

PORTLAND MAY LOSE TRADE OF AN EMPIRE

San Francisco Already Reaching Out For Business of Great But Undeveloped Harney, Malheur and Lake County Country—Railroad Must Come Soon.

By Addison Bennett. Irigoin, Or., Feb. 18.—My last letter left me at the P ranch, at the head of the Dundee and Blitzen rivers. The name, meaning thunder and lightning, is said to be well taken, for in that region there are many electrical storms during the growing season, and the owners of the valley think this one of the prime factors in the great productiveness of the land.

I am not going to follow my journey closely on my way from the head of the Blitzen to Burns. Suffice it to say we passed many miles of fine land and there is in Oregon and some not worth such save for grazing. There is a large tract of the public domain eastward from Malheur lake, subject to homestead entry, and many settlers are now going into that valley. But as said before, I would caution any person before going there that the way of the homesteader is likely to be an arduous one, and unless a man wishes to rough it and labor hard and incessantly he had better think twice before going so far from a railway.

Room for New Industries. There is room in Harney at the present time for some industries which have been overlooked, or at least have not received the attention they seem to warrant. One of these is the production of alfalfa seed. Everything there seems to be propitious for this industry, and the price per pound is usually good enough to allow the product to be hauled out by freighters and yet allow a good margin for the grower.

Butter High and Bad. But recently a few of these breeds have been taken in, and from now on the dairy business will receive more attention, as it should. The day I left Burns butter was selling at a dollar a roll, and not a very choice article at that. One of the best indications of the prosperity of Harney may be gained from her bank statistics. There are two banks in the county—the First National and the Harney County National, both at Burns—and they are among the strongest in the Pacific northwest. I did not gain this from the statements of the bankers themselves, but rather from what they did during the panic, and from a conversation with the national bank examiner. He told me that the Harney banks carried the largest reserve of any two banks in any county in Oregon. As an indication of their strength, I may mention that neither of them paid any attention whatever to the holiday proclamations during the last year ago last fall, but did business just the same as ever, only they made more loans than usual, the two banks letting out about \$100,000 during the dark days. No other banks in the state made such a record.

Harney Has No Malaria. There are certain statistical facts which would like to give in a sort of running fire, as it would be wearisome to go into minute details. The death rate in Harney is the lowest in Oregon; they have positively no malaria, they have as good schools as there are in the state; they have no tuberculosis in the county, there is not a prisoner in the jail or lockups; they raise some of the finest fruits in the foothills of any county in the state; they have more cattle than any other county in the state; it is the richest

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county per capita in the state, they have as fine a climate as there is in Oregon; in the conservation of the waters nearly every acre of their land can receive at least one wetting a year.

The Harney valley is the future granary of the northwest, there are 1,000,000 acres of vacant and surveyed subject to homestead entry, there are 1,545,375 acres of unsurveyed land, and 1,000,000 acres in the hands of their forest reserves, there is an abundance of fuel for at least a generation, the people are universally progressive and prosperous, and above all, it is one of the most orderly places in the West.

With railway communication Harney could, and would, furnish within a very short time, many thousands of water power, the people are universally progressive and prosperous, and above all, it is one of the most orderly places in the West.

World Benefit Oregon. What this would mean to that section does not matter so much as what it means to the state, and to the nation as a whole needs to annex that section far more than the people of that section need annexing for their own good.

And when I use the word "annex" I do so with the idea plainly stated that Oregon as a whole must do something soon or the Gould road will come up from the south and the trade of that whole vast area of the state will be "annexed" to California, for that there is no doubt. Already the Gould road has reached Winnemucca, and soon, sooner than we suspect, feeders will be run north into Malheur, Harney and Lake, and then in later years we will have to fight to get the line back.

The people of that section are loyal to Oregon, they want to give their Harney to Oregon. They want to be a part of the commonwealth, but they are also loyal to themselves, their families and their communities, and if we reject them, they will go to those who give them an outlet.

Treated Like a Prince. I spent three weeks in Harney. I supposed in that time I could, by keeping busy, learn much about the entire county, but I could only touch it here and there. However, I learned a lot, and I do hope that my various communications to The Journal, the Oregonian and other papers, and my interviews and "talks" will in a slight degree repay the people of Harney for their kindness to me. I went there a stranger, but they treated me like a prince, and I know they have some of the finest people on earth in that state, and one of the principal lines of work of the association will be the obtaining of better roads and better bridges.

SELLS BLOOD TO SAVE NEGRESS. White Messenger at a Hospital Answers the Call for a Volunteer. New York, Feb. 20.—"I'll give \$10 for one pint of blood from any of you fellows strong enough to part with it," announced Dr. Geiser of Bellevue hospital to the messengers assembled in the dining hall of the hospital to have it save the life of a woman.

CLAIMS PARENSIS DUE TO GERM; CURABLE. Massillon, Ohio, Feb. 20.—In the presence of 150 physicians, at Massillon State Hospital for the Insane, Dr. John L. O'Brien and assistant, Mrs. Tatle, gave a clinic of paresis patients. They were brought before the convention of the Sixth council, district of the United Medical society. The delusions of the patients were shown by means of questions.

