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HARRY HUNTER SEES FUTURE

He Highly Praises Lake County's Rich Land

SAYS VALUES MUST INCREASE

No Country in the United States Can Boast of Such Climate as Ours

The Publisher of this paper had a long conversation with Mr. H. A. Hunter while that gentleman was here recently regarding the general outlook for Lake county. Mr. Hunter's opinion on this subject has been arrived at after several years' travel over the entire United States, where lands have passed from apparently worthless wastes to productiveness. Mr. Hunter's position, that of president of the Hunter Land Company, and Land Commissioner of the Oregon Military Wagon Road Co., has required a study of the subject and what he says is in the nature of an expert's opinion. Following is what Mr. Hunter said:

"The value of lands must, eventually, here as elsewhere farther East, be computed upon their interest-bearing capacity. For instance, to bring it home to you, one of your own townsmen, a rancher, reluctantly bought a farm adjoining him a year or so ago, not because he needed it, but more because he felt crowded—really the only earthly reason that I have in all my experience, ever found a rancher give for buying land. What's the use? It's cheaper to use it, to employ a mild phrase, than buy 'sand knolls.'" He paid, to be exact, \$38 per acre. He mowed the hay—all a rancher in any old district thinks of—and it gave him a return on the tract purchased for \$38 of \$40 per acre for one year. His friends all laughed at him for paying \$38 per acre, yet his returns for one year and last year was only a normal crop year—was over 100 per cent. The true value today of such land, situated anywhere in your charming valley, even if devoted to raising hay, as above stated, would be much nearer \$250 per acre because that is a good return on that valuation. It should be much more, if the same land was planted to alfalfa, and this great valley, and many others not so large in Lake County, will, before you think it possible, be devoted to raising the finest malting barley, and such barley commands a premium of from 10 to 15 cents a bushel—and flax and sugar beets and things.

Thus far, and after considerable investigation, the evidence of the remarkable fertility of the soil here are everywhere simply obvious. But not one farmer, in such a term might be employed, in ten knows how to farm, or if he does, is too indifferent. They only "slap" the lands, and yet with all Nature turns the other cheek. About four years ago our company purchased 270,000 acres of land in North Dakota, bordering on Montana. The vice president of the Northern Pacific said to me, "There's a place in hell for you for taking people to that God forsaken, barren, dry district." Today that land is all sold; we sold it at an average of less than \$3 per acre, and now the same land is worth about \$25 per acre. Four years ago the same railroad company offered me all the land I desired at 50 cents per acre in the Horse Heaven country, to Washington, just north of here, and in practically the same range. Today the general average price of land there is \$45 per acre. Yet both of these districts are adapted to wheat, and wheat only—no peaches and no sparkling brooks containing speckled beauties, and there are many, many climatic drawbacks that are unheard of in this wonderful country.

The "Golden Goose Lake Valley", that's its true name, will have a railroad, probably two, and great transcontinental roads, at that, and all within two years, and no doubt in less time. And then the ranchers who scoff at the "fools" who farm will see the sign on the clouds, "Move on." And then every acre will bring \$200 as easily as it today brings \$5 to \$10, for a more marvelously charming winter, summer and fall climate does not exist on this continent today than

your valley possesses. The springs may, for a few weeks, have their drawbacks, noticeable, far more on account of lack of rail transportation; but what state in this Union has more than ten months of perfect climate? Certainly none that I know of—not even California, and California deals almost exclusively in climate.

I was sent here instructed to sell the lands of the Road Company, yet from experience found it wiser not only to sell but to buy.

Did you ever take a trip, I don't care where nor how long you remained in that place, well, be honest, now, did you not come to the conclusion that Lake county was better, just a good, long, generous way better, taking it all in all. The opportunities to better one's financial conditions under really splendid environments were more largely to be found here than in that other place—any place in America.

Such water, such free and easy, and if you like, prodigal people, indifferent about the value of money, it seems to come so easy. And failures of crops? Well ask them; they would probably not understand you. It's hard to understand where 50 bushels of rye, as many of oats, and 30 to 40 bushels of wheat, even where the land has been slapped and even volunteer crops doing that. I'm told that a great percentage of North Dakota will not average 9 bushels to the acre this year. Why, years ago when jack-rabbits took one-half of everything the farmer here raised, he made a fair, and some a good living. Beat that. Then stop and just think of the possibilities for fruit raising here, and the flavor of the fruit. The freedom from cyclones, blizzards, severe electric storms and the sunshine, the air, the water, and ten thousand other things that other places seemed to lack, and yet here they pass unnoticed.

How would you fancy 8 months' winter? Some places have a nice climate for a day, a week or a month, but none that I know of for so long a period as here, each day and night so simply perfect. You see its each fresh day, like each inch in the length of the pipe in the organ that deepens the tone of the impression, so to speak, to the stranger.

