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ACTIVITY IN RAILROAD WORK

Systems Racing To Build Into Lake County

HARRIMAN AGAINST THE GOULDS

Contest Is On For Transportation Control of Lake County and the Harney Valley

Each week brings interesting developments in railroad news. The latest is the announcement by Edwin Gould, "pathfinder for the ocean to ocean railroad" ambition of his brother, George, that the Gould lines would be built not only to San Francisco but also to Portland. For a year or more it has been believed that the Goulds were behind the little line running from Reno to Likely and known as the California, Nevada & Oregon. This line is being steadily pushed forward to Lakeview, and the general belief is that Gould will enter Oregon at Lakeview and cross the state northward to Portland. That would bring his line directly through this section and would insure transportation for Bend and the bend country.

The fact that Harriman officials have suddenly announced their determination to build into Lakeview at once would lead strength to the theory that Gould would enter Oregon at that place. It will undoubtedly be a race between the two systems to see who can occupy that territory first.—Bend Bulletin.

The Portland Journal sizes up the situation as follows:

Announcement from a member of the Gould family that the Western Pacific Railroad company will build into Portland, Oregon, was received today by the Journal from San Francisco. The news is taken to mean that the railroad from Reno to Likely, known as the California, Oregon & Nevada long regarded as a Gould line and now under construction toward Lakeview, Oregon, will be extended by some convenient route into the Willamette valley and Portland.

Ever since the Western Pacific was projected to the Pacific Coast it has been believed that the Gould people must do more than merely tap San Francisco to justify the construction of so large a mileage through the numerous mountain ranges between Salt Lake and the California coast. The road had hardly been commenced when the little line running from Reno to Medford, with a survey to Lakeview, changed hands under circumstances that stamped the transfer as a Gould purchase.

Ever since that time it has been expected that the Western Pacific would break into Oregon. The news that it has determined to do so was anticipated a few days ago by the Harriman lines, which have included Lake county in their scheme of railroad development in eastern and southern Oregon. A week ago the chief officials of the Southern Pacific incorporated a company to build a line from Anderson via the east shore of Goose Lake to central Oregon. Yesterday Oregon officials of the Harriman lines incorporated another company at Salem, to build a short stretch of road between Lakeview and California line. These developments have come in succession with startling suddenness, and in the nature of bolts out of a clear sky. The public had no expectation of such serious moves on the railroad checkerboard in Oregon and northern California.

The reason now becomes plain. The decision of the Western Pacific to immediately begin construction of its Oregon extension was no sooner made than the Harriman interests became advised of it and quick action was necessary to get strategic advantages. The officials of the Harriman lines have lost no time. It is said the result means another railroad building contest like the north bank race, and the latest contest is for transportation control of Lake county and the Harney valley.

Decoration Day

The Stars and Stripes unfurled,
Held aloft by a veteran hand,
While we march to the beat of the drum
And the low and strains of the band.
We are thinking of the sleeping heroes
This thirtieth day of May,
And the time they shouldered their muskets
And marched on a far distant day.
All of them were young men,
Mere striplings were some,
But they gave up all and followed
The flag
At their Country's Call to come.
Went to serve their country,
Bid friends a sad adieu;
Many never returned again.
This they did for me and you.
Off! waded through swamps and
cane brakes,
Slept off' in mud and mire,
Or thought of home and loved ones
While they dried their clothing by the
camp fire.
They have been in the heat of the
battle
Faced cannon and shot and shell,
Diseases were contracted and consti-
tutions broken,
But through all they loved and served
their country well.
And though their deeds still liveth,
Their bodies are sleeping today,
And we have come to do honor,
And a just tribute of respect to pay.
So lay the flowers gently,
And with a generous hand,
For the Soldier Boy who wore the
blue
Are the ones that freed our land.
Comrades place the stars and stripes
Unfurled o'er each mans grave,
The boys that wore the blue you
know,
That it might wave,
So as not
To disturb his calm repose.
But may each generation
Watch faithfully o'er our dead heroes.
Written in honor of the memory
of the dead heroes of the Civil War,
who are buried at Lakeview Oregon,
this thirtieth day of May, 1905., by
Selota T. Jones
Lakeview, Oregon

