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INVITED TO VISIT RAILROAD WIZARD

Governor Chamberlain, J. P. O'Brien
And F. S. Stanley With Engineer
With Harriman,

E. H. Harriman has invited Governor Chamberlain, J. P. O'Brien, vice president of the Harriman lines in Oregon, and F. S. Stanley, president of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Co., to visit him at Pelican Bay, where the railroad wizard is now taking a vacation. Pelican Bay is the shooting-lodge which Mr. Harriman acquired last year in Oregon, and where he has announced his intention of spending a portion of each summer in search of recreation. The lodge was this year fitted up with all the modern comforts and conveniences, and during his stay there Mr. Harriman will keep in close touch with his vast railroad interests, the largest ever controlled by one man.

The invited guests of Mr. Harriman left last Friday for Pelican Bay, coming out to Shaniko and proceeding from there by automobile by way of Bend and Klamath Falls, over the route followed by Mr. Harriman last year on his trip through Central Oregon. Mr. O'Brien, who is at the head of the Harriman interests in Oregon, stated that so far as he knew, the invitation from Mr. Harriman was for the purpose of obtaining further information regarding the progress made in the development of Central Oregon since the magnate's last visit. Mr. Harriman's guests will remain several days at Pelican Bay, returning across the mountains and by the Southern Pacific to Portland.

Mr. Stanley, the president of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Co., who is invited to visit Mr. Harriman, is one of the best-posted men in the state on conditions in Central Oregon and may be depended upon to place before Mr. Harriman in a strong manner the need of this section of the state for railroad transportation. He has other business interests in this section, and is in close touch with the forces which have been in operation for the development of Central Oregon for the past five years.

EXCITING RACE TO FILE ON TIMBER CLAIM

Orn VanTassel returned last Thursday evening from The Dalles, where he placed a timber filing for Miss Mary E. Pretow of Warningspring, upon a fine quarter section of timber on the Matoles. In placing the entry, Mr. VanTassel brought to a successful culmination a very exciting race for that particular tract.

Miss Pretow came over from the reservation on Thursday to accompany Mr. VanTassel to the Matoles to inspect the prospective entry. The same day another locator and a prospective entryman came through Madras on their way to the Matoles. Suspecting that they were going to see the same claim, Mr. VanTassel and Miss Pretow drove night and day to the Matoles and return. Although they left here later than the other party, they were on the claim at the same time, and a race back to the land office, to place the entry, was on.

Miss Pretow filed before the U. S. Commissioner at Madras, but in order to hold the land it was necessary to have the entry in the land office first. So Mr. VanTassel drove to The Dalles, going the Warningspring route. By driving day and night he reached The Dalles Sunday morning, two and a half hours ahead of the other party, but the entry could not be made on Sunday. Next morning when the land office opened both parties were present to file, and what is known as "simultaneous filings" were made. In such cases, unless some settlement is made between the conflicting applicants, the land is advertised and sold to the highest bidder, but in this instance Miss Pretow secured the relinquishment of the other entryman, Mr. VanTassel says the timber claim is a good one, and well worth the trouble it took to secure it. Theodore Mesch of Portland was the other applicant.

FOREST FIRES ARE NOW UNDER CONTROL

Damage to Growing Timber Not As Great As Was Reported

Reports from the several districts in which forest fires were raging last week are to the effect that the fires are under control and that the flames will be restricted to the area already burned over. The possible exception to this encouraging news is the report from Paulina mountains, the latest of which was to

the effect that the fire was still raging with a frontage of 15 miles. This was several days ago, and as plenty of fire-fighters would be available after the fires south of Bend were gotten under control, it is probable that the Paulina fires have also been checked by this time. The heavy clouds of smoke which hung over this region last week have disappeared, although there is still some smoke in the air.

The heroic work done by the forest rangers and the hundreds of fire-fighters brought in to assist them, was very materially aided in subduing the flames by the timely rains which fell Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

The damage to mature timber in the burned district south of Bend is reported to have been very much exaggerated by the first accounts sent in.

"ALASKA" WHEAT AN OLD SWINDLING GAME

A Washington, D. C., news item says: The Agricultural Department brands as a fake the story recently printed broadcast over the country about wonderful "Alaska" wheat grown at Julietta, Idaho, which was declared to yield 100 bushels per acre.

Notwithstanding the statements of the grower and seller of this wheat, with whom the department has had much correspondence, the department denies that this is a new or even valuable variety of wheat, and asserts that it is nothing more nor less than "mummy wheat" which caught many suckers years ago. The fact that the wheat is selling at \$20 and \$25 per bushel leads the department to brand the stories as a clever advertising scheme.

The so-called Alaska wheat has been known to the department for years, and schemes similar to the present have been practiced at intervals for many years.

RAILROAD SURVEYORS RETURN TO MADRAS

The Central Oregon railroad surveyors, who were camped at Culver for a week, while the survey between Madras and Trail Crossing was being made, returned to Madras last Saturday. They will probably be engaged next on the survey between this place and Shaniko, along the route of the old Columbia Southern survey.

