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## THE OREGON MIDLAND

**Will Send Branch Lines Through Lake, Crook, Harney and Malheur Counties.**

**President George T. Baldwin Confirms Report of Its Early Construction.**

A Klamath Falls dispatch, dated Sept. 23d, has the following to say regarding the construction of the Oregon Midland Railroad:

"George T. Baldwin, President of the Oregon Midland Railroad, has returned from an extended tour of Oregon and California. He states freely that his mission was to arrange for the inauguration of construction work on this new Oregon-California railway. He confirms the recent report of a deal with Coggins Bros.' sawmill at Igerna, Cal., to furnish 75,000 ties, or a sufficient number to construct the road from its initial point, at Klamathon, Cal., to the edge of the timber belt, in Oregon. This point gained, it is the purpose of the company to procure ties by contract from local owners of wooded tracts, and, as far as possible, to employ the residents of this section in getting out the timber required to complete the road to its terminal point at Klamath Falls. It is well known, however, that local labor is largely employed at good wages and foreign tie contractors have arrived within the past few days to make a 'quiet' cruise of the timber along the survey of the proposed road. Camps have been located at several points by small parties, and temporary quarters established, with a view to an extensive examination of the forests and lay of the country. One of these camps is near the dam on Klamath River, ten miles west of Keno, in Klamath county, and settlers have been engaged to show the contractors about the country.

"In going from Klamath Falls to Ashland, the timber belt commences at Keno, twelve miles from this place, and then for twenty-seven miles there is a heavy growth of stately pines suitable for the manufacture of lumber of any kind. Sugar pines, five to eight feet in diameter, straight as an arrow and of great height, are upon every hand. While thousands of acres of this timber tract have been secured by Eastern capitalists and will be held for speculation, yet some of the best lands along the line are owned by local settlers, and will be sold at reasonable prices.

"With the construction of this road, Klamath Falls will become the gateway to a large scope of Southern and Middle Oregon, whose present channel of trade lies in a southerly direction and out of the state. This road, or branch lines that are sure to follow, will cover Lake, Crook, Harney and Malheur counties, and assist in the development of their wonderful resources, at the same time directing trade to Portland and other Oregon towns, which they are well entitled, but on account of inadequate transportation facilities do not receive."

Mr. and Mrs. A. Amick and daughter Eva were up from New Pine Creek this week visiting friends.

## 'PROVISO' CONTRACTS

**Contracts Stand "Provided McKinley is Elected"—"Null and Void if Bryan is Elected."**

**Distrust of Bryan Does Not Only Exist in the East; Ample Evidence Here at Home.**

It is announced that the clause, "void if Bryan is elected," is getting into contracts now as the "payable in gold" clause did four years ago. A contract recently entered into between the New Haven Carriage Company and the J. Curley Company of Brooklyn specifies that the former is to furnish the latter with a certain number of carriages at a certain price until October 15, 1901, provided McKinley is re-elected. With the contract was the following letter from the treasurer of the carriage company: "We inclose herein agreements signed. You will notice that we have made indorsement at the bottom. Will you please indorse this yourself? It is just as good policy for you to indorse it as it is for us. For we do not wish to be bound down by anything in case of such adverse circumstances as would occur in event of Bryan's election." The indorsement runs: "This agreement to be null and void in case William J. Bryan is elected President of the United States in November, 1900." Other large concerns are indorsing large contracts in this way, their managers well knowing that a long season of business depression would follow the election of Bryan. A large Philadelphia dry goods house, in placing orders abroad, insists that contracts be indorsed similarly.

Nor does this "provided McKinley is elected" exist only in the East. Right here at home we have the same evidence of distrust in case of Bryan's success. Mr. J. Burrus, of the firm of Field & Burrus, has assurances from many ranchers of Lake county that in case McKinley is re-elected to the presidency they will invest in wagons or buggies through the agency of his firm, but they will not invest until they know the result of the election. C. E. Sherlock is driving a large band of sheep toward the railroad, making his drives so as to reach Montague on the railroad after the result of the election is known. Ask Mr. Sherlock why he is doing this, and he will tell you that he has the utmost faith in the re-election of McKinley, and is assured of better prices after election than he could possibly get now were he to sell under the uncertainty of the political contest in November. "Provided McKinley is elected" crops out in nearly every business contract at the present day.

Geo. H. Ayres & Co. last week purchased a very handsome National cash register, costing \$350. Post & King, and Whorton & Fitzpatrick also purchased smaller ones. Ahlstrom Bros. of The Monogram, have ordered one of the same kind Geo. H. Ayres & Co. purchased.

Fred Ahlstrom, Jr., Lem Heryford and Andrew Hammersley started last week for a ten-day hunt for antelope in the eastern part of the county.

## LAKEVIEW BUILDINGS

**The New Three Story Brick Hotel Owned by Lane, Miller & Dewey is an Imposing Structure.**

**The Town Substantially Built With Brick Since the Fire of May 22, 1900.**

E. J. Armstrong, the contractor, has completed the brick work on the three-story Lakeview Hotel building, and to say the least, it is a handsome edifice and the work has been done in first-class style. This building is by far the most imposing one in Lakeview, and will be pointed to with pride by our townspeople. It is certainly a credit to a town of Lakeview's proportions and will stand as a monument to the enterprise of three of Lakeview's business men—Messrs. Lane, Miller and Dewey. We venture the assertion that no finer building can be found in Eastern or Southeastern Oregon. Less than five months ago the business portion of Lakeview, including Water and Main streets, was composed almost entirely of wooden structures—in the entire town only four bricks were standing. To-day it is reversed and there are fifteen brick buildings already completed and three other fine ones in course of construction. In the spring several other brick buildings will be erected, so, as a matter of fact, the entire business portion of the town will be built of brick. The new frame buildings erected since the fire, some of them very fine ones, will be covered with compressed iron, representing brick or stone, and will make a very fine appearance.

Contractor Armstrong has already completed and has in course of construction eight brick buildings. Hart & Stickle have completed five bricks and will soon finish the sixth. Contractor Childers has completed two.

Doubtless before the fall of 1901 handsome brick structures will be erected on the splendid lots on Main street, where frame buildings stood before the fire. The I. O. O. F. lot is a valuable one, as is also the two lots where the brewery stood. The large corner lot where the Cottage Hotel stood, now owned by Mrs. C. A. Knox, is also a fine piece of property and will no doubt be built on in the spring. The corner lot, opposite J. S. Field's brick on Main street, is also a very valuable piece of property, owned by J. M. Innes. Undoubtedly all three locations will be utilized next spring for some business or other. The valuable corner lot on Water street, upon which stood the Hopkins House, is owned by A. McCalen. A temporary building for Huff's butcher shop is now being erected there, but in the spring no doubt one of the finest brick structures in the town will be built thereon. Lakeview is certainly a tenfold more substantial town to-day than it was five months ago, and there seems to be no falling off in the spirit of enterprise. It will be still better a year from now.

J. Frankl returned last week from San Francisco where he has been visiting his family for the past two months.