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Central Oregon Called Land of Great Promise by Mr. Chapman

HARNEY VALLEY IS WONDERFUL

Experiment Stations for Farmers and Better Organization Present Need of District--One Ranch That Would Support Thousands of Families if Cut Up.

Manager C. C. Chapman, of the Portland Commercial club, returned this morning from an extended tour of investigation through the great central Oregon empire. He returned doubly enthusiastic with the possibilities that offer there and their tremendous significance to Portland.

"We of Portland have but a very faint idea of the magnitude of that great stretch of country that we speak of as central Oregon," said Mr. Chapman. "It is greater in resources than Colorado, more promising than New Mexico and as good as the best to be found in Utah and Montana.

"But the resources must be developed, the immense area of lands must be settled and made productive beyond the raising of livestock on the plains. Looking from a selfish point of view, I can say that of every dollar produced there 60 cents will come to Portland. The significance of this can hardly be realized here at this time. Our merchants and people in general do not comprehend its meaning.

"To develop central Oregon we must have better organization, and we shall bend every energy to bring it about. Ostensibly my purpose in going to central Oregon this trip was to attend the first annual meeting of the central Oregon Development league at Prineville. It was the most earnest convention I have ever attended. It was attended by determined men from all parts of the great interior and everybody took a deep interest in getting under way a movement whereby the big lands may be made productive.

"William Hanley, the cattle king of Harney valley, was made permanent president of the league. He is thoroughly in favor of the sentiment and will be in position to help wonderfully in the work. So is secretary J. Sawhill.

"Leaving Prineville I visited one of 'Bill' Hanley's ranches. It contains 143,000 acres and some of the most beautiful land I ever saw with streams intersecting it here and there.

"Feed for thousands of head of cattle is grown there but as this requires comparatively little attention the immense farm has but three living houses. This vast tract of land would support thousands of families were the ground made to produce other crops than hay.

"The great Harney valley, is a wonderful country. Land stretches out in every direction, for miles as level as a billiard table. It is well watered and most sections can be irrigated. It appears especially well adapted to diversified farming, rotation of crops, and it will grow fruit. Existing vegetation there leads conclusively to these deductions.

"One of the great needs is the establishment of experiment stations in the central part of the state through which the new settler may gain the benefits of experiments that to the individual would prove very expensive.

"Better organization of the commercial bodies should also mean greater assistance in getting the newcomers properly located. Professional locators have many instances located people on soil they knew was worthless, simply to get the fee and indifferent as to the damage the victimized settler would cause the state. The commercial organizations should make it their work to go into the matter deeply, even to the extent of seeing that people are properly located on homesteads, without the payment of a fee to individual loca-

tors. This, I believe, would prove a tremendous drawing card.

"Nothing I ascertained on the trip was that the trade of Lakeview and the lower Lake county is irretrievably lost to Portland until Lake county gets direct railroad connection with Portland. The new line building from Nevada will be in Lakeview soon and then San Francisco will have all of that trade. This trade should come to Portland, but it will be impossible to bring it here until we have direct railroad connecting with the roads to Portland, Lakeview should trade with Portland, however, but it is closer to this city than to San Francisco."

Mr. Chapman returned by way of California and the Southern Pacific. --Portland Journal.

SOMETHING ABOUT THE RAILROAD.

That The Times-Herald had a straight tip on its railroad news of last issue is indicated by the following from the Vale Enterprise:

Railroad work will go on from this city on the Oregon Eastern within a few weeks according to the latest information just received at this office. The directors of the Harriman system, at their meeting a few days ago, appropriated a large sum of money for the work. Although no official announcement has been made, it is said that the appropriation is surprisingly large, much greater than at first asked for or even expected.

This means that railroad work will go on in earnest from Vale this summer and that a large amount of work is to be undertaken. The appropriation asked for the first 27 miles of the Oregon Eastern out of this city. That a larger appropriation was given can only indicate that more than 27 miles of railroad work is to be completed.

Also from good information comes the news today to the Enterprise that the railroad company will give \$100 per acre for the necessary right-of-way between Vale and the canyon, excluding road land. This will undoubtedly hurry along construction work.

PUEBLO PATRIOTIC.

The grounds were tastefully decorated with flags and bunting in the national colors. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Doan were ideal host and hostess to the largest crowd ever gathered together in Southeast Harney County. The day was ideal and everyone was out for a good time and a kind word for his neighbor.

There were between 250 and 300 present to participate and enjoy the festivities, coming on horseback, in wagons, buggies, and automobiles from every direction--California, Nevada, Idaho; the distant places, Vale, Harney City, Lawen, Alberson, and Follyfarm, and all the neighborhood localities sending representatives.