Robert Ren, who is in charge of the survey, says a good route between this place and Trail Crossing can be secured, if it should be decided to build that way, and that the line would be one that could be easily constructed. The only expensive piece of work on the line is the crossing over Crooked River near Trail Crossing, and a much better crossing can be secured there than had been thought possible.

TIMBER BURNS ON INDIAN RESERVATION

Forest fires did considerable damage to the timber on the West side of the Warningspring reservation last week, especially in the timber near the headwaters of the Clackamas river. The fire at one time was reported to have a frontage of seven miles and to be spreading rapidly, but hard work on the part of the fire-fighters, with the assistance of the rains the latter part of the week, enabled them to get the flames under control. About 40 Indians were sent up from the agency to fight the fires, a number of them being called from the harvest fields for the purpose.

There is considerable fine timber on the Warningspring reservation, which extends west to the summit of the Cascade mountains.

BIG RAILROAD MEETING AT PRINEVILLE

Mr. U. A. Wynn, right of way agent for the C. O. railroad project, was in Prineville the last of the week, and says a big mass meeting was held at that place, last Saturday evening, for the purpose of arriving at some definite conclusion regarding the nature and extent of the co-operation to be accorded by the Prineville people to the proposed railroad project. The meeting was largely attended and the sentiment of all who attended appeared to be very friendly to the enterprise. A committee was appointed to formulate a plan for the co-operation of Prineville business interests in the project to secure a railroad for Crook county, and that committee will report to Mr. Howard at Bend next Saturday. It is believed that Prineville business men will give material assistance to the furtherance of the project.

SAMPLES OF OIL TAKEN FROM CRIZZLY WELL

Placed On Exhibition in Madras--
Drilling Will Be Resumed With
Heavy Machinery.

Samples of oil taken from the deep well being drilled on the West slope of Grizzly mountain by the Madras Oil & Gas Co., were displayed in Madras last Thursday, and created much interest. The samples were brought in by Dave Barnett and A. C. Sanford, on their return from a trip to the well.

The deep well which is being sunk by the Madras Oil & Gas Co. has only reached a depth of 150 feet, work having been suspended until heavier machinery can be secured. The samples of oil displayed here were taken from this hole, being dipped out in an ordinary 5-gallon lard bucket lowered on a rope. Since work has been suspended the water has risen in the well to within 37 feet of the surface.

There were three or four bottles containing the specimens of oil. One bottle was filled completely with the oil, while the others were about half full of water, and in the latter the line of demarcation between the oil and the water was quite distinct. One had but to draw the cork and smell the contents of the bottle, to be convinced that they contain oil. The oil, in appearance, is very much like ordinary coal oil, only not so clear.

Just before work was suspended in the well, a vein of what appeared to be a good quality of coal was drilled into, specimens of the coal being brought up in the "muck." This find will be prospected further at once in order to determine the thickness and extent of the coal vein, and when the heavier machinery arrives, work on the oil well will be resumed.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Where Did Willie Get The Firewater

Thomas Miller, an Indian, was pulled off his horse Sunday in a state of partial intoxication and arrested on a charge of violation of the liquor law, by Deputy Sheriff Combs. After sobering up in "the cooler" the red man was taken before Colonel Draper, who fined him \$25. The fine was paid and the Indian released.

Willie Ike, it was ascertained, supplied the whisky which made the Indian drunk, and the authorities are now working to find out where Ike obtained the firewater. Urged onward by the Law and Order league and the ministers in this city, the original source will be traced, if possible, and the illegal liquor supply cut off.—Prineville Journal.

A freighting outfit is now on the way to Prineville from Burns to buy and transport 2000 sacks of Crook county wheat to Harney county, the wheat crop of which is this year reported to be a total failure, having burned to a frazzle in the last two weeks. The outfit consists of eight six-horse teams each hauling two wagons and will be here this week to load up. This wheat will be taken from the Prineville Flouring Mills Co.'s supply, and later on the Agency Plains will be tapped. While Harney county deserves sympathy, this county will not be the loser by the disaster to its neighbor.—Prineville Review.

Madras Man Has a Perilous Twist With a Cayuse

J. E. Wilson, the shoemaker, came nearly having his brains kicked out Friday evening. He had a young horse, which he was breaking, hitched to a go-cart, and while facing a stable belonging to Jack Summers it commenced to kick. Every time it would kick the animal would turn a little and finally got squared around to Main street when it started to run. The horse ran but a short distance when it was stopped. Meantime, Mr. Wilson, who is a cripple, lost his foothold in the cart and fell to the bottom, face upmost, still holding fast to the lines. Every time the horse would kick its steel shoes would pass about two inches above his face. The man was rescued from his perilous position with severely cut hand and a badly damaged cart. Mr. Wilson says that he has been breaking horses for a good many years but this is the first time that he ever had such a close call.—Prineville Journal.

H. M. Davis, formerly a resident of this place, is now located at Fish Lake on the Santiam road. He is conducting a small Summer resort there, and is prepared to take good care of campers and travelers and their teams. Fish Lake is one of the ideal camping places of the Cascades.