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4600 TONS OF HAY LOST

Lower Chewaucan Marsh Burns And Destroys \$30,000 Worth Hay and Pasture Land.

News reached Lakeview Tuesday evening that the lower Chewaucan marsh was afire and that thousands of tons of hay in the stack and bunched, besides thousands of acres of pasture and meadow land had been destroyed by the fiery demon.

Fire started Monday near the lower ZX ranch, but the fire was presumably put out and everything was considered safe, but Tuesday the wind came up and soon fanned the smouldering sparks into a mountain flame which soon spread to the adjoining ranches of Heryford Bros. and Brattain Bros., and was still burning up to the time of going to press, but was claimed to be under control.

Heryford Bros. are said to have lost 12 large stacks of hay, containing over 100 tons each, besides about 2300 tons of hay, cut and bunched in the field. Their loss alone will probably not be less than \$29,000.

Brattain Bros' loss is 3 stacks, or about 300 tons, and about 500 tons of hay bunched, making a loss of \$4,000.

The ZX loss is not known exactly, but one or two stacks are known to have been burned and it is supposed that some bunched hay was lost.

The total loss in the marsh will be from \$25,000 to \$33,000. The loss is irreparable, and comes quite severe on the Heryfords and Brattains who have cattle to feed. Whether they have hay sufficient on their other ranches is not yet known, but it is presumed not. If not, it will necessitate their buying more hay, which is not overly plentiful any place this fall.

LATER. Just as we go to press a message is received from Felix Green, who with W. P. Heryford went to Chewaucan Wednesday morning, to the effect that the fire is raging a gain and asks everybody in Lakeview who can to go to Chewaucan and help fight fire. The situation at this time looks more serious than before. Many men are responding to the call, and wagon loads are going.

Jim Green met with a very painful accident last Saturday while corralling horses on the XL ranch on the West Side. The horse stepped in a badger hole and in the fall plunged Jim to the ground. Jim's right hand was broken near the wrist and the bones protruded through the flesh, presenting a shocking appearance. Jim did not know that he was hurt until his attention was called to it, but he feared his leg would be broken as the horse was lying on it. He held the horse down for a few minutes to prevent him from being hurt.

Miss May McKinnis teacher in the Pine Creek school, received a letter this week stating that her brother Willie was ill at Burns, Oregon, with typhoid fever. The conditions of the young man was reported critical in the extreme and with small hopes of recovery. We certainly hope the young man's condition has been exaggerated, and the next report will be more favorable.—Alturas Plaindealer.

IRRIGATION CONGRESS

Adjourns After Stormy Debate on Repeal of Land Laws--El Paso Meeting Place Next Year.

The eleventh National Irrigation Congress in session at Ogden, came to an end last Friday. It re-elected Senator W. A. Clark, of Montana, president; decided to hold the congress of 1904 in El Paso and adopted a platform which requested Congress to make needed modifications of the existing land laws in order that speculation and a monopoly of the public domain be prevented.

The great fight of the congress came up when the report of the committee on resolutions was made over the adoption or rejection clauses of the majority report requesting Congress to repeal the desert land act, timber and stone act, and the commutation clause of the homestead act, and a debate of four hours' duration occurred, exceedingly bitter at times.

The opposition to the National Irrigation Congress committing itself in any such manner was led by former Senator Carey, of Wyoming, Congressman Mondell of Wyoming, and former Congressman Shafroth, of Colorado, and when the substitute for these provisions of the majority report was offered by Congressman Needham, of California, simply requesting Congress to modify the land laws, the whole strength of the opposition was thrown in its favor. The result is reported by them as a decided victory. The debate was prolonged until evening, and, although a number of interesting papers were to have been presented by the bureau chiefs of the department of Agriculture, the congress, tired out by the long and at times acrimonious discussion, adjourned without listening to them.

El Paso won out in its picturesque fight for next year's congress on first ballot. There was a desperate effort made by the Northwestern states to bring the honor to Boise, but it was unsuccessful, and but one ballot was necessary. The apparent desire to go to Portland, Oregon, in 1905 had much to do with this action in giving the honor for 1904 to the Southwest.

Almost a Fatality.

Miss Gussie, Metzker the 16-year-old daughter of James Metzker, proprietor of the Camas Prairie saw mill, came near losing her life about two weeks ago, by having her clothing caught in a fast revolving shaft. She attempted to step over the shaft that runs the saw, which revolves 300 times per minute, and a knuckle joint at this place caught in her skirt and tore her clothing completely from her. She was thrown violently to the floor and bruised badly pretty well over her body. Had her clothing been strong and refused to give way she would have been hurled to instant death.

The first sale of beef cattle this year of any consequence was made this week by Tom Kemble and Mr. Porter to Andy Murdock, says the Plaindealer. The sale consisted of about 150 head and we learn the purchase price was 6% delivered at Madeline. Our best information is that good beef will find ready sale, but feeders owing to the price of hay will be a drug on the market.



MRS. STEPHEN B. ELKINS.

Mrs. Elkins, wife of Senator Stephen B. Elkins, will erect a three story stone front building in Elkins, W. Va., her home, for the use of the Young Men's Christian association. The building will cost \$50,000 when fully equipped.

When Egan Surrendered.

