

PROSPEROUS FRONTIER TOWN OF BURNS NESTLES IN BEAUTIFUL HARNEY VALLEY



Residence of W. E. Smith in Burns.

Ranch House of Walter Parker in the Warm Spring Valley, 25 Miles From Burns.

By Addison Bennett. Burns, Or., Jan. 18.—I made my advent into this great Harney valley only three days ago, and I do not therefore pose as one who can give the readers of the Journal an adequate idea of this vast country. But I feel that at this early date I can tell many things not generally known to the average Oregonian. I am constrained to say this for the reason that I consider myself tolerably well posted upon the conditions prevailing throughout Oregon, and yet when I was invited to come over here and spend a week or two I scarcely knew how to reach the place.

door, the four fine horses clamping their bits ready and anxious to be off. I gathered the robes around me and we were off over the Dixie mountain, through from three to four feet of snow with the thermometer well down to zero.

There is no dissenting voice, no discordant note as to their wants, their needs or their possessions, for there seem to be no knockers here. The entire population seems to be pulling together for the development of this great valley, for this wonderful unopened empire of 56,000 square miles, or containing over half of the state of Oregon. That it is in its present position today is more than a calamity to the state, it is a crime against all the people of Oregon. But of this in some future communication. For I hope the Journal will give me space at no distant date to tell many facts about this region, I am now but recording first impressions; but telling what many know, but few realize. Before I leave I expect to spend many days being driven over the country and gathering facts for the benefit of your readers. For the Journal has a very large circulation here, and its many friends will be held closer, I hope, by the publicity vouchsafed to them through my communications.

of the state; there are two of the best newspapers in Oregon published here, the News and the Times-Herald; there are three good hotels, a number of livery stables, bookstores, drugstores, real estate agents—in fact, here you will find as fine a little city as there is in Oregon. Burns has one of the best of high schools, with an average attendance of almost 60, and a public school with an enrollment of over 300. These schools are well housed and the corps of teachers the very best.

As to the churches, there are three, one Presbyterian, one Baptist and one Roman Catholic, and all of the three ministers are highly thought of by the entire community. And the liberality of the various denominations is something more than lovely, for they stand together as one for the moral and religious advancement of the community. I attended the Presbyterian Sunday school and church services yesterday, and the minister, Rev. Irwin, announced from the pulpit that he hoped all newcomers would deposit their church letters, regardless of what church they belonged to. "If you belong to the Roman Catholic," said he, "then take your letter to that church, and you will receive a hearty welcome, and be doing your simple duty; if you belong to a church that baptizes by immersion, go to the Baptist church, and you will receive a like welcome; if you belong to a church where baptism is administered by sprinkling, then come to this church, and you will find us all devoted to but one principle, the uplifting of our fellow men."

Mercury in the Dumps. I left Irwin on the afternoon of the 13th, and I must confess I was rather cool there, the thermometer ranging from 10 to 25 degrees below zero. Consequently the trains were somewhat delayed, but I reached Baker at 2 o'clock the following morning, to find that the coldest they had had it there was 3 below zero. The ground was covered to a depth of some three feet, and the huge flakes still coming down. Between Burns and Austin we had reached an altitude of 6000 feet, but the cold was not as severe as I had left behind at Irwin.

We had a good breakfast at the ranch, and then set off for the old Phil Metcahan ranch, 20 miles further, where we again changed for a sleigh, and then on to Burns, a distance of 30 miles, or 107 miles from Baker. Here I exchanged our sleigh for a hack, and came into Burns, and then on to the summit of 5090 feet, 5800 feet and 6200 feet. But we always kept moving, and came through without accident or mishap of any kind.

Beauty of Harney Valley. You may imagine that I was pretty tired after a steady ride of over 27 hours in hacks and sleighs, and four hours by rail, and only two hours rest the second night before. But I found admirable quarters at the French hotel, and the proprietress, Mrs. Martin, soon made me feel at home, and after a hearty supper I was lost to the world for 12 hours, to emerge the next morning "as good as new."

