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BELATED HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES.

"Hoss" Racing Chief Amusement.

WINDS UP WITH A BIG DANCE.

All Manner of Conveyances Used By the Big Drowd that Attended Dance at Adel.

Celebration is the chief of time, yet we celebrate in style ahead of date. The first, most worthy of chronicle is the horse race we had on X-mas eve, the stake which is known as the Plush Derby which was contested for by five noted horses, Mrs. Rena Scammons flax, ridden by Wm. P. Moulder, Mr. Kepple Barry's Galtmor, J. H. Deboy up, Wm. Lane's Slenger, ridden by Joe Jones, Jeff Parrish's Minnie Mapes, J. Longstock up, Bill Barry's Plush, owner.

The course was from the corner of the Elephant refreshment rooms on Moulder street to Booneville Junction and back, distance 2 miles with 4 bridges to cross each way. Jeff Parrish was starter and referee, riders got mounted and wore their coats as the day was exceedingly cold, the riders looked rather bulky which was caused as we found later on that each had a jug of Orange cider inside his coat strength, 75 over proof. Jeff dropped the flag, they went off in a bunch with Longstock in the lead Joe missed the bridge by 20 feet and plunged right into Honey Creek. He nobly clung to the other bank. The water dripped from Minnie's flank but Joe waked her with a stroke and shouted aloud, I thank my God my shin aint broke.

They rounded the first telephone pole on the hill. Mr. De Boy and Galtly slightly in the lead but unfortunately Tim Sullivan happened along with a load of hay close to the race track, Galtly bolted towards the lead of hay throwing Mr. De Boy with one foot caught in the stirrup, Galtly dragged his rider over to the hay and went to eating (not a scratch) in the mean time the other whipping along with Bill Barry in the lead. But Bill had 2 jugs full of lish. Which played John Gilpin on poor Plush, no wonder poor beast did buck and pitch, and threw Bill on his head right into the ditch. Slenger flew the track which left the racing between Minnie and Flaxy, by this time they had rounded the post at Booneville Junction and were on the home stretch running neck and neck when Longstock says to Moulder, "what you tink if ve stop and take a drink and then resumed de race," they took a drink and then resumed the race, the finish was most exciting, they were a tie crossing the last bridge. When Longstock's jug fell and got broke which lightened his weight and Minnie got under the wire half a length ahead, the boys all cheered until the Elephant shook and I think Jeff treated the cigars, next was a foot race, 200 yards between Zac Whitworth and William Harris, president of the Trust, Zac won in a walk, after that all hands indulged in some ginger tea at the Elephant. Then all hands took a hand at shooting turkeys, one fellow named Morris shot the head off a turkey 200 yards off with a pistol. Next was broncho riding, a string of 18 cowboys galloped up Moulder Avenue, there were cattle on the street at the time. Earnest Givan jumped his horse over a cow, Pat Marchbank jumped over two cows Claud Dixon jumped Scammon's irragating ditch, 25 feet wide. Next was the X-mas tree loaded with presents, there were two wire figures nicely dressed, one at each side of the tree, looked like young ladies representing angels and when the crowd gathered into the hall, Joe Jones advanced toward one of the figures, hat in hand and said will you dance the first dance with me Miss, silence gives consent. Everything went off decorously, there was not a scrap, a few boys out in the horseracing department made a few bluffs but that was all. Next day the people of Plush hid themselves to Adel to attend the big dance, every team and rig in the livery stable was engaged in an hour and some had to go on hay wagons,

some on horseback, some on bicycles, some on foot and two young fellows who had no other conveyance, hitched on to a hayrack and got there on time. All had a jolly good time. The people of Adel know how to treat visitors, one young fellow from here went down there to see his girl, she was glad to see him but said there was two of his teeth that didn't look nice, he went forthwith to J. B. Johnson, who is an expert at renovating tobacco masher and those teeth pulled out. Now that was foolish, was n't it? Two other young men were coming home from the dance, the team started to run away, they took a line, each one of them tied the line to his leg to hold fast, the horse dragged him out of the wagon, the wheel struck him but no bones were broken and Clarence Dixon lost his hat.

