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CHEWAUCAN VALLEY IS TO BE IRRIGATED

Department Suspends Action on Portland Irrigation Company's Application--Government May Irrigate Lands.

Since our last issue, we have been enabled to get facts which seem to mean that the Portland Irrigation Company has placed itself in a position to be treated as having acquired any legal standing for the State as a claimant of lands included in the Chewaucan project of irrigation, whenever the government may finally determine to take up that work.

Mr. Richards, Commissioner of the General Land Office, has ordered that further action be suspended upon the application of the State of Oregon for certain lands included in the government irrigation scheme, known as the Chewaucan scheme, at such time as it shall be determined whether the government will decide to take up the work of irrigating the entire body of arid land in that locality. This action was taken upon the recommendation of the Director of Geological surveys, and the application of the State of Oregon for the lands, for the reason that, if the State be allowed to take title of the body of land included in the government scheme, the twelve thousand acres asked for, "it would materially interfere with the government project." Officers of the government who have visited the locality of this scheme have convinced the Director of Geological surveys that every circumstance bearing upon the practicability of the scheme contributes to prove its entire feasibility, except as to sufficiency of water.

Observations and gaugings of the flow of water have been kept up continuously, and all reports, which are made in weekly, have established, well without doubt,--this having proven to be a dry year, that there is an ample supply of water to irrigate the entire body of arid land in that locality. This fact not having

been finally passed upon by the department at the time of Mr. Richard's decision, is the very slight element of doubt which led to his use of the term "suspended" as applied to action by the government upon the claim of Oregon to part of the land instead of ruling finally, against it. When it is fully established, and reported proven, that there is every year, sufficient water to irrigate all the land there, the government intends to do it, because it would clearly be more advantageous to the State than that only a part of it should be irrigated, leaving a part of it still arid, and water going to waste.

It is estimated that there are seventy-three thousand acres of arid land on the North side of Chewaucan River, all good soil, susceptible of irrigation, and very likely enough on the South side to make the total amount to be reclaimed one hundred thousand.

The government has been given to understand that the people in the vicinity of this land are decidedly in favor of the larger operation by the government, and the facts now show an intention on the part of the government to hold the land, and all of it, for that purpose.

Of course the government will refund to the State, for the benefit of the Portland Irrigation Company, any money the company may have paid out that is a valid charge against the government.

We congratulate the people in the neighborhood of this land, and express our firm belief that the time is not far distant when it will be the scene of irrigation activity by the United States, the result of which will be the addition of hundreds of people to the population, and thousands of dollars to the wealth of Lake county.

Public Reading Room.

The Examiner office was visited on Tuesday evening by a committee of ladies soliciting subscriptions to a public Reading Room in our town. These ladies showed by their manner they were out transacting business. They quickly told us what we were to do, and we did as commanded. Up to the time of going to press \$239 had been subscribed.

Oregon Favored.

From all over the East come declarations of an intention by thousands of people, not only to see the Lewis and Clark fair, but to see Oregon.

With mercury 45° below zero in Wisconsin, and 25° below in Missouri a state that produces cotton, people are looking longingly towards Oregon as the land "of the cedar and the vine, where the flowers ever bloom, and the beans ever shine."

All the circumstances of the winter have been favorable to Oregon. The Lewis and Clark fair will be well attended, and thousands of people, tired of the rigors of Eastern winters, will come in search of homes in our equable climate.

PAISLEY AND ITS ACTIVE PEOPLE.

Last week we made a visit to Paisley and its good people and found everybody in good spirits and enjoying good health.

In passing through the main business street of that little town the first we met was Steve Gaylord the city blacksmith, with hammer and tongs in hand and a smile on his face, jolly as ever. Next were Currier & Cooley, dispensers of "wine that is red," ready to prescribe for "that tired feeling," and in their usual happy mood. R. Random of Hotel Paisley, ready to please the inner man at any and all times. J. J. Moore, tonsorial artist was dexterously wielding the razor when we dropped into his place of business. Jim has made some improvements in the interior of his shop and added a candy stand.

J. D. Farra of the Wild West Feed and Livery stable seemed contented and happy and doing a good business.

Geo. Reed, the cabinet maker has as complete a shop as can be found in the country anywhere, all machinery necessary to do good work and all run by a gasoline engine.

In the same building occupied by Mr. Reed we found the Chewaucan Post. It 000000000000000000000000.

The Paisley Drug store owned by Dr. A. A. Witham on the corner loomed up before us on leaving the last establishment and we sauntered in, found the Dr. wrapping up a box of pills and complaining of the "abominable" healthfulness of the place. However, the doctor seemed to be prospering.

The Ainsworth & Withers merchandise store was next visited. Here we found a new and prosperous appearance. Messrs. Ainsworth & Withers are rapidly enlarging their stock and preparing for a bright future.

V. Conn's business was then visited and here as well as other business houses we found many improvements, such as glass counters, show cases and hardware cabinets, also a large drygoods cabinet has recently been placed in the center of the store. Mr. Conn also contemplates putting in a glass front in his store the coming summer.

Here we came to the big bridge and crossing to Mr. Geo. Conn's side of the river, where we found that gentleman taking hale and hearty standing behind his counters ready to show his large stock of merchandise. Mr. Conn seemed very happy over the prospects for Paisley.

Well, we could not visit Mr. Conn without looking over his farm and found that gentleman ready to go and show the fruits of several years' toll on what he pleasantly alluded to as "Oregon desert." In 1902 Mr. Conn planted a large field of alfalfa, last season he cut from it three tons of the finest alfalfa hay ever seen to each acre. He now has a force of men clearing away the sagebrush for another field of alfalfa. Last summer he was visited by Mr. Whistler, a government engineer who is thoroughly posted on alfalfa growing. Mr. Whistler was looking over the country for a feasible irrigation scheme for the government to take hold of and was highly pleased with the outlook in that section. He informed Mr. Conn that his land was worth \$75 per acre, also that there were thousands of acres near

there that could be made as valuable if watered.

