LEWISTON NATURAL LOCATION FOR CITY

Waterways and Railroads and Fertile Soil Promise Great Future for Idaho Town.

BANK DEPOSITS $2,683,067

Grain, Fruit, Vegetables and Livestock Produced in Abundance in Nez Perce County—Community Proud of Schools.

BY ADDISON BENNETT.

LEWISTON, Nez Perce County, Idaho, Aug. 16.—(Special Correspondence.)—When does a place cease to be a town and become a city? That is a question I have been asking myself since I learned that the Lewiston people claim only a population of 8000, when the place has more city airs than many towns I have visited with double that number of inhabitants. For instance, I attended a "movie" last night and every one of the 700 seats was taken and most of them were filled more than twice during the evening. And two others were running at the same time to their seating capacity.

Yesterday and today I have been taking in the town, and have visited several real office buildings. These have not as yet reached the elevator class, but several of them are three stories high, and in none of them did I see a vacant office, and every one of them has fine polished floors, and the janitors keep the floors and windows spick and span.

This is evidently a town of much wealth. The bank statements just published show this. The aggregate capital, surplus and undivided profits of the three banks and one trust company amounts to $557,774, while the deposits sum up a total of $2,683,067. If the city of Portland is 28 times as large as Lewiston, there ought to be in that city a bank capital of $15,617,673, and the banks there ought to have deposits amounting to $75,125,876, and they haven't got it by a jugful. To carry the comparison a step further, the First National Bank here has a capital and surplus of $241,280; to equal that the strongest bank in Portland ought to have invested $6,755,840, and deposits of $43,271,200, and they haven't got it. The latter figures are based on the statement of the First National Bank here, which has deposits, or had on August 9, amounting to $1,545,400.

Yesterday I had a ride out southeast of town through the properties of the Lewiston Land & Water Company. This is one of the big corporations operating here, the chief stockholders being Portland people. Walter F. Burrell is president; H. L. Powers, late of Hartman, Thompson & Powers, general manager; S. B. Stedman, sales manager, and W. S. Thomler, horticulturist.

Large Crops Anticipated.

I cannot take the space necessary to go into details about the operations of this company, but they have several thousand acres of farm land and this year will thresh some 20,000 bushels of grain, peas and beans, will put up 600 tons of hay, have several hundred acres of corn, a lot of alfalfa—they are doing things on a big scale. They are working well on to 100 men in the fields and have 80 teams of horses and several traction engines. Their orchards look fine, mighty fine, and within two or three more years the amount of fruit produced ought to run up to the hundreds of carloads.

Lewiston has now three railroads, the O.-W. R. & N., the Northern Pacific and the Clearwater Short Line, which runs out to Stites, about 90 miles, through a wonderfully fertile country. Another road is now building southeast into the Nez Perce country, to Vollmer, about 60 miles, where it hooks up with a road now running to the town of Nez Perce. About four miles of this new road is now graded up the Snake towards Asotin, but it leaves the river this side of that town and swings off to the east.

Tributary Country Is Wonderful.

I suppose every person, or nearly every one, who reads this has heard of the wonderful Nez Perce country. Indeed, a very large stretch of Northern Idaho tributary to Lewiston is the cream of that state. Then think of the Palouse country to the north and west, think of the neighboring county across the river, Whitman, producing 9,000,000 bushels of grain this season—nearly every season! Wonderful is no name for the country lying practically in Lewiston's dooryard.

I had the pleasure today of making a visit to Bob Sleichers' place, about five miles up the Clearwater. Bob has been in this country, rather in this section, since 1872. He perhaps knows more about grapes than any man in the West, and years ago he set out a vineyard on his place up there. He has all told about 500 acres of rolling land on the benches a short distance back from the Clearwater. He has experimented with about all of the various varieties of grapes, peaches, apples, pears and English and black walnuts. He has his own water supply, and with it he keeps everything he plants growing fine. He has a good many acres of alfalfa, a large field of splendid corn, has berries of all sorts, asparagus, rhubarb, raises oodles of vegetables—has a place that would make any real farmer's mouth water just to look at it.

And now Bob is sidestepping everything for the hog business! Is Bob crazy? Wait a few years, brother, and the question will be easy to answer.

Lewiston a Home City.