Law Abiding Town. But in the general acceptance of the term it is not a frontier town, for the gambling hell is not in evidence, the painted amazons are not tolerated, and the saloon is an incident, and not a dominating or even a commanding feature. The jail is empty, the calaboose is overgrown with cobwebs, and the city marshal might take a Rip Van Winkle sleep for all the harm it would do. But this is the headquarters, the base of supplies, and here the revenues finally come, and from here the disbursements are made.

Such sentiments from a pulpit showed me why the Sunday school was one of the best I had attended for over 30 years, embracing over one twelfth of the population of the town, or 130 pupils and teachers. But that seems to be the way in Burns, they all work and pull together. That is the sentiment that seems to propel them, and that is the sentiment that will not down, that must win. That is the sentiment on the railway question "We must have a railway," is the slogan of Harney county, of Burns, and it will be iterated and reiterated until Mr. Harriman or somebody else lays the ties and rails from Ontario westward through Harney.

As Governor He Will Make Changes Only for Positive Cause. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., Jan. 23.—Secretary of State Frank W. Benson, who will succeed to the governorship when George E. Chamberlain resigns, about March, to take his seat in the United States senate, expressed in an interview today that in all probability there would be no changes in the administrative departments that have been filled by appointments under Governor Chamberlain, because the unexpired term is so short. It is the intention of Mr. Benson not to disturb the boards that have been appointed by Governor Chamberlain, to make any changes in the management of any state institution by putting in new superintendents or other officials, unless investigation should reveal urgent need of such steps.

News Forecast of Coming Week. Taft to Panama and Uncle Sam Home From Cuba.—Big Conventions. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Washington, Jan. 23.—The proceedings of congress, the trip of President Taft to Panama and the inauguration of the president of Cuba will share public attention during the coming week. Leaving Charleston on board one of the cruisers of the navy, Mr. Taft will proceed direct to Panama, where he will spend a week or ten days in a personal inspection of the progress that is being made in the construction of the canal across the isthmus. In this inspection he will have the benefit of professional help, and opinions from half a dozen of the foremost American civil engineers who will accompany him to Panama as his guests.

Grand Coyote Roundup Planned by Big Sheepmen of Klickitat. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Husum, Wash., Jan. 23.—A grand roundup of coyotes is being planned by Leo Brune, the owner of large bands of sheep near Granddalle. The drive is to take place as soon as the coyotes pupae are old enough to make the chase interesting. The plan is to make the circuit, 15 miles in length, along the south side of the mountain north of Granddalle, and to have eight men to the mile, starting from the top of the mountain and driving to the river on the Oregon side.

Large Figures for Local Lots. The Hirschberg property—three lots at the southwest corner of Fifteenth and Overton streets—was sold last week, through the agency of E. J. Day for \$36,000. The name of the purchaser was not made public, but it is known to be a local capitalist. The block bounded by York, Roosevelt, Twenty-first and Verasteg streets was sold last week by Gustave Freiwald to J. H. Thatcher for \$45,000. It has 200 feet of trackage connected with the ter-

Losses Finger When Gun Goes Off. Weller, Idaho, Jan. 23.—Ray Bradshaw, son of R. E. Bradshaw of this city, was the victim of a serious accident this morning while hunting north of this city. He was carrying a .22 gauge shotgun which he was carrying accidentally discharged. He lost the forefinger on his right hand and the index finger was badly hurt.

Emperor William will reach his fiftieth birthday, and his fiftieth birthday will be celebrated in Berlin with elaborate arrangements being made for the observance of the anniversary throughout the German empire. Broughton Brandenburg, the writer, will be placed on trial in New York today in the second degree for selling the article published during the last campaign, which was alleged to have been written by former President Grover Cleveland. With elaborate ceremonies and high church dignitaries participating, the Rev. Dr. Alfred Harding, recently elected bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Washington, will be consecrated in Trinity church, in the national capital, on Monday morning. Bishop Daniel S. Tuttle of Missouri will preside over the ceremonies.

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One of the most important gatherings of the week will be the twelfth annual convention of the American Livestock Association. The convention will assemble in Los Angeles Tuesday for a session of three days. The revision of the tariff and the correction of unreasonably freight rates are among the important matters scheduled for consideration. President Roosevelt will be the guest of honor at the midwinter dinner of the Gridiron club, which will be given at the New Willard hotel Saturday night.