A whole page could be written on this subject, but we must hurry on, as we expect to have more to say of irrigation in that part of the county at different times. We found the Paisley people generally in good humor and ready to entertain their visitors. On Monday evening a surprise party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Miller and at least 25 old friends of ye scribe and his wife ran in on us with arms full of cake and other refreshments. Games were played and all sorts of amusements were indulged in till the wee small hours, when all departed to meet again the next evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Simmons, where another enjoyable evening was spent. To say the least a round of pleasure was indulged in during the entire week in which nearly the whole town took part. They are a jolly set, and one misses a good time if he fails to visit Paisley.

Z. G. Harris and wife of Silver Lake visited Paisley several days, Mrs. Harris coming there to be treated, by Dr. Witham.

When the cold spell came on everybody made a rush for the ice ponds, and most of them put up some very good ice.

Mr. Geo. Reed has always been considered a truthful man, else we would not venture to here repeat the following from him: One of the cold nights he kept fire all night in his heating stove in order to keep things from freezing in the house. On the stove he kept a basin of water and he says the water in the basin froze solid during the night.

Mr. Ainsworth of the firm of Ainsworth & Withers, has built a neat dwelling house.

Jack Kelsay was--well not laid up, but standing up--with a large boil on his person for several days.

B. F. Lane Gave Bond.

B. F. Lane, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to kill, committed upon the person of Bert McKune, through his attorney E. M. Brattain, filed his bond with District Attorney W. J. Moore, on Tuesday evening which was accepted and Mr. Lane was released from custody.

The bond was in the sum of \$5,000 with the following citizens as sureties: Geo. H. Small, C. D. Porter, John Hayes, James Hayes, S. K. Busick, Chas. Pitcher, Wm. Kittridge and J. M. Wright.

The Last.

The United States grand jury at Portland is said to have finished their investigation of land fraud matters in Oregon, and it is said that Senator, John N. Williamson and Binger Hermann have each again been indicted for complicity in fraudulent transactions in relation to the Blue Mountain Reserve.

The charge is that these two, acting in conjunction with others, conspired to defraud the United States out of the use of, and title to 300,000 acres of land, of the value of \$3,000,000. Upon the return of these indictments prosecutor Heney asked that the grand jury adjourn that he may go to Washington where he has business before the Supreme Court.

It is further said the jury will be reconvened on his return, when other important work is expected to be done.

NOW FOR COUNTY PROMOTION CLUB.

Below we print the call for a meeting of citizens of Lake county who are desirous of having part in the work of promoting the development of the county. The signatures attached include the names of every business man of Lakeview who is now in town, and their meaning cannot be mistaken.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED, believing that by our united efforts, we can organize a Lake County Development League; that would result in inestimable benefit, to not only the taxpayers and citizens in general of our county, but to a desirable class of homeseekers remote from us as well, respectfully invite all citizens to meet with us at a meeting that will convene at the Court House in Lakeview, at seven o'clock P. M., on Saturday March 11th, 1905, for the purpose of discussing ways and means for the organization of such an association, and other topics pertaining thereto.

J. W. Maxwell circulated the paper and secured following 68 names.

NAMES	NAMES
F. M. Miller	S. B. Chandler
Dick J. Wilcox	S. O. Cressler
V. L. Snelling	A. Florence
W. A. Massingill	C. E. Sherlock
J. N. Watson	C. U. Snider
W. A. Gowen	R. P. Jackson
L. F. Conn	W. J. Moore
Ahlfstrom Bros.	W. B. Snider
H. Bailey	Lee Beall
W. F. Dykeman	J. E. Bernard
T. E. Bernard	E. E. Rinehart
C. O. Metzker	A. W. Manning
S. F. Manning	T. H. Cloud
Wm. Wagner	Ed. Lake
M. T. Walters	Jaquish & Harris
S. F. Ahlfstrom	J. W. Maxwell
E. H. Smith	D. P. Malloy
J. L. Smith	A. Bieber
D. C. Schminck	Leo Hasel
W. P. Heryford	F. P. Lane
Geo. H. Ayres	A. J. Smith
Geo. D. Harrow	F. P. Light
Morris wingfield	J. S. Lane
P. Post	Geo. Hankins
F. D. Smith	Chas. D. Sessions
Geo. Whorton	E. F. Cheney
W. A. Wilshire	X. Arzner
Joe Arzner	O. F. Monroest
W. R. Heryford	Joe Fuller
M. S. Barnes	C. Henkle
J. E. Wendell	Chas. Umbach
G. Sherman Easter	W. Bayley
Ed. Tatro	J. W. Howard
Daniel Boone	B. Reynolds

Incumbents must Continue.

A decision has been reached by the President and Cabinet that no appointment to postmasterships shall be made in Oregon during the pendency of land fraud cases in the courts against Oregon Congressmen.

It is not deemed proper that those members of Congress under indictment should be allowed to influence appointments, now that Senator Fulton alone should control appointments throughout the state.

The appointment at Astoria will probably be made on recommendation of Senator Fulton. All other incumbents are expected to continue in office until charges against Congressmen are disposed of.

Favors County High School.

PAISLEY, ORE. In answer to your request in The Examiner last week, I will say that I am in for having a high school in Lake county, and by the way, I suppose it should be located near the center of the county, and don't know any place as nice as Paisley--"Paisley the Beautiful on the banks of the Chewaucan."

This would be an ideal spot for a county High School.

Yours Truly,
H. E. REED.

The chief of police in San Francisco has been suspended from duty charged by the board of commissioners with dereliction.