The Land Fraud Cases

Tracy C. Becker, of Buffalo, N. Y., special assistant to the attorney-general of the United States, has begun to arrange evidence to be used in the untold land fraud cases, which will be taken up by the Federal district court on June 2. The first case to be tried will be that in which J. H. Booth, ex-receiver of the Roseburg land office, who is charged with bribery in connection with alleged unlawful acquisition of public lands in southern Oregon. Becker states that the case against ex-Congressman J. N. Williamson and ex-Congressman Blinger Hermann, at one time commissioner of the general land office at Washington, will be tried by F. J. Heney of San Francisco late this summer. Williamson and Hermann are under indictment in connection with Oregon land frauds.

PUTER AGAIN IN THE TOILS

Helped Millionaire Smith to Get Timber Lands

S. A. D. Puter, the star land fraud actor has again been brought under the limelight. A federal grand jury is now in session in Portland for the purpose of investigating the manner in which C. A. Smith, a Minneapolis millionaire mill man has acquired title to nearly 10,000 acres of Oregon timber lands through the manipulation of F. A. Kribs and Puter. While the statute of limitation has been allowed to operate against the cases involving Smith and his alleged co-conspirators, there is a belief that he can yet criminally prosecuted on a charge of fraudulent land transactions. At any rate, an effort will be made to cancel the deeds from the government to Smith for these lands. Several entrymen have also been named as defendants in the suit.

Joe Jones—not Joe Jones of Plush, but a bad man known as "Sailor Joe", of Modoc county—shot and instantly killed Nick Bettendorf near Alturas last Friday morning. From reports it was a coldblooded murder. Jones was at a sheep camp and was drinking, when Bettendorf came up on a horse. Jones picked up a rifle and told Bettendorf he was going to kill him, but said he would give him time to say his prayers, and fired, killing the man instantly. The shooting was the culmination of former trouble. Jones escaped but it is said is sure of being captured.

UNOFFICIAL RETURNS OF THE ELECTION

A Summary of the Vote In Lake and Klamath Counties

It being impossible to give the official count before about Friday or Saturday, The Examiner has done the next best thing in getting the unofficial count as given over the 'phone at the end of the count in each precinct. All precincts are given on most of the contested county offices. The unofficial count shows the following summary, not given in the table below:

Chamberlain ahead in Lake County 76; in Klamath Lake has a small majority.

Hawley and other Republican candidates for state offices well ahead.

Merryman in Lake about 250 ahead and 400 in Klamath.

Brattain and Beiknap elected Kuykendall and Moore about even in Lake, Kuykendall about 375 ahead in Klamath.

Klamath county went dry by about 20. Republicans in Klamath elected sheriff, clerk and school superintendent; Democrat, commissioner, Treasurer and assessor. Late unofficial dispatches give Chamberlain about 2000 majority in the state.

Dispatches, unsubstantiated, however, by official counting, indicate that the people have chosen Chamberlain as U. S. Senator. More anon.

CANDIDATES.	Sumner Lake.	Paley.	Goose Lake.	North Valley.	North Klamath.	South Klamath.	North Warner.	South Warner.	Thomas Creek.	Total.
For U. S. Senator.										
Geo. H. Merryman, R.	56	134	23	32	25	73	108	18	25	494
G. Springer, D.	39	33	8	17	18	37	41		19	263
For District Attorney.										
D. V. Kuykendall, R.	76	16	61	19	23	51	61	20	19	382
W. J. Moore, D.	86	20	41	14	36	72	95	20	18	402
For Sheriff.										
J. G. Barker, D.	110	26	52	7	22	30	37	38	1	349
Albert Dent, R.	49	8	51	30	35	19	95	118	20	521
For Clerk.										
E. N. Jaquish, R.	13	4	18	24	32	14	93	115	20	32
F. W. Payne, D.	153	31	87	14	29	30	36	48	1	491
For Assessor.										
J. B. Blair, R.	37	6	22	23	33	31	82	108	18	25
A. J. Foster, D.	124	29	79	14	27	15	43	46	3	470
For School Supt.										
R. B. Jackson, D.	82	22	72	18	48	33	29	46	2	22
J. Q. Williams, R.	72	12	28	19	8	11	82	105	19	36
For Commissioner.										
E. K. Henderson, D.	149	27	92	7	13	22	17	23	5	27
C. A. Rehart, R.	10	7	9	28	41	21	101	128	33	53
For Prohibition.										
Against Prohibition.	87	24	61	11	21	29	28	32	7	16
	37	7	32	20	35	10	95	116	9	17

