

### SHERMAN COUNTY PARADISE

Staple Grows on Hilltops and Even in Draws, Says Oregon Traveler.

### LACK OF WATER IS NOTED

More Fine Little Town and Kent Has Large Business—Grass Valley Is Comparatively New and Well Situated.

BY ADDISON BENNETT. KENT, O. April 9.—(Special.)—We have now driven back about 50 miles from the river through the Sherman County wheat belt and it is still 17 miles to Shaniko, the town farthest south in the county, which place...

There is one thing that has struck me very favorably with the country, and that is the large percentage of tillable land compared with the whole area. In other words, there is very little scrub land between here and the Columbia, mighty little, less than you will find in any wheat section of which I know.

The country is very rolling, the soil is of heavy formation and rich, not subject to erosion or drifting, and there are practically no hills that are not cultivated to the very top, and very few draws that are not capable of growing the staple wheat.

Later I learned that he hauled in the fall season water from the DeMoss spring, a distance of three miles. I mean sorry, I want to get into the section in good enough to stand squarely on the truth and that it is better for newcomers to know what to expect before they come here.

We leave here today for Shaniko. There we leave the railway lines for some time to come—and I am by no means sure that I shall be able to get into the untrodden ways, or as near as I can, I would like to get away from the honk of the auto as well as the whistle of the train. I guess the former can get through anywhere that we can.

But we have a good team which I would not trade for any auto made for the trip mapped out. We may not be able to get along quite so fast, but we will get there sure. And that is the main reason for this.

I have failed to mention that the weather has thus far been ideal. There was a fine rain the latter part of last week, which fell pretty generally over Sherman, Waaco and Gilliam, and it put the roads in splendid condition. So the trip thus far has been very pleasant.

After we got him fed up he deserted just naturally, perhaps in quest of "possums." And we had to leave there dogged, as we still are. The Oregonian is going to be the owner of a dog before the week ended. It is a good dog, as high as two bits for one of ancient lineage and undisputed pedigree. We are not particularly "stock" on the dog, as I just told him up there and intend to turn him loose after I get through fishing.

### TWO SCENES IN GRASS VALLEY, LIVELY CENTRAL OREGON TOWN.



ABOVE, LOOKING DOWN MAIN BUSINESS STREET—BELOW, GENERAL VIEW OF TOWN'S CENTER.

### CLUBMEN RESENT ACT OF DETECTIVE

Man Who Joined Bachelors in "Dry" Interests Gives Bail, However.

SALEM, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—T. A. McDermott, who was arrested following his participation in the raid of the Bachelors' Club at Woodburn Saturday, was released on bail today by Justice Webster on the solicitation of Mayor Jerman and Dr. E. W. Finner, of Woodburn. The clubmen who had made charges against him in retaliation for his part in the raid had expected he would be kept in jail longer.

McDermott, it is alleged, was acting in the capacity of a private detective under the name of Veatch, and was a member of the club. He had been charged on a charge of impersonating an officer, the warrant being sworn to by Attorney Carson and members of the club.

Defendants Give Bonds. Jesse C. Moore, J. P. Mehan and Harry Helmen, who were arrested in the clubrooms by McDermott, with the aid of the Marshal, have been placed under bonds by Recorder George W. Woodburn. Several warrants were sworn to against each of the men. Bonds of \$100 were demanded for each charge, and the men were released on their own recognizance.

Detective Joins Club. "T. A. McDermott joined the club under the name of Veatch," said Mehan, who is a leading business man of Woodburn. "We found yesterday that he was a private detective, but we were unaware of his identity before. There were a few of us sitting in the club this morning when the raiders entered. McDermott, of Veatch, as a White, the name under which he carried, and the officers were admitted in that manner."

Club Members Claim to Have Scored Victory—Citizens Turn Out Enmasse to See War.

PENDLETON, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—Pendleton turned out en masse today to witness the sham battle between the Pendleton organization of the National Guard and the Spanish-American War Veterans, reinforced by former members of the National Guard. The umpire rendered no decision and both sides are claiming the victory.

Crowd Breaks Beer Bottles. It was rumored last night that an attempt would be made to seize those in charge of the Bachelors' Club headquarters and to blow up the jail containing a lot of liquor that had been confiscated, but there was only a carousal by a crowd of 15, who went to the "gallon house," just outside of the city limits, bought all the beer that was there, took it to Front street, drank it and then broke the bottles, scattering the glass over the street.

Seven-Mile Road to Be Built. WHITE SALMON, Wash., April 9.—(Special.)—With \$2600 to its credit, a promise of state aid and an additional appropriation from Klickitat County, Cameron road district has a fund large enough to macadamize from Husum, seven miles up the White Salmon, to the Underwood cut-off within two and a half miles of this place. Miss Edna Cameron, secretary of the Development League, is the leading booster for this road, which, when completed, will be the first macadamized road on this side of the Columbia.

