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#### Lodge Directory.

BURNS LODGE NO. 70, K of P  
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BURNS CHAPTER NO. 49, O. E. S.  
Meets second and fourth Monday of each month in Masonic hall, Voegtli building. Mrs. Maggie Levens, W. M. Mrs. Annie Thompson, Sec.

BURNS LODGE, NO. 97, A. F. & A. M.  
Meets Saturday on or before full moon. Qualified brethren fraternally invited. T. E. Kenyon, W. M. F. S. Rieder, Secy.

BURNS LODGE, NO. 93, A. O. U. W.  
Meets at Brown hall every Friday evening. Visiting brothers fraternally invited. Thos. Sagers, W. M. Chas. N. Cochran, Recorder.

HARNEY LODGE, NO. 77, I. O. O. F.  
Meets every Saturday evening, Brown's hall. Visiting brothers fraternally invited. Frank O. Jackson, N. G. C. G. Smith, Secretary.

TULE CIRCLE, NO. 165, WOMEN OF Woodcraft.  
Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Brown's hall. Mrs. Tillis Jordan, Mrs. Ione Whitting, Guardian, Clerk.

#### Church Announcements.

Sunday School at Harney the first Sunday of each month at 10 o'clock, A. M. On the second, third and fourth Sundays of each month at 3 o'clock P. M. Preaching services every second Sunday at 8 P. M.

At the Presbyterian church Burns, Rev. A. J. Irwin pastor. Divine services the third and fourth Sundays of each month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at 10 a. m. every Sabbath morning.

Preaching services at the Baptist church every 1st and 2nd Sundays, morning and evening. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m. prayer meeting every Thursday evening.

Services at Christian Science Hall, corner east of the Bank, every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Service Wednesday evenings at 8. Everybody is invited to attend these services.

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### STRUCK A SNAG

Forest Reserve Retards the S. V. Railroad Extension.

Restrictions of the recently proclaimed Blue Mountain forest reserve are being fast found out; in other words all that is necessary to find out just what the forest reserve means is to attempt to do something in the way that has been customary and then be jacked up with a round turn.

The latest instance of this kind that has been brought to the notice of the Democrat is that which effects the interests of the Sumpster Valley Railway company.

Officials of that company have just received notification that the application to file preliminary survey maps for the extension of the first twenty mile section from Whitney has been rejected by the general land office.

This action on the part of the commissioner of the general land office puts a stop to the proposed construction of the S. V. Ry. from Whitney south into the John Day valley and Harney county as contemplated the coming year and will defer extension of the road indefinitely.

The only way open to the company under present conditions if the road is to be extended is to have a special act passed by congress granting the company right of way. In this the company might or might not be successful. At any rate it would occasion considerable time and expense and on this account the company may postpone any attempt to carry out the extension for years to come, greatly to the detriment not only of the railroad company but of the country into which the road was to be extended.

### THE INLAND EMPIRE.

The Baker City Herald Grows Eloquent Over Its Great Resources.

The Baker City Herald of Dec. 20th gives the following in regard to the interior country and its need of railroad connection.

In part the Herald says: Think of it! A territory 25 times the size of Rhode Island, 12 times larger than Delaware, eight times as big as Connecticut, six times larger than Massachusetts, almost twice the size of Vermont and New Hampshire combined, larger than New York, and equal in area to the entire state of Ohio—this vast territory without a single line of railway and 175 miles remote from the nearest transcontinental system!

It is an empire—a region rich in all the varied resources which have made the west famous—mining, agriculture, horticulture, stock-raising and woolgrowing.

About it little is known. The stockmen of the southeastern Oregon have built a Chinese wall around it—a wall of reticence regarding its richness, a wall of absolute antagonism to settlers.

Their herds are on a thousand hills. Their cattle graze on millions of acres to which they have no shadow or title. Their fences enclose lands as fertile as the tabled valley of the Nile, and these lands belong to God and the United States government. Seventy and a half million acres enclosed within the area of this inland empire. Two per cent of this area is under cultivation; fifteen per cent is susceptible of cultivation under existing condition; an additional ten per cent is possible of cultivation by

irrigation; the remaining fifteen million acres constitute a stock range, of ideal proportions and unparalleled for cattle raising.

It is a region of valley, plain and peak; of fertile lowlands and timbered hills; of lakes and rivers; of winding valleys and arid plains; of high plateaus, and of the gently rolling table lands. Hill and plain, lake and river, conspire to make the region of marvelous possibilities, of absolutely incalculable worth.

From 35 to 50 bushels of wheat per acre, from 35 to 60 bushels of oats and barley per acre; three crops of alfalfa per acre per year, each crop averaging two tons per acre—these are some of the valley yields indicative of the soil's wonderful fertility.

Scores of lakes dot the arid plains and their margins are literally vast deposits of borax, worth \$100 per ton. These deposits are of inexhaustible extent, yet are worthless without transportation.

Copper and gold ledges seam the frequent detached mountain chains. The Pueblo mines, on the southern state line, are already famous.

