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OREGON DESERT

IS NO MORE

Lake County Climate Is Unequaled

H. A. HUNTER PROUD OF BIG DEALS

The Word Desert Should not be Applied to our Rolling Prairie Lands.

W. I. Fleck the Bidwell mining expert and assayer from Bidwell was in this city several days the past week, returning from the mines near Plush. He has great faith in the mines of this and Modoc county, and while it will take some time to develop the mines, he has no fear about the outcome. In speaking of the character of the ore, he said, while in conversation with an Examiner representative that he came away from a mining district where the gold was found only in ledges, and was anxious to get located somewhere where the character of the ore was different, and stated that he had more faith in the porphyry dykes, where the whole body of rock contained gold, than he had in the ledges where only existed in the seams. Seams, he said, may play out, while the dyke was more easily determined as to its extent and that gold was more uniformly distributed through the whole body. In speaking of one of the mines in the Lost Cabin district, he said that he had gathered samples indiscriminately around the dyke, taking even the dirt several feet away, and that it all assayed on an average of 850 to the ton. This test was made from dirt and rock on top of the ground.

Messrs. Fleck and Snow are thorough mining men and can do work in the very best of mining camps, and why should they fool away their time here if the prospects were not good. It is not their business to boom mines, in fact it is usually considered that men in their line of business are more inclined to discourage the finders of mines than encourage them, and keep down excitement in order to get a foothold themselves or establish some rich firm who have money to pay them for getting them in on the ground floor.

Mr. Fleck made the pleasant statement that Lakeview was the most advantageous point he knew of in the country at this time. He expects to establish a temporary headquarters in the Lost Cabin district, to make tests for the prospectors that will work there this winter.

Cigar Factory Burglary.

Last Saturday night some one broke into A. Storkman's Cigar Factory and rummaged the place securing about \$2 in nickels, which they took from the slot machine and a drawer underneath the counter, a couple of dollars in small change, which Mr. Storkman leaves in the till for change, and about 150 cigars, part of which they took from the cigar case on the counter and a couple of boxes that were sitting on a shelf behind the counter. The thief gained access to the building from the rear. The wire screen was cut which permitted him to reach the window, which was opened. The window was left open, and the rear door was standing ajar, the fellow evidently knowing the situation, and knowing that the door was fastened from the inside, and so made his exit from this door. The pilferer was evidently pretty well acquainted with the place, as he seemed to know where to find the cash and tools with which to open the till. A large screw driver was used in trying open the till, which was left lying on the floor where he worked, behind the counter. One light is always left burning in the room, and the others always turned out when Mr. Storkman leaves the place at night.

As this is the first robbery that has occurred in this town for some time, the authorities should exert all diligence to apprehend the perpetrator, and make an example of him, or them, whichever the case may be. If this offense is allowed to go unpunished it might be the blazed trail for some other and more extensive robber to follow.

Silver Lake News.

(Silver Lake Oregonian.)
Gus Schroder informs us that he has many inquiries in regard to his

recent gold find. He says there will be things doing when he lets his secret out.

A. F. Hunt passed through town Friday with 900 head of beef cattle on the way to Wood River, from Hampton Buttes. "Dutch" Johnson and Stanley Martin assisted in the drive.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Schroder left yesterday for Portland, where Mrs. Schroder goes to have her ears treated by a specialist. Mr. Schroder will return after a few days but Mrs. Schroder may be absent from home for some time.

Mrs. S. S. Wardwell and Miss Alice Wardwell left Tuesday for a visit with the former's parents Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Howard, at New Pine Creek.

Rye yielding 33 1/2 bushels per acre, barley yielding 51 bushels, and oats 75 bushels, were thrashed in Silver Lake country this fall, but "you can't raise nothin' here." Oh no!

N. Waldo Taylor came in from his homestead Saturday and returned Monday.

Columbus Porter left Tuesday with his beef cattle for market.

On Monday Dr. Thom was called to see Mrs. Les. Duncan, who has been on the sick list several days.

