

# NO HARD TIMES AT BAKER CITY

Eastern Oregon Metropolis Never More Prosperous Than at Present.

## WORK FOR ALL COMERS

No Man Need Be Idle if He Really Wants a Job, Says William J. Patterson—Tells of Rapid Progress.

That Baker City, the center of one of the richest agricultural, mining, stockraising and lumbering districts of the state, is on the threshold of the most prosperous year in its history is the firm belief of William J. Patterson, who has lived in Baker for a quarter of a century and who for years has been one of the most loyal "boosters" of his section. Though he himself is not extensively engaged in mining in the Burnt River placer district, where nuggets of gold as large as home eggs are plentiful, Mr. Patterson does not emphasize mining when he boosts for Baker. The fact is, he says, that the timber and agricultural resources of the country surrounding his city, which are now overabundant in the public mind by the timber industry, are destined to play a most important part in the upbuilding of the Eastern Oregon metropolis.

As proof of his theory, Mr. Patterson, who during the week was a visitor at the headquarters of the Oregon Development League, at the Portland Commercial Club, stated the fact that during the year 1907 Baker City shipped daily an average of 12 cars of finished lumber to the Eastern markets, while during the same season, on a farm two miles north of Baker, 200 acres of land yielded 103 bushels of oats to the acre, and another farm gave 100 bushels of barley to the acre from 80 acres in the same vicinity.

### No Idle Men There.

Baker City does not know the meaning of the phrase hard times. "There is not an idle man of any account in Baker County," says Mr. Patterson. "Any man who is able-bodied and willing to work can get a job within 24 hours after he strikes town, and at good living wages."

"Baker has passed through the panic without a business failure," Mr. Patterson continued. "While business has been quiet for the past three months, the effect of the panic has not been as marked in Baker City as it is in many other Western towns. There is no room for complaint at this time. The merchants had the faith of the future to 'stock up,' anticipating a normal Spring trade, and in this they have not been disappointed. In fact, some of the larger stores report actual business greater for the first three months of 1908 than for the same period of 1907."

"The three banks, with deposits of about \$2,000,000, stood up and met all demands during the panic, and are in splendid condition. The only knowledge we had of a panic was in reading the newspapers, as not even a photograph of a clearing-house certificate was in evidence in Baker City."

"There is no boom, nor has there been a boom since 1900, and we don't want a boom, but we have had, especially for the past three years, a steady, substantial growth. For this Spring and Summer there will be expended in new enterprises over \$1,500,000."

"Among the most important improvements will be the building and completion of the Baker Valley Railroad, extending 65 miles into the rich agricultural, fruit and livestock region and great copper and gold mining and timber district lying northeast of Baker City. Seven miles of the road bed is now graded and a large force of men will soon be set at work to complete the line. Baker City is the hub of this vast empire of diversified resources to be opened up by the new Eagle Valley Railroad, on the northeast, and by the Sumpter Valley Railroad, extending 47 miles to the southwest."

"It was for Tom Richardson, manager of the Portland Commercial Club, to come to Baker last week and tell us some of the great possibilities of

# our own country, and how intelligently to develop them. This he did on practical lines, before the most enthusiastic lot of people that ever came together for the 'good of the order.'

"More than \$100,000 has been invested in private irrigation enterprises adjacent to Baker City, and over 10,000 acres of new sagebrush land was put into cultivation in 1907. A greater acreage will be put under the plow this year."

"The Oakrow electric power plant now under construction, will develop 200 horsepower. The United States Postoffice and Federal building will cost over \$150,000 when completed. The St. Francis Hospital, now under construction, will cost \$50,000. The Catholic Cathedral, just completed, cost \$50,000, and is the finest in the state. The County Courthouse will cost over \$100,000 when completed, and work is well under way. A number of streets will be paved this year, costing \$50,000 to \$60,000. The Citizens' National Bank building will cost over \$30,000, and the foundation is now about completed. The Carnegie Library contract will be let on June 1. The building will cost \$30,000. Several residences and business houses costing \$250 to \$10,000 will be completed this year, some of which are now under way."

