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## CATTLE AND LUMBER TRAFFIC.

SACRAMENTO, July 28.—T. F. Dunaway, vice-president and general manager of the Sierra Valley and the Nevada-California-Oregon railways, appeared before the State Board of Equalization this morning to afford the members such information as they might require.

The Sierra Valley road has 37.98 miles of track, valued at \$37,230. Its rolling stock is valued at \$830. The gross earnings for the year were \$24,863.12 and the operating expenses \$17,133.55, leaving a net income from operation of \$9,729.57. The interest on the bonded debt, taxes, etc., amounts to \$31,287.68, according to the report.

The Nevada-California-Oregon road has 143.84 miles of road, valued at \$117,950. The rolling stock is valued at \$17,050. The gross earnings from operation were \$204,200.96. The operating expenses were \$115,237.37, leaving a net income from operation of \$88,963.59. The income from miscellaneous sources amounted to \$265.98, giving a total net income of \$91,529.57. Interest on the bonded debt, taxes, betterments, additions, etc., amounted to \$60,320.65, leaving a surplus of \$31,168.92.

In speaking of the business of the road, Dunaway said that there had been no increase in the volume over the preceding year. The transportation of cattle, lumber and the products of the country were the main incomes of the two roads.

There is the statement of Mr. Dunaway and affords room for much speculation as to the prospects for a paying extension of the N-C-O road to Lakeview. It will be noticed that the Sierra branch of the road is a money loser, while the main line running out to Madeline makes up for the deficiency caused by the branch and creates a neat little surplus.

Note what Mr. Dunaway says in regard to the source of income of the road. The N-C-O road is 143 miles long and has a net income of over \$3,000, from stock and lumber shipments. How many feet of lumber are shipped over this road from Interior Oregon? We can say not one, and we believe we can say not one load of cattle or sheep. What sheep from Lake county go south have to be driven over the most expensive part of the route, to reach Madeline, and then they are driven on to Reno. The cattle all go west on to Agor or some point on the S. P. line or north to Shaniko, unless it is the Mapes cattle and they are not shipped over the N-C-O. Not a sack of wheat, flour or barley, not a pound of butter, not a box of fruit or anything else is shipped out. Practically all the shipping business the N-C-O does for Lake county is in imports and the wool, say three-fourths of the county's output. If this road could be extended to Lakeview it would get the entire trade of the county and reach far out into Harney, Malheur, Crook and Klamath counties. With 98 miles of extension the road could secure more than three times the traffic it now gets.

### State School Fund Apportionment.

The annual distribution of common school funds made by State Treasurer Moore today shows that in the past year the school population has increased about 3 per cent, while the

proceeds of the irreducible school fund have increased 9 per cent. Reports of School Superintendents show a total of 153,945 persons between the ages of 4 and 20 years. The number of persons of school age last year was 148,720.

The amount of money distributed among the several counties today was \$260,176.50, while the amount distributed last year was \$239,439.20. The money disbursed is the interest received upon the common school fund. The rate per capita last year was \$1.61; this year it is \$1.70.

The following statement shows the school population in each county for 1905, and the amount of money apportioned to each county in 1905:

| County     | Persons between 4 and 20 years. | Ap'rt'mt. \$ |
|------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Baker      | 5,348                           | 9,091.60     |
| Benton     | 2,620                           | 4,454.00     |
| Clackamas  | 8,184                           | 13,912.80    |
| Clatsop    | 4,581                           | 7,787.70     |
| Columbia   | 2,597                           | 4,414.90     |
| Coos       | 4,284                           | 7,216.50     |
| Crook      | 2,018                           | 3,430.60     |
| Curry      | 700                             | 840.00       |
| Douglas    | 5,804                           | 9,865.80     |
| Gilliam    | 1,285                           | 2,184.50     |
| Grant      | 1,862                           | 3,165.40     |
| Harney     | 1,114                           | 1,893.80     |
| Jackson    | 5,400                           | 9,180.00     |
| Josephine  | 3,013                           | 5,122.10     |
| Klamath    | 1,396                           | 2,320.20     |
| Lake       | 930                             | 1,596.30     |
| Lane       | 8,567                           | 14,563.90    |
| Lincoln    | 1,363                           | 2,315.10     |
| Linn       | 6,980                           | 11,866.00    |
| Malheur    | 2,054                           | 3,491.80     |
| Marion     | 10,210                          | 17,357.00    |
| Morrow     | 1,844                           | 3,134.80     |
| Multnomah  | 32,198                          | 54,583.60    |
| Polk       | 3,631                           | 6,172.70     |
| Sherman    | 1,461                           | 2,381.70     |
| Tillamook  | 1,796                           | 3,053.20     |
| Tumwilla   | 6,421                           | 10,915.70    |
| Union      | 5,475                           | 9,307.50     |
| Wallowa    | 2,555                           | 4,343.50     |
| Wasco      | 5,441                           | 9,079.70     |
| Washington | 6,064                           | 10,308.80    |
| Wheeler    | 962                             | 1,625.40     |
| Yamhill    | 5,317                           | 9,038.90     |
| Total      | 153,945                         | 260,176.50   |

State Superintendent Ackerman says that he will recommend to the next legislature that the system of apportioning the school funds be made on a basis of school attendance, instead of school population. It will then become incumbent upon every school clerk, teacher and taxpayer of the district to see that every child attends school regularly, in order to get their portion.

### Another Mining Boom.

Geo. Crowder and a crowd from Davis Creek were in Lakeview last Friday. They called at this office for blanks to locate twenty mining claims in the Drews valley country. They expressed the belief that considerable of the country west of Lakeview would be staked off in mining claims before many days. They had some ore with them found there that showed to contain metal in large quantities, and they were confident that they had some very rich claims, even better than those reported between here and Bidwell.

Lakeview is surrounded with mines; there are the Paisley mines on the north which are said to contain good ore, the Sagehen mines, on the East which will no doubt be revived this summer, the Willow Ranch and Bidwell mines, on the south, and the Bidwell mines, from reports last week are fabulously rich.

It has been said by experienced miners that the mineral of this sec-



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### SHERLOCK HOLMES WAS STANDING SMILING AT ME.

tion of country, south of a blue proxy to be used in the same manner. That the ore is of the best silver is the best of the best. The sides of these hills, which are no longer any more, and numerous discoveries within the past few months has attracted men here who have the means and knowledge to find the deposits. The prospects for a bright future were never better.

### A Railroad Party.

(Klamath Express.)

A party of gentlemen interested in the California and Northwestern railway (Weed road) arrived here Tuesday evening on the launch Ewanna from Teeter's landing.

Judge Baldwin, C. E. and W. S. Worden went down in the launch and escorted the party to the Falls.

The visitors are H. Nathan, secretary and treasurer of the C. & N. E., the Weed and the Wendling Lumber companies, L. Nathan, A. L. Peyser, I. F. Norris, M. L. Ephraim and C. H. Truelinger, of San Francisco.

Mr. Nathan stated to an Express representative that his road had 20 surveyors in the field and would shortly put 25 more at work and that as soon as the route was decided on 500 men would be employed in construction work.

The party left today via the steamer Winema for a trip to Crater Lake.

### Strange as it May Seem.

The Crook County Journal says that a man was froze to death on the streets of Prineville a few nights ago. He had read the thermometer up-side down and thought it was 95 degrees below zero, and expired almost instantly. That's strange, but no more so than an incident occurring in Lakeview about the same time. Dick Wilcox, assistant cashier of the First National Bank, hung a thermometer up-side down in his cow barn and the next morning his cow gave ice cream.