Circuit Court.

Circuit Court convened Monday morning, the case of the State vs. W. Z. Moss, charged by the grand jury last spring with larceny of horses, was the first case on the docket. L. F. Conn and J. D. Venator for the prosecution, instead of district attorney W. J. Moore who is disqualified by the statutes on account of relationship. Judge L. R. Webster of Portland J. C. Rutenic of Klamath Falls and J. M. Hatcher of Lakeview, are defending Moss. Eight jurors were secured the first day. The original venire of jurors having been exhausted, a new venire subpoenaed and three were empaneled from that by noon Tuesday. At 2 o'clock the sheriff was rustling for a new set from which to get the twelfth man, which was accomplished that evening. Court adjourned till Wednesday morning when the examination of witnesses was begun. At the time of going to press the trial was in progress. Following is a list of jurors:

Fred Weidy of Paisley, Phil Lynch, S. O. Cressler, Chas. Eccleston, E. M. Brown, J. C. Oliver, Jas. Barry, Chas. Arthur, W. R. Bernard, of Lakeview, Geo. V. Wilson, Lewis Frakes of Adel, and Arthur Highfill of Plush.

The Lakeview Mining Co.

As was stated in The Examiner a few weeks ago, the Lakeview Mining and Milling Company has been organized with a capital stock of one million dollars divided into two million shares of fully paid up non-assessable shares at 50 cents each.

This company held its first meeting Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of electing its directors and officers, in the office of Fred Briggs, in this city.

The directors are, Fred H. Briggs, V. Conn, M. Marks, F. M. Miller, Geo. H. Ayers.

Finance Committee: F. M. Miller, Geo. Ayers, Fred H. Briggs.
Officers: President, Geo. H. Ayers, Vice-president and Manager, M. Marks, Assistant Manager Robt. Smith, Treasurer, F. M. Miller, Secretary Fred H. Briggs.

The directors and officers of this company are all solid business men of this county so that outside parties intending to invest need have no fear of the management. The manager, Mr. Marks, is a thorough mining man of wide experience, having had experience in mining in Australia, Alaska and the United States. He has made a success of every mining venture he ever undertook. The mines are located in the Windy Hollow district where recent rich discoveries have been made that has startled the mining world. The first discovery of gold in that district was made less than two months ago, and the prospects are good. Some of the most extensive mining men of Nevada have visited these mines and pronounced them a wonder.

While the par value of the shares is 50 cents per share, 25,000 shares have been placed on the market at 20 cents per share. Local capital is taking hold of the proposition, and it is believed that this issue will soon be taken up. The money realized from the sale of the shares now on the market will be used in development work.

J. B. Mc New, who has conducted the livery stable at Paisley for a year past, came down to town Tuesday. He is looking for a similar location in some good place.

OREGON EASTERN SURVEYORS COMING

Eighteen Men Now at Alkali Lake are Coming to Lakeview.

Mr. T. L. Waggoner, head engineer of the Oregon & Eastern railroad, returned to Lakeview as was stated in The Examiner last week that he would. While he was very careful in what he said regarding the company's business, he gave out the statement to The Examiner in an interview that the Oregon & Eastern railroad Co. had three crews of surveyors at work in Eastern Oregon running out lines for that road. One crew he has now at Alkali Lake, about 40 miles due north of Lakeview, coming this way, and would be here in a month or six weeks. They will run from Alkali down to Abert Lake, thence along the lake shore to the lower end of the Chewaucan marsh, touching a point west of the Lost Cabin mining district, and about the nearest point possible to reach to the mines with a railroad, thence south to the S. T. Colvin ranch on Crooked Creek, up that creek and cross over the low pass into Goose Lake valley at the north, and to Lakeview.