"The payroll of Baker City will average now about \$65,000 a month, and more improvements are now under way than ever before."

### Not a Mining Camp.

"One of the main points I wish to emphasize is the indisputable fact that Baker City is more than a mining town. It is true that the mining industry is a great factor and an important industry in and near Baker City, and is now being carried on in an intelligent manner. Over \$30,000 a month is paid out in wages in the mining district tributary to Baker City, and this industry creates a great part of the splendid life in Baker City, but the timber, fruit and agricultural industries and possibilities of Baker City are not excelled in any county of Oregon. Over 2,000,000 pounds of wool was shipped from Baker City to Eastern markets during 1907."

"There is over \$200,000 invested in lodge buildings, nearly the same amount in public school buildings, and \$100,000 in private school buildings. The assessable value of property is over \$25,000,000. The tax rate is low, and Baker County is out of debt and has money on hand to pay current obligations and to build the new \$100,000 Courthouse."

"Baker City boasts the finest water supply in the West-Cedar River not excepted. The system is owned by the city and the supply is taken from a snow-cold mountain stream 15 miles from the town."

### AWAKES AFTER 85 DAYS

Mrs. Hawkins Ends Long Sleep and Talks Rationally.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 2.—After an unbroken sleep which extended over a period of 85 days, Mrs. Beulah Hawkins, a patient at the County Hospital, awakened early this morning and asked for a drink of milk. Her return to consciousness was entirely unexpected. A nurse, attracted by the sound of rapping, entered Mrs. Hawkins' room to find the patient sitting up in bed with her eyes open. Physicians were summoned and the woman talked rationally with them for some time. It was found that she was able to stand and had control of her faculties, although still weak.

Mrs. Hawkins had previously slept for a period of 40 days, and has once been an inmate of an insane asylum. Her case is diagnosed as negative insanity.

### GIVES UP HIS RELIGION

Prince Helle to Become Protestant to Marry Mme. Gould.

ROME, May 2.—One of the greatest difficulties in the marriage between the Prince de Saxe and Mme. Anna Gould is the fact that the Catholic Church, not recognizing divorce, has refused to annul Mme. Gould's first marriage. The Prince is determined to marry Mme. Gould, and to this end he has decided to become a Protestant, as this will enable the couple to be united by both a civil and religious marriage ceremony. If the Prince remained a Catholic there could be no religious ceremony, and consequently his wife would not be accepted by society.

### JAPANESE WERE AT FAULT

Punished for Assaulting Consulate at Mukden.

MUKDEN, May 2.—The assault episode of April 8 at the American Consulate here has been closed. The American staff has been exonerated and three of the Japanese officials have been punished.

# BILL NOT OPPOSED

People Must Vote on Division of Wasco County.

## UNDER INITIATIVE LAW

Hood River Residents Assert The Dalles Is Now Willing That Project Shall Be Carried Out.

Residents of the western part of Wasco County report that their initiative bill for the creation of Hood River County is not opposed. People residing in The Dalles who had heretofore fought county division not only signed the initiative petitions for a vote on the question, but have assured their Hood River neighbors that they will support the project by their votes in the June election.

The people of Hood River complain that they are too far removed from their county seat and desire a county government of their own. Under a recent ruling of the Supreme Court it was held that the State Legislature does not have the power to create municipal corporations. The effect of the ruling was to require the submission of the question of the new county by initiative bill to a vote of the state in June.

The territory embraced within the proposed new county contains an area of about 500 square miles, with an assessable valuation of \$2,700,000, from which it is argued, adequate taxes would be produced on a fair rate of taxation for maintaining a county government. The district contains a population of about 7500. After Hood River County has been created there will remain in Wasco County an area of 1646 square miles, a population of 11,500 and a property valuation of \$6,457,720.

### Not a Local Question.

"The question of the creation of Hood River County is not a local matter," said A. A. Jayne, president of the Hood River Commercial Club, yesterday. "The State Supreme Court has held that the Legislature cannot create a municipal corporation. This includes counties, and we are obliged to submit the question to a vote of the electors of the state. Bills for the creation of Hood River County were presented in the State Legislature at the 1905 and 1907 sessions, and, although it was conceded that the people of Hood River were entitled to a county of their own, the measure was defeated at both sessions through the complications that arose."

