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APPROPRIATION SET ASIDE.

"The Northwest division of the Harriman railway system has set aside \$4,100,000 for the construction of a projected line in 1905 and 1906," says the Portland Oregonian, "and has announced the fact, but will not make public the identity of the line under consideration, its location or its extent."

General manager J. P. O'Brien, when asked as to whether or not this appropriation had to do with the construction of the long-dreamed-of road through the central part of the state, gave a knowing smile, but no words.

Mr. O'Brien stated that S. P. Co. had no interest in the Portland-Tillamook road, and that the Coos Bay road was already provided for, consequently, inference was drawn that the recent appropriation must be for the east and west road across the state.

The consensus of opinion is that to hold the traffic of Eastern Oregon, Mr. Harriman will at last send his trains across the state. He seldom makes appropriations and announces his intentions until he is ready to act. The new projected route is a feasible one and one that will tap a numerative field.

Further the Oregonian says:

"From Portland to Natron on the present Springfield branch of the Southern Pacific is an easy grade, laid practically in a straight line. The lift across the Cascades by use of modern engineering is no harder or greater or longer than that across the Blue Mountains, now in use. The line across the central part of the state is one long reach of easy grade and construction through a fabulously rich and practically virgin country. Joined at Ontario with the O. R. & N. and Oregon Short Line the new road would make a short and direct route to the East. These are the grounds for the belief that the Harriman system will construct the Central Oregon road."

A great empire will be opened by the construction of this road as it is intended to go. From Natron the rails will climb the banks of the middle fork and will follow in a general way the old wagon road through and across the Cascades to the vicinity of Crescent lake, skirting the foot hills to the promising traffic districts of Lake and Klamath counties, and from there the way is easy across Lake and Harney and Malheur counties, thence along Malheur river to Ontario and a junction with the O. R. & N.

All of this country is wonderfully rich in prospect and in present fact, and is easy of access once the mountains are recrossed. Douglas county with its mines; Lake, Harney and Malheur counties with their stock and their millions of acres of fertile lands waiting for a market and people to till them, offer an unrivaled field for the support of a much needed railroad. In Douglas county there are 132,775 acres of public land waiting to be taken, in Lake county 2,346,293 acres, in Harney 4,250,301, in Malheur 4,978,952 acres. Along the Malheur river there are 100,000 acres of rich land waiting to be irrigated, while Klamath county holds 320,000 acres.

In Lake county are 325,000 sheep, 75,000 cattle, and 30,000 horses and mules from which the 4000 people re-

alize, in spite of conditions, an annual income of \$900,000.

Harney county 250,000 cattle and 500,000 sheep from which \$1,000,000 is annually received.

Malheur county each year produces 2,000,000 pounds of wool, to say nothing of the richness of the soil or of the agricultural advantages.

It is into this country which blooms so richly as an undeveloped wilderness that the central line will find its way. It will cut many miles from the present Harriman route to the East, while at the same time it draws its sustenance from the vast territory tributary to it, its main line and feeders.

A year from now will see trains running on schedule time."

Thanksgiving Day.

According to the almanacs, or at least part of them, Thanksgiving comes on the 23d of the month, the fourth Thursday. It has been the practice to appoint the last Thursday in November Thanksgiving, and President Roosevelt has made no exception to the rule. Consequently, there being five Thursdays in November this year, Thanksgiving falls on the 30th. Below we publish the president's proclamation for the benefit of those who may have been misled by the almanacs:

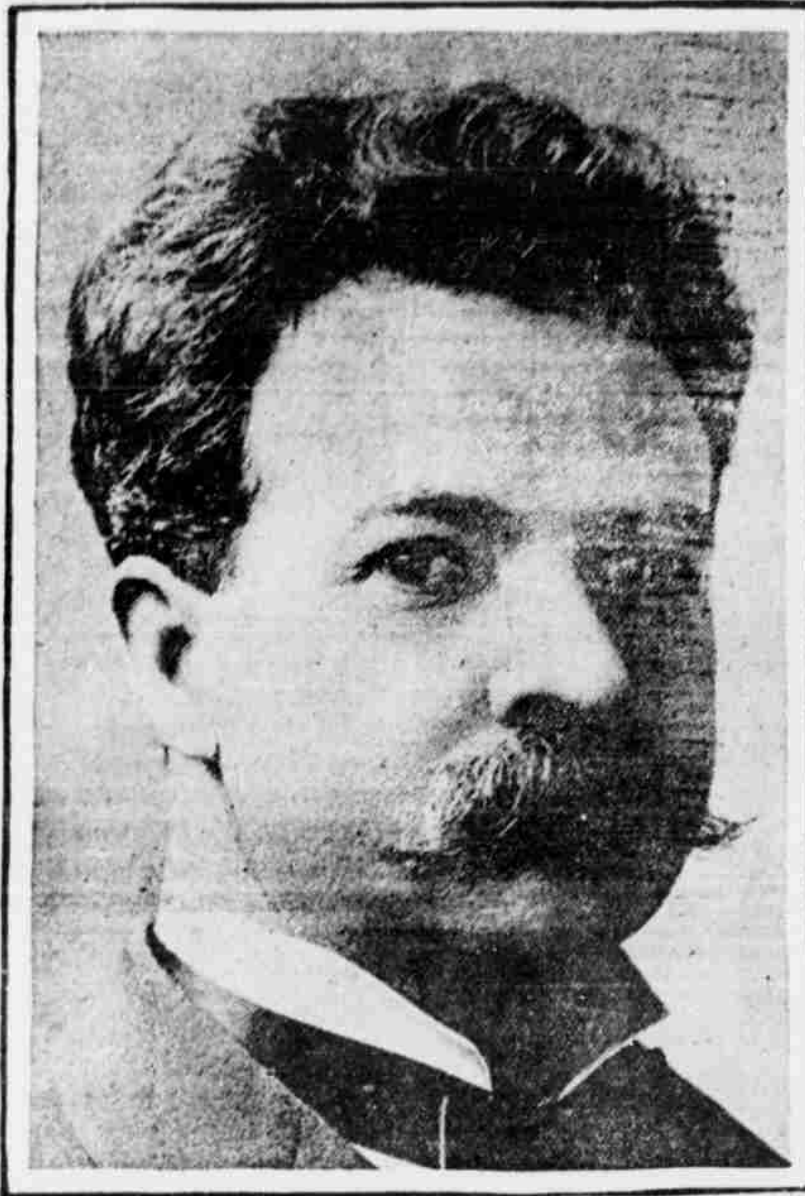
"When nearly three centuries ago, the first settlers came to the country which has now become this great republic, they faced not only hardships and privation, but terrible risk to their lives. In those grim years the custom grew of setting apart one day in each year for a special service of thanksgiving to the Almighty for preserving the people through the changing seasons. The custom has now become national and hallowed by immemorial usage. We live in easier and more plentiful times than our forefathers, the men who, with rugged strength, faced the rugged days; and yet the dangers to national life are quite as great as at any previous time in our history.

"It is eminently fitting that once a year our people should set apart a day for praise and thanksgiving to the giver of good, and at the same time, that they express their thankfulness for the abundant mercies received, should manfully acknowledge their shortcomings and pledge themselves solemnly and in good faith to strive to overcome them. During the past year we have been blessed with bountiful crops. Our business prosperity has been great. No other people have ever stood on as high a level of material well-being as ours now stands. We are not threatened by foes without. The foes from whom we should pray to be delivered are our passions, appetites and follies, and against these there is always need that we should war.

"Therefore, I now set apart Thursday, the 30th day of this November, as a day of thanksgiving for the past and of prayer for the future, and on that day I ask that throughout the Nation the people gather in their homes and places of worship, and, in rendering thanks unto the Most High for the manifold blessings of the past year, consecrate themselves to a life of cleanliness, honor and wisdom, so that this Nation may do its allotted work on the earth in a manner worthy of those who founded it and of those who preserved it.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the City of Washington,



FORMER SENATOR FRANK J. CANNON.

Mrs. Frederick Schoff, president of the National Congress of Mothers, declares that Frank J. Cannon, former United States senator, has so aroused the enmity of the Mormons that his life is in daily peril. The former senator was born in Utah, is a son of George Q. Cannon and was brought up in the Mormon faith. He is forty-six years of age and an editor.

this 2d day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and five, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirtieth.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT.
"By the President. ELIHU ROOT,
Secretary of State."

Mrs. Creed McKendree.

Mrs. C. H. McKendree died at Bonanza last Friday, after a severe illness of about three weeks. Mrs. McKendree has been ailing for nearly three years, and last fall went to Los Angeles, where she partially regained her health. For several months after returning to their home near Bly, she was compelled to go on crutches, but she gradually recovered, and threw away the crutches during the summer. About three weeks ago she became worse again, and after intense suffering for three weeks, succumbed. Her death was a sad shock to her husband and little son, who survive her, also to her mother, Mrs. Louie Meyers of Lakeview, whose 13-year-old son died only a few weeks ago from poisoning.