SPAIN'S SURRENDER IN 1898 EXPLAINED. Madrid, Feb. 20.—Following the publication of certain cablegrams exchanged between the Spanish government at Madrid and General Blanco at Havana relative to the surrender of Cuba to the United States in 1898, it is now learned that fear of an American attack upon the coast of Spain and a subsequent revolution in this country was the official reason for Premier Sagasta's decision to make peace with the United States. Moreover, this decision was reached before the negotiations for the surrender of Santiago were concluded.

These facts have been disclosed by the further publication of the correspond-

ence between General Blanco and Premier Sagasta, at the instigation of Blanco, as a defense against the charge of cowardice made against the Spanish army in Cuba by a Catalonian dispatch. A dispatch received by the Spanish government on July 9, 1898, from General Blanco insisted that the army, although crippled by the loss of Cervera's fleet, was ready and anxious to continue the war, but both the minister of war and Premier Sagasta, replied on July 12 that as the Americans were masters of the sea and were preparing to attack the Baleares islands and the Spanish coast, which would be certain to produce an uprising in the interior, peace was imperative. General Blanco, protesting to the last, finally agreed to obey orders and surrender.

THRESHERS TO UNITE. Washington County Men Will Meet at Forest Grove. (Special Dispatch to the Journal.) Forest Grove, Or., Feb. 20.—The state officers of the Oregon Threshers' association will meet with the Washington county threshing men in this city next Wednesday for the purpose of organizing a county association. There are over 70 threshing outfits owned in Washington county, having a value of \$200,000, yet there has never been an organization of any kind, and for that reason it has been impossible to carry out much needed reform. These associations are being formed in all parts of the state, and one of the principal lines of work of the association will be the obtaining of better roads and better bridges.

LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL GLEE CLUB MEMBERS RESUME THEIR STUDIES

By Mildred L. Clemons. The girls' and boys' glee clubs of the Lincoln High school have resumed their work. The boys still study under Mrs. Rose Courson Reed; but, this term, the girls will study under Miss Mabel Downs, of the High School faculty. Monday afternoon the girls, wishing to join the glee club this term, met in one of the rooms of the High school. Twenty-four girls have enrolled so far, and many more are expected to join a little later. The girls will practice every Thursday afternoon in the assembly hall of the High school. Until last year, when a chorus was organized, consisting of both boys and girls, the High school was without a musical organization, a feature sadly missed. Both glee clubs this year have been doing excellent work and both rendered pleasing numbers at the graduating exercises this February, thus showing that the glee clubs have become a decided factor in our entertainments.

With the new term there are a number of new students. So far this term 157 new pupils have registered. Three new courses were added to the High school curriculum, at the beginning of the school year, thus making it that a student now entering the High school can choose his course from among eight. The new pupils, this term, enrolled as follows: Commercial course,

55; Latin and college preparatory, 49; English, 27; German, 17; scientific, domestic science and teachers' courses, 15. Owing to the increased popularity of the commercial course, the board has found it necessary to appoint a new teacher to that department, Miss Bertha V. Holdsworth. Miss Holdsworth is a high graduate of the Traverse City High school of Michigan, and also the Michigan Agricultural college. She has also spent two years in the Industrial Business college of Grand Rapids, Mich. She has had wide experience teaching in various schools of Washington, and also at the Hill Military academy of this city. Since Miss Holdsworth's advent, the commercial department offers electives in spelling and penmanship. Many students have availed themselves of these opportunities.

On Friday, February 12, the literary societies held their usual election of officers. The result of The Adelpheans' election was as follows: Jessie Young, president; Margaret Ost, vice president; Nelson Linkins, secretary; John Rankus, treasurer; Gustave Everson, sergeant-at-arms, and Ruth Stone, editor.

At 2 p. m. on Friday, last, the High school was assembled to listen to Tom Richardson and H. C. Campbell, who were sent by the Commercial club of the city to address the school. It is believed that two more interesting speakers never addressed the students of Lincoln High. Mr. Richardson briefly stated the reason for addressing us. The Commercial club has had 500,000 leaflets printed extolling the many beauties, resources and advantages that the Rose city can offer to friends. It is the wish of the club to have the school children, throughout the city, help in the distributing of these little leaflets by sending them in personal letters to their friends. Once before the schools were asked to participate in such a means of advertising and Mr. Richardson said that 27,000 people were brought to Portland, in four months, as the result. He said: "Because, boys and girls, it is from you that Oregon is going to get her future."

An interesting fact was stated by Mr. Richardson, that 95 per cent of Portland's citizens are Americans. He went on to say that Portland has fewer papers than any city of its size, the best drinking water to be found in any city the world over, the second largest lumber port in the world, and last but not least, one of the most beautiful views in the world. Mr. Richardson's talk was very interesting, and the students only regretted that he could not speak longer.

Thursday afternoon the athletic association met in the assembly hall of the High school for the purpose of electing the athletic leaders. Sam Holden was elected track manager over Newton Smith, the only other nominee. Everett Peterson was unanimously elected football manager. Alvin Grant was unanimously elected yell leader. As two girls and three boys make up the board of directors, Miss Keran Davis and Ada May Bigger being the only girl nominees were unanimously elected as the girl members. Of the boys nominated J. Gunnell, F. Gerlach and E. Vosper were elected. One of the most important features of the meeting was the decision of the association to exclude tennis in the intercollegiate league. Kenneth McAlpin was appointed the official representative of the High school to the meeting of the delegates from the several schools for the purpose of arranging with them for an annual tennis tournament to be participated in by players from all the schools.

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