

LAKEVIEW IS HOST TODAY TO OPENING OF NEW TRI-STATE LINE

Brings Visitors to Celebration.

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Arrival of Railroad Recalls Experiences of Pioneer Days When Mail Had to Be Secured After Trip by Wagon of 150 Miles.

LAKEVIEW, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—A lot of out-of-town visitors have been invited to attend the opening of the Nevada-California-Oregon new line from Alturas to this city tomorrow and the occasion is expected to draw a big crowd to help celebrate the event. The visitors will be made welcome with every form of hospitality known to the West. Sunday will be the principal day of the celebration. If there is plenty of snow a rabbit drive will be arranged. Tonight there was a smoker for the crowd at the new courthouse and a dance at Wizard Hall. Sunday will be a day of continuous dining, the feast to be in charge of the women of the new Lakeview Improvement Club. The citizens have been determined that the visitors shall have every accommodation for their comfort and have freely placed their rooms at the disposal of the committee on entertainment.

Mayor E. B. Rinehart, President E. Britton, of the Chamber of Commerce, and V. L. Snelling are making the general committee while M. B. Rice, editor of the Herald, and Fred P. Cronmiller, of the Examiner, are helping all they can.

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The coming of the railroad, bringing its facilities for transportation and travel, is a great contrast to the experience of some of the old pioneers who had to go to Winnemucca, Nev., a distance of 150 miles, for their mail. For many years they had to haul their freight by wagon from 150 to 165 miles. When the road was completed to Madeline, a distance of about 100 miles, 12 years ago, the residents of Lake County were quite satisfied with the convenience it afforded, as compared with the freight facilities of former years. This satisfaction was increased when the distance of hauling freight was reduced to 40 miles.

It was necessary in all these years for the merchants to carry immense stocks of goods through the winter. Little freightage could be done between the months of October and the following May. The charges were high and it is easy to see what a blessing the railroad to Lakeview means to the residents of Lake County.

For these and other reasons the celebration will be the most notable in the history of Southwestern Oregon.

Rail Connection Obtained.

Although it is planned to extend the Nevada-California-Oregon Railroad to the northern boundary of Oregon, the officials of the company say that Lakeview will be the northern terminus for many years. The residents of the county now have rail connection with Sacramento, San Francisco and Reno.

Feeling assured of the expansion which the railroad would bring to the town the people of Lakeview have expended their own money on public and private enterprises.

Bonds were issued for a \$60,000 high school which will compare favorably with any of the kind in the state. An Oddfellows' hall and store building has been built, costing \$15,000, and a \$10,000 Catholic Church and various utilities have been built.

The coming inter-university irrigation projects in the Goose Lake Valley promise to convert the immense stretch of excellent soil near the city into a very productive area. The Lakeview Irrigation & Power Company has already a capacity to store and distribute 50,000 acre-feet of water, which will mean an enormous land development.

"U" GLEE CLUBS COMBINE California and Oregon Singers Try Venture New in College Circles.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Contingent upon final indorsement of terms by the California management, the glee clubs of the University of California and the University of Oregon will combine in a double concert to be given at the local theater next Saturday night. This venture entirely new to intercollegiate circles in the West.

Manager H. N. Wolff, of California, and Manager J. C. Cook, of Oregon, tentatively agreed upon the combined concert at a conference held in Portland during the holidays, but it was not until last night that satisfactory arrangements could be made. The California troupe is now engaged on a tour of the State of Washington, and the plan is to make the Eugene stop while en route south. Each club is to give six numbers of their road programme, and it is thought that a friendly rivalry will spring up between the respective warblers.

Both institutions are represented by unusually strong organizations this year.

PLANS TO BE CONSIDERED State Officials to Study Corporate Conditions in Oregon.

SALISBURY, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—In order to make plans for a measure or measures to be submitted to the next Legislature for the purpose of amending the corporate laws of the state and to place the corporation department in a position where it will have full knowledge of corporate conditions, Governor West has issued a call for a meeting to be held in the near future at which will be himself, Secretary Olcott, Treasurer Kay, Attorney-General Crawford, and Mr. Allison, of the Railroad Commission; Insurance Commissioner Ferguson, Superintendent of Banks Wright and Corporation Clerk Babcock.

It is probable that an effort will be made to work out some plan similar to that now in use in Kansas, known as the "blue sky act."

WIFE'S CHARGES DENIED Charles Hale Insists He Did Not Steal \$22.

THE DALLIES, Or., Jan. 6.—(To the Editor.)—In the Oregonian of January 4, 1912, there appeared an article

about Charles Hale, entering the home of Mrs. Hale, his wife, while she was away and helping himself to \$22 and taking his child, a girl, aged 4, and disappearing. Now, I want to have it understood that he did nothing of the sort, and further, she makes the assertion that we have been separated the past two years. I want to call attention to the fact that we were living together not two weeks ago here in The Dallis.

Now, as to my stealing the baby and \$22, I want to say that Mrs. Hale dressed the child for me to take out, and I call as witness to the same the brother of the woman who was with me when I was employed by her. As to that item of \$22, she will have to look elsewhere for that. I did not get it.