I could talk a week on the wonderfulness of your country, but if you can insert the sincerity which I feel in what I have said I think you will have accomplished your purpose for this interview.

Lakeview Is Booming

J. S. Fuller returned to Lakeview last week after a several weeks' absence in California cities. A reporter on the Nevada State Journal saw Mr. Fuller in Reno, and his paper of Feb. 16, contained the following:

"J. S. Fuller, a commission man of Lakeview, Oregon, who spent yesterday in Reno, says that his home town has been enjoying quite a real estate and business boom of late on the strong probability of a railroad being run through Lakeview.

Many people from the East have immigrated to Lakeview and bought lots and extensive trading in business chances of all sorts has resulted.

The road that is expected to tap Lakeview and Lake county generally will run south from a road now being built from Ontario in Snake River Valley to Coos Bay, Oregon. The projected road through Lakeview will branch from the Ontario-Coos Bay line at a point 100 miles north of Lakeview and run south into the Pitt river country and Sacramento valley. The surveys were completed last year. The project is one of Harriman's.

When the country adjacent to Lakeview is opened up, by means of a railroad it will bring to the notice of the markets the greatest apple country in all the world, says Mr. Fuller—Goose Lake Valley. Not only is the fruit of the finest quality, but the soil produces in the greatest abundance. It is also a splendid agricultural region, producing from 40 to 60 bushels of wheat to the acre. But owing to the lack of a railroad, there is no market.

The recent financial panic never touched Lakeview. The banks kept on doing business. The community is a rich one, relying on its own resources and it is increasing in wealth with each year. The sheep industry is holding its own, and stock-raising is on the increase. The present population is about 1200, but it is increasing rapidly."

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norin will occupy Mrs. Della Cobbs house until their own is built.

OVER \$9,000 IS SUBSCRIBED

Lakeview Will Have Flour Mill to Grind This Season's Crop

The meeting called for Monday by the incorporation of the Lakeview Flour Mills Co., advertised in The Examiner, was not held because of its illegality, as but ten days' notice had been given, when, for the initial meeting, 30 days notice is necessary. A notice of meeting to be held March 30, appears in The Examiner this week.

About \$9000 has been subscribed for the building of the mill, and there is no possible chance for the scheme to fail. Stock certificates, Seal, ect. has been ordered by The Examiner, and as soon as the officers have been elect-

ed stocks will be issued.

Numerous inquiries are coming in from manufacturers of flour mills, and estimates of cost have been submitted. One firm, the Portland Iron Works, offers to put in a first class modern mill—and nothing else will be considered—at a price that will bring the entire cost of construction and equipment under \$12,000, for a 50 barrel capacity mill, the kind talked of.

That Lakeview will have a flour mill to grind this year's wheat is no longer doubted.

Makes Big Deal

Jack Kimball closed a deal with J. D. Edler Monday for the lease of 53,400 acres of timbered grazing lands belonging to the Weyerhaeuser Land Co. This is the biggest lease ever made in this country to one man. The land lies partly in Lake and partly in Klamath County. The price was four cents per acre for one year, Mr. Edler having the privilege for another year at four and a half cents per acre. Mr. Edler owns 27,000 head of sheep, that are now on the desert, and which will start for this range about the first of April. His summer range will cost him \$2,136, quite a sum, indeed for range, alone, when but a few years ago this same range was had for nothing. Mr. Edler paid as high as \$5 a head for the sheep he now owns, which makes quite a pile of money to put into a band of sheep. However, if wool is 20 cents this year and his sheep shear normally, he will realize nearly \$40,000 for wool, and probably a like sum for his lambs and mutton.

At Oak Park

Have you heard of the time
That we had down the line
With the boys and girls of Oak Park?
There was singing and darning
and eating galore,
My word, 'twas a jolly good lark.
Now mama, you know, has never
been slow.

And enjoys very much a good time,
So take it from me, it was just like
a spree
For mama and "yours truly," Kit Fine.
'Twas a sweet bunch we met
And I'll never forget, the antics of
matron and maid.

Oh! the songs that were sung,
And the jokes that were sprung,
Put a traveling show in the shade.
Toney and Dixie Astrada were there,
In fact it took place in their house,
And a jollier couple I never have met
Than Toney (the host) and his spouse.
Edith Sherman declared that no one
could be spared

While the kisses were passing around,
And her husband (Big Al), a good-
natured pal,
Declared that her judgment was
sound.

You all know Mabel and Blanch,
They've been up to the ranch,
And you bet all you've got they're all
right.

Well, with Budweiser beer and other
good cheer
The morn' soon succeeded the night,
George Little you see on the stage
used to be

And his wife's entertaining is 'great,
They stayed there all night—
But that was all right,
For to catch their last car 'twas too
late.

