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BILL HANLEY SHOCKED

Stands off Reporters Until He Packs Trunk for Return Home

REMEDY FOR OVERPOPULATION

Will Hanley Visits New York and is Impressed With Wickedness of Big City--Thinks Overpopulation the Cause and Suggests That Few Thousand Come to Harney County.

The following is taken from the New York Sun and gives us some idea of how Bill Hanley behaves out in company:

Out in Oregon if you admit that you don't know William Hanley of Harney county it means that you are not very well known yourself. Here in New York Mr. Hanley has not quite as large an acquaintance as he has out in his home State, but he had just been making a visit East to look us over—the first time he has ever been in New York—and he said last night just before he left the Waldorf for Burns, Ore., that he had enjoyed his visit very much and might come again soon.

It took a reporter twelve days to induce Mr. Hanley to consent to be interviewed. The latter reached the Waldorf on New Year's eve, and the next day he was accosted in the lobby of the Waldorf. Mr. Hanley looked a bit suspicious. "I'm nothing but a plain farmer from the backwoods," he said, and edged away. Later advances were met with a twinkle of the eyes, but reticence. It was not until he had got his trunk packed and was ready to leave that Mr. Hanley after some persuasion consented to make a few comparisons between Burns, Ore., and New York.

At first glance Mr. Hanley looks almost like a replica of William J. Bryan. His features are clean cut and he wears no beard and he has a smile about the eyes that the Perpetual Candidate used to have in happy moments. When Mr. Hanley removed his wide brimmed hat the likeness is even more striking, for his forehead is very high and the hair at the back of his head is long.

It was not the high buildings or the people in the streets, nor yet the busy hum of traffic, nor even our subways that most impressed Mr. Hanley during his visit. What was it? Sh! It was our wickedness.

"Yes, it was the wickedness of life here that made the greatest impression upon me," said Mr. Hanley. "I landed here on New Year's night and I moved around among the surging mass of common people on the streets. Then I went into the different restaurants and the places where the higher classes of the dissipated wicked people were gathered. My inside impression is that such dissipation is caused by over population, and is a mark of unnatural ideas of life and enjoyment.

"You must remember," Mr. Hanley went on, "that I come from what is the real frontier of this country. Burns, Ore., is in the Harney Valley in southeastern Oregon. It has only a population of 1,200, but it is the biggest town in that section. The nearest places equal of size are Lakeview, 175 miles to the south, and Prineville, a similar distance to the west. The nearest railroad station to us is Ontario, on the Oregon Short Line, which is a trifle of 150 miles distant. In that country we cannot raise anything to ship except what can walk away. We have stage lines, of course, but the people who travel to the railroad station generally use their own teams. We have to drive our sheep and cattle to the railroad station, which takes a little matter of fifteen days. The stores in Burns require from twenty to twenty-five days to haul a load of freight from the station, bringing it as they do in old fashioned prairie schooners. When I go home from the railway station I usually make the 150 miles in three days, though

and any community that has half a dozen children in it can get a school teacher. Of course we have orchards and we raise all the ordinary truck and farm products, but we have no market for such except locally.

"The indications are now that there will be a railroad building within that district within the next year or two so as to let the civilized and cultivated class of people in. The country so far has been settled mostly by natives of Oregon. We are the old style of pioneers and most of us have been there for many years.

"Why, people from New York, if they were only willing to sacrifice present comforts for the betterment of future conditions, could go out there and take fortunes from the soil. That would be a true remedy for the higher cost of living. The high prices of farm products have come to stay until conditions have been more equalized by more people going back to the soil. The men who are products of the farm have been pouring into the city every since the early days of the country and the soil is bare of masters. Men who are pegging away at small salaries in New York could go out to where land is cheap and the same energy and ability that they expend on little jobs here would make them persons of ample means and greatly widened influence.

"But people nowadays would rather stand for the high price of living and enjoy themselves complaining about it than to go out and proceed to meet conditions by producing something to eat and wear. Yet the land out there is crying for them.

"The skyscrapers of New York did not strike me particularly," said Mr. Hanley in answer to a question. "I had seen pictures of them and read all about them. Then I had a fair idea of what the crowds in the streets would be. Next to what I said about the wickedness of life here my greatest impression was from a business standpoint—actually meeting and talking with the developed class of business men, and feeling thankful, after realizing what power they have throughout the country, that they have let us have as much in the West as we have got. The fact that with the awful sharpness and wisdom of the city dealer, and the high position he has held in the country since the start, have enabled this great center of accumulated wealth to hold on to the rest of the country without taking advantage of it have impressed me and have reversed some opinions I had when I came here, and I believe that business men here realize the great principle that a man's mission is not as selfish as a lot of people seem to think it is.

"Yes, I stopped in Chicago on my way here. It doesn't come up to New York. Chicago is the first division going West. That is its relation to the country."

NOTES FROM SUNSET.

Ed Eggleston returned to Burns Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Myers have returned after a brief absence. The people of Sunset extend their sympathy to Mr. Myers in his late bereavement.

Collin Dawson has been visiting with his parents in Sunset for the last few weeks.

Walter Hodder and A. Spicer spent Saturday and Sunday up on their homesteads.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barron, Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Reed, Porter Nash, J. B. Hodder, Fred Barron, Collin Dawson and Wm. Dawson were pleasure visitors to Norrows last Friday.

Robert Combine, of Pendleton, has been spending several weeks at his homestead and visiting old acquaintances.

Porter Nash, Charles Reed and wife were business visitors to Burns last week.

