with him on a trip to Prineville. We sat on the back platform of Mr. Gray's private car while Mr. Gray pointed out the interesting sights along the road and told us of the engineering difficulties that had been overcome in building the track through the picturesque Deschutes canyon. Thomas W. Lawson, who was one of the party, proved that he was a capital story teller as well as a successful Wall street operator and a wizard of words. We were met at Redmond by Bill Hanley, of Burnas, and a party who took us over by automobile to Prineville. A land show and livestock exhibition was in progress at Prineville, and Carl Gray, Tom Lawson and Bill Hanley all made a bit with the Crook county ranchers and livestock men by their knowledge of the farming game and by their friendliness and good fellowship. To most of the outsiders the exhibits on display were a decided surprise, but having been in Crook County a good many times I was prepared to believe that the wheat and oats, the corn and vegetables, the cheese and honey, the pears and apples, the peaches and prunes, were local products. Fruit, however, is a side issue in Crook county, the raising of livestock being the leading industry.

Crook county is a many sided country, as one might naturally expect when one remembers that it is larger than the lost provinces of France, Alsace-Lorraine, having an area of 3,625,920 acres, or, to put it into miles, 5978 square miles.

Crook county is a vast plateau bounded by mountains. The Cascades form its western boundary, with peaks rising to 10,660 feet—the height of one of the peaks of the Three Sisters. It is an inspiring sight to look westward and see the snow covered and glistening summits of Mount Washington, Black Crater, the Three Sisters, old Broken Top, Elk mountain, Irish mountain, the Twins, Maiden peak and the other heaven kissing hills of the Cascade range. The eastern and northeastern boundary of the county is formed by the evergreen clad slopes of the Blue mountains. Along the southeastern part of the county the Buck mountains are to be seen, while in the extreme southern section are the Paulina mountains.

Some years ago I drove over from Mitchell, in Wheeler county, across the Blue mountains, through the Ochoco National forest to Prineville by way of Summit, Howard and Ochoco. It is a trip of rare beauty. Here and there the road skirts rugged cliffs wonderfully colored and sculptured. I remember pausing just about sunset at the foot of a rugged bluff. The parting rays of the midsummer sun made the reds and soft yellows of the cliff fairly glow as though a spotlight had been turned on them. On still another trip I drove in by way of Shaniko, Antelope and Grizzly to Prineville and thence on to Klamath Falls. One cannot drive through Crook county without being impressed with its wealth and the diversity of its resources. For mile after mile in crossing the Cascades, either by the Santiam road from Albany or by way of the road from Eugene that goes up the McKenzie river and crosses the Cascades between the lava beds and Black Crater, just to the westward of the town of Sisters, or in traveling over the Blue mountains, one is impressed with the beauty and value of the vast forests of sugar pine and yellow pine. With their rough red bark looking like alligator hide, with their lance-like trunks varying from two or three to nine or ten feet in diameter, with soft and yielding carpet of long and fragrant pine needles, the pines of Crook county are a decided asset to the picturesque features of Crook county.

While stockraising is the principal industry today, the time is coming when the converting of the forests into lumber and the getting it to market will bring great wealth into the county. Of the more than 12,000,000,000 feet of standing merchantable timber in the county, about 7,000,000,000 feet are privately owned, the rest being within the national forests.

With its old time cattle ranches, its prosperous and growing cities, its dry farming, its Carey act reclamation projects, its ice caves and lava caves, its mountain peaks and living glaciers, its mountain lakes and sagebrush plains, its hunting and fishing, its excellent roads for motoring, Crook county will well repay the tourist for the necessary time and expense to make a trip over the county.

Read The Crook County Journal.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon.
September 29, 1917.
Notice is hereby given that HARRY EVANS, of Held, Oregon, who, on June 9, 1911, made Homestead Entry, No. 09141, for E½ W¼, W¼ E½, Section 20, Township 19, South, Range 19, East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before H. C. Ellis, United States Commissioner, at Bend, Oregon, on the 29th day of November, 1917.
Claimant names as witnesses: Frank T. Carpenter, George W. Boche, Walter R. Hanson, Clyde A. Halsley, all of Held, Oregon.
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