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LIKE BROOK FARM

College Men Take Hold of Deschutes Lands.

ALSO WORK ON THE DITCH

May Establish a Co-operative Colony More or Less Socialistic in Practice.

Brook Farm was an experiment in agriculture and education notable because of the prominence of the persons connected with it, among whom were Nathaniel Hawthorne, George William Curtis, Charles A. Dana, George Ripley, Margaret Fuller, Horace Greeley, James Russell Lowell, John G. Whittier and Judge Story. It was started in 1841, on a farm at West Roxbury, Mass. Thirty years later the ideas of Fourier, the French socialist, were introduced into the management. The Brook Farm Association dissolved in 1847.

A party of 10 young men arrived in Bend Tuesday night direct from Shaniko, to work on the irrigation ditch of the D. I. & P. Co. and take reclaimed land and work it on a co-operative plan. Most of these are college men. The leader of the company is Henry George, a graduate of the New Hampshire Agricultural college. Benjamin Weber, of Sedan University, France; F. M. Lobdell, of the University of North Dakota, George Webb, of the Valparaiso (Ind.) Normal college; Van Dycke, of Ladysmith, South Africa; C. N. Smith, of Voss, North Dakota; F. L. Lobdell, of the Davenport (Ia.) Business College and four others more or less experienced in practical and theoretical irrigation are in the party.

All these men went to work Wednesday at the upper construction camp of the D. I. & P. Co., near the crossing of the Silver Lake road.

Most of them know something about irrigation farming and are confident great things will be accomplished under irrigation in this vicinity. Several of them have been in Colorado working with irrigation enterprises. The party

organized in Portland, so far as there is any organization—merely a pledge to work together along common lines. Only in a limited sense do they propose to co-operate. Mainly each fellow will have the result of his own labor, but by taking land adjoining each other they will have a considerably body which they will in a great many respects be used as in one estate.

The idea of colonization is not entirely foreign to the scheme these young men have entered upon. Their enterprise may develop to a colony of considerable magnitude.

Pedro Merrill is Dead.

Little Pedro Merrill is dead. His brief term of existence on the troubled earth was rather strenuous, particularly the last week of it, but he might have pulled through if his curiosity had not got the better of his judgment and led him into the indiscretion of trying medicine which grown up humans affect when they don't know what ails them.

The Merrill youngsters had heaps of tin with little Pedro, but they became possessed of the notion that little boy dogs had as good a right to look after themselves as do little boys of the genus homo. This conclusion was forced upon little Pedro when he found himself sailing through the air on his way to the ground from the second story of the Merrill building. His arrival on terra firma caused him much discomfort and he acquainted the world with his trouble. Next day he got under J. N. Hunter's wagon and the world was again aware that little Pedro was unhappy. The little chap survived these grievous mishaps and was learning to look out for himself bravely when Fate, which had been camping on his trail some time, finally overtook him.

Some of the pills which the doctor feels distressed human critters got spilled on the floor and little Pedro ran foul of the hateful things. He didn't know they were hateful. Like Bill Nye's little dog, Entomologist, Pedro had never eaten any pills and he thought he'd try 'em. Presently Mrs. Merrill heard Pedro giving tongue to his woe. Going up stairs to comfort the little fellow, she found him dying. She rushed down to the drugstore with him, but it was too late. Death claimed the poor little doggie, and there was sadness among the children.

Pedro's little brothers—Rag Pindexter, Check O'Kane, Mug Morrison, and Tike Lawrence,—being very proper pups of high degree, have been in deepest mourning ever since that solemn Monday, wearing somber suits of solid black, relieved only by small white cravats and the whites of their eyes.

Chauncey P. Becker brought to town yesterday some specimens of the products of his ranch on the Columbia Southern lands near the Swalley bridge that proves that it will grow root crops to perfection. He had a bunch of parsnips ranging in size up to 14 inches in length and 15 inches in circumference and a lot of potatoes just as they came from the hill, not overgrown but smooth and shapely tubers and of generous yield. For a first year's crop with only partial irrigation these specimens are very gratifying—indeed they beat many regions not in the arid zone.

S. S. Johnson and S. O. Johnson, of San Francisco, and G. S. Curtis, of Clinton, Iowa, came in last week and are with J. R. Ryan examining the large tracts of timber to the southward of Bend, in which they are interested. The Johnsons are members of the A. J. Dwyer Pine Land Company of Minnesota which has large holdings in this section. In the past year they have shifted headquarters from Minnesota to San Francisco. Evidently they contemplate lumbering activity in this section and mean to be ready for business when things open in their line.

WHAT OF THE SCHOOL

Bend Needs to Look for Better Facilities.

CHANGE OF SITE IS POSSIBLE

A Better Location May be Had if Present Building can be Disposed of.

The time is soon coming when Bend must have greater school facilities—probably before the end of the current school year. These can hardly be provided for in a day. The voters of the district have in their hands the adjustment of this matter.

A suggestion that has not yet come formally before the board has been made in this connection. It is to exchange the present school lot for a lot better situated, where a new school house, adequate to the needs of the district, may be built. This would be feasible, however, only in case the present building can be satisfactorily disposed of, for the district cannot afford to throw away the present building.

The present school lot is a little more than half an acre in area. But a part of that area is occupied by a rock ledge that reaches across the back of the lot.

The site that has been suggested for a new school house is materially larger in area and there is no waste land upon it. It is between the Baptist and Presbyterian church lots, occupying all of the irregularly-shaped block that is not used for church purposes. This site faces upon Oregon and Tenth streets and Hawthorn avenue. The area is nearly an acre, which would afford space for a goodly playground.

A NEW MAIL SCHEDULE.

To Pass Bend Both Ways About 2 P. M. After October 20.

Notice has come from Washington that the increase of service on route 73,401, from Silver Lake to Prineville, will take place October 20, when the six-times-a-week service will be extended from Bend to Silver Lake. Under the new schedule the mail is to leave Prineville after the arrival of the mail from Shaniko, but not later than 8:30 a. m. and run through to Silver Lake by 8:30 p. m. the succeeding day. The return trip is to leave Silver Lake at 7 a. m. and get through to Prineville by 7 p. m. of the day following. This will make the mail from the north arrive at Bend about 2 p. m. daily and from the south it will arrive about the same hour.

This is a poor schedule. It will result in making mail for all points south of Prineville a day later than it now is, for three-fourths of the time. It is out of the question to get the Shaniko mail into Prineville by 8:30 a. m. in the winter months, when the roads are bad, and a stage going south at that hour simply leaves the mail over till the next day. Bend is by far the largest mail patron on the route and its interests will not admit of holding mail at Prineville nearly 24 hours.

Also the northbound schedule involves holding mail at Prineville 18 hours. Mail leaving Bend at 2 p. m. will not leave Prineville until 1 p. m. the next day. This is intolerable for a business community like Bend and will force it to make other arrangements for its mail.

Possibly this schedule is merely temporary—to serve until the auto line to Bend gets in operation.

The Pilot Butte Company this week removed the pile of rock that for some hundreds of years obstructed Wall street in front of the City Market.

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