Now, Friends of Lakeview, my story is
through!
I've invited those folk to our state,
And if they should come
They must meet every one
From Sugar Loaf down to Goose Lake.
Written by George D. Little, Sacra-
mento, Cal. Dedicated to Miss Kitten
Fine.

Births

Born:—In Lakeview, Oregon, Feb. 22, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. William Riggins, a girl.

Born:—In Lakeview, Oregon, Feb. 22, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Ahlstrom, a girl.

Born:—In Lakeview, Oregon, Feb. 24, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spangenberg, a boy.

Born:—In Lakeview, Oregon, Feb. 24, 1908 to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Emerson a girl.

Directory a Success

J. F. Salcido is in the Northern part of the county, soliciting for the Lake County Directory and Business Guide. He writes that he is meeting with success, even better than he expected. The people up that way, he says, are very enthusiastic, realizing what benefits can be derived from such a publication, not only for the patrons, but for the general welfare of the county. Lake County needs the advertisement such a book will give it. All parts of the county will receive the same recognition, therefore, all look at the proposition from the standpoint of mutual benefit.

Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses were issued to the following couples this week: To Mr. S. J. McKee and Miss Leulla Dowell; and to Mr. A. C. Morris and Miss Emma Boydston.

We understand that both weddings were scheduled for last evening, Wednesday, Feb. 26, but as The Examiner had gone to press particulars cannot be given this week.

Silver Lake Items

The boys are practicing base ball these days.

Jack Partin was up from Summer Lake this week.

Grass is starting in the meadows, and stock look well.

Dave Wilhelm was in town last week to get his son out of trouble, which he did by paying the \$235 costs.

Sheriff Dent and T. J. Powell, of Lakeview were here this week on the Wilhelm horsestealing case. Mr. Dent was also shaking hands with voters. We understand that Mr. Powell will establish a law office here.

Christmas Lake valley and the Fort Rock Settlement are forging to the front very rapidly. In the Christmas Lake valley a new school house will be built in the spring, and it is also rumored that a general merchandise store will be built. We have not learned who the promoters of this enterprise are.

T. J. Rohnton & Co. will bring in a stock of merchandise for their store in the Fort Rock neighborhood as soon as the roads get good in the spring. The people of that settlement expect soon to get a postoffice established at Fort Rock. The time is not far distant when this will be the big end of the county.

Local Briefs

Harry Glazier wife and baby, arrived in Lakeview Monday from Salt Lake City, where Mr. Glazier has been working at his trade for the past few months. He has accepted a position in Ahlstrom's shop, where he worked some years ago. Harry says times are pretty close when you get into the large center where idle men congregate. They visited the parents of Mrs. Glazier, Mr. and Mrs. Pratt for a day or so before coming on to Lakeview.

J. E. Norin and wife returned last Thursday evening from San Francisco and other points of interest. They left here the first of December and traveled over Oregon, winding up at Los Angeles and San Francisco. Mr. Norin expects to commence the construction of his residence soon. They have decided to build a bungalow.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Clark arrived here from Boston Mass. last Thursday, Mr. Clark having come here to take a position as bookkeeper for the Lakeview Mercantile Co. They like their new location very much, notwithstanding

ing the different ways and habits of the people from those to which they have been accustomed. Both are quite jolly, and adjust themselves readily to their new environments. They have moved into W. A. Wilshire's house, on South Water Street.

C. D. Arthur returned from Lane county last week, where he went to arrest the Wilhelm boy, who was charged with stealing a horse from Ira Bradley of Silver Lake, last Fall. The boy was turned over to Sheriff Dent, and he took the prisoner to Silver Lake for trial. T. J. Powell was employed to go up and defend the boy. We understand that the case was compromised, the lad's father paying the costs.

C. A. Rehart bought one of the \$2,000 Percheron Stallions from Joel McCulloch of the Pine Ridge Iowa Stock Farm. Mr. McCulloch left Tuesday for Shasta valley in the interests of the company, and he leaves one of their fine stallions in charge of Mr. John Sticksel. This animal is also for sale. Mr. McCulloch expects to be absent from Lakeview about a month.

We understand that E. W. Eyanson and his party, who located on agricultural land in North Warner, this county, have been hauling lumber for houses and other improvements. Mr. Eyanson says he will sink an artesian well as soon as he can get a machine on the ground. That country is going to be one of the greatest fruit sections on the Pacific Coast.

The dance given last Friday evening in the Opera House on the occasion of Washington's Birthday, was largely attended, and one of the most successful events, of like character of the season. The music was simply grand, and the perfectness of every other feature added to the success.

John Cogburn returned from North Warner this week, where he has been locating people on agricultural land in that valley, open for settlement. He says that country is settling up very rapidly, and he thinks by Fall there will be several hundred new homes in North Warner valley.

