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## HIGH SCHOOL FOR LAKE COUNTY

Educate Your Children at Home--Keep Your Money at Home and Keep up With The World's Rapid Progress.

The County Board of Lake County, through unselfish devotion to public interests, and employment of intelligent business methods in the management of public affairs have lifted the county so nearly out of the quagmire of indebtedness that every one is thoroughly optimistic in his hopes and expectations for the future of our little inland empire. Lake county is soon to be out of debt, and it seems proper that we should begin now to look around us, that we may discover what work of improvement we shall undertake, that we may show, what we are certain everyone feels, a desire to take some of the small steps, leading us along the line of the progress of the world.

The very basis of all true growth and improvement is, education of the masses, and always, better education. No community can afford to be content with the same facilities for promotion of mental and moral development of its people

when they have grown wealthy, with which they were obliged to be content when they were poor and the population sparse; and the resolution has now been formed by a number of the most successful men of Lake county, that her first step taken in this march forward shall be, to improve the educational institutions of the county.

A High School, located somewhere in the county--wherever the people may elect to establish it--is what these men have set their hearts upon, and they declare that agitation has begun, and that it shall cease only when they have seen the fruition of their hopes.

To this work The Examiner is committed, and our whole soul is in it.

Let whoever has any desire to see a high school in Lake county, know that The Examiner would be glad to hear from him. If you only wish to say that you favor it, and sign your name, we shall appreciate that.

### Old Times and Old Timers.

I saw the spot on which Lakeview now stands when the calmness of undisturbed nature was upon it. In the Spring of 1872, approaching this place from the west, I was obliged to pass around the north end of the valley to get to the east side, said M. T. Walters.

The gently inclined plain on which our pretty little town is built was then a beautiful meadow, all covered with water.

The Lake then extended north of this point. A mean log cabin, belonging to a man named Bullard, was standing at the mouth of the canyon of that name, and was the only indication that a man had been here before me. The landscape was indeed beautiful. Wild birds and animals looked at me with surprise, but could hardly be said to be afraid of me. I went down the valley, 6 miles and settled on the place south of Bob McVee's ranch, and, full of hope, began building a home. This territory was then in Jackson county, and I rode to Jacksonville to attend court, which was not then deemed a hardship. This we did till the fall of 1875, when, I think, Lake county was erected by act of the legislature, and the County seat having been located here, I decided to have a part in building Lakeview.

I bought an incomplete shed which had been started by John Moon and used as a feed stable. This building was completed, and the number of acres completed, and the number of acres to be completed, were about 12 miles north.

The stable was on the lot where Hotel Lakeview now is, and here I worked, prospered and was happy, while I looked toward the future and could see what is now a reality, a growing prosperous little city, filled with industry, enterprise, schools and churches.

I will talk to you more about earliest Lakeview at another time.

### Mitchell Again Indicted.

Again Senator John H. Mitchell has been accused of crime; this time of violating section 1728 of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

This section forbids that any Senator, Representative, or Delegate, after his election and during his continuance in office, shall receive, or offer to receive any money or pay for services which he may render in relation to any matter in which the United States has any interest.

It is alleged that Senator Mitchell, being a member of the law firm of Mitchell & Tanner, and a Senator of the United States, received at different times, various sums of money from Frederick A. Krebs, for services rendered by the law firm of which he was a member and by himself in particular, in obtaining, unlawfully, patents on public lands of the United States.

State Senator Brownell of Clatsop county has also been indicted, charged with Subordination of Perjury, the crime having been committed during his efforts to screen or defend Surveyor General Henry Meldrum.

### The Forest Fire Bill.

With one vote only against it, the House at Salem has passed Representative Mills' bill for the protection of forests against fire, and it is not believed the bill will encounter any opposition in the Senate.

If this bill becomes law no fires known as "brush and clearing fires" will be allowed to be kindled by even the lot of land and lots of timber except on permits issued by the County Clerk, such permits to be good for three days.

