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IRRIGATION, APPLES, SUGARBEETS, RAIL. ROADS, CASH.

That growth and betterment in conditions which occurred years ago in following counties to develop by the slow processes of accidental cause, is now treated by all progressive communities as no progress at all. Good fortunes, which are not the result of intelligent, persistent effort, are things of a day, gone forever. The community which in this century waits for something good to come without going for it, and compelling it to come, may expect to see the prizes go the other way: pass by on the other side.

Every established productive business in Lake county must grow weaker and less remunerative, unless something is done to push along, by inspiring citizens.

Greater productions; quick and cheap means of transportation to markets; these are the problems that appeal to our metal, and we shall demonstrate our fitness for a place in the ranks of those workers who are driving the world forward, by determining upon a line of policy and work in this connection, and doggedly persisting in it till we have won. Here is the plainest, broadest way, to the multiplication of population and wealth, now opened to Lake county.

We have 300,000 acres of arid land, worthless in its present state. We must see that it is irrigated. This is the only basis of growth for Lakeview. The water is in our streams to be stored; the government has the money, held in trust for us, to do the work. The money is ours if we make known that we have practicable plans upon which it may be expended. Five thousand thrifty farmers and their families, of ten to twenty thousand people are ready to occupy the land and cause such a transformation of rural landscape as has not been dreamed of before.

For the dull, stupid sameness of the gray sagebrush plain, now a fit habitation for the mangy coyote, we should have the verdure of the alfalfa meadow, field added to field of golden grain, acres upon acres of sweet, odorless fruit farms, sections of sugar beets; sugar factories and canneries, modern dairies and cool cellars filled with nutty flavored golden butter; and, certain as the needle points to the pole, railroads. Will you only ask for this? It not only will not cost you money, but \$4,000,000 will be expended in Lake county in building the works. Is there in our souls none of that spirit of aspiration for something better to which these facts appeal? They are facts.

There is in it all, but one element of uncertainty, and that is, a sufficiency of water.

On the Chewaucan, even this contingency has been eliminated, and we are in possession of facts which indicate plainly that the United States intends to put from seventy-five thousand, to one hundred thousand

and acres of rich, virgin soil, under water, in the neighborhood of Paisley. What other significance can be in the act of the government disallowing the application of the state for 12,000 acres of that body of land, under the Cary act?

The irrigation of one hundred thousand acres of land in that locality will insure the addition of three thousand people to the population of Chewaucan valley. Population is wealth. The very highest form of wealth, the wealth that benefits everybody; that benefits the public, and compels public improvement, and makes public improvement easy. Men are money, and more than money. They are a living energy, force, power. With the accessions of men, which irrigation will make possible, Lake county may choose what else it wants, and take it. Is this not worth striving for? If we go for all of it, we cannot fail entirely. Part of our hopes will be realized. Organize, and WORK. You are not asked in this to spend money for what may turn out to be a gold brick. You are simply asked to talk, write, demonstrate and prove to the government that we have schemes of irrigation which are feasible, and thus realize our own, and which otherwise may be much delayed, and without which the work might be done in such a way as to prove very unfortunate to some of us.

Future Outlook Encouraging.

W. W. Scott, special agent of the general land office, arrived here last week from Klamath Falls, where he has spent most of the winter inspecting applications and entries. Mr. Scott believes there is an exceptionally bright future for Lake and Klamath counties. The fact that capital and railroads are looking strongly this way warrants such belief. The Weed road is most certain to build to Klamath Falls, and there is also talk of the road branching off at Merrill and one line running to Lakeview. This may be done if neither the road from the North or the one from the South extend to Lakeview or make demonstrative efforts to do so in the very near future. Lake county needs a railroad, and its vast resources will attract one from some point, especially if irrigation is taken up by the government within our borders.

Road Fund.

By an act of a former legislature, the 5 per centum of receipts by the United States, from sales of public lands in Oregon, paid to the State, was set aside as a road fund to be apportioned among the counties of the State.

A "small bill" in the late legislature was designed to repeal this old act and was surreptitiously passed by the House.

On discovering the fact Dr. R. E. L. Steiner and associates followed the bill to the Senate and secured the elimination of the obnoxious provision.

Thus our road fund will be augmented in the sum of about \$5,100.

This amount added to our county road fund and properly used will be helpful to our roads.

PUBLIC READING ROOM AND LIBRARY FOR LAKEVIEW.

A library and reading room for the public benefit in Lakeview is going to be made a success.

Those who have taken this work in hand have shown from the start, that it was no mere impulse. They have a well defined purpose of public benefit, and they are not going to submit to failure.

"We are now situated to conduct a reading room for two years, well supplied with the best literature," said one of the active promoters, "and we intend to make this so good, and the place so pleasant from the start that every patron and visitor will be glad to contribute to its growth and usefulness."

This spirit is sure to win success. People always recognize a good thing when they see it, and never fail to give substantial support to every altruistic work.

It has already been fully recognized as of this character, and a spirit of emulation of who shall do most for it clearly manifest. Dr. B. Daly has assured the workers that they shall have, free of rents, or charges of any kind, rooms for their accommodation. Anthony and Keller, the firm which supplies electric lights for the town, have given assurance that the rooms shall be well lighted free of all cost to the management.

Thus the association is full of confidence. Everyone they meet is asking "what do you need?" What shall I do to help your enterprise on?