George Hankins and sister, Mrs. Della Cobb will start for San Francisco this week for a several weeks stay. George will purchase a fine automobile—none but the finest will suit George—while in the city, and bring it home with him, or "it" will bring him home.

Mr. Chas. Wallace, arrived here from California last week and has associated himself with his father in the furniture business. Mr. Wallace is a talented Slide-trombonist, and is a valuable acquisition to our band. The people are glad to see him locate here.

The first base ball game of the season was played last Sunday on the ball grounds in the Geurraz field, between the town team and the High School team. Six innings were played, and the town boys had the best of the game by a score of 6 to 12.

John Briles sent a load of apples to Lakeview last week from his Davis Creek fruit ranch. The apples were of the Winter Banana variety, as fine an apple as one ever flopped their lip over.

W. A. Wilshire and daughter, Pearl, left for Ashland this week by private conveyance, Miss Wilshire to remain a couple of months and Mr. Wilshire to visit his family a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Morris came over from Adel last Saturday. This is the first time they have been in town since they were married a few weeks ago.

S. J. Dutton was up from Davis Creek last week, having brought Mr. and Mrs. Clark, of the Mercantile Co. from there by private conveyance.

J. W. Loftus arrived here from Sacramento last Friday to look after the mining interests of Loftus Brothers in the Windy Hollow country.

F. I. Everett, representing Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co., of Chicago, announced by card that he would visit Lakeview this week.

School Entertainment

An entertainment was given by the teacher and pupils of the Adel school at the hall on Friday evening Feb. 21. An interesting program of songs, recitations and dialogues was creditably rendered by the pupils.

After the program the hall was cleared and the older people indulged in dancing during the remainder of the evening.

The sum of \$14 was collected and will be used to purchase library books, and supplementary reading for class work in the primary grades.

REHART SEES AUTOS OFF

Six Auto Wagons Start Around the World

LAKEVIEWITE WITNESSES START

Scene One of the Most Exciting Events New Yorkers Have Seen in Many a Day

New York City, Feb. 12,
Editor Examiner.

Lakeview had a representative to witness the most remarkable event that has taken place in New York City, and the world for a long time, and was witnessed by an unusual concourse of people. A perfect crash. It was the starting of six automobiles, at 1:15 A. M. for a race to Paris, by way of San Francisco, Alaska, Bering Straits the wastes of Siberia, Russia, Germany, to Paris.

The machines represented Italy, Germany, France and the United States. It will be by odds the most severe test upon both men and machines yet undertaken, and the result can only be known after several months of hardship, that will test the mettle of both men and machines to the limit. Each machine carried their own National Flag, and all received the plaudits of the onlookers, to which they were entitled.

American flags were among the breeze from all the buildings in the vicinity of the starting place, and a crowd of people hard to conceive of, in fact with all their burly policemen the people could not be kept upon the side walks, and resulted in the street traffic stopping for sometime.

The people were wild with excitement during the start, and for sometime after the autos were off, some who were unable to see the start itself would go and see the particular spot where the start was made.

It was surprising to me how many people were ignorant of what caused the crowd of people to assemble together. For many grown men would ask what does it all mean? What is going on? When the papers have been full of it for two or three months. Surprising for another reason, that the daily papers here sell for one cent each, which would seem cheap enough for anyone to read that which he cared to read.

S. V. Rehart

More Forest Reserves

Washington Feb. 15—At one stroke of the Lieutenant Governor's pen, 150,000,000 acres of forest land in British Columbia have been placed in reserves. This includes every acre of the province's timberlands, except what has been leased. This is as much land as was put in the National Forests of this country between the years 1891 and 1907.

The action was taken to check wasteful exploitation of timber resources and to bring the care and cutting of timber more effectively under government control.

The province has been leasing timberland instead of selling it. The most of the leasing has been done the past three or four years, and Americans hold the largest part of the 10,000 leases now in force. The lease is, in its effect, a long-term option at low rate. It runs twenty-one years and may be renewed at the end of the first term. The lessee pays twenty-five cents a year until he is ready to cut the timber, when he pays a royalty of fifty cents per 1,000 feet, board measure, for the timber removed. The income of the Province from leases was about \$1,275,000 last year.

The President has just signed a proclamation creating additions in the Trinity National Forest, California, amounting to 35,041 acres. The additions to the forest are contiguous tracts of timber land lying for the most part in Humboldt and Trinity counties, with smaller areas in Shasta and Tehama counties. This new land brings the total area of the Trinity Forest up to nearly 1,600,000 acres.

The headquarters of the Trinity Forest is at Weaverville. The use of cement, steel, brick and stone, although great, is not sufficient to check the constant drain on the forests, of the country for building material.