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Barney Lewis, who started out last week to visit a month in Portland, returned to Bend Monday. When he reached Prineville the reports of smallpox below, at The Dalles and Portland, made him feel that there is no place like a home on the Deschutes, and he came back.

## A REVELATION TO CHICAGOANS.

They Are Surprised by Resources and Opportunities Here.

"This country is a revelation to us," said Colonel James H. Drake, of Chicago, after a day's drive up the Deschutes and a glance at the broad area to be fertilized by the Pilot Butte Development Company's irrigation plant. "Nobody can get an adequate conception of this section by reading about it. It is an empire and I am fairly astonished at the display of native resource and possibilities of development that I observe here. I was prepared to see timber that might some time be used. I was prepared to see broad acres that enthusiastic scientists regard as having some future value. But here I find actually present, and in a form to appeal to any business judgment, such native wealth and such opportunity for using it that I am surprised and gratified beyond expression."

Colonel Drake is a Chicago board of trade man and a cousin of A. M. Drake, president of the Pilot Butte Development Company. He and two other Chicago men, James G. Goodwillie and his son, Arthur L., came out from Portland with A. M. Drake last Saturday and they have been spending the week in an inspection of this vicinity. Colonel Drake was formerly land commissioner of the St. Paul & Sioux City railroad and its assistant manager but more recently a Chicagoan and for 25 years he has been a member of the Chicago board of trade.

The other visitors are also Chicagoans. The elder Goodwillie was for 30 years engaged in extensive lumber manufacturing at Wausau, Wisconsin. Now he is a member of the firm of Goodwillie Bros., Chicago. His son, Arthur L. Goodwillie, is a graduate of Williams college and was recently in a large banking concern in Chicago. These men are greatly pleased with the Deschutes country and expect large development here.

The visitors Monday inspected the flume work for the Pilot Butte irrigation enterprise. Tuesday they went on an excursion to Benham falls. Wednesday they drove down the route of the Pilot Butte canal to Forked Horn butte and yesterday they went out and looked at the Columbia Southern ditch. They are getting a good idea of the country and the projects for its reclamation and development.

## Ex-Congressman Takes Timber.

Captain Samuel A. Craig and his sister Miss Mary L. Craig, of Brookville, Penn., and Miss Araminta Rodgers, of Washington, Penn., made proof in Bend Tuesday on their timber claims in the Lakeview district. Captain Craig served as congressman in the famous 57th congress when Tom Reed was elected speaker over William McKinley. This was the third trip of this party to Bend. The Pennsylvanians are very favorably impressed with the Deschutes country. They drove in direct from Shaniko but returned by way of Prineville.

## Blind But Still Active.

Richard King returned home Monday from his trip to Portland. While there he ascertained that there was no doubt about curing his eyes by a surgical operation, but it will be some time before the eyes are ready for that. There must be a period of total blindness before the diseased lenses can be removed from the eyes. Whether this will take months or weeks cannot yet be told. In the meantime the old gentlemen is guided by his grandson and he does as much effective business as many a man with good eyes.

## NOW FOR WORK ON THE DITCH.

Plows and Scrapers on the Way-- Three New Crews.

Work on the Pilot Butte Development Company's ditch is to be opened very soon. The first installment of scrapers and plows is now at Shaniko, and will be brought in and set to work without delay. The ditch work will not wait for the completion of the flume.

The plan of operations contemplates working three ditch crews in addition to the flume crew. One of these is to have the stretch above Bend, another will work below this point and the third will work up from the vicinity of Forked Horn butte. On that part of the ditch line within reach of the river the workmen will be put as soon as possible, but the construction of the more distant stretches must wait until the canal carries water to them, which will not be long, however.

Construction of flume trestle is going forward at the rate of about 400 feet a day. About 3000 feet of this structure will be up by tomorrow night—nearly half its length. The work is well organized and is carried on without a hitch.

Several tons of spikes to be used in putting up the flume proper after the trestle is completed, are on the way in from Shaniko and more are to come. The flume will never fail from lack of nailing.

The reason for putting on ditch crews before the full completion of the flume is that the work can be done to better advantage before rough weather sets in after the beginning of the new year. It is proposed to add forces all along the line at the earliest date they can be organized.

## LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Whitted was down from her ranch Wednesday.

J. H. Overturf, of Silver Lake, was in Bend this week, and went on down to Portland for a few weeks.

Ed Brock returned Wednesday evening from Prineville, where he has been spending the past ten days.

Blacksmith Triplett now makes the trip morning and night between his homestead and his shop in Bend on the deck of a lively pony.

Charles Brock returned Monday from Prineville with a load of stock for the saloon firm of Brock & West.

Mrs. Millard Triplett, who caught a severe cold and was quite ill for a few days after the family moved up to the homestead, has recovered.

Dee Low, Walter Low, Mary Babcock, Belle Babcock, John Babcock, Lorenzo Babcock and Bessie Barnes are among the new enrollments at the Bend school.

Charles Morrow, of Rhinelander, Wisconsin, and William Fernier, of Portland, have been looking up a considerable tract of timber south of Bend. They finished their work and left Bend Sunday.

Mr. Holland, of the Gilchrist-Holland Lumber Company, and Mr. Shepard, of Duluth, came in from the railroad yesterday and will spend a few days examining timber hereabouts.

The Rev. O. W. Triplett conducted the union services Sunday morning. He returned to Prineville in the afternoon and in the evening Colonel James H. Drake, of Chicago, conducted a service, which, while designed chiefly for the children, was also interesting for the older folks. There was a large attendance at both services.

Rhetorical exercises at the school were again postponed this week. A supply of books with selections suitable for this work is expected soon and the pupils can then do better.

W. H. Staats sold a horse to G. Schlecht yesterday. Last night as Schlecht was riding the animal up to Triplett's pasture it became involved in a wire fence and was so injured that it had to be killed.

Sam Lester and Joe Smith, of Antelope, were at the Pilot Butte Inn Tuesday night. They left Wednesday for Silver Lake, where Mr. Lester will engage in the saloon business, and Mr. Smith in carpenter work.

Mrs. Drake and Mr. Arthur L. Goodwillie, conveyed by "Dad" West, went up the river duck hunting Wednesday. They took along both boat and dog, so were sure of getting the birds they might shoot. They brought back seven fine ducks.

Messrs. Booge and Weisz sat on the river bank in their yard at the King house and popped over 13 fine ducks Wednesday morning. Two were big mallards, three were rare canvassbacks and the remainder teal. Everybody reports plenty of ducks now.

L. H. McCann, who recently came out from Minnesota, has just got his family established on his homestead in the northeast corner of 19-12, about eight miles southeasterly from Bend. He and Mrs. McCann were visitors in Bend Tuesday.

Thousands of head of cattle will be wintered on Klamath Marsh the coming winter. Cattle to the number of 12,000 head will be brought there for feed from Jackson, Douglas, Crook, Harney and Lake counties.—Klamath Express.

Colonel James H. Drake Wednesday lost from his pocket a small memorandum book and a card wallet in which were a few keys. These were dropped somewhere between Bend and Forked Horn butte. There was nothing of value to other persons and the owner requests the finder of the article to deliver them to A. M. Drake or let him know of it.

John Sisemore has removed the planks from the Brownell bridge, just above Benham falls, and brought them down for use on the county bridge at the Sisemore ranch, where repairs are needed. Mr. Sisemore says he purchased the planks from Brownell. This leaves that upper bridge dismantled and persons traveling in that country should take notice of the fact and save themselves time and annoyance.

For a week or 10 days past the juniper jays have been very numerous and noisy about Bend. Many robins have accompanied them. The various tribes of birds seem to have the habit of returning to the river at intervals of about two weeks, getting well supplied with water to last them for an inland trip to feast upon the juniper berries. Old settlers say the large crop of juniper berries will keep the robins here in great numbers through the coming winter.

A Sunday school was temporarily organized last Sunday at the schoolhouse. Postmaster Staats presided. The organization will conduct its Sunday school every Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the schoolhouse. The previous announcement was for a Baptist organization but Mr. Staats says there was no mention of any denomination at the meeting. He says a permanent organization will be effected next Sunday, when it is expected there will be a larger attendance.