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TOWARD CALIFORNIA

Because Portland has Not Looked Out for Eastern Oregon Trade It is Turning Southward.

A Baker City railroad man who does not choose to reveal his identity gives a long interview in an Eastern Oregon paper relative to railroad conditions in that section of the state, says the Oregonian. He takes occasion to make a slip at Portland for explaining the fact that the extension of the Klamath Lake and Nevada, California and Oregon roads, will undoubtedly tend to divert the traffic of that district from Portland to San Francisco. He asserts that Portland has neglected its interests in the eastern part of the state, and now has no right to protest, because she is about to lose a plum. Here is what he says:

"Portland has been too slow in the matter of the development of Eastern and Southeastern Oregon, and when a short time ago she saw the trade of that territory beginning to slip away from her, she set up a big roar and blamed the railroad companies for not protecting her interests. Regardless of any of the facts, it is undoubtedly true that it is just as short or shorter distance from San Francisco to this territory in question as from Portland and that country through which a road must be built is an easier one for construction purposes than that through which any line that might be built from Portland via any of the established routes. It is apparent that capital, at least, has approved of the lines building northward from Nevada and California and somebody has pushed those interests successfully.

"What has Portland done any way to curry any special favor with Eastern Oregon or Southeastern Oregon? She has always looked upon this territory as belonging to her by the grace of God and has done little if anything to assist in its development. When it came to questions of irrigation, exploiting of mines, the establishment of United States assay office, the building of smelters or any of these things Portland was conspicuous by its absence from the seat of action except in the case of a few long-headed patriotic business men. All matters of legislation for the interests of this section of Oregon have been opposed by Western Oregon. Now that outsiders have discovered the wealth that can be acquired by the development of this section of the state Portland is making a roar over what she has lost by her own negligence."

Continuing in relation to the proposed railroad construction in Idaho and Eastern Oregon, the same official states that he is authentically advised that the Sumpter Valley road will push its construction to Burns, Or., thence to a connection with the Nevada road, giving Baker City a direct outlet to Sacramento and San Francisco via the new Gould line being built from Utah. He believes that this road will also be tapped by the Columbia Southern. He states also that W. L. Vinson, who has been in the East floating bonds to build a road from Baker City into the Seven Devils district, has been successful, and he thinks the road will be built.



A TYPICAL GROUP OF ALBANIAN TROOPS IN THE ARMY OF THE SULTAN OF TURKEY.

The underpaid fanatics who fight for the sultan of Turkey show little quarter to the foe, and among them the most cruel are said to be the fierce Albanians, who apparently believe that the only good enemy is a dead enemy. When a rebellious province is to be "pacified" the Albanians are turned loose, and men, women and children alike are massacred. The Albanians, who live in European Turkey, are muscular, active and erect and are the best fighters in Abdul Hamid's army. Their ancestors were never conquered by the Greeks and Romans, and it said that the Mirdites tribe, in northern Albania, today acknowledges no subjection to the porte except in supplying a contingent to the army in times of war.

PANAMA CANAL TREATY RATIFIED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The United States Senate today ratified, without amendment, the treaty with Panama for a canal across the isthmus of that name by a vote of 66 to 14. The result was a foregone conclusion, the interest in the matter being only in the division of the vote on the Democratic side, which was not known definitely until the roll was called, all the Republicans being for ratification. Fourteen Democrats voted for ratification and 14 against.

Both the War and State Departments have made preparations for the next step, the former by the dispatch of troops to the isthmus of Panama and the latter by arranging for the exchange of ratifications of the treaty.

Will it Be Done?

The Lake county authorities will, and should leave no stone unturned to apprehend the parties guilty of the killing of Guy McCune's sheep in the northern end of that county some weeks ago. The deed was so cruel, so utterly wanton and dastardly that every effort should be made to bring the guilty scoundrels to justice. There can be no possible excuse for such acts. Cattle men sometimes become so exasperated as to drive sheep off the range. But the butchery of 2,500 innocent animals is without precedent.—Alturas Plaindealer.

It is said that too many prominent

men are implicated in the killing of these sheep for any action to ever be taken. And even if there should be no conviction could be had. Such a state of affairs is deplorable, but what is the remedy.

