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## SURVEYORS

### CALLED OFF.

**Belief Prevails that N-C-O. Will Not Extend This Year.**

### ROAD MAY BE SOLD.

**Purpose Has Always Been to Extend the Road Further North to Lakeview.**

The report is gaining ground of the N-C-O. Railroad Co's disinclination to extend their road this year. The surveyors have been called off, and while nothing substantiating the report comes from the railroad officials themselves, forecasters of railroad lore claim the recent actions of the company in withdrawing their surveying crews is conclusive evidence of radical changes in extension plans. The fact that a representative of the N-C-O. road was in the East last summer trying to unload the road onto the Western Pacific company makes it probable that a deal is under way whereby the N-C-O. may become the property of some one of the various railroads building toward Lakeview, with an announced purpose of reaching this most important point. In the event the road has been taken over by any of these companies, it is not at all astonishing that the surveyors were called off by the present management. It must be known that this set of surveyors are not seeking a route through the country, but are actually locating a permanent road bed. It has been known for years that a thoroughly feasible route could be found through Eastern Oregon, and the only object of a new survey would be to set the stakes for the grades, which could be done slightly in advance of the builders. It has been the avowed purpose of the managers of the N-C-O. road to extend to Lakeview, and it is reasonable to suppose that nothing but the sale of the road would divert them from this purpose.

### Fred Collins as Large.

CHICO, Cal., Feb. 5.—An attempt was made today to arrest Fred Collins, said to be an escaped convict from the Oregon Penitentiary and wanted here on a charge of highway robbery. Collins and another man, it is alleged, recently robbed a Chinese, and the officer today came upon him while he was plowing a field with his father.

Collins was on horseback when the demand for surrender was made, and he lashed the horse into a gallop. The officer followed in a buggy, shooting at the fugitive. One bullet went through Collins' hand. Both father and son reached their home before the officers and the son was provided with a fresh horse and revolver.

Collins escaped to the foothills, and the father, with a gun, prevented the attempt of one of the party to follow the son. The elder Collins was arrested and searching parties are now scouring the hills for his son. It is said that young Collins escaped last August from the Oregon Penitentiary, where he was serving a term for horse stealing.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Fred Collins was a trusty convict who escaped from the Oregon Penitentiary last Spring while working on a road gang south of this city. Ed. Lousignot, who escaped at the same time was later captured after a hard fight, while enjoying the sights on the trail at the Lewis and Clark Fair. It is known that Collins went to California and it was believed that he enlisted in the regular Army and went to the Philippines. A few days ago a number of rough characters were returned from Manila, and Collins may have been among them. Penitentiary authorities have an offer of \$50 reward for his return.—Oregonian.

Fred Collins was convicted of horse stealing in Lake county at the spring term of circuit court in 1904. He stole a horse from Chas. M-Innes of Summer Lake, and was caught after a hard chase over the country.

### Must Have Health Officer.

A Salem dispatch to the Oregonian of Feb. 7th says:

"Attorney-General Crawford today rendered an opinion holding that it is mandatory upon county courts to appoint county health officers under the provisions of the act of 1905. That act declares that the County Judge and Commissioners shall constitute a County Board of Health and shall employ a secretary, who must be a graduate of a reputable medical college and a regularly licensed physician. The secretary shall be the health officer of the board and shall receive from the county quarterly 1 1/2 cents per capita for the population of the county up to 50,000 people, the population being determined by multiplying the number of children of school age by four.

As this compensation will amount to 6 cents per capita per year, the office created by that act will be a desirable one in a number of counties of the State. The same act requires the City Council of every incorporated town to employ a health officer at the same rate of compensation.

No county can pay its health officer less than \$100 a year, and no city or town less than \$10. So far none of the counties seem to have paid any attention to the law, but as this opinion was rendered at the request of the Secretary of State and Board of Health, it is probable that County Courts will be compelled to observe it.

Attorney-General Crawford says that mandamus proceedings can be brought to compel County Courts to act under the law.