To live in Lewiston is to live in a town worth while. The people of this place are not living in the Past, but in the Present and the Future—particularly the Present. Every young person now residing here ought to be taught that he is enjoying a privilege greater than any of the potentates of the Old World ever lived under or ever will live under. Some day in the near future the Panama Canal will be completed, the Celilo Canal and locks completed, and at about the same time there will be a road running from O.-W. R. & N. at Huntington, part of which has been completed, to connect with its lines now in operation between here and Portland. Remember the route. Remember you can drop a chip in the Snake at the bridge east of Huntington and if nothing happens to it, you can pick it out as it floats past the mouth of the Willamette. You can drop another in the Grand Ronde and it will join the other just south of Lewiston and bear the first chip company. In other words the waters flow from all Southern Idaho past Lewiston to get to Portland and the sea.

When the road mentioned and the waterways mentioned are built you will see the population here materially increase. You will see nearly all of the great wholesale houses of Portland with branches here, for this is bound to be and sure to be the distributing point for a vast country of great wealth and greater possibilities.

Reports From Vessels.

(By Marconi Wireless.)

Steamer Multnomah, for Portland, ten miles off Cape Mendocino at 8 P. M., August 17.

Steamer Oleum, Portland to Port Hartford, 375 miles north of San Francisco, at 8 P. M., August 17.

Steamer Herrin, Portland to Monterey, 194 miles south of Columbia River, at 8 P. M., August 17.

Steamer Wilhelmina, Honolulu to San Francisco, 951 miles from San Francisco, at 8 P. M.

Steamer Korea, San Francisco to Orient, 1626 miles from San Francisco, at 8 P. M., August 16.

Steamer Enterprise, San Francisco to Hilo, 170 miles from San Francisco, at 8 P. M., August 16.

Steamer Persia, San Francisco to Orient, 1474 miles west of Honolulu, at 8 P. M., August 16.

Steamer China, Orient to San Francisco, 660 miles west of Honolulu, at 8 P. M., August 16.

Steamer Phelps, Honolulu to Port San Luis, latitude 33.10 north, Longitude 143.42 west, at 8 P. M., August 16.

Steamer Centralia, off Anacapa, bound south, at 8 P. M., August 17.

Bear Charged With Speeding.

Captain N. Matisen, of the schooner Rosamond, has filed a complaint alleging that the steamer Bear exceeded the speed limit in the river last Friday and an investigation of the charge will be made by Harbormaster Speier at 9 o'clock this morning. Captain Nopander, of the Bear, recently was fined $100 for breaking the speed limit in Los Angeles harbor. It is alleged by Matisen that damage was caused to his schooner by the swell which the larger vessel created when she passed the North Pacific Mills. Maximum speed in the harbor is eight miles an hour, and it is alleged the Bear went at a 15-mile clip.

TONE OF PAPERS IN MEXICO IS BITTER

Animosity Toward United States Shown, but Not Toward Lind.

ENVOY LIKED PERSONALLY

Huerta Not to Delay His Reply to President Wilson Later Than Tuesday or Wednesday—Idea of Mediation Repugnant.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 17.—Ex-Governor John Lind and his mission in Mexico City serves to fill several columns of local newpapers today, but so far as the Mexican government was concerned it was merely a case of marking time.

Mr. Lind is waiting for the Mexican government to make the next move and there prevails the opinion in the capital that Provisional President Huerta will not delay his reply to President Wilson later than Tuesday or Wednesday.

It is known that Mexican government officials are considering the proposition, but the public generally professes to believe that General Huerta will reject any proposal which might be construed as interference.

The idea of mediation by a commission representing the South American republics is no less repugnant to the Mexican mind than the one representing solely the United States.

The newspapers of Mexico City betray, editorially and in their news columns, their bitterness toward the United States. This is emphasized by caricatures published of Mr. Lind, "Uncle Sam" and Dr. William Bayard Hale, but toward Mr. Lind personally there is manifested a feeling that is almost friendly. The public and officials appear to have conceived for him a personal liking which is reflected in the newspapers.

Mr. Lind remains wholly uncommunicative to the public, however, being fixed in his determination not to discuss politics with unofficial Mexicans. He spent the entire day at the United States embassy reading and writing and receiving a few callers, but aside from his communications with Washington he appeared to have done nothing further in the matter of his mission.

NEW PORTRAIT OF MEXICO'S PROVISIONAL HEAD AND SNAPSHOT OF PRESIDENT WILSON'S SPECIAL COMMISSIONER.

LEFT—HUERTA. RIGHT—R. DEL VALLE, OF CALIFORNIA, WHOSE REPORT, FOLLOWING HIS TRIP OF INVESTIGATION, RESULTED IN AMBASSADOR WILSON'S REMOVAL.

