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## MODOC WAR INCIDENTS.

The Modocs Want to Come Back to Their Old Home in Klamath to Spend The Future.

The fact that most of the 47 Modoc Indians who constitute the remnant of that once famous tribe, which in 1876 perpetrated the massacre at the lava beds, and want to come back to the Klamath Reservation, it might be interesting here to give a short history of that bloody war.

M. Fitzgerald, of Burns, was in Portland not long ago and made some comments upon the popular account of the massacre of General Canby and his companions by the Modoc Indians in 1873, says Paul De Laney in Portland Journal. Mr. Fitzgerald was a soldier in General Canby's command and he not only witnessed the massacre but assisted in routing the Indians at the time and afterwards engaged in the three-days' battle at the lava beds. He also strips W. H. Mearns, the official interpreter of the government, of a great deal of the heroism accorded her both in history and in the popular accounts of the time. Mr. Fitzgerald is noted for his correct memory both as to dates and details and he has a high regard for the true version of things, which makes his story the more valuable.

### MODOC'S STRONGHOLD.

"We were camped at the foot of a bluff overlooking Tule lake," said Mr. Fitzgerald. "There were between 250 and 300 men in our command and farther down the lake on the other side of the famous cape or promontory of lava rocks occupied by the Indians was another command of about the same size, under General Wheaton. The place occupied by the Indians was unapproachable except from one side of the lake. It was a sort of a cape or promontory extending out into the lake, and was about a mile and a half wide and probably a mile long. The Indians had taken refuge in this place and the officers were trying to persuade them to return to the reservation."

### BOSTON CHARLEY APPEARS.

"The matter had been dallying for several days, when finally Boston Charley, a shrewd and treacherous little rascal, came into camp to arrange a peace meeting. To show his good faith he remained in camp all night. He convinced General Canby of the sincerity of the Indians and the conference was agreed upon. Each side was to come unarmed and the meeting was to take place in an open plot of ground about a half a mile from our camp. The Indian camp was two miles farther back in the lava beds. General Gillam refused to join in the peace commission, telling Canby he was foolish to risk his life with those fellows. But Canby was of a religious turn and would easily confide.

### THE MASSACRE.

"The meeting was arranged for the morning. A peace tent was pitched in the open place and the peace commission started out from camp accompanied by Riddle and his Indian wife. The soldiers were at ease and we all climbed up on the side hill overlooking our camp from which point we commanded a full view of the ground where the peace meeting was to take place. It was

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## HERMANN ELECTED BY BIG MAJORITY.

While the Vote of the District is Very Light Yet Mr. Hermann Wins Easily---Lake County Rolls Up Majority of 171---Only 60 Per Cent of Vote.

It is estimated that Hermann's majority in the district will be from 3,000 to 4,000 and will carry nearly every county. No dispatches were received by The Examiner, but the report comes from Klamath Falls that the Democrats concede Hermann's election by 2,000. There was a very light vote all over the district, otherwise Hermann's majority would have been much larger.

The vote for Congressman in Lake county Monday was extremely light. Not over 60 per cent of last year's vote was cast. However, Binger received the handsome majority of 171, and if the full vote had been out it is probable that his majority would have been 300. Hermann's popularity and Reames' unpopularity was well demonstrated in the vote cast. Following is the complete vote in the county by precincts:

FOR CONGRESS		First District												Total	Plurality	
W. P. ELMORE, Prohibitionist	BINGER HERMANN, Republican	Cogswell Creek	South Lakeview	North Lakeview	Goose Lake	Drews Valley	Thomas Creek	Crooked Creek	Paisley	Summer Lake	Silver Lake	North Warner	South Warner			
1	1	12	81	63	13	11	12	9	44	3	32	13	29	32	171	160
J. W. INGLE, Socialist	A. E. REAMES, Democrat	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	154	154



THE DUCHESS OF MANCHESTER.

The present visit of the Duke and Duchess of Manchester to this county is made, so it is said, for the sole purpose of giving Mr. Eugene Zimmerman of Cincinnati, father of the duchess, a chance to see his two titled grandchildren, one of whom is Lady Mary Montague, fifteen months old, the other being Viscount Mandeville, who has reached the mature age of three months.

### A New Move.

The Klamath Falls Express in its last issue under the caption of "Should be changed," has considerable to say why the Land Office at Lakeview should be moved to Klamath Falls. It says in part:

"People passing through this place en route to the Lakeview land office sometimes facetiously ask whether the government furnishes people, making entries of public lands, with an escort and a guide to find the location of said office. These incidents are daily becoming more numerous, and since the withdrawal of practically all the public lands in Lake county, it begins to dawn on some of our citizens that said land office belongs of right to this place, having been here originally, and, in fact, was established and known as the 'Linkton Land Office,' located at 'Linkville,' in the early 70's, and was only moved to Lakeview by political strategy; not because it was of public utility or accom-

modated more people. \* \* \* \* \*

"Land offices, like post offices, are supposedly located where they will best accommodate the public who have business to transact with them, and certainly transportation facilities, or convenience, should always be considered in such locations."