The duty of the Health Officer is to keep vital statistics, see that regulations of the State Board of Health are observed, and look after the general health conditions of the county or city."

### Lee Bound Over.

R. E. Lee was arrested last Thursday on a most serious charge, sworn to by Anna Daniels, the 14-year-old daughter of Mrs. Rosa McDaniels. The girl is in a delicate condition, and Lee is charged with the crime of rape. The girls' testimony at the preliminary hearing Thursday and Friday was to the effect that Lee came to their home in Camas Prairie about three months ago, while the mother was absent, and called the smaller children out in the yard, telling them he had something to give them. When they were out of the house, Lee went in and locked the doors and proceeded to assault the girl, who was working about the house. The smaller children corroborated their sister's testimony as to Lee enticing them into the yard. They also stated that they heard their sister's cries and tried to enter the house, but found the doors locked. The girl told on the witness stand that her reasons for not having told of the incident before that Lee told her if she told it he would kill her.

Lee was bound over to the circuit court and bonds placed at \$1000, which, in default of, he is still in the county jail.

Lee is a man about 35 years old and owns a ranch in Camas Prairie, where he cuts wood in the summer and does odd jobs. No one hardly suspected that he was the man to commit such a crime. Lee's wife left him a few years ago.

### Fire at Pine Creek.

Last Wednesday evening, about six o'clock, fire broke out in the roof of John Henderson's residence in Pine Creek, and before help could arrive the house was enveloped in flames and beyond hopes of saving. However, nearly everything was taken out. Among the few articles that burned in the house was a garment in the pocket of which was \$80 in money.

The good people of Pine Creek started a subscription paper at once and up to last reports had donated \$102 toward a fund to rebuild.

Mr. Henderson's family moved into the Baptist parsonage, which happened to be vacant, and will probably build as soon as material can be secured.

Mr. Henderson has been working hard and saving his money, and bought the house late last Fall, and has the sympathy of all.

A Colfax correspondent to the Spokesman-Review thinks that stock of all kinds are on the increase in price, on account of farmers and small stockmen becoming discouraged the past two years with low prices and selling off their stock. As soon as butchers have time to work off these small bunches, they will have to turn to the larger stockraisers, who will demand better prices.

## LEAGUE HOLDS CALL MEETING.

### Report of Special Committee Was Received-- General Discussion Follows.

A special meeting of the Development League was called for Monday evening to receive the report of the special committee appointed at the last regular meeting, for the purpose of formulating a line of work for the

important facts and pointing out why the people of Lake county should put forth every effort to secure government aid in developing the resources of the county.

Following Dr. Daly, J. N. Watson



MRS. JOHN R. GREEN, GAELIC EXPERT.

Mrs. Green, who is one of the active advocates of the Gaelic revival in Ireland, is the widow of J. R. Green, the British historian. Not long ago she visited America in the interest of the movement. She is a native of County Meath, Ireland, and was of great assistance to her husband when he was writing his "Short History of the English People." Mr. Gladstone often declared that her work was quite as remarkable as her husband's.

League to take that offered the best results.

W. B. Snider was made chairman of the meeting. Dr. Daly stated the purpose of the meeting, when the secretary was called upon to read the report of the committee submitted by the chairman of the committee.

After the reading of the report Daniel Boone made a speech in which he made plain the disparagement of conditions in this county now and 40 years ago, as relates to the energy required to bring about development.

Dr. Daly also favored the meeting with an address, emphasizing some

discussed a few matters and stated a few facts which it is important to bear in mind, when a general discussion of range conditions, and forestry questions and other matters of interest occupied the time till adjournment was asked for.

A committee was appointed consisting of Daniel Boone, Dr. Daly to ascertain the amount of vacant and appropriated land susceptible of irrigation in this valley under the reservoir sites investigated by Engineer Bennett last June, and such other facts bearing on the subject and report to the next meeting, the first Saturday in March.