CALL FOR CONVENTION AND PRIMARIES

At a meeting of the Republican County Central Committee, in Lakeview, March 2d, the following apportionment was made for delegates to the county convention:

Silver Lake	6	North Lakeview	9
Summer Lake	3	South Lakeview	9
Palsley	7	Drews Valley	3
Crooked Creek	4	Goose Lake	5
North Warner	3	Cogswell Creek	4
South Warner	4	Thomas Creek	4

The date for the holding of primaries in the several precincts will be Saturday March 26th, at the usual voting places, and the convention will be held at the Court house in Lakeview on Saturday, April 2d.

Work on Klamath R. R.

Hervey Lindley is employing all the men he can get this week to work on the Klamath River R. R., says the Ashland Tribune. The washouts and slides on the line are not serious, but they interfere with traffic. It seems that notwithstanding the newness of the road and the difficulties of some of the country it traverses, the heavy storms did less damage, relatively, to this line than was suffered by the Southern Pacific line in the same region.

TO KNOCK OUT LIEU LANDS.

Senator Hansbrough, chairman of the public lands committee, introduced a bill Feb. 20th, amending the lieu land law in a way to rob it of its objectionable features. In view of the fact that Hansbrough backs the measure, it is sure to receive consideration. His bill provides that wherever lands covered by patents or unperfected claims are included in forest reserve, hereafter created, the owner of such lands may, upon relinquishing title to the Government, have his lands and improvements appraised and be paid by the Secretary of the Interior the full appraised value of the same, but he shall not have the right to select other land in lieu of that relinquished.

A second section provides that "no forest reservation shall hereafter be created covering any lands within the limits of any railroad grant." The last section provides that persons owning lands within existing reserves may surrender their holdings and select in lieu thereof tracts of equal area, but of approximately the same value as the tract surrendered.

Pete Enquest returned Sunday from his sheep camp near Abert Lake, where he went in company with Jonas Norin, whose camp is 80 miles farther north. Pete says he didn't find everything to his liking, but that he will pull through the winter, however.

LAKE COUNTY IS INVITED

Asked to Make Exhibit at Lewis and Clark Fair to be Held at Portland, Cr., Next Year.

ED. EXAMINER:—An official invitation is hereby extended to the County of Lake, to make a special exhibit, either in its own behalf or in connection with some other body, municipal or otherwise, at the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition to be held in Portland in 1905. It is the purpose of the Exposition to encourage comprehensive exhibits by counties and by chambers of commerce, boards of trade and other commercial organizations. For exhibits of this character, illustrating the resources, industries and progress of communities, the following regulations have been provided:

First: The preparing and installing of exhibits by counties or organizations will be left to the counties or organizations in whose name or under whose authority the exhibits are made. Counties or organizations may erect separate buildings, or may install their exhibits in the state building of the state in which the county or organization is located. Space will be provided on the Exposition grounds for all buildings erected by counties and organizations and no charge will be made therefor. Plans and specifications for such buildings shall be submitted to the Director-General for his approval.

Second: All collective exhibits made by counties and trade organizations will be permitted to participate in the general competition; that is, be both collective and competitive.

I desire to enlist your co-operation and support in this movement, and respectfully to urge early consideration of this invitation so that, if favorable action be taken, we may allot the necessary space and give you ample time to proceed with preparations for your exhibit. Whatever may be the decision upon our invitation, I am satisfied we can shape our plans so as to harmonize all efforts to the end that your exhibit may be highly creditable, not only to your progressive community and state, but to the Exposition as well.

We feel confident that the arrangement we propose will offer to counties an exceptional opportunity of demonstrating their potentialities at the Lewis and Clark Exposition of 1905, and that the result of exhibits made in this way will be beneficial to all.

Very respectfully,

HENRY E. REED,

Director of Exploitation.

Portland, Feb. 23, 1904.

T. E. Bernard and Mr. Wilbur, having heard that the Japs and Russians are going to invade America and that Goose Lake would be the base of supplies for one of those countries, have on the ways a first-class battleship, which will be launched on Goose Lake in a very short time. They don't hesitate to say that they will blow any fleet out of the water that approaches within 15 miles. The gentlemen are making a row and sail boat, out of galvanized iron, which will be used on Goose Lake for hunting and fishing when the season opens. An air tight compartment will be fitted in each end to prevent the boat from sinking if it should be upset.