The bill provides for the appointment of Forest Rangers by the County Courts, paid by timber owners, who petition for them, who are to exercise police powers in the enforcement of the law.

Strict provision is made for punishment of those who wantonly or carelessly, start fires in timber.

## WOOL SALES SINCE LAST WEEK.

Since our last review of transactions in wool in Lake county, Mr. F. M. Miller has also retired from the market as a buyer, and it is not known that any purchaser of wool is seeking supplies in the county at this writing.

During the last ten days Mr. Miller has bought 200,000 pounds, which added to his previous purchases, carries his total acquisitions up to 1,070,000 pounds.

The following are those from whom F. M. Miller purchased:

S. B. Chandler, W. A. Wilshire, Geo. Fitzgerald, J. W. Brown, Warner Valley Stock Co., J. E. Norin, C. A. Rehart, Rehart & Sanford, W. D. Bishop, Kent Bros., Wright Bros., Barnum Bros., W. F. Grob, Ed. O. Lamb, Dan Chandler, L. E. McCulley, Geo. Clark, Geo. Hankins, Sherlock Brown & Applegate, Henry Newell, J. M. Hammersley, S. B. Chandler (Modoc county band), H. Lehman, Kingrey Bros., W. J. Sherlock, Moss & Batchelder, C. E. McKune, Martin & Schroder, Chas. Tonningson, L. P. Klippel, Jannerthal & Turpin, McElhinney Estate by J. B. Blair, Bennett & Bradford, S. T. Colvin, J. L. Myers, W. K. Barry (McElhinney sheep), E. P. Combs, A. L. Coonse, J. H. Bowers (Davis Creek), A. H. Leonard (Davis Creek), Jas Barry, Thos. Lynch, John Flynn, John O'Connor, Benham Bros., H. P. Enquist, A. L. Howell, J. M. Fannigan, Arthur Highfill, A. G. Enquist, L. G. Thomas, Enquist & Turner, Geo. Winkleman.

Bailey & Massingill have bought a total of 530,000 pounds, making the sum of sales so far, 1,600,000 pounds. Flock masters are sure of an average yield of eight pounds for each sheep; this proving correct, and counting the holdings of those who have not sold, the wool production of Lake county, cannot be short of our original estimate of 2,000,000 pounds for the year 1905.

The following are those from whom Bailey & Massingill purchased:

H. Chandler & Boydston, S. P. Moss, C. W. Withers, W. K. McCormack, J. W. Loftus, C. C. Loftus, W. H. Roush, R. A. Paxton, W. B. Routson, J. C. Shellhamer, E. S. Ede, W. F. Grob, A. E. Tonningson, C. W. Bent, Roggers & Geinard, Holbrook Bros., J. D. Edler, Arthur Bros., D. P. Malloy, L. A. Blair, J. T. Flook, Geo. Maupin, J. W. Tacker, M. Sanders.

We congratulated all these gentlemen. They have prudently accepted a very good price for wool, and have placed themselves beyond the power of manipulators.

They have, according to the belief of Mr. Miller, already received, in the payment by the buyers of one third the estimated value of their product, a sum almost equal to their total net receipts last year. This is owing to the latter price and to the certainty that the yield will be large. In consequence of assurances given by these early wool sales, every class of business in Lake County feels stronger, for the reason that the chief element of uncertainty in general prosperity is removed.

A prosperous year for woolgrowers, means more to local business of every character, than any other single circumstance. It insures good and lasting wages and employment to a greater number of persons.

It gives assurance to farmers and gardeners of a cash demand for grain and vegetables. Merchants know that their bills will be paid, and a general jubilant feeling is everywhere manifest.

Of the wisdom of the course taken by owners of sheep in selling their wool at this time there can be no doubt, and we again congratulate them upon their business prudence, whatever the future may develop, which is now wholly a matter of conjecture.

Facts collected from various sources, indicate that there can be no very material decline in the value of Oregon wool for sometime to come, since losses in sheep have been very heavy in the last two years in those parts of the world producing wool of the kind that competes closely with the Oregon product--mixed, half and quarter fine. Of this kind of wool there must be some shortage for two years to come. There is now a strong demand for good mutton in all the markets, No. 1 wethers bringing in San Francisco four cents per lb live weight, and all offerings promptly taken.

