

FINDS LAND OF VAST RESOURCES

W. C. Hawley Is Back From Trip to Lake and Klamath.

MONEY PLENTIFUL THERE

Despite Transportation Facilities, Southeastern Oregon Is Making Wonderful Strides—Master Irrigation Projects.

SALEM, Or., June 10.—(Special.)—The wealth, the amazing growth and the possibilities of that portion of Oregon contained in Lake and Klamath Counties is what impressed me," said Congressman W. C. Hawley today, in speaking of his recent trip to Southeastern Oregon. The people of Lake County have on deposit in the banks over \$1,000,000 or \$1,200,000, he said. That is not surprising in a commercial center, but in a county 90 miles from a railroad, sparsely settled and development but fairly begun it seemed to me to be a remarkably good record. Such bank deposits as are indisputable evidence of enterprise and thrift on the part of the people and of unmeasured natural resources of which the people of the rest of the state have but small conception.

Fruit Trees Are Thrifty.

"I was greatly surprised and pleased with the appearance of the orchards in Lake County. The mental picture of Lake County we have always carried did not include orchards, but I never saw fruit trees that had a more thrifty appearance than those I saw in that part of the state recently. The orchards are well cared for, free from pests and they thrive either with or without irrigation. The apple-growers have now on hand in an excellent state of preservation apples from last year's crop that were kept without being placed in cold storage. Cherries, apples and pears are their principal fruits and these they produce first-class in quality.

"The development of agriculture and horticulture must of course depend largely upon improved transportation facilities. The people cannot raise crops which they cannot get to market. The latest agricultural wealth is there and as soon as a railroad shall be completed the county will be rapidly settled, the growing of cultivated crops will become an extensive industry and there will be traffic enough to make a railroad profitable to its builders.

"Lake County people are much interested in questions that arise out of the creation of forest reserves. As to the general idea of a forest reserve there is great difference of opinion but there is practical unanimity of opinion that in Lake County the Government has included in its forest reserves considerable areas that should have been left out. In some localities three-fourths of the land within the boundaries of the reserve is not timbered. Of course the land that has been patented is not made a part of the reserve, but the reserve lines extend around it and the forest reserve is represented as being all in the reserve.

Hopes to Correct Abuses.

"This conveys to strangers an erroneous impression and works an injustice upon the ranchers. A man who is farming in a comparatively new country and hopes to see other people come and settle here has a right to have the Government represent him as living upon land suitable for forest reserves. And I think the forestry officials do not intend that such a situation shall exist. I have written the department, calling attention to the matter and asking that an investigation be made. I have no doubt that an order will be made changing the boundaries of the withdrawal so that the reserve will not include the patented land.

"Lake County has undertaken to build a new Courthouse and now has in its treasury \$25,000 to devote to that purpose. The next tax levy will raise \$25,000 more and the Courthouse will be paid for when it is completed.

Disappointed in Government.

"Some time ago the reclamation service changed the estimated cost of reclamation to \$15 or \$16 an acre and adopted the plan of doing the work on the force account instead of by contract. The land-owners are dissatisfied with this, for they have no means of knowing what the cost may be. With the understanding that it would be about \$20 an acre they mortgaged their farms as a guarantee that they would repay the cost. Quite naturally they are anxious to keep the cost as low as possible and with that end in view they favor construction by contract after competitive bids. The Water Users' Association, composed of the land-owners, has recently proposed to undertake the construction by contract at the amount of the original estimate. They might not be able to do it for that amount of money, but since they must pay the cost anyway, it would make no difference to them whether they paid the excess in carrying out a construction contract or in making their payments to the Government. Their chief concern is in keeping down the cost of construction.

Real Estate Is Active.

"Klamath Falls has been experiencing great building activity. Five brick buildings have been erected in the past year and as many more will be constructed this year. Real estate has been very active and values are constantly increasing. One man, Abel Adee, who went to Klamath Falls two years and a half ago without a dollar, is now worth \$250,000. He engaged chiefly in real estate transactions.

"Both Klamath and Lake Counties are supplied with fine stores that carry large stocks of goods. Business-houses of all kinds are as up-to-date as in

FATE OF NEW COUNTY FIGHT

Judge Rice Convenes Court Today to Decide on the Issues.

ABERDEEN, Wash., June 10.—(Special.)—Superior Judge Rice will hear counsel tomorrow at Chehalis on the question of the jurisdiction of the court under the act of the Legislature providing for the creation of Gray's Harbor County. Attorneys J. M. Ashton and W. H. Alt will appear for the anti, while the divisionists will be represented by Harold Preston and J. E. Murphy, of Seattle, and J. C. Hogan and W. I. Agnew, of this city. Should the court decide it has the jurisdiction, nothing remains but to show that the petition in what the law requires, and that Chehalis has a population of at least a population of 4000. This being found the Governor will issue the proclamation creating the county.

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The board of library trustees accepted the promise, and after three months, when the money had been raised, went to the Council and was promptly refused a hearing. The Council was then asked to pass a resolution submitting the question to a vote of the people, but the plan was instantly killed. The subscribers to the lot then gave power to the secretary of the board of trustees to sell the Carnegie lot, but the Council removed the secretary from office.

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Soon Dump Rock for Jetty.

ABERDEEN, Wash., June 10.—(Special.)—E. L. Carpenter, resident United States engineer in charge of the North Side Jetty, who is up from Damon's Point, says the right of way has practically been secured and that the work of building the railroad from North Bay to the ocean will begin in a few weeks. As soon as the road is built dredging for the jetty will be commenced and the structure will be ready to receive rock next spring. The work will not be let by contract, but will be performed under Mr. Carpenter by day's work.

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Ruick Grills Idaho Land-Fraud Defendants.

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Prosecutor Declares His Work Is Backed Up by the President and That the Administration's Aim Is to Get Men Higher Up.

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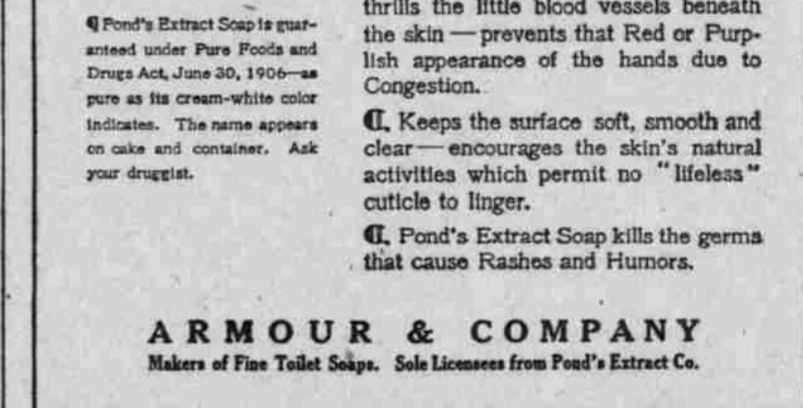
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