NEW ROAD IS RUMORED

BRITISH CAPITAL TO BACK REPORTED PROJECT.

Vast Timber and Mineral Section in Lower California and Sonora Will Be Opened Up.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 17.—(Special)—Southern Pacific employes at Imperial report that a survey is now being run for a railroad which is to connect Ensenada, Lower California, with the Southern Pacific of Mexico and Magdalena by way of Mexicali.

The project is reported to be backed by British capital and L. B. Royse, representative of the syndicate, made the announcement last week in Magdalena that the Huerta Government would renew a concession made years ago for this road by the Mexican Government. The road is to be 450 miles long and will open a rich mining and agricultural country in Lower California and Sonora, whose development has been hindered by lack of railroad facilities.

The capitalists represented by Royse have vast interests in this district which are worthless without railroads. The report is substantiated by the fact that, when officials of the El Paso and Southwestern were at Imperial recently in denying a rumor that they would enter this city, they told of surveys that were to be made south of the line.

LIGHTNING KILLS PHONES

Electric Flashes Startle Residents of Washington Town.

ALBION, Wash., Aug. 17.—(Special.)—During an early morning shower lightning struck three places in Albion, nearly putting central telephone stations out of commission and burning out telephones throughout the town and surrounding country.

Several persons were severely shocked and G. W. Gates, president of the Albion State Bank, had a narrow escape from death. He was sitting on the front porch when the bolt struck a wire leading to the ground near his feet. The flash temporarily blinded Mr. Gates, and he was in a dazed condition for several minutes. Lightning also struck in the sidehill back of town and in the garden of Professor W. H. Davis.

FERREL'S WIVES FRIENDS

Alleged Bigamist, Out on Bail, Rearraigned at Ontario.

ONTARIO, Or., Aug. 17.—(Special.)—Ray Ferrel, who was recently held to the District Court under a $5000 bond for bigamy and who was later released, with his first wife, under habeas corpus proceedings, has been rearraigned and placed under $2500 bonds. He was successful in getting new security and is now living with both wives at the Richardson home on the Fruitland bench across the river from here.

All is serene, apparently, with the two wives and husband and the best of friendship exists between the three. T. J. Richardson, father of the second wife, was instrumental in securing his release on bonds.

MURDERED MAN UNARMED

J. A. Boyle Had No Weapon When Shot by Editor, Jury's Finding.

QUINCY, Cal., Aug. 17.—Evidence at the Coroner's inquest tonight over the body of J. A. Boyle, who was shot and killed last night by F. Hall, editor of the Plumas National Bulletin, showed that Boyle was unarmed and that the two men did not engage in a revolver duel, as first reported.

Hall fired five shots at Boyle, three of which took effect. Hall then shot himself in the leg.

VOTE PROHIBITED DURING WAR

Mexican Rebels Must Cease Before Election Can Be Called.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The Mexican situation continued apparently unchanged today with President Wilson and Secretary Bryan awaiting the Huerta Government's reply to the preliminary note delivered by John Lind to Foreign Minister Gamboa, outlining the position of the United States. Mr. Bryan let it be known that he expected no reply for a day or two. The fact that Mr. Lind had established relations with the Huerta government through Minister Gamboa, following reported declarations which almost threatened deportation of President Wilson's personal representative, leads officials here to take a more hopeful view of the situation.

Representatives of the Constitutionalists here are watching developments with keenest interest. If Huerta is disposed to accept that part of the American proposal looking to elections that element may come into the negotiations.

It is said the Mexican constitution prohibits the holding of a general election during a period of insurrection, and to comply with President Wilson's desire for a free and fair election, something would be done to induce the Constitutionalists to consent to a truce.

So far it is stated officially that the Administration here has had no communication direct with the Constitutionalists.

The reopening of telegraphic communication between Juarez and the city of Chihuahua was reported to the State Department today by receipt of a message from American Consul Letcher confirming the previous report from the consul at Juarez of the safety of the American Hulse family, whose perilous situation led Senator Penrose to address the Senate last Friday.

REFUGEES ARRIVE AT BORDER

Juarez Being Heavily Fortified Against Possible Rebel Attack.

EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 17.—Eight trains under Federal military escort of 2000 men commanded by Colonels Romero, Mancilla and Alberto Torrazas, reached Juarez last night. Twenty American men and women and 11 children came on one train.