J. A. Morris the Mongre Sugach of Plush had three clerks during X-mas and X-mas is not over yet in Plush.

See you later, McCarthy Come Down.

P. S. Last night we had the grandest dance meeting in Plush your humble servant has seen for some time, every man and boy in the crowd conducted themselves in a most decorous manner. Every maid matron exhibited a dignified humility with a beautiful absence of that sighing forced affection and broadcast codology so frequent amongst the vain and presumptions of our gentler sex. There was no foaming, no grunting, no, conceit, no headtossing, as is generally seen on such occasions. There were five pieces of music which were splendidly operated on by Mr. and Mrs. Grisel, Mr. L. Williams, Mr. Theo. McLeer and Mr. Jeff Morris, there were people from all the surrounding country, besides the ladies, I counted 18 cowboys, 21 sheepmen and 25 white men.

Floor manager Joe Jones filled that office to perfection and Wade Snyder called the dances in a way that they would all hear him if it wasn't their fault. The ladies, God bless them, served lunch twice during the night, Turkey, chicken, cake, ham, more cake, sardines, coffee, frosted cake, potatoes, a la more, etc., etc., Ten gallons of cold water presented by Bill Barry. Dancing was kept up until morning, when all departed with a cheer for the New Year.

McCarthy Come Down,

Joint Installation.

The joint installation by the A. O. U. W. and Degree of Honor Lodges last Thursday evening and the banquet following was decidedly a most pleasing affair. The hall was filled to comfortable sitting room early in the evening and the exercises begun promptly and were conducted in a manner deserving of much credit to the installing officers. At the close of the ceremonies all were ushered into the banquet hall on the ground floor where they faced an elaborate luncheon fit for the king. All seated, Rev. Sanford Snyder, a visiting member rose and offered thanks. This feature was a very impressive and appropriate one. An hour or two after lunch was spent in social chatting and swapping yarns, when all departed happy and feeling better for having spent so enjoyable an evening.

Some were troubled with stomach trouble, especially Dr. Smith, at the banquet board, but presumably the trouble was incapacity.

Herald Office Sold.

Wm Thompson, editor of the Alturas Plaindealer, and Miss Daisy Smith, who has been a printer in the Plaindealer office for several years, came up to Lakeview last Sunday and spent Monday looking at the plant of the deceased Herald and figuring on buying it. We understand that Miss Smith and her sister have bought the plant and will start the paper shortly. The ladies are said to be efficient printers and competent to conduct a paper. The Miss Smiths are daughters of the well-known freighter Emith, who, up to a couple of years ago, was a frequent visitor to Lakeview and other Lake county towns. The Examiner welcomes them to the field; misery loves company, you know.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Buick of Silver Lake arrived here Monday to meet their son Clifford, who has been in San Francisco the past few months studying to be a cartoonist. Young Mr. Buick and Miss Grace Hall, a sister of Mrs. Buick, arrived here several days ago from the city. Mr. and Mrs. Buick wore the guests of Dr. and Miss Hall.

DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE MEETS.

Secretary Has Been Busy Writing Letters to Railroad Men for Information as Plans for Extension of Roads.

Another interesting meeting of the Lake County Development League was held at the court house last Saturday evening. Since the last meeting the secretary and the special committees have not been idle. They have been laying the foundation for future work, and this is what the League has lacked all along: a foundation to work on. Letters have been addressed to people who are in a position to not only give information, but able to aid in the development of the county when the work is properly underway.

We understand that a meeting of the West Side Water Users Association is to be held soon and a petition sent to the League for united effort in bringing results.

