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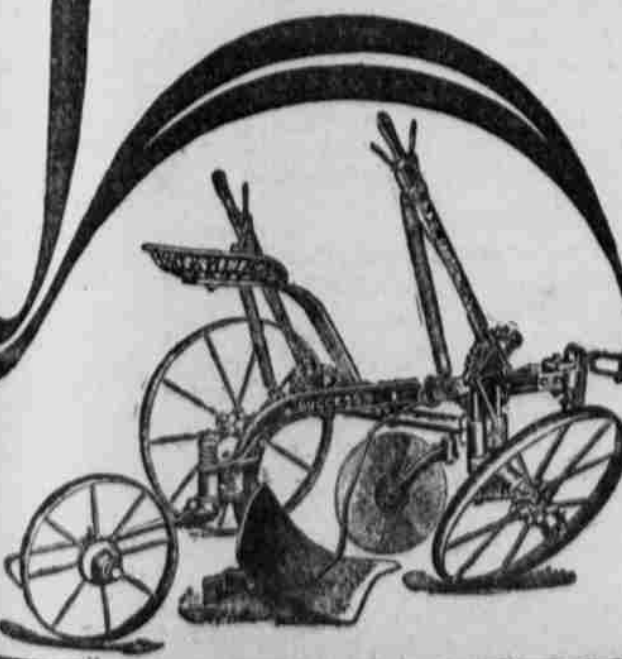
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NEW IRRIGATION SCHEME

Plan to Reclaim Land Near Paisley
In Lake County

Another large irrigation enterprise in Central Oregon was launched last week, when contracts were entered into between the state land board and the Portland Irrigation Company for the reclamation of a large tract of land near Paisley in Lake county, the contract involving the expenditure of \$421,000. It is estimated that the cost per acre of the irrigation of this tract will be in the neighborhood of \$25, as the proposed plans include the construction of a large dam 80 feet high, for a reservoir, fifteen miles above the lands to be reclaimed. Water will be taken from the Chewaucum river, and the company agrees to maintain all dams, ditches, main canals, laterals, flumes and other works, which are to remain their property. No land can be sold until the ditches are built, and the company has been notified that they can sell land. This land is entered and will be reclaimed under the Carey Act, and the interests of the settlers are safe-guarded by the contracts.

BRINGS IN A SOIL PACKER

L. A. Hunt of Culver was in town last Friday evening on his way home from Shaniko, where he went to get a soil packer which he had purchased for use on his ranch, and which had been shipped to him from Portland. Mr. Hunt is one of the progressive young farmers who will try the "dry farming" methods in this locality, of which the firming of the soil is an important part. The packer which he purchased, while not a Campbell sub-surface packer, is upon the same principle, although packing the soil nearer the surface than the Campbell machine does. Mr. Hunt, who is farming about 400 acres in the Culver neighborhood, intends to give this packer a thorough trial on his Spring sown fields. It is probable that he will also secure a Campbell sub-surface packer in order to test the relative merits of the machines side by side, in practical results.

SPECIAL EASTER PROGRAM

A special program is being arranged for the Easter services at the German M. E. Church, to be rendered in the church at 2:30 p. m. The German church is noted throughout the county for its fine music, and the usual treat is in store for those who may attend. Easter eggs will, as usual, be distributed among the audience. A male quartet, a mixed quartet and instrumental music will be among the special features. The public is invited to attend.

PURCHASES C. & E. RY.

Harriman Interests Now Own
Corvallis & Eastern

MAY MEAN EXTENSION EAST AND WEST

Wiseacres Say This is the Road Harriman Intended to Build East Across the State All The Time

There is considerable speculation as to the meaning of the recent purchase of the Corvallis & Eastern road by the Harriman interests, following so closely upon the announcement that those interests would build an East-and-West road across the state from Natron to Ontario. A considerable faction of those who have been close observers of the railroad situation in Central Oregon have always contended that when Harriman got ready to build his East-and-West road across the state, he would buy the Corvallis & Eastern and extend that line eastward, and that the great activity and frequent announcements regarding the Natron-Ontario road were merely a big bluff for the purpose of lopping off a million or so from the price of the C. & E. The reason for this view is that the C. & E. is already built to the summit of the Cascades, and should Harriman build into Central Oregon over the other route, the C. & E. would eventually be extended into Central Oregon and become an active competitor in that field. Should Harriman extend the C. & E., however, the possibility of any competition would be remote. Additional force is given to this view of the situation by the fact that since the purchase of the C. & E. by the Harriman interests it is reported that Engineer Rankin and his crew of surveyors on the Natron-Ontario route have been recalled.