It then goes on to ask the people of that county how they shall go at it to bring about the desired change, and winds up by saying: Who will be the next one to speak? Will some one please move the previous question? The Examiner would like to be permitted to say a few words before the question is voted on and carried. Not that we think that there is any probability of the Land office being removed within the near future, but to explode a portion of the high sounding theory that the Express presents. To begin with Klamath Falls is only 20 miles east of the west boundary of this land district, while Lakeview is 100 miles

farther east, and yet it is nearly 200 miles from here to the eastern boundary of the district. There is probably double the amount of available vacant government land east of Lakeview, as there is west, and people coming from east of here to prove up on their land, have a harder road to travel than from any other part of the district. It is quite true that the Land office should be centrally located so as to be convenient to the most people living within the district. However it was not the intention of the government when the Land office was established there to make it convenient for people who do not live, or ever intend to live in the district, as for instance those who come from Minnesota and Iowa. We will leave it to the people who live within the Lakeview land district, those who make their homes here and vote here, if Lakeview is not more centrally located, and more convenient, than Klamath Falls? We consider that there is no argument whatever, in favor of the removal of the Land office from Lakeview to Klamath. Question?

### The Vote For Goddess.

Anna Down.....Lakeview	58
Frances Jones.....Paisley	38
Mae Snider.....Lakeview	30
Ethel McKee.....Lakeview	27
Genie Snelling....."	22
Kate Woodcock....."	23
Eda Banister.....Paisley	20
Myrtle Smith.....Crooked Creek	22
Mabel Pike.....Paisley	15
Alta Spray.....Davis Creek	7
Ida Howard.....Drews Valley	2
Mrs. Jonas Norin.....Lakeview	2
Essie Gupton....."	3
Pete Post....."	2
Ada Woodcock....."	2
Ottie Field.....Lakeview	2
Mabel Pryor....."	1
Ollie Heryford....."	1
Carrie Tonningsen....."	1
Bertha Nickerson....."	1
Effie Nyswaner....."	1
Pearl Moss....."	1
Mrs. Anna Sherlock....."	1
ret Bryan....."	1
Mrs. A. Y. Beach....."	1
Eva Gibbins.....New Pine Creek	2
Maud Fine.....Plush	1
Bessie Messner....."	1
Bert Harber....."	1
Maud Fine....."	1
Maud Sweet....."	1
Ada Burns....."	1
Amy Burns....."	1
Bessie Wise....."	1

### Fire at Silver Lake.

Silver Lake, May 29, (Special)—Fire completely destroyed the dwelling of W. H. McCall, four miles north of here, at 8 o'clock this morning. Loss \$2,000. No insurance.

Mrs. McCall, her two youngest sons, one of whom was sick with a threatened attack of typhoid fever, and Marion Conley, and family who were visiting Mrs. McCall at the time were eating breakfast when the falling in of the ceiling in the upper story alarmed them.

One of the children, a boy 6 or 7 years old, took some bedding up stairs and threw them down against an exposed stove-pipe. He returned down stairs, joining the rest at breakfast. In a few minutes they were alarmed by the ceiling upstairs falling in. Mrs. McCall rushed to the stairs, and on opening the door the flames belched down upon her.

There was no wind blowing at the time or the barn and out houses would have been destroyed.

Mrs. Conley succeeded in saving two trunks, a sewing machine, a bureau and 3 or 4 chairs.

Mr. McCall and his two sons, Adin and Ira, were not at home.

SCRAGGS.

## A REAL LIVE AUTOMOBILE.

Was in Lakeview Nearly a Whole Day on Way From San Francisco to New York City.

The way the streets of Lakeview were lined with people Tuesday afternoon, one would think a circus was coming to town, or a 4th of July procession was about to pass. While it was neither, the people's curiosity had been aroused from a report that an automobile was coming this way, and that if they wished to see it pass it was necessary to have a seat in the front row, otherwise it might go through at the rate of 90 miles an hour, and would be out of sight before they could run a block. It hove in sight at just 4 o'clock and the crowds surged forward to get a first look at a real live auto, a machine that nintenths of the people of Lake county had never seen. The machine drove up in front of Hotel Lakeview and stopped. The chauffeur enquired for a blacksmith shop, having had a mishap coming over the rough roads. A broken spring and a badly worn tire caused a halt in Lakeview. The machine was taken to Arzner's shop where the necessary repairs were made.

The Examiner learned that Dr. N. Nelson Jackson, a wealthy gentleman of Burlington, Vermont, is trying to make the trip from San Francisco to New York, the feat having been attempted a dozen times by others, and as many times abandoned when they came in contact with the great American desert. The automobile is in charge of S. H. Crocker, of Tacoma, a chauffeur of experience. This trip was projected early in the spring, when Postmaster Wilcox was written to about the roads through here, and who assured them that via Lakeview lies the only feasible way to avoid the sandy deserts from San Francisco to New York. While they have lost 5 out of the 11 days from San Francisco, yet they expect to average 175 miles per day for the entire distance. Leaving here yesterday afternoon they expect to reach Burns—170 miles distant—last night. From Ontario they will follow the line of the Oregon Short Line and Union Pacific railroad.

If the feat of crossing the American continent is accomplished by these gentlemen, the record will be put down in history as the first auto to meet with success.

The gentlemen are well pleased with Lakeview, and bid the citizens a hearty farewell as they sailed away in their cushioned car.

LATER.—The machine broke down before it got out of town and will have to remain a day or two longer.

### Rapid Sheep Shearing.

The fastest sheep shearing that our attention has been called to this season was done at the Curry corrals on the West Side last week. A crew of nine men sheared 3,200 sheep in 3 days, an average of 119 head per day for each man. This is a very good showing, as very few shearers average over 80, and a man that can shear 100 is considered a good worker. This crew under Geo. Jones, foreman, consists of John and H. C. Aldridge, H. Boswell, F. Freeman, Jack Green, Andy Canterbury, H. C. Fauchen and J. Bainbridge. The boys have gone to Round Mountain where they have a 20 day shearing job.