It is being whispered about that Ike Swift is soon to have a "cook", which is pleasant news to the people of Harney county. Strange to say the lady has lived for the last forty years in Salem.

Mr. Harmer and two sons are hauling wood from Sage Hen to Burns.

HILL ON TO CALIFORNIA

Persistent Rumor That Railroad Not Stop Short of Frisco Bay

NEGOTIATING FOR WATER FRONT

San Francisco Insists That Hill is Going on to California in Spite of Denials--Activity Around Bay and Purchasing of Connecting Roads Point to Such Culmination, says Dispatch.

A dispatch from San Francisco says: Announcement of the purchase of the Pacific & Idaho Northern railroad, together with the building of the Pittsburg & Gilmour road through the White Salmon River country in Washington by railroad interests supposed to be friendly to James J. Hill and the consequent activity of surveyors around the east side of San Francisco bay in laying out a right of way from Alameda, is believed by railroad men to be the extension of the traffic system controlled by Hill to California.

That the Hanley and Woods railroad, which forms the connecting link between the Oregon Trunk line and the Deschutes River country and a right of way through the extensive Hanley holdings in southern Oregon, has been purchased by the Hill interests is no longer denied, and the way seems clear for the Hill extension to tap San Francisco bay on the eastern side.

From the Washington line to San Francisco bay the Hill extension would have a choice of routes, but it is believed that the Northern Pacific magnate will build his own road direct and not enter into any traffic agreement with any existing California road.

The Southern Pacific officials, it would seem, are well aware of Hill's plans, and have been trying to forestall him by securing every available foot of waterfront land on the east side of the bay.

Even Bay Farm island, which has hitherto been known only as an immense vegetable garden, has assumed a commercial value undreamed of in its early days, and it is said to be the strategic point for which both the Southern Pacific and Hill interests are struggling.

Unless Hill forms a traffic agreement with the Western Pacific and uses that system, he is shut out from the east bay waterfront except at one point, at Bay Farm island.

The McCarty property, 700 acres, which controls the deep water privileges on the island, will evidently be the center of the railroad typhoon, and it is believed that the Hill interests have already secured an option on the tract, for although Mrs. McCarty will not admit that she has accepted an option, she acknowledged two weeks past that she had been offered \$125,000 for her holdings and tentatively admitted it was a railroad company that has made her the offer.

INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

(Portland Correspondence.)

The long continued cold weather has not yet had a bad effect on crops, as might have been expected, but has been rather beneficial to them, according to reports from different parts of the state. Fruit prospects throughout the Northwest are now the brightest in years, it is said, the cold weather holding back the buds so long that there is little fear of damage by late frosts. This is shown particularly in the apple and pear orchards, where the crop during the past year was the smallest in several seasons. The snow fall of the winter is said to have been generally ample to protect fall sown grain except in some portions of the Willamette Valley. The snow, too, has added moisture to the ground in the drier sections.

Low one-way colonist rates from all parts of the East to Pacific Coast terminals are offered by the railroads from March 1 to April 15. The opportunity to

bring thousands of new settlers to Oregon is a valuable one and commercial organizations of the state will take advantage of it to the fullest extent.

The attractive literature sent out during the past year and the wide publicity given all parts of Oregon have been fruitful of results and inquiry about this state was never so general as at the present time. Because of this widespread interest in Oregon, it may be expected that the state will receive a large immigration during the coming spring.

Oregon people should do all they can to add to this movement to the Pacific Northwest by arousing interest among their friends in other parts of the country who are looking for new homes and information should be supplied them on the opportunities here for newcomers and particularly those who desire to be engaged in agriculture, horticulture, stock raising or dairying. These lines of endeavor are rewarding those who are engaged in them.

Livestock men of the Northwest will meet at the Commercial Club rooms here on January 27, when dates for the various fairs and racing meets in the Pacific Northwest for the coming season will be determined. The meeting will be a joint one under the auspices of the North Pacific Fair Association and the Oregon Pure Breed Livestock Association. The meeting will conclude with a banquet at night.

WHAT FARMERS WANT.

At a recent meeting or rather convention of the Farmer's Educational and Co-operative Union of Oregon, Washington and Idaho held at Walla Walla there were some 1000 delegates present.

At the closing of the session the convention adopted some strong resolutions on subjects of state and national importance. Among these were resolutions demanding the establishment of parcels post system, favoring a graduated income tax, election of United States senators by direct vote of the people, demanding lowering of tariff duties on necessities of life, condemning gambling in farm products, opposing ship subsidies, favoring conservation of resources, protecting against any action of the navy department to prevent coal vessels returning with grain cargoes, petitioning congress to authorize wholesale publication of report of county life commission, favoring adoption of township organization commending good roads movement, favoring county unit for local option, favoring direct legislation and recall system, and favoring investigation of fraternal insurance.

In addition to the adoption of these resolutions, the convention went on record as favoring the construction of warehouses throughout the grain producing sections of the state by companies formed for that purpose.

STOCK CONDITIONS.

Charles E. Dowell of Skull Springs arrived in Vale Wednesday with about 60 head of horses he gathered up along the route between here and Skull Springs, belonging to Mr. Turnbull. He is taking them to Turnbull's ranch on the Owyhee for wintering. Mr. Dowell stated Mr. Turnbull's sheep were in good condition and that they had plenty of hay to last them for two weeks yet but that Tom was rushing all the corn and grain he could secure in for feeding in case the weather continued bad much longer. The corn is cost-

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