From information given out from authoritative sources it seems to be as certain as railroad projects ever are, that the Harriman interests will begin construction into Central Oregon this year, and if the sale of the C. & E. to those interests is confirmed, that seems now to be the most probable source of rail transportation for this country. The present terminus of the C. & E. is at Detroit on the summit of the mountains, and it is claimed that the road can be extended from that point into Central Oregon on an easy grade and without any heavy work. Forty miles of road would take it well into Crook County. In view of these facts, some interesting developments may be expected in the next month or so in the railroad situation with reference to Central Oregon.

WILL TRY IT ALONE

W. F. Magill Will Sink Deep Well
On Agency Plains

The project of drilling a deep well on the ranch of W. F. Magill on Agency Plains, which some time ago was abandoned because of some disagreement among those interested in the undertaking, has been revived by Mr. Magill, who will now undertake the project on his own responsibility. The drilling will be done with the heavy machine of J. S. Strain, which has a capacity of 1000 feet in depth, and the work will begin in the near future, the drill having already been moved over to the Magill ranch.

Mr. Magill has contracted for drilling to the depth of 500 feet, by which time he expects to find an ample flow of water for all ranch purposes.

This is the interesting news which comes down from the Plains this week. With deep drilling in progress in the Opal Prairie district and similar work about to begin on the big plains, the solution of the very troublesome water problem of this section appears to be nearing accomplishment. No one doubts that plenty of good water can be secured by drilling, but there has been a lack of means to undertake expensive work of that kind. Those who are now undertaking to demonstrate the feasibility of securing water by deep drilling deserve great credit for their enterprise, upon the success of which depends so much for this section. The progress of the drilling in both localities will be watched with great interest.

ARBITRARY METHODS

Thomas Alderdyce of Culver is in town today. He was formerly road supervisor of District No. 6, the Culver district, but resigned the office on ac-

count of the arbitrary instructions given him regarding his compensation for the duties of the office. He says that he was informed by County Judge Bell that he must collect his pay for his services as road supervisor out of the poll-tax in his district, and that he need not look to the county for any payment whatever. He refused to serve under these instructions, and resigned the office. Mr. Alderdyce also makes the statement that during the time he was road supervisor, he never received one cent of county road money for work on the roads of his district.

Regarding the instructions given to Mr. Alderdyce concerning the payment for his services, it is known that Supervisor Dillon of this road district, and other supervisors in this part of the county have received similar instructions during the past year from the County Road Master. These instructions are purely arbitrary, and aroused the just resentment of the district supervisors.

SPRING OF WATER RISES IN CELLAR

George Osborn, who resides within a quarter of a mile of Culver, has had to abandon a fine old cellar under peculiar circumstances. Last week a spring broke out in the bottom of the cellar, since which time it is filling up with water. He attempted to dig a drain from the outside, but struck another spring and had to abandon that also. The cellar, which is walled up with stone was built fifteen years ago, and has always been perfectly dry, even in years of as much rainfall as the present, and the water in it now is not the result of a "wet weather spring" such as some times occur during a wet Spring. The cellar is only five feet under ground, being built partially above ground.

TRIO LOSE ON APPEAL

Williamson, Gesner and Biggs
Face Their Sentence

SUPREME COURT NOW THE ONLY HOPE

Williamson's Appeal Dismissed and
Biggs and Gesner's Writ of
Errors Overruled

Tuesday's Oregonian says: Thrice tried, finally convicted and facing sentences of both fine and imprisonment for complicity in the Oregon land frauds, J. N. Williamson, ex-Congressman, Dr. Van Gesner and Marion Biggs have met with an adverse ruling from the Circuit Court of Appeals, sitting at San Francisco. By a decision handed down yesterday the Appellate Court confirmed the conviction of Van Gesner and Biggs, overruling the long writ of errors that they had taken from the findings of the lower tribunal. In the case of Williamson, the appeal was dismissed for the reason that a similar appeal has been taken to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Although through a technicality the appeal of Williamson is thus dismissed, the decision is as clearly a victory for the Government in his case as in the cases of Van Gesner and Biggs. The ex-Congressman's appeal was taken upon exactly the same grounds as those of his co-conspirators. In their cases the decision was absolutely adverse, which is equivalent to an adverse decision in the Williamson appeal, so far as the merits of the case are concerned.