### ROOSEVELT BACK TO COWBOY LAND

Ex-President at Moscow Is Near Country He Roamed 26 Years Ago.

### RECIPROCITY TALK ASKED

Colonel Refuses to Discuss Live Topic at Request of Crowds. Cadets Greet Him—Campus Speech Scheduled Today.

MOSCOW, Idaho, April 9.—Theodore Roosevelt arrived here tonight to be welcomed by the largest crowd this place has seen in many years. The ex-President is almost within the borders of the country he knew 26 years ago when he was a cattlemen and probably in his wildest dreams never thought of himself as an occupant of the White House.

Accompanied by Governor Hawley and ex-Governor McDonnell, Mr. Roosevelt entered a automobile to be met by a parade of automobiles to the hotel where he will spend the night. In deference to his request there was no reception committee and he dined in the public dining room at which the members of the reception committee were present.

Mr. Roosevelt will breakfast with the regents and faculty of the University of Idaho, tomorrow, after which he will make his only address of the day, speaking on the campus, if the weather permits.

Reciprocity Talk Denied. Shortly before noon he will depart for Spokane, where he will speak tomorrow night. Mr. Roosevelt was greeted by crowds at every station on the way from Spokane. There was only one stop, however, at the junction. Mr. Roosevelt greeted with the suggestion that he "say a word about reciprocity." He smiled and shook his head and confined himself to the remark, "I am glad to see you" and "Good bye."

ROOSEVELT TOUR NEAR END. Colonel Attends Spokane Church Before Leaving for Moscow.

SPOKANE, April 9.—Theodore Roosevelt completed his visit to the State of Washington on his "last extended speaking tour" today when he departed for Moscow, Idaho, at 4 o'clock this morning. His Sunday in Spokane was a quiet one after the unusual amount of speech-making and reception ceremonies crowded into yesterday. Mr. Roosevelt attended church in the morning in company with Governor Hay and Senator Polinder, and lunched at the home of Mrs. J. H. Cowles, of this city. From Cowles' home he returned to his hotel for a brief rest before his train left for Moscow.

Mr. Roosevelt's last hours in Spokane were not free from the crowds which have attended his every movement since his arrival. While he was at the home of Mrs. J. H. Cowles, he waited about the building to catch sight of him as he came out.

After leaving Sand Point, Mr. Roosevelt will visit his old home in New York before his return to New York, where he is due April 15. Missoula and Helena, in Montana, St. Paul, Minn., and Madison, Wis., are his only remaining stops. At St. Paul he will be delayed several hours in waiting for train connections to Madison, and will occupy the time by addressing the Minnesota Legislature. He will also address the Wisconsin lawmakers at Madison. Both of these engagements were made since he left New York, March 5, and were agreed to by the ex-President only because he could keep them without changing the date of his return to New York.

### MIMIC BATTLE WAGED

PENDLETON GUARDSMEN AND VETERANS CLASH. Both Forces Claim to Have Scored Victory—Citizens Turn Out Enmasse to See War.

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The guardsmen, under command of Lieutenant Storje, spent the night in the field having pitched their camp in a clump of timber on the asylum tract west of town. This morning the veterans, under command of Lieutenant Hartman, of the famous Second Oregon Regiment, marched to the city on foot, on horseback, in buggies, automobiles and other vehicles until the hills about the scene of the mimic battle were covered.

Hartman led the attacking force carefully down the hill, taking advantage of railroad grades and irrigation ditches, crept up to within 100 yards of the enemy without being discovered. The attacking train captured the enemy, fired a shot and the outposts were "annihilated" before they realized the veterans were on the field.

The attack, directly in front, was taken as a blind by Lieutenant Storje, who immediately prepared for a rear attack by sending nearly his whole company to the rear. The veterans, under command of Lieutenant Hartman, gave the command to charge and it was soon all over from the veteran standpoint. The guardsmen assert they slaughtered the veterans while they were charging.

Weston to Have Cement Walks. WESTON, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—A number of concrete walks and crosswalks are to be laid in this city this Spring. The town has given the concrete crosswalk a thorough trial and being convinced of the efficiency of that improvement, the Council has ordered a carload of cement. The material not needed for the crosswalks will be sold to the residents at actual cost.

Second Week of the

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### PROJECTS LOOM BIG

Oregon & Eastern Preparing to Start Work.

### BUILDING SCHEMES MANY

Harriman Interests to Put Line Into Central Oregon From Vale Through Malheur Canyon Is Indicated by Movements.

