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LAKE COUNTY IS TO BE DEVELOPED

Meeting Was Attended by Men Whose Purpose is the Upbuilding of Their Community in Every Respect.

On the evening of the 11th there assembled at the Court House in Lakeview, alert, substantial, business men, cleared bankers, cultured professional men, live merchants, stockmen, farmers, and mechanics, all ready to do whatever they might, to promote the general welfare, and place Lake County in the catalogue of communities that prosper and grow by means of pluck and energy of its citizens.

Mr. V. L. Snelling, of the Lakeview Mercantile Company, called the meeting to order, nominated Hon. R. E. Steiner for temporary chairman, which being carried by a hearty, unanimous vote, Mr. J. W. Maxwell was made temporary secretary.

The chair, after referring to the subject of the meeting, asked for general expression of sentiments by the assembly, to which a number of persons responded, speaking without hesitation in warmest approval of the purposes announced in the call for the meeting, and proclaimed themselves ready to assist in every possible way, the forward movement for promotion of progress in all our interests, and in the development of unproductive resources in which Lake County abounds.

George Conn, venerable with age, said he had known Lake county for forty years. That he was quite familiar with most other counties in this state, and that he had no hesitancy in saying that Lake had more of the natural elements of wealth than any of them, in his belief. He assured us of his sympathy and hearty co-operation, and declared we had plans of public betterment which he knew to be practicable, and George Conn is not visionary, nor easily misled by mere enthusiasm.

J. E. Bernard, of our big hardware

firm—J. E. Bernard & Son—another man whose age and character made him a conspicuous personage in the audience, showed a keen interest in the proceedings, and declared himself prepared to work for a cause that promised so much. Many others spoke hopefully. When the last speaker had concluded, a motion to organize a Lake County Business Men's Development League, by adopting the temporary organization so far effected, as the permanent officers of the League was carried with cheers of approval.

Several Vice Presidents were chosen, as follows: Geo. Conn, Paisley; F. M. Chrisman, Silver Lake; V. L. Snelling, Lakeview; J. J. Monroe, Adel; E. Keller, Pine Creek; W. R. Bernard, Goose Lake.

A committee on constitution and by-laws was appointed, to report at next meeting. The president held the appointment of committees, to be made when he had more time for careful selection.

The assemblage demanded an address by the President, which was responded to by a clear and forceful statement of plain truths that justified beyond cavil, the organization we had created, showing the necessity for an active central body, working harmoniously for the common good, and pointed clearly the way, and only way, that leads to success. He plead for harmony, and cautioned against the expectation of results at too early a date.

The Lake County Business Men's Development League has on its roll of membership, the names of men who are not accustomed to failure, its usefulness is not a question of doubt. After the address from the chair, the League adjourned to meet on Saturday the 18th at 7:30 P. M., when announcement of regular working committees will be made.

held in the world and honored as it was and to know that the children of Lakeview that we see every day did this work, is a source of extreme pleasure and satisfaction to every patron of this school and to every resident of the town. The pupils of the Lakeview school now have in preparation an equally interesting exhibit for the Lewis and Clark Fair, which will be bound and placed on exhibit next year in Portland.

Hon. R. E. L. Steiner Interviewed

In an interview with Hon. R. E. L. Steiner yesterday, a representative of The Examiner obtained from him this statement regarding the Extra Session:

"I think I would attend an extra session of the legislature should one be called, without pay. I would not, however, pledge myself to do certain things and nothing more. I believe better results would follow an election on the matters involved by initiative, than can be obtained in any other way."

Chadwick Trial.

Mrs. Chadwick has been convicted. Jury required six hours to find her guilty. She will probably get 14 years in the penitentiary.

Warner Contest Case.