He said the road would be built at least to Lakeview, and possibly to the State line. When asked if he contemplated going still further south he would not state, but from a close "quizzing" we drew from him his opinion of the extension of the N. C. O. north, from which the conclusion could be formed that he did not care to see that road make very rapid headway, and this would mean that he

preferred the territory between here and Likely left for his company. He went to Likely and returned direct to Lakeview, and from here would not state positively where he would go, but it is presumed that he is satisfied with the route through this valley and will now turn his attention temporarily to the other crews of surveyors, one of which is in the neighborhood of Christmas Lake, the extreme north end of Lake county. This crew is pulling for the Deschutes river. The junction is to be at Wagontire. One crew is in Harney valley. Mr. Waggoner would not say what route his road would connect with either east or south, but it is almost certain that Harriman knows about this. He suggests that some time the Southern Pacific Co. might buy the N. C. O. and make a standard gauge of it. When asked who was back of the Oregon Eastern, he made the stereotyped answer that "he didn't know." He talked of the Southern Pacific road from Natron across the Cascades and the contemplated connection with the California Northwestern, or Weed road at Klamath Falls. He also spoke in a sneering manner of the Oregonians' recent statement that J. J. Hill would build a road through Goose Lake valley and down Pitt river. Mr. Waggoner is a nice man, pleasant to talk to and talks as freely as consistency permits a man in his position.

Seasons Will be Longer.

W. T. Cressler, one of the pioneers of Surprise Valley, who remembers well when it was said that fruit and grain could not be grown in that valley on account of the short seasons, while in conversation with an Examiner representative last week, that he had not the slightest doubt any longer that the tilling of the soil and accumulation of population and animal life in a country materially tended to lengthen the seasons. His opinion is based on personal observation, and when a man of Mr. Cressler's age and experience says that the springs will be a month earlier and the falls a month later when the country is settled up, the statement is bound to be heeded. In fact it is no wild guess, for other countries have had similar experiences and the fact has become universally believed.

Farmers Instinct.

Homer Davenport, the cartoonist, formerly of Silverton, Oregon, arrived at Boston last week from Arabia on the White Star liner Canopic, via the Mediterranean. He brought 17 stallions and 10 mares of blooded Arabian stock for breeding purposes. Davenport had a personal interview with the Sultan of Turkey. He was forbidden to make any pictures of the Sultan, but Davenport memorized the Sultan's features and made sketches. Afterward Turkish spies discovered in some way that the cartoonist had made sketches and searched his baggage, but they were disappointed, for the wise artist had hidden the drawings in a bale of hay.—Ashland Tidings.

Connected by Telephone.

Lakeview is now in direct communication with Bly, Bonanza and Klamath Falls. The line from here to Bly was completed last Saturday. Just before going to press the Examiner reporter called up Mr. Gates of Klamath Falls and asked him the latest news, which he stated to be the work of the government on the big canal, which they are now concreting, working about 500 men day and night. There are about 40 phones on the local telephone line in the vicinity of Bly, and in a few days the number will be cut down to 17, which will greatly increase the efficiency of the service, which is exceptionally good now.

Conversations were also held with Reed of Bly and Bunting of Drews valley, but their purpose was more for the collecting of news items than their dissemination, consequently, there was little doing, but we were glad to see, or rather hear their smiling faces.

The town of Merrill is to spend one thousand dollars in building sidewalks.

J. M. Willey Dead.

J. M. Willey died at Reno, Nevada, Oct. 4. Mr. Willey, was well known in this community and respected by all those who knew him. He was a friend to those whom he deemed worthy of that boon. In business he was industrious and honest in all his dealings. Mr. Willey was born in Iowa about 74 years ago, emigrated to California and settled in Goose Lake Valley, in 1884, engaging in the Live Stock business until 1891, when he came to Lakeview where he remained in business until his health compelled him to set out, removing to Reno Nev. Up to this year Mr. Willey came to this place yearly, during the Summer months, and old and young were always glad to meet the old gentleman who had a genial word for each. He leaves an only son Mr. A. C. Willey to mourn his loss, and to him and family we express our sincere sympathy.

New Features in Dress.

