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BANK STATEMENTS SHOW PROSPERITY

Business in All Branches Make Good Showing For the Past Year--Better Times are Coming

LAKE COUNTY, IN GOOD SHAPE

Other counties adjoining Lake County are boasting about their boom, while old Lake is silently enjoying all the prosperity that a community could possibly ask for. Take it on all sides, we will expect the east side, and you can hear reports of wild rumors of unbounded development, scores of new buildings, immense crops and beef and cotton sales, and mines and railroads, and in fact every imaginable kind of improvement reports of some almost sufficient to startle the quietude of our residents and cause them to keep an eye on the avenue of escape, the east.

According to our bank statements, stock sales, shipments of merchandise into the country from the railroad, and in fact the reports of general business in every branch, Lakeview and the county, right to left, is doing more business than any other town and county in southeastern Oregon or Northern California, according to its population. How can we prove this statement? Well we will show how. Take the Sixth Annual statement of the Bank of Lakeview published in the Examiner this week, and the statement of the condition of the First National Bank of Lakeview published a couple of weeks ago, compare them with other statements.

Compare the statement of our First National Bank with that of the First National Bank of Klamath Falls. Here they both are:

Statement of the condition of the First National Bank of Lakeview at the close of business on November 10, 1904, shows real estate (Bank Building) \$10,804.20, cash on hand \$15,083.52, due from banks, \$43,700.35,

capital stock paid in \$50,000.00, deposits \$50,028.39.

Statement of the condition of the First National Bank of Klamath Falls, at the close of business November 10, 1904, shows real estate and fixtures \$4,356.90, cash on hand \$7,434.25, due from banks \$17,472.93, capital stock paid in \$25,000.00, deposits \$30,028.83.

The business of banks represents the general business of the county. The showing of our 14 general merchandise stores, besides several candy and stationary stores, jewelry stores and drug stores--well we must admit that there are but three of the latter in the county--must be seen to be immense. A "knocker," no matter how much influence he may have, must possess a terrible nerve to buckle up against such reliable statistics as bank statements, and we believe that the man who would do so has so little influence that his unsupported statement would have little effect.

We have a larger area of vacant land, and a smaller population than any of our neighbor counties; we have plenty of water to irrigate where irrigation is needed, and when we are favored with government aid in irrigating our rich soil, which will be tendered us next summer, we will have more beautiful homes than can be crowded into any other county in the state of Oregon.

Lake county is not booming, nor never boomed, we do not know what booming is, here, we do not have to boom, we are simply moving along, every one doing all the business he can handle, everybody prospering, and a great many getting rich.

OUR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT.

The two great topics of conversation in this city are opening of Congress and the coming Inauguration, which is but twelve weeks away and promises to be an unusually imposing and stupendous affair. There are five great questions for this Congress to dispose of--tariff revision, merchant marine subsidies, reciprocity, how to increase the revenue and how to keep down expenditures. Congress will be in session but 90 days. Under the circumstances much desirable legislation must go over until next December. While many Congressmen, both Republicans and Democrats, are calling at the White House to extend greetings to the President, they take the opportunity to express their opinion about tariff revision. Mr. Jones, of Washington, says that in his state the Republicans preached prosperity, giving the credit to a protective tariff. He adds: "We cannot have revision for a few people in Massachusetts." The Representatives from West Virginia say no tariff is needed or desired in that State. Senator Fulton, of Oregon, takes the same view. Senator McComas of Md. regards an extra session as unnecessary. Thus far the weight of opinion made public is against revision before next December. But there are States and Statesmen yet to be heard from.

It is gratifying to record the good feeling which exists between Democratic members of Congress and the President. Besides meeting him cordially they bring a number of invitations for him to visit the South next spring. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee says he hopes to see the President in Virginia; and it is known that he intends to meet the citizens of New Orleans and make a tour through Texas. That the President does not forget the South is evidenced by the announcement that he intends to appoint a grandson of Stonewall Jackson, and the son of the Macon, Ga. postmaster, cadet at West Point. And he says he hopes the grandson of Jackson will show the military genius of his grandfather. His grateful action, also, in providing a place for the venerable Confederate General, Senator Cockrell of Missouri, at a salary of \$7,500, is warmly appreciated by the veterans in grey.

Among the bills which will be introduced the coming session are Mr. Overstreet's for the protection of the President of the United States. When Congress adjourned this bill was in conference. The pure food bill be called up, but has slender chances of being adopted. Some of its requirements are considered to be too drastic. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will have a big lobby in Washington, urging the passage of the Hepburn-Dalliver bill to control inter-state traffic in liquor; the McCumber bill forbidding the selling of liquor in Government buildings and soldier's homes, and the bill prohibiting the opium traffic. These women also want Senator Smoot unseated. Congressman Green of R. I., will introduce a bill making hours of labor throughout the United States uniform. This is a forlorn hope as it would require a constitutional amendment.