RUSH FOR LAKE COUNTY IS ON

Strangers are coming into the county by the dozens. There seems to be a powerful force at work in the interests of Lake County, and Nature offers the chief reason for this great influx of homeseekers. Not only homeseekers are looking toward Lake county, but men looking for business locations are eager to get a foothold here. Not a day passes that does not bring inquiries from men in pursuit of business location. The lack of rail transit has ever kept this country back, but now that we are assured of one or two railroads through the center of this county investment-seeking capital is turning this way.

DISBARMENT SUIT AGAINST LAFFERTY

A. W. Lafferty, the Portland attorney for entrymen on the lands involved in the famous 37-10 case, who visited Lakeview a few days ago, has been made defendant in a disbarment suit, based upon charges made against Governor Chamberlain, as a member of the state land board. Lafferty charged that Chamberlain refunded money on apparently fraudulent land transactions. It is also stated that the department is not pleased with Lafferty's actions in resigning as a government special agent and accepting as clients the parties whose entries he had investigated and reported upon while in the government employ. An effort is being made, presumably by the attorney's for the Atzec Land and Cattle Co., to disbar Lafferty from further practice before the land department.



J. PIERPONT MORGAN AND MRS. MORGAN.
In the difficult task of stemming the tide of distrust in Wall street and other financial centers the leaders of finance turned to the great banker and art connoisseur, J. P. Morgan, the man of the hour. Recent photographs of Mr. Morgan are difficult to obtain. The one reproduced shows him sitting in a carriage with Mrs. Morgan.

Surveyors at Work

Another important move has been made in the matter of the Goose Lake Southern Railroad. Tuesday E. E. Cooper arrived in Alturas with a force of surveyors to work out the line. An office was engaged in the Negley building, teams hired and the same evening the entire party left for New Pine Creek to begin work. No time was lost, and the party gave out very little information. The purpose is doubtless to permanently establish the line and set the grading stakes.

In conversation with Mr. Shaw, who surveyed the line last summer for the Oregon Eastern, he expressed the opinion that having no legal organization in this State the new company will merely follow the line of his survey in order to file the plats across Government land. Another company of surveyors is expected here in a few days to begin work down Pit River valley from this place.

This in our opinion is the most important move yet made, and we confidently believe will result in the building of this road in the very near future. A loan for \$13,000,000 has been floated in the East and it is stated grading on the line will begin this season.—Alturas Plaindealer.

(The surveying crew arrived here last week and went to work down the valley.)

Lakeview High School

Last week the High School closed with the largest enrollment Lake county has yet known. Although there were none taking the 11th and 12th grades, the pupils of the 9th and 10th showed by their work that they were really interested in their studies, and that next year and the year following would witness the graduation of many students from the Lakeview High School. In the 10th grade there were nine who took the examinations this year, and all passed, none falling below 90 in average. The 9th grade pupils also showed good work by the high average which each received. Fifteen took the examinations and there was not one failure. Such excellent grades as were made by the Lakeview High School students this year, give evidence of genuine interest in the work and careful training at the hands of the instructor. Both the pupils and principal are deserving of praise.

Lack of time prevented closing exercises this year. However, the pupils are fairly up with their studies, so that next year more time can be devoted to such work. Next term another teacher will be added, and it is hoped that all the pupils will return and take advantage of the opportunity to prepare themselves for higher work.