Supreme Court Only Recourse

The decision of the Court of Appeals wipes out the possibility of Williamson's case being considered on the merits of the arguments. By denying his petition, he is barred from further proceeding in the appellate court and his only recourse now lies in the Supreme Court of the land.

On constitutional points alone Williamson must depend for any relief on the Supreme Court. His appeal is taken on the ground that the court did not have a right to impose sentence upon him because of his membership in Congress. This point the Government's attorneys contend is baseless and will foresee that it will be not allowed. If such action is taken Williamson will face imprisonment and a chapter in the Oregon land frauds will be at an end.

Van Gesner and Biggs are now within the very shadow of the bars. By the decision yesterday their last hope practically vanishes. There are yet legal technicalities that they can invoke which would result to delay proceedings. They might apply for a rehearing, but the present decision practically overshadows defeat for such a move. If the law is permitted to take its course, these two defendants will be confined within the walls of a Federal prison before two months have elapsed.

COMING BY THOUSANDS

Homeseekers Are Rushing In
To The Oregon Country

ALL TRAINS FROM EAST ARE LOADED

Attracted To The Northwest By
Equable Climate, Cheap Land
And Other Advantages

Oregon is receiving a heavy increase in her population from the East and Middle West on account of the low rate in effect during this month and next and it is estimated that fully 1000 new settlers are arriving in this state daily. It is believed that during the two months that the low rate will be in effect, 25,000 people will arrive in Portland to locate permanently in Oregon. All trains from the East are running in two and three sections, and carrying from two to four tourist sleepers daily, and the rush of home-seekers is said to exceed anything of the kind ever known in this state.

Home-seekers from all parts of the East and Middle West are flocking to Oregon and looking for locations. A good percentage of them are bound for various points in the Willamette Valley, many of them are bound for points in Eastern Oregon, while still others are simply coming to Oregon, without any definite determination as to location, being attracted by the many advantages offered new settlers in this state. The chief reason assigned by most of the colonists is their desire to get away from the severe winters of the East and settle in a state where extremes of temperature are practically unknown, and where the few cold spells are of short duration. Others are crowded out of the East and Middle West by the prohibitive prices of land, and are attracted by the low price of good farming lands in this state, and these have sold out all their holdings with a view of investing and locating here.

The colonists are taken in charge when they arrive at Portland, by the various commercial bodies, and are being supplied with information concerning the different sections of the state, and in this manner assisted in choosing permanent locations.

MAY RESUME MINE DEVELOPMENT

William McBeth returned last Friday evening from Ashwood, where he has been looking after business matters for R. L. Sabin. Mr. McBeth reports that there is a well-founded rumor afloat at Ashwood that the Oregon King mine will resume operations this Spring. The Oregon King, which has been pronounced a very valuable property by a number of experts who have visited it, has been closed down for several years on account of litigation involving the title to it. Much development work has been done upon the property, and the main ledge has been followed by a shaft to a depth of 600 feet. The resumption of work would indicate the settlement of questions affecting the title, and it is to be hoped that work may now continue uninterrupted.

THE DAILY MAIL SERVICE

It was reported here the first of the week that the Bend-Madras-Shaniko Stage Company had been awarded the contract for carrying the mail from Shaniko to Bend and way points, via Madras. The report has not been officially confirmed, although it is known that bids for the contract for this service were opened by the department on the 5th of the present month. Should the report be true, the service will begin the 20th of the month. Under that contract the mail would leave Shaniko immediately after the arrival of the train, reaching this place by three o'clock in the morning, and the terminus of the route at Bend, by noon. That service would be daily and would be a great improvement over anything we have had in the way of mail service.

MARRIED FIFTY YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Davis, parents of Postmaster Fred Davis of this place, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage, at Crabtree, Oregon, last Friday. They have been residents of Linn county since 1880, and both are pioneers of the state. They are parents of 12 children, nine of whom are living. Although Mr. Davis is past 82 years of age, and his wife is 70, both are hale and hearty, and able to do all the minor work about their place at Crabtree.