Now, as to my being on the rock-pile four months ago at Astoria, ask the Astoria officers whether I was or not. I can prove I was in Portland from August 23 until the winter when Mrs. Hale, myself and baby moved to The Dallis, where we lived together until two weeks ago, December 28, when she left for Portland. My character has always been above reproach, and I don't want such an appearance in the issue of January 4 to go uncontradicted. CHARLES C. HALE.

MAN 78 IS STUDENT

REV. P. A. MOSES AT OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

Linn County Minister Taking Short Course in Poultry Raising—He Is Native of Virginia.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—A year-old short course student, Rev. P. A. Moses, is taking general work at the Oregon Agricultural College this winter.

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There is indignation in the mining districts of Idaho, of which this is the center of the largest one, over the proposed plan of assessment of mines made by the commission named by the Governor to draft a new revenue bill for the consideration of the extra session of the Legislature, called to meet a week from tomorrow.

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Former Governor of Idaho Makes Land Board 'Sit Up.'

POOR SECURITY CHARGED

State School Money Let Out and Be- lief Expressed Favoritism Has Been Shown—Mining District Now Aroused.

BY C. E. ARNEY. WALLACE, Idaho, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Former Governor McConnell, of Moscow, has succeeded in attracting the attention of the people of the state to the extent that the state board of land commissioners have taken notice of his periodical letters, and ordered an investigation of the loans made by the state of the school moneys.

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bany, eight; Rev. Father Arthur Lane, rector of the Albany parish of the Roman Catholic Church, seven; Rev. F. Jameson, pastor of the Baptist Church of Lebanon, six; Rev. A. F. Lacey, former pastor of the Methodist Church of Lebanon, now of Springfield, five.

COTTAGE GROVE GROWING

Total of \$90,000 Spent in Improvements; More Done This Year.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—A total of over \$90,000 was spent in buildings and improvements in Cottage Grove in 1911. The most distinct improvement for the year was the First National Bank building, erected and furnished at a cost of \$30,000. A total of 50 residences were erected at a cost of \$55,750. The city spent \$14,000 in permanent improvements.

Indications already point to a much heavier expenditure for the year to come. Work has already begun on the large brick block for Cooper & Powell and several new residences are already planned or begun.

BIG FISH TRUST IS BLAMED

Damages to Extent of \$100,000 Asked by Seattle Dealer.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 6.—That the fish trust exists in Seattle and that the combine has ruined him financially, is the complaint made in a suit filed today by George Harvey, operating the Ocean Fish Company, against five big companies in the same business. Harvey wants \$100,000 damages and prays that the trust be broken up. That the combine advised fishermen and fish brokers if they sold to him they would be blacklisted on the book of other concerns and thereby prevented him from obtaining fish to supply his trade, is the allegation made. Harvey said he was doing a yearly business of \$400,000 until the combine got after him.

VANCOUVER MAN RETURNS

C. M. Furey Quits Report He Had Left With Firemen's Funds.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—C. M. Furey, sought yesterday because it was thought he had taken the funds of the Vancouver Volunteer Fire Department, returned today from Portland, where he said he had been, since leaving Vancouver.

He turned over what money he said he had collected from the firemen's ball, held New Year's night. A warrant, sworn to by George McKee, will be dismissed.

POSTAL SAVINGS GROW

Astoria Bank Does \$86,405 Business in Past Nine Months.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—According to the report filed by Postmaster Carney, the Astoria branch of the postal savings system at the close of business at the end of last year had \$67,000 on deposit and the total deposits for the nine months that the branch has been in operation amounted to \$400,000.

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PORTLAND MEN INDICTED

Irregularities in Grants Pass Land Sales Are Alleged.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Charged with promoting a lottery and obtaining money under false pretenses, John K. Kollock and H. L. Chapin, of Portland, were indicted by a grand jury here today. Irregularities in the placing of tracts in the South Grants Pass Addition on the market is alleged.

Mr. Kollock declared last night that the only connection he had with the land in South Grants Pass Addition was as an attorney in organization proceedings of the Grants Pass & Rogue River Railroad Company, the Land Company of Rogue River and the Rogue River Townsite Company.

He says he has not been identified with any of the three concerns since they were organized, and that he does not know what methods were used in disposing of the land.

TURKEY MAY CEDE TRIPOLI

Peace Negotiations Call for Indemnity Paid to Sultan.

PARIS, Jan. 6.—It has been learned from trustworthy sources that two high personages, one Italian and one Turkish, have met here to discuss the question of opening peace negotiations between Italy and Turkey, says the Petit Journal this morning. The newspaper adds that it is understood these persons have agreed on the following basis:

"First, Turkey to cede absolutely to Italy Tripolitana and Cyrenaica; second, Italy to pay to Turkey a war indemnity; and, third, the Sultan, as commander of the Faithful, to retain spiritual supremacy over the Mohammedan inhabitants of the ceded territory."

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