

TWO TOWNS HAVE ROSEATE FUTURE

Addison Bennett Declares Laidlaw and Sisters Are Bound to Prosper.

CROOK ROADS ARE MARVELS

Hamlets, Victims of Irrigation Projects That Failed, to Thrive Under New Enterprises—Fine Farms Dot Section.

BY ADDISON BENNETT.
CLINE FALLS, Or., May 25.—(Staff Correspondence.)—This letter will cover my trip from Bend to this place, via Laidlaw and Sisters, a journey of about 45 miles, 37 of which were west of the Deschutes River.

Leaving Bend the road leads nearly due north on the east side of the river, and through a rocky and broken country. This land is all under the ditches of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company, but it does not seem possible to estimate 50 per cent of it as susceptible to cultivation, owing to the hills and rocks. There are Junipers and pines on all hands, and one large ditch is taken out a few miles below Bend for the irrigation of lands near Redmond. This is called the Swalley ditch, and the lands thereunder were among the first segregations of Carey lands in this section. The project was a sort of neighborhood enterprise, eight promoters each taking 150 acres, and the ditch was constructed by them for their own lands. It was from the first a well-managed company, and has been successful in every way. Contrary to such enterprises in general, they had a ditch carrying more water than needed, and it now waters fully 5000 acres.

About six miles north of Bend the road crosses the Deschutes, the bridge being a good one. Then down the east side about two miles is the little town of Laidlaw.

Town Charted Incorrectly.

If you look on the map for Laidlaw you will find it located east of the river, on the Hill road. Just how the map-makers made such an error, I do not know. But Laidlaw is assuredly on the west bank of the river, and is one of the prettiest townships in Oregon. The town is on a bench about 20 feet above the river. This bench, as level as a floor, runs back nearly a mile to the foothills, and up and down the river perhaps two miles.

Laidlaw is only a hamlet because of a "busted" irrigation enterprise. A number of years ago W. A. Laidlaw organized the Columbia Southern Irrigation Company, and under the Carey law 25,000 acres were set aside for watering by the ditch. The waters were to be taken from Tumalo Creek, a stream which flows from the east and enters the Deschutes about three miles south of Laidlaw. It was proposed to obtain the water for these lands by gravity flow from this stream, and the main canal and several miles of laterals were constructed, and some 7000 acres were actually watered. That was all that could be watered without a storage reservoir. Just how many extensions of time that company had, just how many people were forced to see their hopes of prosperity dwindle and die, just how the entire affair was managed and mismanaged, the court records and the files of the State Land Board will divulge.

Million Needed for Project.

Recently the company was reorganized in the Oregon, Washington & Idaho Finance Company, with Alma D. Katz as president and Otis B. Wright as secretary-treasurer. Whether this is another name for Mr. Laidlaw and his company the people do not know. It will take nearly \$1,000,000 to put in a reservoir of sufficient capacity to water these lands and clean up the old work. There is a splendid and feasible site, covering 1740 acres, a few miles to the southeast of Laidlaw. The dam would be only 50 feet high and less than 100 feet long. A new company would find at least \$600,000 already watered with water rates accruing to the old company. So it is an involved matter, and may take several years to work it out.

At Laidlaw W. D. Barnes, the banker, called up one of his near neighbors, a ranchman, John R. Coombs, and he brought in his machine and drove us for 20 or 30 miles around the town. I can tell you there is a splendid country thereabouts. Already there are many fine places, many prosperous people. But to bring the country up to what it should be will be impossible unless the ditch company is reorganized and capital obtained to complete the irrigation system, as the amount of land now tied up, exclusive of that watered, amounts to over 25,000 acres.

Great Dairying Predicted.

The altitude of Laidlaw is 2200 feet, but just at the town the exposure is such that all sorts of vegetables and berries can be grown, and many of the hardy fruits, and on the bench lands to the west, northwest and southwest the soil is well adapted to cereals and alfalfa, and in time there will be a prosperous dairy industry hereabouts. There is a large amount of fine building material near the town, a red material called tuff. The vault at the bank is built of this material. It is very easy to work when taken from the quarry, a saw or ax being the tools used to dress it. But it soon hardens, and is a beautiful building material. From Laidlaw to Sisters the distance is 25 miles, and through as fine a country as can be found in the interior. The road is splendid. I can find no words to explain the beauty of the river and those east of it, for the difference in favor of those west is almost beyond belief. From Laidlaw to Sisters, and from the latter place to Cline Falls, there are many miles of highway equal to the paved streets of Portland. And these roads never get muddy enough to interfere with travel. And yet the surrounding soil is of the very best to be found in this country.