It will be seen by the following correspondence that Mr. John Crawley, traffic manager of the Nevada-California & Oregon Railroad, and T. F. Dunaway, Vice-President and General manager of the road, are earnest workers for the future prosperity of Lake county. It was suggested at the League Saturday night that these gentlemen be made honorary members of the League for their hearty co-operation in the work of developing the county and putting before the world such valuable matter as tends to make known the possibilities of Lake county, Oregon, the future prospective terminus of the N-C-O., railroad, which connects with the Southern Pacific railroad at Reno on its route to San Francisco from the East.

Among many other letters addressed to different people, for information, is the following one addressed to the managers of the N-C-O. Railroad, by the League since the December meeting:

"T. F. Dunaway, Vice-President and General Manager, N-C-O. Ry. Reno, Nev.

Dear Sir:—The Lake County Development League asks the management of your road "What, if anything the people of the county can do that would insure the early commencement of work on your road and its speedy completion to Lakeview. The League will immediately take up the work

of as you with all its might if the b believes your proposition possible of accomplishment."

In answer to this letter the following reply was received:

Reno, Nev., Dec. 13, 1905.

Mr. J. W. Maxwell, Sec., Lake County Development League, Lakeview, Oregon,

Dear Sir:—In reply to your favor of the 5th inst., please express to the League my thanks for the kind offer made known by you.

If, as we hope, encouraging replies as to price and time of delivery of rails are received, we will be ready to commence work on the extension north of Madeline, within sixty days. At this writing, I cannot particularize

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In order to prove our oft made assertion that many people were eagerly seeking information about Lake county with a view to locating here we publish a letter received by Mayor Snelling from a gentleman in Grants Pass:

"Grants Pass Oregon. November 25th 1905.

Hon. Mayor Lakeview Oregon.

Dear Sir:—If I could get some printed matter describing your part of the state I believe I could get 40 or 50 first-class families to come and settle there. I have many asking for this printed matter about Lake and Klamath Counties, but I have never been able to get it for them, I don't want any literature put out by some real estate firm, but some that is printed under the supervision of the county board or leading citizens of the section and indorsed by them, with this to send I am positive that I can get the people to come, there are no lands left in this part of the state that are suitable for homesteading and home makers is what Oregon most needs, please see that I get this as soon as possible if it is to be had.

Yours Respectfully, F. H. Briggs."

In addition to the above communication, Mr. Dunaway sent the following letter received by him from a Mr. John G. Allen of Minneapolis, and Mr. Crawley's reply to same, which shows that both these officials of the N-C-O. are interested in Lake County.

(Letter to Mr. Dunaway.) "Mr. T. F. Dunaway, Vice-Pres. Nevada, Cal. & Ore. R. R., Reno, Nev.

Dear Sir:—I am advised that there is a good deal of unoccupied land tributary to your line, and I have figured a good deal on looking up a suitable location in California for a northern colony. If your company has any sectional maps showing the country tributary to your line, or any other information as to vacant lands, I would be greatly interested in receiving same. I have been engaged in the colonization business here for the last 20 years.

Yours truly, John G. Allen."

(Mr. Crawley's answer.) Dec. 14, 1905.

"Mr. John G. Allen. Hotel Allen Building, 305 Second Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:—To your favor of the 9th inst., addressed to Mr. T. F. Dunaway, I regret to state that we have no sectional maps, showing the country through which our roads penetrate. The Nevada-California-Oregon Railway operates to Madeline, 144 miles north of Reno; and there is every likelihood that the road will be extended next Spring, but of this I cannot state positively. Near to Madeline is what is known as the Madeline Plains, an immense stretch of almost level land, it has a slight but almost imperceptible slope from the mountains to the east. The Tule Lake Land & Irrigation Co., contemplates irrigating these plains and I enclose herewith a circular which they have distributed and assume that they will be glad to give particulars. To my mind, that is a very desirable section; and, when irrigated, capable of producing grain of all kinds, and when protected, apples, berries, and other fruits. I also enclose herewith a copy of my letter to Mr. J. W. Maxwell, Sec., Lake County Development League, Lakeview, Oregon. As described in the enclosed folder, Lake County, Oregon is a very fertile country; and, possibly, no other place west of the Rocky Mountains, has the same facilities to the home seeker, as does Lake County, Oregon.