### Suicide at Silver Lake.

Word was received here the latter part of last week that a stranger had been found dead at the Routh ranch at the south end of Silver Lake, about 12 miles south of the town of Silver Lake. Investigation brought out the following facts:

Some time in December a man arrived in Silver Lake, giving his name as Johnson. He was destitute of funds and went to the Routh ranch to live with Wm. Johnson, a bachelor who runs the ranch. Last Friday the man complained of feeling bad, and took some medicine and went to bed. Wm. Johnson went to the mountains after a load of posts, and when he returned home in the afternoon, the other Mr. Johnson was lying on the lounge dead, with a pullet hole in his head and a rifle lying by his side. A coroner's jury investigated the case and reported a plain case of suicide.

No papers or anything was found by which the man could be identified as being other than a Mr. Johnson. The remains were buried at Silver Lake.

### "Hen Party."

Mrs. V. L. Snelling threw open her beautiful home for the entertainment of 20 invited guests last Saturday afternoon.

The guests commenced to arrive at 2 o'clock and were met at the door by the pleasant hostess, ushered upstairs where Miss Snelling did the honors.

Upon descending to the parlors the first sight that met the eye was an old "Dominique hen" suspended from the ceiling over the table, on which was engraved "Table 1," and underneath, on the perch, the word "party" (hen party). Over the other four tables, similar hens were suspended. What was played, the table markers were cards upon which was drawn a fine strutting hen, and just behind her a very disconsolate looking rooster. (Personal—the gentlemen left at home.)

The score cards were handsome hand painted palettes, very attractive and unique. The designs were flowers, partners having corresponding flowers. Eleven games were played. Mrs. Jonas Norin won first prize a hand-

some cracker jar and Mrs. W. M. Harvey the consolation, a pretty china marmalade jar.

At five o'clock the hostess, assisted by her daughter Laura, served a most delicious luncheon, consisting of banana salad, cheese and nut sandwiches, stuffed dates, followed by sliced oranges, pine-apple, cake, cream puffs, chocolate and coffee.

Society has spoken of little else the past week, but the jolly time had at this most delightful party. Those present were:

Mrs. F. M. Miller, Mrs. W. R. Boyd, Mrs. W. M. Harvey, Mrs. Harry Bailey, Mrs. William Harvey, Mrs. W. R. Steele, Mrs. F. P. Lane, Mrs. Chas. Umbach Mrs. Chas. Sherlock, Mrs. D. C. Schminck, Mrs. Jonas Norin, Mrs. J. N. Watson, Mrs. W. A. Massingill Mrs. Thos. McGrath, Mrs. C. O. Metzker, Miss Hall, Miss Harvey, Miss Light, Miss McKee, Miss Snelling.

### Power Plant Needed.

E. Keller returned to his home at Pine Creek last week. Mr. Keller went to San Francisco in December on business connected with the projected light and Power plant on Deep Creek, between here and Warner valley. The result of his investigations will be of great deal of interest to the people of this and Surprise valley, as the plant as contemplated, was to furnish light and power for both valleys from Lakeview to Cedarville.

The establishment of this plant will involve a large sum of money and require a great deal of energy, and it is believed that its successful operation will solve the problem of irrigation on many a dry ranch, until such time, at least, as the country might be better and more thoroughly reclaimed by government aid. Even if government irrigation works should be put in, there would yet remain thousands of high lands that could not be brought under canals and ditches that are fertile enough to safely bear considerable expense in development. There is an abundance of water from 10 to 25 feet under the surface of the ground, and a successful means of raising the water to the surface is the only problem that stands in the way of successful farming on nine-tenths of the now vacant land in this county. Windmills have been tried, and where there is enough wind to run a mill of sufficient lifting capacity, considerable irrigation has been done. If electric motors can be made to perform this work, and there is no doubt of it, a long-felt want will be supplied.

### Gun Play at Paisley.

Quite a little bit of unpleasantness was stirred up at Paisley last week.