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minal yards and is admirably situated for warehouse or manufacturing sites. The quarter block at the northeast corner of Third and Sheridan streets has been purchased by G. Zanetto for \$9000. This property formerly belonged to L. Carstensen and is well improved.

States Minister Egan, who added that the president was only awaiting an invitation from the university.

T. R. TO LECTURE AT COPENHAGEN (United Press Leased Wire.) Copenhagen, Jan. 23.—President Roosevelt will probably come to Denmark, either before or after his African hunting trip and will deliver a lecture at the University of Copenhagen. This announcement was made today by United

Change in Spokane Service. Commencing Sunday, January 24, O. R. & N. train 4, known as the "Spokane Flyer," will leave Portland 7:30 p. m., arriving Spokane 5:30 a. m. Train 5, known as the "Portland Flyer," will leave Spokane 7:30 p. m. as at present, arriving Portland 9:30 a. m.

The geographical survey has formally denied the statement going the rounds that its experts had decided that one fourth of Alaska was a coal field. The latest official estimate is that there are about 24,000 square miles of coal areas in that country.

PORTLAND RAILWAY, LIGHT & POWER COMP'Y

Bulletin No. 1

The Portland Railway, Light & Power Company is a public-service corporation, and we realize that the most valuable asset a public-service corporation can have is the good will of the public. We are trying to be candid and sincere in all our dealings with the public and with the city, and we frankly admit that we shall consistently strive to secure and maintain the good will of the people of Portland.

It is an important part of our business to run a street railway and to run it efficiently. We feel that we can do more, ordinarily, by attending to our business than by entering into discussions or explanations.

The secret of getting along with the other fellow in this world is to have a better understanding of his troubles. The man who is the sharpest critic is often the best friend when he understands the other fellow's job.

Comparatively few people realize the difficulties of modern street railway operation. When anything goes wrong, everybody notices it; whenever everything goes right, nobody notices it.

We want to have everything go right and everybody to notice it. We feel that we are making friends with the people of Portland, and that our efforts to give the best service possible are being appreciated. This is not the accomplishment of a day, but the result of grinding work and large expenditures for some years past, and we desire to show the public what we have done and are doing for the improvement of the service; what problems we meet with daily, and some of the methods which would be mutually helpful and beneficial to the railway company and the public.

You make take this fact as assured, that it will not be possible to remove all sources of complaint. There is the amiable gentleman who kicks at home and growls all day at his office.

We cannot expect to escape him between time. He will probably kick at the publication of these articles. But, leaving him out of the question, it is still plain, from the nature of the business, that there will frequently be unavoidable troubles and inconveniences.

We carry a large portion of the population of Portland twice a day. Counting the transfers, people step up and down from the cars 320,000 times a day. The streets of Portland pass backward and forward through crowded streets, covering about 29,000 miles, or one and one quarter times the circumference of the globe, in a single day. There will always be accidents under these circumstances. Then, too, the conductor's lot is not a happy one. He has to collect money from people of all sorts and dispositions. He alone is expected to keep his temper, and it is his duty to do so. If he does not, upon proper complaint, he is disciplined, and perhaps discharged. We endeavor to secure the highest class of employees. We are proud of the character and courtesy of our men, and we believe that, as a body, they have not their superiors in the country. Still they are only human, and they make mistakes. Many a reasonable kick will necessarily be registered against us. The unreasonable kicks come hard. We feel that we can do away with many of them if the public understands the streetcar business a little better. We want to present to you a series of articles discussing some of the problems, together with a statement of how we are meeting them.

As for the reasonable kicks, we want to hear them. They help us. We realize that we can best serve ourselves by serving you. An outsider can sometimes suggest remedies for existing conditions which have escaped the men engaged in the detail of the work. Suggestions are solicited.

If, by telling you our story, you will understand us better, and the spirit of mutual helpfulness will be advanced, we shall feel that our work has been well done. We welcome honest criticism, particularly if it is good-natured.