The President of the Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Animals, in this city, Mr. C. A. Snow, informs your correspondent that President Roosevelt is actively interested in the promotion of kindness to animals. In a recent message to Congress he recommended that special care and kindness be shown superannuated horses and mules, that had been in Government service. He is opposed to docking or shearing horses. While the President is known as a hunter, it will be remembered that he has hunted only ferocious and carnivorous animals--those that are destructive to deer, sheep and cattle. He does not shoot small birds or game. Recently a Boston paper published an account of cruelty to a Thanksgiving turkey by the Roosevelt children in the White House grounds and represented the President as enjoying the performance. There was no word of truth in the story for the turkey was killed and dressed in Rhode Island before it was shipped to Washington and the Roosevelt family did not see it until it was served on the table. As a punishment and a warning to mendacious journalists the President

has ordered that the representatives of the Boston paper shall be denied access to all Government offices in Washington. The order carries the ban and disgrace of disbarment. The President is kind to all animals. Your correspondent lives near the place where the President mounts his horse for a ride in the Park. An orderly may be seen any fine afternoon holding three horses, one with a lady's saddle. Soon the President and Mrs. Roosevelt drive up. The place is two miles from the White House. The President swings his two hundred pounds lightly from the carriage, usually a one horse depot wagon, and then assists Mrs. Roosevelt to alight, helps her to her horse and gives the horse a lump of sugar. Then giving his own horse a lump of sugar he mounts and they ride off at a walk followed by the orderly at a distance of about a hundred steps.

Do Away with District Attorneys

George G. Mayger, representative from Columbia county, is planning to introduce a bill at the coming session of the state legislature providing for doing away with the offices of state district attorneys, and providing in their stead the offices of county attorneys, to be elected by the counties and paid a salary regulated by the county court. This law would not effect the district attorneys elected last June, but would go into effect so as to cause county attorneys to be elected at the expiration of the terms now being served by State district attorneys.

The President's Message.

President's messages are generally too voluminous for the common everyday busy man to read. While there are many who peruse their paragraphs and relishingly devour their contents, sentence by sentence, there are others who simply glance over the more vital recommendations. President Roosevelt's message to congress which was read before that body last Tuesday December 6th, is a strong American document and emphasizes the character of its author and justifies more fully the confidence reposed in him by the American people. The president has carefully dealt with each phase of our government policy and fearlessly states his attitude upon the great questions of the day to be solved. He did not mention tariff revision.

"There is high authority for the statement that Secretary Hitchcock's chief aim and hope in the prosecution of the land frauds is to confirm his suspicion of Binger Hermann. The secretary has only directed investigation in cases where he had reason to believe Hermann could be found implicated or have his name involved in some way, notwithstanding the fact that greater frauds in the states of Montana and Colorado, and in fact all Western states, have been brought to his notice. He has shown a desire to first prosecute those in which he could involve Mr. Hermann." The above is the substance of a Washington dispatch to the Oregonian.

The Sixth Annual Report of the BANK OF LAKEVIEW of Lakeview, Oregon.

At the close of business November 30th, 1904:

ASSETS	LIABILITIES
Loans & Discounts... \$187,705.80	Capital Stock paid up... \$ 90,000.00
Warrants & Bonds... 16,434.60	Surplus Net..... 59,089.60
Real Estate..... 13,028.31	Deposits..... 144,675.48
Cash and in Banks.... 76,596.28	
\$293,765.08	\$293,765.08

State of Oregon }
County of Lake } ss.
I, F. M. Miller Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

F. M. MILLER, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of November, 1904.

(seal) W. J. MOORE
Notary Public for Oregon

Attest
B. Daly }
W. P. Heryford } Directors
Wm. Harvey }

A Few Facts About The Bank of Lakeview.

It has a Capital Stock, fully paid, of \$90,000.00, which is the largest paid up Capital Stock of any Bank in Oregon south of Salem.

Its Net Surplus of \$59,089.60, is more than the entire paid up Capital Stock of any other Bank in southern Oregon.

Its entire earnings are passed into a Surplus Fund which added to its paid up Capital Stock amounts, on this date, to the sum of \$149,089.60. This amount, which is the Bank's own money, places it among the strongest and most substantial of the larger Banking Institutions of the State.

It has never lost a dollar, during its entire history, by bad loans or otherwise.

It has never foreclosed a mortgage or begun a suit for the collection of any of its own loans or accounts.

It has never received or loaned any money for outside money speculators, therefore, its customers are protected from the forced payment of all such loans.

It is owned, controlled and managed, by successful business men who have long resided in Lake County and who individually and collectively own large and valuable property interests in the County.

With all of these advantages the Bank of Lakeview is now better prepared than ever to extend to its customers and patrons every accommodation that is consistent with a conservative and legitimate Banking business.

TO BUILD THROUGH LAKE COUNTY.

During the past summer The Examiner has prophesied several times that the Western Pacific offered more encouragement to Lake County or railroad facilities than any of the various roads talked of as preparing to extend through the county. Every move made in railroad building goes to strengthen our belief in this matter.

The latest in railroad news is the following from the San Francisco Chronicle.

NEW YORK, December 8.—The banking house of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., announced to-day its purchase from the Missouri Pacific Railway Company of \$25,000,000 4 per cent forty-year gold bonds of that road. The transaction was looked upon in Wall Street as one of the most important announcements of the year, as it is thought to have important bearing on the projects of the Goulds for the extension of their system to the Pacific Coast through the recently organized Western Pacific Railway, which is to run from near Salt Lake,

Utah, to San Francisco, and of which a number of Gould railroad men are directors. While no announcement was made of the purpose for which these funds are raised the belief is that it is to further the Gould plans toward both the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts.

Wall street's understanding from the purchase of these bonds by Kuhn, Loeb & Co. was that it meant a better understanding with the Pennsylvania interests and no friction with the Harriman interests, for which the banking house also acts.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Western Pacific Company held in this city today, President Jeffery, of the Denver & Rio Grande, was elected vice-president of the Western Pacific. This is regarded as indicative of the interest the Denver & Rio Grande and other of the Gould lines have in promoting the line from Salt Lake City to San Francisco.

The mysterious John Doe indicted before the federal grand jury last spring in connection with land frauds, has turned out to be Guy Huff, a bartender at Eugene, who was arrested the other day.