It is understood that Ahlstrom Brothers and J. E. Bernard & Son are contending each for the honor of putting gratuitously two nice stoves in the building. It has been decided to allow them to divide these honors equally by accepting the gift of an elegant stove from each of them.

There are now \$341 in the fund to promote the scheme. At the meeting Tuesday evening much was accomplished toward the desired end. The constitution and by-laws were approved.

Graham's Band honored the meeting with some of their fine selections, which shows the spirit of the town in this work.

Think of This.

From Lake County is taken annually about \$1800; possibly as much as \$2400 to pay expenses of persons residing in this county, attending schools in other parts of the State.

The latter sum is sufficient to defray the expenses of a high school at home, save the money for home business channels, and put three times the number of persons in high school. This is worth thinking about.

New Telephone Line.

It is learned this week that a telephone line will be constructed from Lakeview to Adel and thence to Plush. The line is to be connected with the Lake County Telegraph and Telephone Co's line running from Lakeview to Silver Lake, and belong to the same company. This is a convenience once enjoyed cannot be dispensed with. It will put Warner

valley in ready communication with all other parts of the county.

Heretofore it has been necessary to send all messages by carrier, requiring from 12 to 20 hours to get a message through. In cases of sickness or other important communication the delay necessitated by the slow process of overland travel has inconvenienced many and even endangered the lives of people. We congratulate the Warner people in their good fortune, and welcome quick communication with our neighbors. It is a great convenience to us, also.

A Sad Death.

Last Saturday, March 4, 1905, at the H. R. Heryford ranch, 2 miles north of Lakeview, Ollie L., the beloved wife of A. H. Hammersley, died after an illness of five weeks, during which time she suffered continuously. A baby was born to Mrs. Hammersley five weeks ago. Ollie would have been 21 years old May 12; she was married a little over a year ago. She was a Lakeview raised girl and was well known and liked by all. She was the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Heryford.

The funeral services were conducted at the Heryford home.

Mrs. F. O. Ahlstrom, sister of deceased is taking care of the baby. Mrs. Heryford was at Pomona, California when her daughter died.

The Examiner joins in the expression of sympathy for the bereaved husband and relatives.

No Canal Legislation.

Conferees of Senate and House on the Canal bill have agreed they cannot agree, and have asked to be discharged from further consideration of the measure.

Thus the authority of the President to govern in the Canal zone after the 4th of March, is in some doubt.

The only difference that could not be harmonized was the determination of the House to abolish the canal commission, and the equally firm purpose of the Senate to retain it.

A Disagreement.

There seems to be no prospect of agreement between the government and the Klamath Canal Company upon the value of the company's property and franchises which are in the way of the execution of the government's project of irrigation in the Klamath basin.

The company wants \$500,000, while the government believes \$50,000 would fully compensate them.

Bought Lakeview Saddle.

A week ago S. F. Ahlstrom received a telegram from Mr. L. M. Folsom of Merrillville, Calif., ordering a saddle. Mr. Ahlstrom shipped the saddle and yesterday received the following letter.

MERRILLVILLE, March 5th.

MR. AHLSTROM:

I received the saddle in due time, and can say it is just exactly what I wanted in every particular. The material and workmanship is first-class.

I bought two saddles from other firms the fore part of the winter, and can say for them that they were no good in any way, so I think I can appreciate the one I bought from you.

L. M. FOLSOM.

THIS IS THE CRUCIAL MOMENT FOR LAKE COUNTY.

On the evening of the 11, in conformity with a published call, there is to be a meeting of the people at the Court House in Lakeview for the purpose of organizing a development or promotion league.

Do you believe there is necessity for this? Do you believe there is some common benefit which may be had by unity of action that may not be attained without organization and community of purpose? Have you some enterprise of public betterment in view, or some practical scheme for the promotion of the general welfare that you believe may be advanced and made successful through the energy and persistence of an active central body?

If you believe that harmonious movements of masses of people pulling the same way, striving for the same goal, along chosen lines, can accomplish some good, which will never be reached while each person pursues his own ends without thought of the common weal, then go to that meeting on the 11, with your thoughts and purposes matured, and prepare to state clearly, what your convictions are, and prepared to enter heartily into the organization of a league, which will take up some work, and push it to final success.

The Examiner has repeatedly said it had no fad or hobby. For the league, we are anxious. We have not failed to advocate that on all proper occasions. We believe this is a crucial period in the history of our County. We believe that a united effort of the people at this time, acting through an organization in which their power is concentrated, will be effective in securing some great and lasting public benefits.

Our readers know that we regard irrigation of our arid lands as of supreme importance, and that we believe the people might do something to insure the certainty of this undertaking by the government, and to hasten the beginning of this work.

There are more than three hundred thousand acres of arid land in this county that we believe may be irrigated. If this land were irrigated and put in cultivation in crops of any kind, at a low valuation, it would be taxed at seven dollars per acre, or two millions one hundred thousand dollars. More than the assessed value of the entire property in Lake County now. This to be had simply for the asking, if it can be had at all. This is worth any effort we can put forth to secure it, or expedite it. When it is begun, Lake County's future is assured.

We are ready, however, to take up any local work. Will work with any others, for any public advancement, or convenience. We know that with growth and progress of production and improvement in Lake County we shall grow and pro-

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