"The girdle is an highly important feature of fashion and while its obvious purpose is to furnish the smart Empire touch, clever dressmakers compel it to serve the more important one of rounding angular lines and toning down exuberant ones. It must fit to perfection and yet appear to be worn with an easy grace. Its lines, neither severe nor yet careless, must harmonize with those of the costume, and at the same time prove becoming to the wearer. It may be of the gown material, of handsome ribbon, of silk, thin velvet, or suede. For braid-trimmed gowns, it is covered with over-lapping rows of braid skillfully manipulated over the curves of the figure. The Empire girdle ends well above the waist line. This is modified for full figures, being brought down to the waist line at the sides, and thence in a point to the front like an 1830 bodice. But whatever the shape or material of the girdle, it must fit with the proverbial perfection of a glove. To secure this result, shapely corsets are essential, and a girdle lining correctly cut, closely boned, and fitted with the utmost care, both in a standing and a sitting position. The girdle cut straight across the top is smart, but extremely trying. A gradual curve from under the arms downward is more generally becoming."—Helen Berkeley Loyd in the November Delineator.

Klamath Falls News.

Business seems to have taken a decided rush toward the Lakeview country for some unknown reason. This morning the Lakeview Stage company were obliged to put on an extra conveyance. Fifteen people left on the stage for Bly, while others were en route for the Silver Lake country.

A. K. Fasset, traveling freight agent

of the Southern Pacific Railroad Co., has returned to the city from an extended trip through the Eastern part of the state. The entire trip has been made by stage and private conveyances. He states that he has seen a great country, and one traveling over it begins to think he has seen the whole of all out doors.

Floyd Baldwin returned to the city Thursday evening from the Silver Lake country where he has been employed all summer by the Weyerhaeuser people, cruising timber. He states that a great deal of timber is being bought up by that company, and that some very high prices are being paid for some of the choice claims. He also states that other firms are buying a great deal, which is partly accountable for the high prices.

W. C. Buick, Tommy LaBrie, and Wm. Owsley, of Silver Lake, arrived in the city Thursday evening with a drove of beef cattle, numbering about 150 head. The cattle were sold to Mitchell.

E. D. Priggs and T. K. Bolton prominent business men of Ashland, registered at the American Hotel Thursday evening. They were enroute for the Silver Lake Country, supposedly with a view to getting hold of timber lands.

High School Exercises.

The Friday afternoon exercises at the high school this week will be in the form of a mock trial court, a case being at issue in which Thomas McCulley has brought suit for damages against Frank Hammersley for damage done a field of wheat which has supposedly been broken into by a herd of cattle belonging to the defendant. George Ross is the attorney for the complainant, while Walter Dutton and James Judge will act for the defense. Witnesses appearing in the case will be: Mabel Boyd, Dan McKee, Ted McKee, Mabel Hotchkiss, and Frank Hammersley for the defense, and Cuba Amick, Sadie Heryford, Earl Wilshire, John Lewis and Thomas McCulley for the complainant. An interesting time is expected.

Dramatic Club.

The Lakeview Dramatic and Literary club was formally organized last Saturday evening. Those present evinced quite an interest in all things literary and decided that the first work to be taken under consideration was Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice*; with this end in view Prof. Trodd was instructed to send for a classical edition of that play. As explained in a preceding edition of this paper the object of this club will be to cultivate a literary taste among its members as well as to present a standard play every three or four months. At the meeting held last Saturday night the following officers were elected: Prof. Trodd, President; Miss Mae Snider, Vice President; Mrs. F. Bieber, Treasurer; and Mrs. A. Nielson, Secretary. The next meeting will be held in the Reading Room next Saturday evening.

Severely Burned.

Last Sunday afternoon, Lutie, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Henderson and Lafie, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Lefe Whestone, both families living on Slab street, secured some shot gun shells and took the powder out of them and thought to have some fun with it. They piled the powder in a heap on the ground and touched it off with a match. The Henderson boys' face was frightfully burned, while the other boy escaped uninjured, excepting that his hair and eye brows were scorched. The boys are about 6 years old.