A nice program of singing, speaking, and addresses had been arranged and was delivered to an attentive crowd. The fire works of the evening were very beautiful eclipsing the brilliancy of the moon and stars, bringing to mind the return of Halley's comet.

An interesting game of baseball was played between the nine players picked from the surveying crew, Carter's camp, surveying in S. E. Harney county, and nine players selected in Pueblo valley and from Denio.

At the close of the game the score stood six to six.

There were two saddle horse races, quarter mile dash, four entering for first race and won by Perry Boyd's Bay. Three entering for second, won by Mr. Boyd's Roan. The Misses Dolores and Eunice Catlow having just received the Shetland pony and cart awarded to them as a prize in the contest given by the American Weekly, had it on parade, and you may be sure it was the star attraction for the little boys and girls as well as some of the older ones.

A large shade platform had been erected and dancing was the program of the evening, the music consisting of two violins and organ was first class and the large crowd of dancers enjoyed themselves until early morning. The bounteous mid-night supper was served by Mesdames Doan and Catlow.

Miss George, of Lawen, having just completed a very successful term of school in the district remained for the celebration before taking her departure for home.

Melvin Doan and Edwin J. Catlow, under the firm name of Doan Mercantile Co., successors to J. W. Lee Co., are doing a thriving business, being located in a commodious stone building.

Nothing was left undone to promote the success of the day and all joined in wishing that they might have the pleasure of participating in many such festivities on our National Holiday.

M. N.

VAN NOTES.

The Fourth of July picnic at the Howe and Hankin's sawmill was a success. A short program was rendered, games were played and a fine lunch served under the shade of the pine trees, so all had a very enjoyable time.

Miss Montgomery, who spent the Fourth visiting friends in Ontario, returned to her school work this week.

Ed Howe, who has been ill for several weeks is now able to be out.

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Moss went to Lawen this week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brandon and little son, spent the Fourth in Burns.

Mr. Dripps went to Canyon City the first of this week on business.

J. A. Williams went to Drewsey and back Sunday.

Mr. Croxton went to Burns this week after machinery to begin haying.

Miss Emma Muller, who has been visiting here for a few days returned to Boise last week.

Wm. Baker and family spent the Fourth in Drewsey.

Mr. Julian George and family have moved up to their homestead to live.

Miss Lottie Wilson, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. James Anderson returned to her home at Monument last week.

Mr. John Logan, was over visiting the people of Van a few days ago.

Mr. Gilcrest passed through here yesterday in his auto.

Mr. and Mrs. Middleworth and Mr. and Mrs. Gregg, returned last Friday, from an outing at Logan Valley.

Miss Marv Croxton will entertain a few of her friends next Wednesday in honor of Miss Juliet King, who will return home the following day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ward returned yesterday from the mountains where they have been spending a few days fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson spent a few days in Drewsey last week.

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LOST--A suit case, between Burns and Dr. W. C. Brown's. Finder please return to H. B. Simmons.

REVISE THE LAND LAWS

Thorough Revision Suggested Many Antiquated and Need Fixing

WEST BE GREATLY BENEFITTED

Investigation Resolution Now Before House Would Provide Data for Legislation Much Needed in the Present Day methods of Departmental Regulations.

The west is likely to benefit largely if the house of representatives passes the resolution offered by Representative Baker of California, calling for a thorough investigation into the workings of the present public land laws, says a Washington dispatch. The time has come when many of the existing laws have out lived their usefulness; others by departmental regulations, have been distorted so that they do not actually mean what they were intended to mean; and there are numerous charges that some of the bureaus are actually legislating by regulations far in advance of what congress ever intended. There has never been a thorough official investigation to determine what is the matter with our land laws and their administration, but the west is pretty well convinced that the laws and regulations need a general overhauling. If the house authorize an inquiry, and if that inquiry is both thorough and intelligent, congress will have before it next winter a fund of information upon which it can base a general revision of the land and forest laws, and out of the present tangle the national legislature ought to be able to devise a set of laws drawn to meet present day conditions and present day needs. There has been much eastern opposition to revising the land laws, for eastern men do not understand what is the matter; they are content to have the remaining public domain "conserved" by having it withdrawn so that no fraud will be possible. But the west is crying out for development, and development can only come when the land laws are revised and revised practically and thoroughly. The right kind of a congressional investigation would do the west an enormous amount of good but if the investigation is restricted or not well directed, it will result in no benefit. Much will depend upon the men who conduct the investigation, if to be authorized.

STATE GAME WARDEN.