The Roberts vs. Riggs contest case came up in the land office this week, and eight Warner people are here. As near as we could learn the facts in the case are about as follows: Several years ago Joe Jones settled on 160 acres of land on the margin of one of the lakes in North Warner. The land was unsurveyed and Joe held it as a squatters' claim. Joe finally sold his right and improvements to J. N. Givan, who later sold the same to Harry Roberts while the land was yet unsurveyed. In the meantime Harry Riggs moved on the place, and when the surveys were made both parties laid claim to the land. Their papers were sent to Washington and were returned to this land office recently for action by this office. The testimony was yet being taken when The Examiner went to press.

Lakeview School Exhibit.

The exhibit of the Lakeview Public School sent to the St. Louis fair, has just been returned. To look upon this work and know that it has been to St. Louis on exhibit at one of the largest world's fairs ever

A Trip to Bly

A roving disposition led us to make a trip to Bly last week. The trip was a rough one on account of the roads. Right here we wish to state that, while we have been urging better roads in Lake county, our roads are a macadamized boulevard compared with what we found in Klamath county. For about a half mile on the other side of Quartz valley the grade is a solid glare of ice, and across the "Devil's Garden" it is impossible to describe the condition of the road. It is all one can do to remain in a wagon crossing it.

When we arrived at Bly we were met by the genial host of the Pioneer Hotel, Mr. W. F. Reed. Mr. Reed has an ideal location there and does a good business. He owns a good farm and raises all his own hay and grain to run his feed stable also his vegetables for his hotel.

The Watts Bros., who once owned a store at what was called New Bly, have purchased the merchandise store formerly belonging to Mr. Smith, at Old Bly. They have a neat brick store building, and from all appearances are doing a good business. A deal was on while we were at Bly whereby Creed McKenzie was to take a one-third interest in the business. They were taking an invoice of the stock, and while it seemed a deal would be consummated, we did not stay to learn the result.

One could not say that he had visited Bly without going to see Mr. E. Casebeer, who runs a hotel at New Bly, about a mile east of Old Bly. Mr. Casebeer has built a large building and is comfortably situated. He is proprietor of the stage line from Lakeview to Bly and is conducting the line in good shape.

We found the people of the Bly country happy and contented; and well they might be, they have a good country, though the town is small. There is good prospects for abundant crops in that section, grass is starting up and some of the stockmen are turning their stock out.

Mrs. Jas. Taylor and daughter spent a day in the town in the interest of a social organization known as "The Young People's Society." This organization is one whose purpose is for the upbuilding of the community and the betterment of social conditions. In talking of the society Mrs. Taylor said: "We have no preacher, nor church or Sunday school for our young people to go to, and we are striving to keep in existence an organization that will tend to lift up and improve morally and socially." The people of Bly are to be commended for their hearty support of such a move and The Examiner will have more to say about this in the future, for we have arranged to keep our readers in touch with this movement.

Exemptions.

All the State papers have taken the position that by an error of punctuation, all household goods would be exempt from taxation; or, to the amount of nine hundred dollars. Attorney General Crawford has given an informal opinion that the last clause of the section establishes the exemption to be three hundred dollars. He will instruct assessors to ignore the error in punctuation.

An Example in Subtraction.

If you have ten dollars to expend for goods and you think of sending away for them, take a pencil and a piece of paper and figure. Use the catalogue prices, postage and dissatisfaction for your mind; The advertisements in The Examiner for your subtraction, and your remainder will be your profits by buying at home.

Our Telephone Service.

The Examiner most detests of all things, a knocker or calamity howler, and we believe that if Mr. McKenzie would look well to his best interests in this country he would be led to believe as we do, that the running down of the telegraph line from here to Madeline was a losing business to him. The line has been in a bad condition all winter, and many times it has been impossible to get a dispatch out or in. Mr. Burke has endeavored to keep his section of the line in as good repair as possible, but the line crosses the mountain in two places and here is where the trouble seems to be. We understand that Mr. McKenzie has under contemplation the scheme of erecting a line direct from Lakeview to Alturas such a line would run all the way along the stage road, and could be kept up all times of the year and would give infinitely better service than we have had and we hope, while at the same time we are always anxious to hear from Surprise valley, that this line will be constructed at the earliest possible day. The Bell Telephone company operates a line from Ashland to Bly and are seriously contemplating the extension of their line to Lakeview the coming summer. This, too is great encouragement for our people to become in close communication with the outside world, and is a move toward the goal progressiveness assures. The Bell Co. proposes to operate a day and night service to Bly, commencing, we believe, this week. The little town of Bly with only three business establishments, besides the postoffice, raised \$300 to have the telephone line built to that town.