3500 Miles of Road There.

Speaking of roads reminds me that there are over 3500 miles of them to be maintained by the authorities of Crook County. It is one of the best indorsements of an efficient county government I ever saw to find so many miles of excellent roads as there are in this county.

The drive to Sisters from Laidlaw gave me the greatest shock of my entire life. For I supposed Sisters was a hamlet close up under the Cascades, in a section of scant population, at an altitude far above the Hill railway town. But the altitude is around 300 feet below Redmond, 300 feet below Bend, the elevation being 2742 feet

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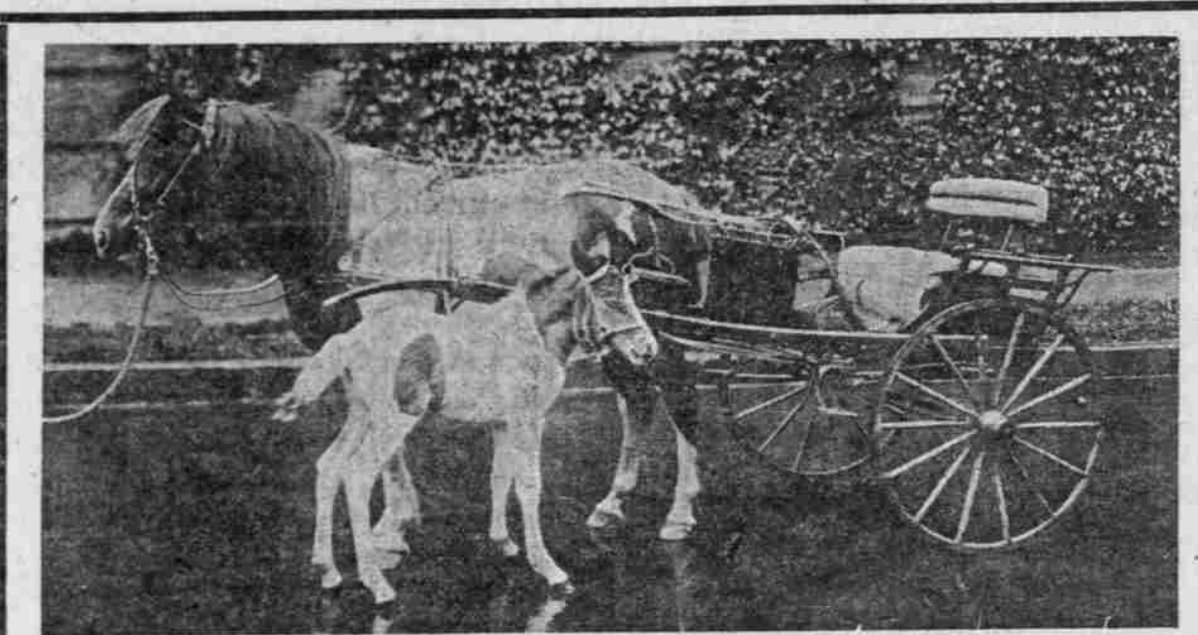
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about the same as Madras, as I recollect the Madras altitude to be.

The country seen from the road is, as a rule, at least 25 per cent of it being susceptible to irrigation and cultivation. There are some loose stones, but no rocky ledges, no hills and wind-rows of lava rock, as there are east of the river. And always through the pines and Junipers, the former being, as a rule, fine for lumbering. Indeed, there are two large mills close to the road, both running and turning out fine lumber.

Fine Farms Numerous.

There are many fine farms and much land under irrigation. After leaving the lands under the old Columbia Southern you reach those under ditches taken out of Squaw Creek, which flows along just to the south of Sisters. And many fields are being cleared, showing that a lot of new settlers are coming in. Sisters is but a small place, not owing to the country, but mostly to the road lands—a difficulty now removed, for these lands are now on the market at reasonable prices, and many of the new places mentioned above are on recently-purchased road lands. But every other section adjacent to Sisters has been held by the road company, the old Williamette Valley grant, and as they could not be bought the town has only had half of its territory opened. What this has meant to irrigation enterprises can be imagined.