William L. Finley is making his first tour of inspection of the state in connection with his work as State Game Warden. He left Portland, in Company with the State Game and Fish Commission a few days ago, destined for Klamath Falls, where he spoke to an assembly of sportsmen from that district, acquainting them with the policy of the new warden and assuring them that instead of being unfriendly to the hunters and fishermen of the state, it was his purpose to develop the state of Oregon to such an extent, that within a couple of years, there would be no better part of the United states, so far as these two features are concerned.

The immediate purpose of the present trip is to inspect the state hatcheries, investigate locations for several new ones, begin the enforcement of the laws with reference to screening all irrigation intakes and provid-

ing fishways at all dams.

Leaving Klamath Falls, the party took a jaunt to Upper Klamath Lake, where the proposed site for a trout hatchery on Spring Creek was investigated and passed upon. The establishment of a hatchery on Spring Creek will be a most important one, as all the desirable conditions are present to make it one of the most successful and largest on the Pacific Coast.

The next point in the itinerary was to visit the largest trout hatchery in the state of California, located at Sisson. This is maintained by the state government and includes many innovations which Mr. Finley may find it advisable to inaugurate in this state. Other stops are contemplated at Eugene, Medford and Woodville. At Medford, the dams along the Rogue River will be carefully scrutinized, looking for violations of the laws with reference to screens and fishways. At Woodville, several devices that have been submitted in the way of fish screens will be experimented with, resulting in definite action being taken as to which one will be accepted for the official use of the state.

Speaking of fish screens, Mr. Finley said: "No one seems to realize what an important matter this is. The way things have been going, our hatching of trout has come practically to naught, in streams where irrigation intakes are numerous. Trout released at one inch in length, having little sense and no idea where to go, follow these currents caused by the inflow of water into irrigation canals. In a short distance, owing to the segregation of the water, they find things very uncomfortable, because of the temperature of the water, which gradually grows more shallow, until the intake is closed, when millions of fish are left to die on open fields. Of a million trout released, it is safe to estimate that scarcely more than 100,000 live on this account.

The law provides that screens of the right character shall be provided at the expense of the owner of the ditch concerned.

"The acceptance of the screen is another delicate matter. It is my policy not to impose a hardship upon any ditch owner. We have had a number of devices submitted for our consideration. Some of them keep out the fish, all right, but they are easily clogged and soon keep out the water, as well. Others are too complicated and still others too expensive. We are trying to secure a design that will be effective, inexpensive and permanent. I believe we have one that will do the work. One of its strongest features is that it can be made by any farmer or ditch owner with material lying around useless."

Mr. Finley proposes to protect the trout of the state, under the law, with all the rights and privileges at his command. He realizes the importance of so doing, both to the farmer as well as to the sportsman. The law

on this subject will be rigidly enforced. Reports have also come to the ears of the fish warden that fishways are not being maintained, as provided by law. Several violations have become known and this is one of the urgent reasons of the trip to the Rogue River country. No owner of a dam is allowed to operate it without complying with the provision that requires the construction and maintenance of a ladder or other method for the trout to pass up the stream. The reason for this statute is apparent to every thinking man. If a dam is located at the lower end of a river, on which no fishway is maintained, it is easy to conclude that the fish are prohibited from proceeding up that stream beyond that dam. This is unfair to owners along rivers above such dams and a great damage to the propagation of fish.

Mr. Finley and the commission are contemplating a trip down the Columbia River to Astoria, shortly after the return to Portland which will be some time this week.

SUNSET NOTES.

Van Embree returned to work surveying at Wellington.

Miss Maude Simmons is visiting Mrs. Grow.

Mr. Newell is cutting his 70 acre field of rye, most of it will be used for hay and the rest thrashed.

Mrs. Embree, Harold Seller and Clyde Embree were visiting with friends at the Narrows, Saturday.

Prof. Raymond has sold his grain crops to Robert Settlemyre.

N. Henney has painted our school house and put a good rock foundation under the building which helps the looks of the school house.

Walter Harmer and his grandfather are working near the Narrows.

R. A. Porter has returned home from Lawen where he has been working.

Ben Roder has a nice garden at his place but his wife claims the credit of being the gardener.

The weather has been very hot here the past few days, but everything keeps on growing. Grain is getting ripe fast and is well filled.

Ray Barron is inclosing his place with a wire fence.

F. P. Blackmer and family have returned to Sunset from near the Lake, where Mr. Blackmer has been grubbing sage brush.

Star Buckland and Ed Gibson of Harney were in Sunset on business Tuesday.

The rabbits are getting to be thick in this part of the country and the coyote is missed. When the bounty was placed on coyotes we traded one pest for a worse one, and the bounty ought to be repealed or a bounty placed on rabbits or they will increase faster as this country develops into a grain and alfalfa country.

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