Sheep Movements.

Isadore Sara, this week purchased 6000 head of lambs from Dave Adler, paying \$2.50 per head for them. Mr. Sara starts for Tonopah this week with 3000 head of sheep, including the Adler band. Wm. Thorn, who has been in the employ of Mr. Adler this summer, will assist in the drive to Tonopah, from there he will go to Austin Nevada, where he has accepted a position with a sheepman by the name of Taylor for the winter at \$100 per month. He will return here in the spring.

Lecture Friday Night.

The Lecture—"Cuban Campaign" by Professor Leavett, will be of great interest. Opera House Friday Oct. 19. Professor Leavitt is a forcible and brilliant speaker. The Subject Cuban Campaign is one with which he is most familiar. Opera House, Oct. 19. The proceeds of the lecture will be given for the benefit of the Reading Room and Library, every body should attend. Opera House Friday, Oct. 19.

LOST CABIN DISTRICT A WINNER

W. I. Fleck Returns and Makes Good Report.

ASSAY OFFICE AT THE CAMP

Ore From Jumbo and Dirt for Several Feet Around Assays \$50 a Ton.

H. A. Hunter of the Hunter Land Co. of Minneapolis, who was in this city last week stated that the people of Eastern Oregon should forget the word desert as applied to the rolling prairie lands of this county as Western Oregon has taught themselves to forget the word webfoot. He says he has traveled over all the Western states and no place he has been in the soil and climate equal to that in Lake county. The blue sky, alone, he said, would have induced his company to buy the tract of road land recently purchased regardless of other meritorious features of the deal, and when the character of the soil, the vast undeveloped resources of this country and the future possibilities of agricultural pursuits was taken into consideration they were doubly enthusiastic. He says if our eight months' of sunshine was known to exist by people of the world, a general stampede would be made for Lake county. His company is very proud of their acquisition and intend to do some extensive advertising of the great possibilities for this country and give to the world the information that should have been given out long ago. Of the thousands of people coming west to find homes, this county is getting comparatively more, owing wholly to the impression the few who know of it have about the so called "Oregon desert." The word "desert" is a disparagement of Eastern Oregon's millions of acres of rich, rolling prairie lands, of which Lake county comprises a liberal portion, and all that is required to prove this assertion is to give a skilled farmer the opportunity and a market for his product.

Common, Everyday Talk.

It is getting to be a poor day for news when the building of one or more new railroad lines in Oregon is not announced. Probably the most significant announcement during the past week was that of the closing of the Ogden gateway. While it is of no importance to the Western portion of the State, in Western Oregon and Idaho its effect will be greatly felt by shippers, for the Rio Grande is the popular route in that section. The closing of the gateway is ascribed to the building of the Western Pacific, which will have close working arrangements with Rio Grande. It means that freight which reaches Ogden from the East via the Rio Grande will have to pay local rates from there to all points on any of the Harriman lines beyond Ogden. The same rule will apply to shipment from west of Ogden, except when shipped through over the Union Pacific.

As to rumors of new roads, a dispatch from Silver Lake last week states that a surveying crew, supposed to be of the Harriman system is in Christmas Lake Valley, and has run one line via Fort Rock through on the south side of Christmas Lake, crossing over Long's ranch and on to Wagon Tire Mountain. It is stated this crew will run another line back on the north side and through Sucker Flat. It is claimed this survey either side of the lake will shorten the distance 35 miles or more over the survey on the high desert, which would miss Silver Lake about 15 or 20 miles to the north. There is also prospect that a railroad from there running south may be constructed by the Gould system. Over on Coos Bay a party of Southern Pacific surveyors have made their headquarters. They are making surveys for the company and another party of engineers for the same line are working at River-ton. The surveying crews are not giving out any information as to the plans for the company the represent, but they are completing work on the line that has already been surveyed from Drain.

Don't monkey with the Lakeview Band unless you can toot a horn.