"The friends of the proposed new county have no hesitancy in submitting the question to the voters of the state, feeling confident that they are justified in asking for county division at this time."

### Revenue in Plenty.

"There is no question that with taxes from an assessed property valuation of nearly \$3,000,000, sufficient revenue would be produced for meeting all necessary expenses of the county government. We are simply asking the people of the state to ratify by their votes in June what practically has been agreed to by the people of Wasco County, who are the most directly interested."

"The growth of the Hood River district has been remarkable in the last eight years," said Leslie Butler, president of the Butler Banking Company, of Hood River, who was in Eugene yesterday with Mr. Jayne. "In 1900 I went to Hood River and opened a bank, my books at the close of the first year showing total deposits aggregating only \$30,000. In the next four years these deposits increased to \$160,000. The First National Bank was then established. This was followed by the Hood River Banking & Trust Company and two smaller banks at White Salmon, which serve the same territory reached by our banks at Hood River. From a

# ACRE TRACTS

## I can sell you an acre close in for less than a lot farther out will cost you

# NOW WHICH IS THE BETTER PROPOSITION?

**T**HIS sounds a little too good, you may think, and maybe you'll begin to look for a "joker" in my offer, but you won't find any, because there is no "joker." My proposition is clean-cut just as I say it and even better than it sounds.

¶ I am talking about Madison Villa on the Salem Electric, eighteen minutes from the center of town, and although the transient car fare is ten cents, the fare for people living in the district is the regulation five cents. I am not selling Madison Villa in lots but in acre tracts at from \$550 to \$800, according to choice, in a district where platted lot property is selling to as high as \$1500 the acre.

¶ Frankly, Madison Villa would be selling in lots instead of acres had I my way, but there are other parties interested who insist upon having the property sold out at once, hence this opportunity.

¶ The absolutely staggering fact is this, that within 20 minutes or a comparative distance from the business center you cannot buy a lot for what I can sell you an acre of A No. 1 soil in Madison Villa. An acre which you can divide into lots yourself if you like, or grow on it anything that you want to grow.

# Madison Villa Acres

Have just been put on the market. This is the first announcement. There are just 80 acre tracts in the property. Madison Villa is so situated as not to have been seen by everyone, being in district just opened by the Salem Electric line. The cars, which are the finest in the West, are now in operation, and you don't have to cross any drawbridges.

¶ This new line will make a tremendous change in values in this section, but remember, you've got to own something in order to participate in the profits. Your investment in Madison Villa will multiply over and over again in the next five years, or the opinion of the shrewdest men in Portland means nothing.

## These Facts Will Set You Thinking

In Irvington, 23 minutes out, a single 50-foot lot will cost you \$1000 to \$2000 and up. Sunnyside, 15 to 20 minutes out; 30 minutes on the Rose City Park, Mt. Tabor or Peninsula lines will not take you out of the high-priced lot district.

### Now Compare Madison Villa Acre Tracts

Eighteen minutes out on the Salem Electric Line, the best-equipped R. R. in Portland. Prices \$550 to \$800 per Acre and Easy Terms of Payment

# OTHER FEATURES

- ¶ Every acre in Madison Villa is cleared and in cultivation. There is no rock nor gravel—the ground is rich and will produce anything that will grow in the state.
- ¶ In this and every large city distance is measured by the time required to make it. Such, in fact, governs the market. Appraise Madison Villa, then, from a standpoint of actual distance—distance measured by minutes, price or possibilities—and you absolutely must admit that it's the most wonderful opportunity on the Pacific Slope today. As I said before, it is not my pleasure to sell, but majority rules, so take your choice at these prices.
- ¶ Take the car from Front and Jefferson, and come and see Madison Villa today. Don't misunderstand me—the transient fare is 10 cents, but the fare to Madison Villa residents 5c, and only 18 minutes' ride. Get off at Alder Springs. Agent at the tract (Sunday), or for further information see

# F. BRESKE

444 SHERLOCK BUILDING — PHONE PACIFIC 1914

Residence property with a future, in value and exclusiveness, must not be located within sound of the hum and whir of machinery, locomotives and whistles; the desirable and valuable lot must be far removed from the smoke-stack, cattle-yard and busy hum of industries.