The Federals brought three cannon and a number of rapid fire guns for defense against possible Constitutionalist attack. The trains were six days on the road from Chihuahua. Three of them were empty cars to be reloaded with provisions for Chihuahua City. Each visit of Colonel Torrazas to this city means purchases amounting to approximately $100,000. The Juarez-Chihuahua division of the Mexican National is the only railroad operating in the state capital for the past three months.

Telegraphic communication with Chihuahua has been re-established. General Inez Salazar, commanding 1000 men is repairing the railroad near Villa Ahumada.

Constitutional Colonel Toribio Ortega, leading the remnants of his columns defeated in the battle of Rancheria two weeks ago, is reported by the Federals to be at Buena Venture, west of the National Railroad within a short distance from Ascension, where General Villa has maintained headquarters for the last two months.

MOOSE OFFICIALS INDICTED

Manslaughter Charge Sequel to Initiation Which Ended Fatally.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 17.—(Special.)—Indictments by the Coroner's jury on a charge of manslaughter of four officials of the Order of Moose, charging them with responsibility for the death of Christopher C. Gustin and Donald A. Kenney, while being initiated in the order, have created more than statewide interest and will be fully investigated also by the National order.

Gustin and Kenney both were young married men. They were initiated during a lively session recently.

According to testimony before the Coroner's jury, the initiation exercises were varied and strenuous. One feature was to shock the candidates with an electric current. Both young men were in good health and physical condition. To the surprise and horror of the members present, the two candidates keeled over dead under the electric current administered. Thir families are understood to be preparing for damage suits against the order pending the action of the authorities.

FIRE CAUSES $5000 LOSS

Three Business Places Damaged and Building Gutted.

Fire of unknown origin last night at 9 o'clock gutted the photograph gallery of W. F. Shanafelt, at 508 Williams avenue, an agency of the Hess Gas Heater Company and the Wayside Inn Saloon at 510 Williams. The fire started under a stairway in the rear of the gallery, went up to the roof of the one-story frame building in which the three places are housed and ate its way across into the two other establishments. The total damaged will not exceed $5000.

The building is valued at $2000, is insured, and was badly damaged. The stock and fixtures of the saloon were damaged by water and the same is true of the water heater company's stock. The total of the loss of stock in the three places is about $3000.

Patrolman Weber turned in an alarm from a nearby box and two engines and a truck responded.

LIQUOR MEN ARE ARRESTED

Violation of Sunday Closing Law and "Bootlegging" Charged.

A man with a weighty satchel, carried by a strap over his shoulder, led Detectives Hyde and Vaughn and Police Captain Riley to several alleged violations of the Sunday liquor laws last night.

When they detained the carrier and found in his possession six quart bottles of beer they proceeded to the Fior d'Italia restaurant and arrested a dishwasher, John Mosca, and by searching around in the rear of the restaurant found the next door saloon was open, whereupon they arrested L. Roselini, proprietor of the saloon. Mosca was charged with "bootlegging" and Roselini with keeping his saloon open on Sunday.

PETITIONS HELD FALSE

San Francisco Official to Prosecute in Referendum Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—Assistant District Attorney Ferrari announced yesterday that he had completed his investigation into the alleged false signatures discovered by the Registrar on the petitions for referendum and would begin prosecution of the alleged offenders Monday.

On that day Ferrari said he will file in the police courts more than a score of warrants charging different defendants with perjury.

Auto Crank Breaks Man's Arm.

R. H. Ewing, bookkeeper, living at 466 East Caruthers street, suffered a broken arm last night when the engine of his automobile "backfired" as he was cranking it on the Linnton Road. The crank struck against his arm. He was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital. He is 22 years old.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Aug. 17.—Maximum temperature, 68.5 degrees; minimum, 55.5 degrees. River reading at 8 A. M., 7.3 feet; change in last 24 hours, 0.1 foot rise. Total rainfall (5 P. M. to 5 P. M.), 0.15 inch; total rainfall since September 1, 1912, 39.40 inches; normal rainfall since September 1, 44.75 inches; deficiency of rainfall since September 1, 1912, 5.35 inches. Total sunshine August 17, 6 hours, 13 minutes; possible sunshine, 14 hours, 4 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea-level) at 5 P. M., 30.10 inches.

THE WEATHER.