The way the story came to us was that a party of young people at Paisley arranged to give a surprise to Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Cannon, who live at the King ranch, 10 miles this side of Paisley. On Friday evening the crowd went out and were enjoying themselves in dancing. Warren Marsters did not go with the crowd, but followed later on in the evening, but not to have fun. He stated before leaving that he was going to make trouble. On entering the house where the crowd was dancing he drew a revolver from his pocket and remarked that he intended shooting Jack McDonald. Two or three of the men grabbed him and prevented him from carrying out his threats, and in the scuffle that ensued the revolver was discharged, but did no damage. Two sticks of dynamite fell out of Marster's pocket during the scuffle and fell on the floor, but fortunately did not explode.

Marsters made other threats but further trouble was averted. On Monday morning a warrant was sworn to before Justice of the Peace Witham, for Marsters' arrest, and upon learning this Marsters left town. Constable Gaylord followed him on the road toward Burns for a while and came back, believing that he would leave for good, probably go to Burns.

### Suffrage Not Necessary

The Portland Oregonian charges Southern Oregon newspapers collectively with copying news items from the Oregonian without giving credit. It is a very unpleasant thing to be charged with, and the Oregonian ought not to make wholesale charges, unless they are well founded. We are glad The Examiner cannot be classed as a Southern Oregon paper, and accused of swiping news.

Mrs. Daniel Boone is reported sick.

## LESS WOOL AND MUTTON.

**Holdover From Year Before Made Last Year Crop Larger.**

### FEAR OF RESERVES

**Cause Sheepmen to Reduce their Flocks--Grazing Charges More than Taxes.**

One could hardly expect as large an output of mutton or wool this year as was sold from Lake county last year, because of the holdover from the year before. It will be remembered that buyers remained away from here the season of 1904, and the mutton sales were very light. In the fall buyers came here but sheepmen had made up their minds for the desert and would not break them up, so about 20,000 sheep that under ordinary circumstances, would have been sold went on the desert, and these were sheared here the next spring and put on the market. Then again, the unsettled condition of the temporary forest reserve, which effects nearly the entire summer range of Lake county sheep men, caused many to sell off pretty close, and several thousand sheep left the county because of the fear that the government might, at any time, make permanent the reserve and close up the range, which would be suicide to the sheep industry of the county. What is going to make the stockmen of Lake county scratch their heads and go down into their pockets a little deeper than they ever had to at the sight of the tax collector, if the forest reserve is made permanent, will be the government's grazing charges. Did it ever occur to any stockman in the county that the charges for grazing on the forest reserve, where now the grass is free, would be nearly three times as much as the taxes on a brute, and there will be no beating around about the count either, every hoof will have to be paid for that runs in the reserve. The rates will be about 6 cents for sheep and 25 cents for cattle for the short season and for the long season 40 cents for cattle. This charge will amount to nearly three times the amount of taxes.

If this amount was allowed to go to county expenses and could be regulated by county officials, county and state taxes could be taken off live stock, but since the price is regulated by the government and the money goes to pay salaries of the foresters and range riders to tell the stockmen what they must do and what they can't do with their stock, our people who always have been free to run their own business will think the whole thing an imposition. A little bossism exerted on the Indian reservation has driven the Lake county stockmen nearly all off that summer range, and now the imposition of the forest reserve people could do the county up brown so far as stock raising goes, and when the stock business in Lake county is killed what have we left to bridge over the spell between the death of that industry and the transformation of the county into an agricultural country. Before this can be done we must have railroads and irrigation.

It is up to the stockmen to join Senator Fulton in his fight against the forest reserve iniquity.

### "So Near, Yet So Far."

There is one man, at least, who is convinced that the pathway of the free and easy is not strewn with roses—nor feather beds. Especially the "free and easy" broncho. Geo. Storkman, more at home in a cigar factory than on the hurricane deck of a bunch-gars horse, athletic as he is, now believes that all bronchos should be ridden on a mat. He rode one the other day and wishes now that he had not done it; that is, he rode him two jumps—one up and one down. Some bystander told George to "hold to the horn; that's what its for." George said "I can see it, but I can't reach it," and then wondered if the grass wouldn't do as well, and lit apparently reaching for something with both hands and both feet.