ROSS GETS A HEAVY FINE

President of Defunct Title Guarantee & Trust Co.

Salem, Or., May 28.—J. T. horborn Ross, president of the defunct Title Guarantee & Trust Company, was today sentenced to serve five years in the state penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$575,853, and to serve one day in the Multnomah County Jail for each two dollars of the fine not paid.

Sentence was imposed by Circuit Judge George H. Burnett, after the motion of Ross for arrest of judgment and for new trial had been overruled. An appeal has been taken to the Supreme Court and Ross has been admitted to bail in the sum of \$6000.

This is the penalty Ross must pay for the conversion of \$388,376 of state school funds deposited by State Treasurer Steel in the Title Guarantee Trust Company bank and paid out of the bank by its officers prior to the time the bank closed last Fall. Ross was manager of the bank, and as such, aided Steel in securing legislation which would enable the bank to get possession of the state school funds without paying interest thereon.—Oregonian.

Patents have been received at the Lakeview Land office for C. H. Dusenberry for 160 acres of timber land in Sections 14 and 23, Tp. 34, R. 17. Also for W. Lair Thompson for 80 acre in Sections 32 and 36, Tp. 28, R. 10.

ONLY PRACTICAL RAILROAD ROUTE

Construction In Lake Co. May Commence Soon

INDICATIONS POINT THAT WAY

The Goose Lake and Southern Railroad Will Some Day Be the S. P. Main Line

The recent resumption of work on several of the projected lines of the Harriman system is indicative that it will be but a short time before the order to commence actual construction work on the Goose Lake and Southern is made public. Last week General Manager O'Brien issued orders for the immediate resumption of work on the Wallows extension of the Elgin branch out from La Grade. The extension is from Elgin to Joseph, a distance of 63 miles, and it is expected that the line will be in operation within three months. Work has already been resumed on a number of other projects that were suspended last fall, and it is extremely probable that before the close of the present month work will have been commenced on a line to Lake County.

The Goose Lake and Southern is to leave the main line of the Southern Pacific at Anderson following Pitt River up to a point near the southern extremity of Goose Lake and thence to Lakeview. The line will have a very easy grade, and reach the elevated plateau of Eastern Oregon without crossing any mountain ranges whatever. It will also avoid the heavy grades in getting out of the Sacramento canyon, which is only second to that of the haul over the Siskiyou.

Railroad men have always contended that the only really practical route from Portland into Central Oregon is up the Deschutes, which presents no serious obstacle to the construction of a railroad on a water level grade. Such being the case it is quite likely that at no distant day the main line of the Southern Pacific running north and south will pass through Lakeview. A branch line from this place will afford an outlet to the Klamath country, and thus tap a large section of country that is now practically shut off from the outside world.

The irrigation systems now under way in this county will bring a large amount of rich agricultural land into cultivation. Work is likely to commence on both the Drews Valley and Cottonwood projects in the near future, and with the advent of the railroad Lake county is bound to make a wonderful advancement within the next year or so.

The Show Company

The show company that is playing in Lakeview this week is only fairly good. Coming as it has, after the Mong Co., it seems rather tame. Most of the parts are either overdone or "underdone". The company does not surpass in any way,—and in a good many ways is not equal—to the plays put on here by local talent. The music furnished by the Lakeview Orchestra, is the most attractive part of the entertainment. People are tired of paying traveling shows \$500 or \$600 for a week's "entertainment," when home talent can give better satisfaction and the money can be kept at home for public uses. We hope the show billed for week after next will prove to be a better attraction.

Railroad Land Case

Upon arrival in Portland of H. B. Townsend last week suit was filed in the Federal courts by the United States government to compel restoration to the public domain of 3,000,000 acres of land now held by the Oregon and California Railway company under railroad land grant conditioned upon the railroad company disposing of these grants to settlers at \$2.50 per acre.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to show our appreciation to the many friends who so thoughtfully and kindly helped us during the illness and death of our little Florence and in our sad bereavement.
Geo. W. and Dollie Johnson.