The remains were brought to Lakeview, arriving here Sunday night, and were laid to rest in the I. O. O. F. cemetery Monday at 10 o'clock a. m. Mrs. McKendree was well known about Lakeview, having been raised here. She was formerly Amelia Antone, and had many friends who will be pained to learn of her demise so early in life.

Many of the relatives of Mr. McKendree and friends of deceased followed the remains from Bonanza and Bly, where she lived for several years. Those who came were:

Besides the husband and little son of deceased, John Wells and wife, Fred McKendree and wife, S. McKendree and wife, Owen McKendree and wife, Mrs. Joe Howard, Mrs. M. L. Kilgore, Mrs. E. Casbeer, James and Jas. Watts and J. O. Hamaker.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Last week we published a long article regarding the Lake County Development League, and expected to get the report of the committee appointed at its meeting in May to gather statistics of the county's resources, but could not secure the report. This week we are able to give the report of the committee, which is a showing that the people of Lake county should endeavor to have distributed all over the country.

Report of the Committee.

Lake County Development League, Mr. President:

Your Committee on Statistics, beg leave to make the following report: Lake County contains 5,130,240 acres of land; classified as follows: Agricultural and alfalfa land 1,129,648 acres, timber land 1,124,352 acres and grazing land 2,876,240 acres. Owing to the fact that Lake county has no railroad transportation, its chief industry is livestock, there being in the county at the present time about 325,000 sheep, 75,000 cattle and 30,000 head of horses and mules, from which has been sold this year 150,000 head of mutton sheep, 20,000 head of beef cattle, 10,000 head of horses and mules and about 3,000,000 pounds of wool; from which an income of more than \$300 per capita has been received.

Her merchants import goods annually, principally from San Francisco, amounting to more than 5,000,000 pounds.

Respectfully submitted,
COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

Edward Munroe Dead.

News was received this week of the death, at his home near Bidwell, of Edward Munroe. An operation had been performed for appendicitis and for a time indications were favorable for recovery, but the poison had entered his system and after a few days he passed away. Death came on Tuesday.

Edward Munroe was one of the prominent young men of Modoc county, and was born and raised at Bidwell, being about 34 years of age. He was a good man and citizen in the full acceptance of the term, and his death is an irreparable loss, not only to his family, but to Modoc county. He leaves a devoted wife and two children to mourn his loss, besides three brothers and two sisters. They are Rodger, William and Alexander and Mrs. Geo. Ayers of Lakeview and Mrs. Bertha Snelling of Bidwell.

The Railroad is Coming.

Dr. Sam Gibson arrived in Alturas Wednesday morning and spent a few days visiting his brother, Dr. Alex Gibson. In conversation with the Dr. he gave positive assurance of the extension of the N. C. O. Ry. next Spring. He says there is no question about it, and the presence of a large corps of surveyors under charge of Chief Engineer Oliver gives color to his assertion.—Plainedealer.

Disbarred from Practise.

On charges preferred by Special Agent W. W. Scott of the General Land Office, Oscar C. Stone, an attorney of Klamath Falls, was disbarred from the further practise of law before the U. S. land office. The charges contain various specifications of fraudulent and dishonest practises.

Election News.

Schnitz and the entire labor ticket of San Francisco was elected by 12,000.

Weaver, reform candidate for Mayor of Philadelphia was elected by 40,000.

Virginia gives the usual Democratic majority.

The Republicans made a clean sweep of Chicago.

Anti-Mormon party elected their candidate for Mayor of Salt Lake.

Republicans swept Nebraska by a large majority.

Council Meeting.

At the city council meeting Monday night the new board was sworn in, the bonds of the treasurer and recorder approved and two bills allowed, that of marshal's salary and one for line work.

The resignation of M. Whorton as marshal was accepted and Charles Tonningsen was elected marshal.

The matter of aid for the woman in the red light district who was confined a week ago, was brought before the council and investigation proved her to be in destitute circumstances. The council being powerless to render assistance from the city's funds, made a personal donation for her immediate relief.

J. C. Oliver was in town last Friday to see his brother, A. V. Oliver of La Grande, and his wife start for home. Mr. Oliver brought in some fine Centennial potatoes raised on his West Side ranch without a drop of water only what fell from the clouds. The potatoes are very large, some of them weighing as much as 2 or 3 pounds each. Potatoes grown in the rich sandy soil of this valley without irrigation are much better than those that have been irrigated. They may not be quite so large or produce so abundantly, but their keeping quality and flavor is superior.