OREGON LAKE REGION TO COME TO ITS OWN

Desert's Transformation Is Slow But None the Less Sure.

ARTESIAN WELLS TO PROVE A FACTOR

With Oil and Gas Incidents Possible But by No Means Essential-Empire That Proves Itself by Its Results Under All Handicaps.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Bilver Lake, Or., Aug. 24.—At last summer weather has arrived and is on the wane again in northern Lake county, and hav, grain and fruit are showing remarkable growth. The crop of alfalfa and wild hay is being cared for as well as the limited help supply will permit. New threshers and self-binders ng and the increased acreage

are arriving and the increased acreage of ... wheat and barley, which is in finest condition and promises a bumper crop, will be the cause of a reduction in price from 2 and 3 cents per pound to a more reasonable price. Hay is also doing splendidly, and was rather benefited than injured by the extended cool weather.

Summer Lake is the center of supply for fruits and vegetables and in recent years has been about the only place this section could depend upon for apples, cherries, berries, potatoes and barley, but conditions are fast changing and the monopoly enjoyed by that locality in the past bids fair to be overthrown in short order since fine vegetables, berries and grains are now being raised in the Silver Lake valley and the surrounding newly settled desert.

Land of Flowing Wells.

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Much is heard these days of artesian wells. One report credits Harney county with two new flowing wells at depths of less than 200 feet, and in the desert near Poison Grass flat, a party of tenderfeet, whom one of our loquacious locators settled there and who were thought to have been sadly victimized, in sheer desperation, sunk a well a little deeper than 80 feet, through hardpan, gravel, cinder and lava float, until at last they were rewarded with a strong flow of water, which rose about 65 feet, and which in all probability would have flowed over the top could it have been cased or confined and saved from wasting through the more porous ash strata, through which it rose.

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This is a very fortunate accident, if it may be calledeone, and promises wondrous development for this plateau region, since it should prove sufficiently attractive to practical drill men to induce them to bring in proper equipment for moderately deep well work.

Then, too, the finding of oil and gas to the eastward and north, at Ontario and near Prineville, gives promise of great things along that line in the near future, and confidence is felt that it will be at no great expense. However, in the earlier period of development there has been the surface well water, reached at from 10 to 25 feet, which furnishes enough good water for all purposes, except, it may be, for the irrigation of field crops.

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Speaking of field irrigation: At the little town of Paisley, a little gem of a place on the Chewaucan river and not far, from the southern extremity of Summer lake, close to the town is a fine field of sifalfa and timothy mixed which gives great promise of a heavy hay crop. This field is on high, gravelly land, abundantly watered by a ditch from the river where it emerges from the nearby mountains. On one side of the road is the unbroken sage and gravelly, unpromising land; on the other a large field of beautifully even and luxuriant alfalfa and timothy, tightly fenced with barbed and woven wire, a sight good for the skeptic as well as for the homeseeker.

Of course the season this year is late; yet as one passes the many fine ranches along the west shore of Summer lake he sees fields of alfalfa, rye, barley and other grains and grasses and orchards and gardens, fine and thrifty, with fruits in abundance, including grapes, peaches and berries, soing to waste sometimes for want of help to care for that which is ripening during the cutting of the first crop of sliaffa, when all hands are too busily engaged to give such minor matters as fruits the required attention for marketing.

These exceptions to the general desert character of this country prove on investigation more than many old-timers are willing to admit, for they are as a rule rejuctant about encouraging an influx of settlers who will break up the present ranges and cause readjustment of long established methods, sind are inclined to be very conservative in their

OF STATE 'VARSITY

ung Couple About to Enter Derkeley Don Double Harness Instead.

(United Press by Special Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Aug. 24.-Cupid closed the doors of college in the faces of two young Los Angeles people Thursday at

young Los Angeles people Thursday at Berkeley, just as they were about to enter its portals. They are Miss Tweed Aubury, daughter of Louis Aubury, state mineralogist, and Paul Engstrom, the youngest son of F. O. Engstrom, the millionaire contractor of this city.