Twenty and a half millions of acres of an inland empire awaiting the magic touch of the railway surveyor's chain to be transformed from a terra incognita into a region of such richness as would shame the dreams of an optimater.

Since the dawn of time this domain has laid under the low hazy star and the azure arch of blue sky that bends a wondrous arch over these subtropical lands. Ever since railroads have entered the new west, southeastern Oregon has been a field for vague dreams.

The powerful influences that have in the past been brought to bear by the millionaire stockmen of the region to prevent any sort of invasion of the territory which they claim as their own, explains in a measure the reason it has never been chosen as a goal for some great branch of transcontinental railway. The most coherent explanation however, is the fact that heretofore it has been terra incognita, an unknown land, about which even government surveyors knew but little.

That it some day will be the theatre of a great race for railway occupation is as certain as mundane affairs can well be.

In the Spring of 1901, when the Oregon exhibits were being shipped to the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, the train containing the immense timber exhibit, consisting of a marvelously large stick of Oregon fir, halted at Kamela for an hour or two. A loco motive fireman who was admiring the huge piece of timber at Kamela carved his name and address with a knife on it. A month later the former received a letter from a Buffalo young lady saying that the writer had been impressed with the size of the timber and also his name, and thought she would write him a friendly letter to that effect. A correspondence followed, a money order traveled to Buffalo, a young and winsome lady shortly arrived at Kamela, and a wedding ceremony ended the romance.

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### A FRUITLESS MISSION DO YOU GET UP

He Came! He Saw! He Conquered?—Hon. J. N. Williamson's Visit a Farce.

We understand the honorable J. N. Williamson, congressman-elect from Oregon's second district, came to Canyon City on Monday last for the purpose of personally interviewing the people regarding the proposed Blue Mountain forest reserve, and if the honorable gentleman was here we are not advised that he made any special effort to obtain the views of the business men of our city, says the Grant County News. We are reliably informed that when he came to town he went at once to a local newspaper office and there remained for several hours, and from there he went to one other office and remained until he left town; and many of the leading citizens of this town knew nothing of his presence in our midst until he had gone.

It is a known fact that we have among us a few persons who are actively opposing the creation of this reserve from purely personal motives and not from a real desire to promote the welfare of our country and its business interests. Some of these persons will lose a profitable line of land business with the creation of the reserve, while others see a possible chance to view the wonders of the city of Washington, upon the moneys which they have been soliciting from the people of our county.

We recognize that the permanent creation of the proposed forest reserve is a very serious question for the people of Grant County; we realize that different conditions prevail here than do in any other county in our state, and we know that the department of our government which has these matters within its jurisdiction knows of these conditions, and have expressed a willingness to give our people a fair consideration, and have explicitly stated how we could get a hearing upon any protest properly filed with the department.

It is a known fact that Mr. Williamson is personally a strong advocate of the forest reserve, any statements he may make to the contrary notwithstanding, and if he was an honest man, making an honest investigation of the question, he surely would have gone among the people while here and have heard the opinions of as many as possible from those who have been taking an active interest from pure motives and from an ardent desire to promote the public welfare of our county instead of conniving with schemers, whose only interest in the matter can be said to be of the denomination of the most personal and selfish.

The News has always opposed the creation of the proposed forest reserve upon the lines indicated in the temporary order withdrawing these lands from settlement and will still continue to oppose it, but while opposing it we will not stand by and see the people of our town and of Grant county hoodwinked and led as sheep to the slaughter by either a congressman or any of our local people without registering a protest.

Several months before he takes his seat in the halls of congress as a member of the national legislature, the tribulations of J. Newton Williamson of Crook county began. He has already found himself on that narrow neck of land that is popularly supposed to exist between the devil and the deep blue sea. The proposed Blue Mountain forest reserve is the cause of all

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this. He don't know yet which way to jump, but he is trying to find out.—Baker City Democrat.

### PEUBLO MOUNTAINS.

Sumpster People Delecting Mining Property There.

Sumpster Miner: C. W. Canfield, an old resident of Sumpster, but who has been absent for the past fourteen months, is now in the city conferring with his associates preparatory to taking a trip east.

For the past year or more, Mr. Canfield has been developing a group of gold-copper claims in the Pueblo mountains, in Harney county. Associated with him in the enterprise are T. W. Davidson, Dick Neill and Tom Dunphy.

The character of their ore is chalcopyrite, carrying considerable gold values. Fine specimens of native copper have been found on their ground.

All the gentlemen interested in this mining proposition are cold blooded when it comes to giving any real publicity to their plans of operation. They propose to first ascertain by development what they have and then the public may gain some information. At present their holdings are not on the market.

Jefferson Review: A man who has been taking this paper for four years without paying for it, failed to get the last copy and notified us that "if it occurred again he would stop the infernal rag." That's nerve.

Don't believe all the lies that you hear in these times. A careful man must be discriminating.

The city council of Milton proposes to tax all dances held in that place.

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