The town itself is right in the pines, and as far as the eye can reach in any direction are more pines, with cleared lands intervening, with fine farms, aside from the road lands, every odd section for a strip of six miles in width, reaching clear across the county—and then some!

Scenic Trip Afforded.

Just keep a lookout for this section. Perhaps you would like to see it. Then wait until about the town of July and go down to Lebanon and drive over the Santiam Pass, a distance of 81 miles; or go to Albany and drive over the McKenzie Pass, 110 miles—either of which is as fine a scenic trip as can be had in Oregon.

The town is on the survey of the Corvallis & Eastern Railway, now completed from the Willamette Valley up the mountain as far as Detroit, about 55 miles from the Sisters. Work was going forward on this road when the panic seized Mr. Harriman. Grading was being done near Sisters, as well as over the pass. When will work be resumed? It surely will be in the near future.

Union's Boosters of Stock Show.

UNION, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—A delegation of 50 citizens of Union, on horseback, this week completed a novel advertising campaign for the Union Stock Show, to take place June 1, 2 and 3. The trip covered the towns of July and Lester, La Grande and Hot Lake, and intervening territory, and occupied two days. A four-horse team of Shetland ponies hitched to a light wagon accompanied the party. The advertisers were: George W. Benson, Will Vogel, Robert Withycombe, George A. Scribner, Harry Cooper, W. B. Gassett, Ralph Hutchinson, John Spain, Willis Phillips, G. W. Delany, C. B. Oral, J. H. Chase, W. J. Townley, J. A. Benson, Guy Church, Herbert Hall, R. J. Erland, H. J. Lucas, Will McCurrey, M. S. Levy, J. W. Spencer, Harvey Duke, Lester Nemp, Frank Edwell, H. E. Parrogau, William Wilson, Frank Wittman, Stanley Shaw, Benue Cochran, Harry Wolfe and Leonard Sims.

The ride covered practically 100 miles and took from Monday morning until Tuesday evening. The party was preceded by a bugler on a charger, who heralded the approach of the riders at every stopping place.

Many Newcomers Settle.

About eight miles east of Sisters the road plunges down into Deep Canyon, a gorge about 400 feet deep, but sloping up gradually to the east side. And here I found quite a little colony of homesteaders. One of them, H. M. Hanson, informed me that the entire township has been taken by homesteaders during the past few months. Some of the land is rough and rocky, but the location is by no means bad, and the newcomers are making good improvements.

From Deep Canyon to this place, about nine miles, the country is very rough, with no settlement until you get within a couple of miles of the river. Then there are two rather nice places and a large tract cleared and under irrigation just north of the town. Cline Falls is a place of a dozen houses, a store, hotel and feed barn. It lies just on the west bank of the Deschutes and has suffered from the same cause as Laidlaw. The river here has a fall of about 60 feet within a distance of 500 feet and one sheer fall of 45 feet. The falls are now being used to pump water for about 200 acres of adjacent land, thus utilizing about 500 horsepower, but 20,000 could be developed at a very small expense.

Pastor Invites Dallas Veterans.

DALLAS, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—In response to an invitation from Rev. Edgar Miles, pastor of the Presbyterian Church here, the veterans of the Civil War and Spanish-American War will attend memorial services in that church the evening of May 25.

Klamath Bonds Up Again.

DALLAS, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—A special election has been called for Klamath Falls to vote on the issuance of bonds for \$25,000 for the purchase of a site and the construction of a City Hall. Bonds for \$2500 to purchase sites for the dumping of the city's garbage are also to be voted on. The City Hall and garbage sites were voted at a special election last

Clatsop Association Elects.

ASTORIA, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—The Clatsop County Sunday School As-

retary-treasurer, Mrs. P. J. Brax; super-

intendent of elementary work, Mrs. N. E. Pettig; teacher training, Prof. J. G. Inel; home department, Mrs. Hodges; superintendent of adult class, Rev. D. W. Thurston; advanced division, Rev. G. R. Cromley.

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