W. P. Moulder of Adel, one of the first white men now living in Lake county to set foot on Lake county soil, was in town Friday. Mr. Moulder recalls many incidents of the early history of Lake county and the southeastern portion of the State. In 1862 Mr. Moulder entered the Government service at Ft. Walla Walla, as scout and served in that capacity continually, with the exception of two years, until 1892, at which time he was discharged at Ft. Bidwell.

It was in 1867, during the Plute war, that a detachment of soldiers under Lieut. Stanton, were being escorted by Mr. Moulder to a place 80 miles east of Ft. Harney. Several hundred Indians under We E Wa, attacked the soldiers at that place. At that time the future chief of the Bannocks, Egan, was a young buck and was one of the redskins engaged in this particular battle. The Indians got the worst of the fight and began to waver. Egan had a magazine rifle and the shell extractor was broken during the engagement, and he was the first Indian to surrender. With his rifle held in both hands horizontally above his head, he came running out of the brush and W. P. Moulder, the scout, was the first man he met, so he handed over his gun to him. Mr. Moulder did not know it was Egan at the time but learned it was afterwards.

This is the first and only time Egan ever surrendered. In 1878 during the Bannock war, Egan was betrayed and killed by another Indian.

Mr. Moulder finally located on a piece of land at the mouth of Deep Creep in Warner valley, and on this land stood a stone chimney made by General Crook who camped there with his command when he first came to Warner.

Death of Alvin Manning.

County Clerk A. W. Manning was summoned to the bedside of his father at Garfield, Wash., nearly a month ago, and wrote back that his father could not live. Since then it was learned that Mr. Manning passed to the beyond on Sept. 15th. The Garfield correspondent of the Oregonian under date of the 16th says:

"Alvin Manning, one of the pioneers of Whitman county, died yesterday at his home in this city, and was buried from the Presbyterian Church today under the auspices of the Masonic Lodge, of which he had been a member for the past 38 years. Mr. Manning was born in Ohio April 28, 1833, the son of Jordan and Sarah (Knox) Manning, he grew to man's estate, acquiring his education in a select school and afterward teaching music for a while in Ewington College. In 1865 Mr. Manning went to Missouri, where he farmed until 1878, in which year he came to Whitman County, Washington, crossing the plains with teams. He located land a part of which is now the town of Garfield. In political circles Mr. Manning has always been active.

W. A. Massingill, W. R. Bernard and Max Whittlesey, spent several days hunting near the Cove last week. They brought in a very fine specimen of four point antlers and it is reported that the buck that belonged to the horns weighed 210 pounds dressed. Max is reported to have been several miles from the scene when the deer was killed and could be heard walking around in the brush very distinctly by the other gentlemen, and that all the deer in that vicinity became frightened. This particular buck trotted out a few paces from Billy and so excited him that he gave a war whoop and scared the deer to death.

The citizens of Burns are raising a fund for a town clock. This is unusual enterprise for an interior town. As Lakeview is not likely to afford this luxury for many years, it is hoped that Burns will get a loud striking clock so that we can hear it across the desert and tell when to quit work.

THE SCHOOL BELL RINGS

The Lakeview School Opens Monday With 181 Pupils Enrolled --37 More Than Last Year

The Lakeview Public School opened Monday under very favorable circumstances, with a full corps of five competent teachers. Prof. Valandigham as principal takes hold of the work with a vim, and proposes to make the Lakeview public school one of the best in the state.

The enrollment for the first day was 181, just 37 more than on the first day last year. Nine of the 181 have entered for the high school work. The school board and principal are working for and looking forward to the early establishment of a high school.

The scholars are divided up in the departments as follows:

- Primary. Miss Hall teacher, 44, prospect of 15 more.
- 3d Grade, Miss Callahan teacher, 37, prospect of five more.
- 4th and 5th Grade, Miss Blough teacher, 49, prospect of 10 more.
- 6th and 7th Grade, Miss Sands teacher, 31, prospect of 5 more.
- 8th and 9th Grade, Prof. Valandigham, principal, 20, prospect of 19 more.

The present school term opens with exceedingly bright prospects for a most successful school year. The corps of teachers is probably the best the school has ever had. Parents and patrons will confer an everlasting favor upon the teachers by insisting upon keeping their children at school regularly, and demanding punctuality in attendance. The present term can be made to far surpass any former season in advancement of the classes if this rule is strictly adhered to.

Children that will be six years old by Jan. 1st, are requested by the School board to start to school at once so as to get the benefit of the full term. No beginners will be taken after the first two weeks of school, so it behooves parents to start their children now.

O. A. Hasting bears the distinction of raising the largest crop of beans in Lake county. Last week Mr. Hasting harvested and threshed less than an acre of small red beans, and to his surprise and delight he had just 20 pounds over one ton. At the going price of 5 cents per pound Mr. Hasting will realize \$101 from less than one acre of ground. If anybody can beat that in Lake county or any other county, we would be pleased to hear from them. Let's see, at that rate 160 acres of beans would be worth \$16,000. Whoop! that looks too good. The chances are favorable that every Goose Lake farmer will hereafter devote his attention to bean culture, and the result will be that they will be spending their winters with their families traveling in Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Miller started Tuesday by private conveyance, for Oakland, Cal., to remain with their daughter Mae, who is attending school there. They will make the entire distance to Richmond by team, and will take the cars from there. Miss Mae is one of the faculty of the school there, any will not complete her education for two years, during which time her parents will remain in Oakland.