STATIONS	Maximum temp.	Precipitation past 24 hours	Wind Velocity	Wind Direction	State of Weather
Baker	68	0.00	10	NW	Clear
Boise	80	0.00	10	NW	Clear
Boston	96	0.00	12	SW	Clear
Calgary	54	0.42	.....	.....	Cloudy
Chicago	82	0.00	12	N	Clear
Colfax	75	0.60	20	S	Clear
Denver	86	0.02	8	W	Cloudy
Des Moines	84	0.00	6	E	Cloudy
Duluth	74	0.22	6	NE	Cloudy
Eureka	62	0.00	24	N	Clear
Helena	78	0.01	4	NW	Pt. cloudy
Jacksonville	86	0.02	8	NE	Clear
Kansas City	92	0.76	4	E	Cloudy
Klamath Falls	71	0.00	4	N	Clear
Laurier	77	0.17	4	S	Pt. cloudy
Los Angeles	78	0.00	10	W	Clear
Marshfield	72	0.04	4	NW	Clear
Medford	76	0.00	8	NW	Clear
Montreal	88	0.00	10	S	Cloudy
New Orleans	86	0.01	4	SE	Pt. cloudy
New York	92	0.00	14	W	Cloudy
North Head	60	0.44	12	SW	Pt. cloudy
North Yakima	72	0.02	8	W	Clear
Pendleton	82	0.00	6	W	Pt. cloudy
Phoenix	98	0.00	4	NW	Clear
Pocatello	86	0.00	8	S	Clear
Portland	68	0.15	6	W	Pt. cloudy
Roseburg	76	0.02	8	W	Clear
Sacramento	86	0.00	8	S	Clear
St. Louis	98	0.00	12	S	Pt. cloudy
St. Paul	88	T.	8	NE	Cloudy
Salt Lake	88	0.00	4	S	Clear
San Francisco	64	0.00	22	SW	Clear
Spokane	70	0.04	14	SW	Cloudy
Tacoma	64	0.54	4	SW	Rain
Tatoosh Island	56	0.10	14	S	Pt. cloudy
Walla Walla	74	0.00	14	W	Cloudy
Washington	90	0.00	.....	.....	Pt. cloudy
Weiser	82	0.00	6	SW	Cloudy
Wenatchee	80	0.04	4	N	Cloudy
Winnipeg	68	0.02	10	N	Rain
Yellowston Park	76	0.00	10	SW	Clear

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

A large high-pressure area overlies Central Canada and is advancing southeastward. Low pressure obtains over most of the Western Highland, but the pressure has increased materially in the last 24 hours over the Pacific Northwest. Showers have fallen in Western Oregon, Washington, Montana, Western Canada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Colorado, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, the Ohio Valley, Gulf States and Eastern Florida. Thunder storms were reported from Seattle, Kalispell, Helena, Denver, Huron and Pittsburg. The rainfall was heavy in Eastern South Dakota and Southeastern Texas. The weather is warmer on the Washington Coast, in Yellowstone Park, Eastern North Dakota, Iowa, Western Tennessee, Southeastern Louisiana and Southern New England, and it is cooler in Oregon, Interior Washington, Northern Idaho, Western Montana, British Columbia, Alberta, Colorado, Western Kansas, Western Louisiana, Western North Dakota, Manitoba, Minnesota and Maine. Elsewhere temperature changes have been unimportant. In general in the Rocky Mountain States and westward to the Pacific Coast, while unseasonable warm weather obtains over the eastern portion of the country.

The conditions are favorable for generally fair weather Monday in this district, with rising temperatures in the interior. Generally westerly winds will obtain.

FORECASTS:

Portland and vicinity—Fair and warmer; westerly winds.

Oregon and Washington—Generally fair, warmer except near the coast; generally westerly winds.

Idaho—Fair, with rising temperature in west portion.

THEODORE F. DRAKE,
Acting District Forecaster.

Portland Resident 37 Years Dead.

Mrs. Mary E. Lyons, wife of James Lyons, died yesterday morning after several weeks' illness, at the family residence, 189 East Fifteenth street. She had been a resident of Portland for 37 years and leaves a husband and five children, Mrs. H. G. Terry, Mrs. L. W. Cronan, James A., Frank L. and William J. Lyons. There will be high mass over the remains at St. Francis Church at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning. Interment will be at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

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Long ago unscrupulous people used to take a cat tied in a bag to market, where they tried to sell it for a pig. If, however, a purchaser opened the bag before buying, the cat, of course, jumped out, displaying the fraud. Hence the term, "letting the cat out of the bag."