Every advertisement in this paper is an appeal to you, the reader. Each advertiser may believe the property he offers is the best, he invites your attention, presents his proposition and if possible prevails on you to buy.

That's his business, to sell. He is expected to use all fair means and arguments to convince you that he offers the proper thing. Some properties require more means and arguments to consummate a sale than others. Did you ever notice that? Did you ever notice that the most desirable properties are the least advertised?

When you find a property that sells unadvertised, you will find something that appeals to people of judgment, true home-builder and judicious investor; something well-located, something of merit.

One hundred and twenty-four lots in Lenox have been sold without advertising; one hundred more have been given us to dispose of. They range in price from \$350 to \$650, with improvements. A special inducement is the terms, a high-class property on terms of the ordinary; only \$10 cash and \$10 per month.

Lenox was formerly the H. B. Oatman estate, located in Southeast Portland on Woodstock carline at Holgate street station. Many of the lots command an unobstructed view of Portland and always will. They are choice, good values, good investment. Take Woodstock car to Holgate-street Station today. Agent on the ground all day.

## CHURCHILL-MATTHEWS CO.

GENERAL SELLING AGENTS 110 SECOND STREET

total of \$36,000 in 1900, deposits in the Hood River banks have increased to \$800,000.

"I mention these statistics merely to show the growth of our section of Wasco County as a basis for our claims for a separate county. Not only have our bank deposits grown amazingly, but the assessable value of the property in the district proposed to be included in the new county has increased from \$908,000 in 1903 to \$2,700,000 for 1907."

**Blue Print Company Wins.**

Judgment for \$40 against T. A. Tyroll was given the Portland Blue Print Company in the Circuit Court, yesterday forenoon. Suit was brought to collect on a large quantity of prints furnished and the court held the blue-print company was entitled to the full amount of its claim.

**DOLLARS OR SCHOLARS**

Standard on Which Choice of American Ambassadors Is Based.

New York Evening Post.

International jealousies and demands of a social kind abroad are at the expense of the American diplomatic service. We hear of no questions of ability to entertain gorgeously raised in connection with the envoys from any other nation. Must we change the old definition, and make it read that an American Ambassador is a man sent abroad to spend \$100,000 a year for his country? The contrast with an earlier day seems painful. When George Bancroft was Minister to Germany no one asked what was his yearly outlay on cut

flowers and champagne. No American diplomatist ever stood higher than George P. Marsh, for so many years our representative in Italy; but he was merely a scholar of international reputation, and a delightful gentleman, who lived on his salary. Lowell's great success in England was won on the contents rather of his head than his pocket. Mr. Bayard was held in high esteem in London, though he was compelled to live modestly. Are such examples no longer possible?

We must, in fairness, admit that the scale of things has inevitably changed during the past 30 years. All must see that social intercourse counts more in diplomacy than it used to; and the standards of hospitality have become more expensive. It is hard to think of an ambassador's talk if his wines and his entertainments are always good. This aside, it is clear that a diplomat cannot pick up

more valuable information, and arrive at a better knowledge of public opinion in clubs and social gatherings than when shut up in an office. But all these considerations only show how inapt our Congress has been in raising so many limitations to the rank of ambassadors, without appropriating money enough to enable our Ambassadors to live as they should. We have tried to run our diplomacy on the cheap. The result has been to shut up the choice of Ambassadors almost exclusively to rich men. But this is unhappy to narrow the range of selection, and to appear to put up the Ambassadors as prizes for large campaign contributions. The whole system is bad. The shortest and most business-like way out would be for Congress to pass one of the pending bills to purchase embassy buildings in the leading capitals, as other nations do, and then to give our Ambassadors a salary adequate to their official needs.