Kuykendall Defends.

Senator Kuykendall, in reply to certain questions addressed to him by the referendum committee of McMinnville, makes a manly statement of his own independence, and freedom from any undue influence in supporting appropriations for the Normal Schools, and acquits his associates in the legislature of acting under such influence, and the members from counties in which Normal Schools are maintained from any attempt to use such influence.

He shows also that the appropriation was made as it has been uniformly made by preceding legislatures, without protest from the people.

Senator Kuykendall destroys the allegation of graft, or legislation by so called log rolling methods.

The Stark Case.

Acting under the advice and request of the Oregon Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, Rev. Snyder formulated charges of dishonesty and lying against Rev. J. B. Stark, former Pastor of M. E. Church at Lakeview, Oregon.

Testimony concerning the above charges was taken at the M. E. Church, on Monday March 13th.

Mr. Snyder is not prosecuting, but is simply acting in the case; taking testimony at the command of his conference.

Not Satisfactory.

It is now reported by the examining chemists that there was no strychnine found in the stomach or other organs of Mrs. Stanford's body.

Yet physicians say, and insist, there was present in the appearance of the body many of the evidences of death by poison.

Lake County Out of Debt.

In another column of this issue appears notice from the Treasurer of Lake County to the holders of all warrants drawn and protested on or before the 11th, day of March 1905, that there is money in the treasury for their payment. This is believed to include every demand against the county; and it is further understood there will be credit balance of \$2,500 after all legal existing demands are paid.

It is a pleasure to us, to congratulate the people of Lake County upon this achievement of our County Court, and especially the men who achieved this. When it is remembered that, three years ago, Lake County had outstanding and unpaid, \$63,000 of indebtedness; and that the board has given the County as good a service in other respects as any former board has given, and that has also, been paid; then we can see more clearly the value of that business tact which has brought such good results.

There is, underlying this, another very interesting fact. This three years history of accomplishment by the administration, places beyond dispute the fact that Lake County may, under skillful management, now begin to make provision for taking up some public improvement, without creating the least distress to tax payers of Lake County, and without danger of again allowing indebtedness to accumulate. This is proven as clearly as a truth can be demonstrated. We hope to see this done. Whatever one is deemed most urgent, of a member of works, for public betterment.

Order Books at Once.

The Trustees of the Library and Reading Room Association held a meeting Saturday evening and decided to begin immediately to furnish and equip the Reading Room. All necessary arrangements have been made and each member of the board of Trustees has taken on themselves to push the work to completion and do all that is possible so the Reading Room may be opened by April 15th.

Miss Lulu Garrett has accepted the position as Librarian and a more competent person could not have been chosen.

A donation of a stove is greatly desired. Let some one add this benefaction to the long list of contributions.

Miss Sand's the Secretary is collecting the money subscribed and the committee is still soliciting, hoping to make the funds sufficient so no failure can be anticipated.

An entertainment is to be given in the near future to swell the fund. Home talent will participate and many entirely new and interesting features will be produced.

The establishment of the Library and Reading Room is the combined efforts of everyone. May the good work continue, and the product be a movement of intellect for the town of Lakeview.

What Should be Done.

If the legislature had passed a law disestablishing two of the Normal Schools, and had made reasonable appropriations for those which remained, and for other institutions, we should hear nothing of referendum movement. What more rational course for the people than to do what the legislature should have done?

Action by initiation instead of by referendum would accomplish this, and certainly end the matter as it should be.