BOISE, Idaho, April 9.—(Special.)—The Oregon & Eastern, a Harriman road which will be constructed through the famous Malheur canyon in Malheur County, Eastern Oregon, to the interior of that state, took the first step this week to secure a right-of-way through condemnation proceedings, instituted in the District Court at Vale.

The move is regarded as significant, and a prediction of the early construction of the East and West road through Oregon. The objective point in the West is Odell.

Oregon & Eastern holds a grant from the Government through 50 miles of the Malheur canyon, the "key to the interior." This grant is not permanent, but expires during the present month. The purpose of the Government's intended withdrawal of this right of way is said to be for electrical power sites.

Other important construction work of the condemnation proceedings are taken as a step towards preserving the canyon right of way. The right to condemn lies within the jurisdiction of the District Court upon application. There is just a possibility of intervention on the part of the Government, but this is said to be unlikely.

### Banner Year Is Seen.

It is generally conceded in railroad circles here that 1911 will be the banner year for the Harriman construction on the part of the Oregon Short Line, and that the construction of the first section of the Owinsza-Boise-Payette cutoff from the main line of the Oregon Short Line through the country to Boise and Payette, is but a link in the scheme of this system to connect with the Oregon & Eastern at the prairie country as straight as an arrow.

The construction of the Owinsza section is authorized and contracts are said to have been let. One of the remarkable features of this road is that for 18 miles it will traverse the heart of the level Camas Prairie country as straight as an arrow. This survey has been made and accepted. The road passes one and seven-eighths miles from the town of Soldier in the prairie country. The first section of the road to be constructed is 90 miles east of Richfield.

Work to Start Soon. W. H. Bancroft, vice-president and general manager of the Oregon Short Line, authorized the statement that active construction work would be taken up on the Owinsza cutoff this Spring and pushed to completion.

Other important construction work to be taken up by the Harriman system in the southern portion of this state included extension of the Mint doka & Southwestern from Buhl across the Twin Falls-Bruneau country to Nysa, Or. Although the plans of the Harriman people are secret, it is known that the permanent right of way for this extension has been decided upon, and that the line will give the Harriman system control of a rich section of country south of the Snake River, now without a railroad.

It is apparent that the general plan of the Harriman people is to focus all of the proposed extensions and cutoffs on the Idaho-Oregon border where they will assist in again feeding the main line of the Short Line and the O.-W. R. & N. Company, as well as divert traffic into the Oregon & Western into the rich Central Oregon section.

The day is being reported the closing of a deal by which the Harriman system took over the short line of railroad out of Caldwell and will this year

### PRINCIPAL MADE ISSUE

SALEM MAN'S OPPONENTS NOW PLAN CAMPAIGN.

Whether Recall Will Be Invoked on Board Members Who Sustained Kirk Is Not Decided.

SALEM, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—Business men who have interested themselves in an effort to secure the discharge of R. L. Kirk, principal of the Salem High School, and who failed before a School Board meeting recently, have called a meeting of their own for the next election. It is also possible that steps may be taken in the courts to enjoin the Board from paying Kirk's salary. They declare that the Board took summary action without hearing the full prayer of the petitioners, and say that they object to "star chamber" methods.

Communications from voters have appeared in local papers suggesting a recall because of the Board's method of disposing of the Kirk case, but the men who have been behind the movement to obtain his discharge say that they have not fully reached a decision as to what may be done.

"The incident is by no means closed," said John A. Carson today. "On the other hand, it has just been opened." Mr. Carson was one of those on the original petition against Kirk's discharge because of alleged rude and tyrannical conduct toward High School students.

Medford Laborer Falls, May Die. MEDFORD, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—Cris Sims, 25 years old, employed on the Medford Hotel now under construction here, fell from a ladder today and struck on the back of his head on a joist. Concussion of the brain resulted and it is believed he will die.



### LEADS IN HOME-BUILDING

Already; it is known that 1911 is to be the record year for residence construction in Portland. Permits have so far been issued for new homes to cost \$2,000,000.

In this great home-building movement Laurelhurst is in the lead. More than 80 new residences have been contracted for in Laurelhurst since January 1.

Laurelhurst lots are low in price—\$900 and up, 10 per cent cash, 2 per cent a month; 15 per cent discount to builders.

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### CANTALOUPES ONLY CROP

Freewater Man to Plant 15 Acres to Colorado Melons. PENDLETON, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—J. W. Muir, of Freewater, is to have the only exclusive cantaloupe farm in Oregon, if not in the Northwest. He has just announced his intention of planting his entire 15 acres to the melons and has sent to the Rocky Ford gardens in Colorado for tested seed. Four different varieties will be planted. Mr. Muir irrigates his farm by means of a gasoline motor and well, having developed a sufficient supply of water at very small expense.