Yours Truly, J. M. Crawley.

In answer to a letter addressed to S. G. Bennett of the U. S. Geological Survey who visited the county last summer and made an investigation of the proposed irrigation projects on Cottonwood and Thomas Creek and Dog Lake which letter was to learn the result of Mr. Bennett's visit here Mr. Bennett writes as follows:

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TAXES REDUCED NEARLY HALF.

Reduction in Valuation of Sheep and Cattle

ONLY 16 MILL LEVY THIS YEAR.

With the Three Hundred Dollars Exemption Some Will Pay Less than One-Half.

A reduction of over 11 mills in taxes this year over last year is a matter of considerable importance to the taxpayers of the county. Many of the taxpayers will pay less than one-half the taxes they paid last year, on account of the \$300 exemption and the reduction in the general levy. Last year the levy was a little over 27 mills and this year it will be only 16 mills. Lake county is out of debt and the lowest possible tax levy is imposed upon the taxpayers of the county.

For the apportionment of the levy read the proceedings of the county Court published in this issue.

The householder whose property was valued at \$1000 last year, paid \$27.10 taxes. This year he will pay, on the same valuation, only \$11.20.

There is still another item to be taken into consideration. While there has been a reduction in the aggregate taxable property on account of the reduction in the valuation of cattle and sheep, the former having been reduced from \$15 per head to \$10 per head and the latter from \$2 to \$1.50.

The taxpayers of the town of Lakeview are less fortunate, however, than those of other sections of the county, for the town levy is increasing over that of last year by two mills, being nine mills this year. The town ought to get out of debt before long at that rate of taxation it would seem.

Will Miss Alturas.

V. L. Snelling, who returned from San Francisco last Saturday, states that the N-C-O. railroad is making every preparation for extending north from Madeline 50 miles. He thinks the road will miss Alturas by about four or five miles. Fifty miles of road would bring the iron horse somewhere in the vicinity of Davis Creek, about 38 miles from Lakeview. In all probability when the N-C-O. is extended to within 35 or 40 miles of Lakeview the company will see the advantage in bringing the road to this place at least, as the ground is level for that distance south from here and the expense of building would be very small, and if even Lakeview was made a northern terminus all the vast trade from the Silver Lake country could doubtless be secured, which now goes to Shaniko. The wagon road from Lakeview to the northern end of the county is almost level and dry at all times of the year, thus permitting heavy freighting at all times. The trade of Silver Lake is worth looking after, as it is increasing every year.

Not Diptheria.

Health officer Dr. Stile, was called to Davis Creek early in the week to investigate several suspicious cases of sore throat. He found upon his arrival a number of cases and upon examination pronounced the disease tonsillitis. He informed us those affected were taken suddenly ill, the throat became swollen, but after about four days they were entirely recovered. He says, however, the disease is contagious, and to guard against danger, had the patients placed under quarantine and the schools dismissed. Reports also reach us that there is a case of diptheria at New Pine Creek, but Dr. Stile is of the opinion it is the same as at Davis Creek.—Alturas Plaindealer.

At the progressive whist party given by Mrs. C. O. Metzker, last Saturday afternoon, Miss Pearl Hall won first prize and Mrs. Jonas Norin the "consolation." Those present were Mrs. F. M. Miller, Mrs. W. M. Harvey, Mrs. W. R. Boyd, Mrs. Harry Bailey, Mrs. Lee Beall, Mrs. Wm. Harvey, Mrs. V. L. Snelling, Mrs. W. H. Shirk, Mrs. Jonas Norin, Mrs. Chas. Umbach, Mrs. J. N. Watson, Miss Hall, Miss Snelling, Miss Grace Hall, Miss May Snider.