The prevailing high price of wool will operate to prevent any large shipments of mutton. No sheep that will pay to keep in the flocks will go to the shambles. It seems that mutton must be good property to have if you want to get money out of them after shearing. We see only brightness in the outlook for owners of sheep, and incidentally for all business in the county.

### Wheels in his Head.

The esteemed Klamath Falls Express thinks the United States Land office should be removed from Lakeview to that place. Now my dear fellow, you are not serious about this. You don't intend to initiate such a struggle. Did you ever try to comprehend the spirit that was in the old hunter who, armed only with a small knife, on meeting a huge grizzly bear in a narrow trail exclaimed, "that bear must die?" If you can conceive what it is to meet such calm assurance as this man gave himself, and to overcome, you can have an idea of the nature of the conflict your suggestion, if attempted to be put in execution, will bring on.

### L. B. Whorton.

As has been our custom, we called at the residence of our friend L. B. Whorton last Sunday afternoon. Mr. Whorton has been sick and confined to his room for several weeks. We found him sitting up, playing I think, with baby Glenn, and in reply to my inquiry, "how are you sir" received for answer, "I am first rate."

Mr. Whorton expresses great satisfaction in the many proofs he has received during his illness, of the kindest care of his friends for him, and says, "publish my heart-felt thanks to them all."

### Taxes Coming in Fast.

A week or so ago The Examiner landed Lake county taxpayers on the insignificant delinquent tax list. Of over \$40,000 in taxes due last year all but about \$150 was collected. Less than a week has passed since Sheriff Rhinehart received the tax roll, and already more than \$3,500 has been collected of the taxes due now. The first day over \$3,100 was paid in. With the showing made on the tax list due last year and the beginning of the new roll there remains absolutely nothing for knockers to say of Lake county.

## LEGISLATIVE NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 4. The bill providing for the lowering of Goose Lake, Little Klamath and Tule lakes, has passed both Houses, and only awaits the signature of the President to make it a law.

House bill 118--by Steiner, making changes in time of holding Courts in the First Judicial District has passed the House. What the bill provides is not stated.

The bill providing for a convention to frame a new constitution for the State of Oregon was defeated in the Senate by the very close vote of 14 nays to 13 yeas.

The legislature of Oregon has about decided to create a good roads commission and refer to them the entire question of road building in Oregon to be reported upon by the commission to the legislature of 1907. Better to begin late than never.

House bill 237 has passed the House. This is the bill providing for the division of taxes between the counties in which livestock shall be severally kept, parts of the year.

A bill to prohibit the corrupt use of money at elections has passed the House.

The Oregon State Senate has passed the house bill raising the age of female consent to 18 years instead of 26. Governor Chamberlain will no doubt approve this.

A bill has passed both houses of the legislature reducing fees for recording deeds from 25 cents to 20 cents, and for satisfaction of mortgage from 50 to 25 cents.

Binger Hermann has introduced a bill looking to the purchase by the Government of what is known as road grant lands, situated within the Klamath reservation.

In the House at Salem, house bill 77 providing for county instead of district prosecuting attorneys was indefinitely postponed.

The House at Salem has passed without opposition, Representative Steiner's bill placing at the command of the Governor, \$10,000 to be used by him in the employment of persons in secret detective work, when in his belief such service is necessary to discover and bring to trial persons guilty of destroying or killing stock on the range.

A bill for an act to incorporate the town of Heppner, on coming up for reading and final passage, was referred for amendment, because it provided the town might license and authorize saloons to do business on Sunday.

Senator Mahoney's bill repealing the law allowing 5 days in which to file deeds for record was defeated by a strong opposition vote in the House. So you will have 5 days after the execution of a deed in which to reach the clerk's office and file for record.

The bill for the purchase of the old Patton mansion as a place of residence for the Governor has little prospect of passing.