It was to get matrimony out of her head for a while that Miss Aubury was sent to the state university, but Paul Engstrom, her sweetheart, met her at the Oakland mole and convinced her that life with him would be better than a pursuit of the classics. He had also been sent to attend the state university and had preceded Miss Aubury but one day to the institution.

Now that the ceremony has been performed, the two young people will be received by their parents with many blessings and no words of criticism. The only objection to their wedding was their extreme youth, the young man being but 19 years of age and Miss Aubury having just passed her eighteenth year.

HEAVY FAVORITES GO DOWN AT SARATOGA

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)
Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 24.—The bookmakers at the Spa had a field day of it
this afternoon when two heavily played
favorites of the meeting were "knocked
down" in the United States hotel stakes,
the two-year-old feature. Fully \$100,000
was sent into the ring on Jim Gaffney,
the Fargell colt, which finished second,
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Nearly Forty-Six an Acre. Pendleton, Or., Aug. 24.—An \$11,000 land deal has just been completed here. J. E. Montgomery has purchased the 240-acre ranch of John Campbell. The place is situated four and a half miles west of Myrick station and is fine wheat land.

But while the nights are cool—frequently too cool—approaching the limit of frost, in fact, the days are sufficiently warm—\$0 to \$5 degrees—and the slow growth of all crops during the spring and early summer is followed by an amazingly rapid growth when the warm days do come. Then, as in Alaska, the long cool spring fosters growth of the root systems and is followed by quick maturity of straw and grains that must be seen to be appreciated.

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There may be localities where it may be impracticable to attempt to cultivate paying crops, such as particularly dry and alkaline situations, but within 10 years this pumice land will probably be as well settled and in as eager demand as the best of the Walla Walls and Palouse country. One thing certain is that this soil is ideal for the winter export apples, and berries, cherries, pears, prunes and peaches are in evidence where time and care have been given. True, the berry crops will be late, but they will come to market at such a time as will be most welcome to the housewife who has not found time to put up her winter supply of fruits, and consequent good prices will result. It seems safe to pradict for this entire plateau region such a variety of crops and fruits as was scarcely dreamed of 10 years ago.

Settlement Slow But Sure.

Nothing now can prevent settlement, although it will be comparatively slow until rail transportation becomes a certainty. But when that is established, one year will see all the available tiliable lands settled and the exploitation of the timber well under way. The homeseeker of that time will be regretting his lost or formerly despised opportunities in this country, while the flowing artesian waters, natural gas and oil wells, coal mines and similar desirable developments will have materialized and a million prosperous and happy people in Oregon will be one of the results of this anticipated growth. As a beginning there can be cited the establishment of a new newspaper plant in the growing town of Silver Lake, where another weekly publication has contested the field with the Central Oregonian since August 1. The name of the new child of fate is the Silver Lake Leader. Its editor is William Holder, an old newspaper man of ability.

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Silver Lake is also made glad by the rumer that a force of 75 men has actually begun work in clearing the right of way for the Natron-Klamath Falls railroad in the vicinity of Crescent lake, presumably working east and south through the timber and across the Cascade forest reserve and the Walker basin.

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Commercial men from Portland are becoming more frequent in these parts, and all report satisfactory trade. Consequently fewer freighters from the south are seen in Silver Lake. Yet the field is but touched.

There is heard a voice crying in this wilderness for a square deal and for the light of publicity and righteousness to shine upon the wagon road land grants and the iniquities of the system that permits the withholding from settlement of such wide areas of the best lands, permitting settlement of government lands only under such onerous conditions as to be practically prohibitive; for settlers will not ordinarily go into a country where one half is non-productive and held in such a way as to prove an effective bar to all needed improvement and general progress. non-productive and held in such a way as to prove an effective bar to all needed improvement and general progress, as such grapts have inevitably proved to be. The Oregon & California railroad grant now attracting much notice is only one of several such blocks to the progress of the state.



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