### Cougars in Sheep Camp.

W. S. Harderode writes The Examiner that he recently encountered three cougars on the head waters of Steam while hunting sheep with a band of sheep. He, with his faithful dog, "Poppy," were making a tour of inspection prior to retiring for the night, when they came upon three large cougars devouring a sheep, which they had killed for their supper. The night was dark and the dog managed to tree one of the varmints, while Mr. Harderode kindled a fire. When the fire gave light enough so he could see to shoot the fusilade began. Three shots brought Mr. Cougar out of the tree a dead cougar. He measured ten feet, seven inches in length. Mr. Harderode thought he was dealing with a wildcat until the animal lay dead at his feet. Had he known it was a cougar of such enormous size he probably would have given him "more rope."

### A New Electrician.

Marshall Whorton was struck with an idea one day last week that nearly knocked him off the sidewalk and caused a short circuit on the electric light system, which was not discovered until about dark. Man concluded he was electrician enough to place a light at the water tank and wire it, and he accomplished the feat, and about dusk hid himself to a place of observation to see the light shine at the tank when the dynamo at Pine Creek sent electricity curling through the wires. But Man was disappointed; his lamp gave no light, neither did any one else's. He had made a short circuit, and until Recorder Snider went up and cut the wire leading to the lamp at the tank, did the town have any lights.

Water spouts are becoming the terror of northern counties again this fall. Mitchell was visited by one a few days ago, and the same day Shaniko was the scene of a cloud burst. No loss of life or serious damage is reported from either place.

## FRENCH GLENN

### PROPERTY SOLD.

One of the biggest ranches in the United States was sold last week to the Co-operative Christian Federation, of Oregon. The ranch is 60 miles long and 25 miles wide and consists of 164,000 acres. The price paid was \$1,800,000. The land lies in Harney county around Steins mountains about 100 miles east of Lakeview. This company has a capital of \$50,000,000, and the acquisition of this immense property is only a drop in the bucket to the Federationists. It is said the company contemplate other and more extensive operations within the state, among them the purchase of what is known as the Road Land Grant, consisting of many hundred thousand acres of land along the route of the military wagon road, the large sawmills belonging to the companies now in possession of the lands, and the construction of railroads in the interior district now without rail facilities.

The Federationists announce that they will establish a modern colony on the French-Glenn ranch and place 10,000 people there. It is also proposed to procure 800,000 acres from the Willamette Valley and Cascade Mountain Wagon Road Co., which will make homes for 40,000 more. Diversified farming will be the principal industry, and it is proposed to maintain various other enterprises.

### Taken to the Asylum.

Mrs. Reed of Paisley, of whom we made mention last week as being mentally afflicted from continued illness, was taken to the court house Saturday and committed to the custody of attendants then on the way from the asylum to take charge of the unfortunate woman, in response to a telegram sent on Wednesday. Mrs. Reed's case was a very severe one, and one especially difficult to handle outside of a hospital. Her hallucination was that some one was trying to poison her, and she would neither eat, drink nor take medicine, and for 36 hours went without water or nourishment of any kind. The attendants arrived here Sunday evening, a lady and a gentleman who were very kind to Mrs. Reed, and they started on the return trip Monday afternoon. It is believed and sincerely hoped that a few months' treatment will restore her to her health and right mind.

Mrs. Reed was a very intelligent and well read woman. She getting well along in years and her weakened condition from a severe sick spell, makes her a very delicate patient.

### Jury Disagrees Again.

Again the jury in the Williamson, Gesner and Biggs trial disagreed after deliberating 45 hours. The jury stood 7 for conviction and 5 for acquittal during the first three ballots, and after that it was 6 to 6. Judge De Haven discharged the jury and set the new trial for August 28. Judge Hunt of Montana will try the case, as De Haven is compelled to return to San Francisco.

The last trial seemed to be a legal battle between District Attorney Heney and counsel for the defense. At times the battling attorneys became so vindictive that the one being scored, with tears in his eyes would seek protection from the Court.