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MAKING A DESERT FARM

The Silver Lake Leader
Tells of a New One
Up There

WISE FARMER WESTCOTT

His Grain, Alfalfa and Vegeta-
bles Showed His Neigh-
bors Something

The Silver Lake Leader of August
7 contains the following:

"On last Sunday afternoon in com-
pany with Jim Stafford the editor of
the Leader paid a visit to the home
of 'Pa' and 'Ma' Westcott, situated
about a mile and a half from town.
We had heard much of the improve-
ments as well as the splendid grow-
ing crops on the Westcott ranch, but
had not realized what was there
until we saw it with our own eyes,
and to see it was to gaze upon it
with perfect amazement.

"Just fourteen months ago Mr.
Westcott filed a homestead upon this
piece of land and many, when he
filed, smiled at it, as he was consid-
ered foolish to try to build up a
home upon a dreary and desolate-
looking sagebrush plain. Mr. West-
cott let them laugh, while he said
nothing. Just ten months ago he
began to improve the place by build-
ing a small house, then began to
clear up the land ready for a crop
this spring. By late-spring time he
had forty acres grubbed, twenty of
which he seeded to rye, not plowing
the ground at all, but in its stead
gave it a thorough discing. Seven-
teen acres he plowed, seven of which
he sowed to alfalfa and the other ten
to barley. The other three acres he
used for a garden, yard and barn
lot. The rye is as pretty a field of
that grain as one wishes to see and
will produce an immense amount of
hay. The barley, for a first crop, is a
fairly good one, although its growth
has been somewhat stunted by the
extraordinary hot weather we have
had during the past month, but will
make choice hay. The alfalfa—well
words almost fail us when we want
to describe it, but will say that dur-
ing our five years' residence in Lake
county we have never seen its equal
but on the little patch of about an
acre that had been well irrigated. It
is simply a wonderful growth, and
no one can realize that this alfalfa,
sown this spring, without a drop of
water on it except that which came
from the skies, stand up fully four-
teen inches high with the darkest of

a healthy green color, and with such
an evenness on the ground that is
scarcely equaled anywhere. In the
garden potatoes are growing as fine
as ever, grow, any white, red, yellow,
carrots, radishes and turnips that
are as sweet and juicy as ever, grow
on any soil greets the eye of the be-
holder. He has a fine story and half
house with a good cellar underneath,
a fine well of water, pure and clear,
an orchard, a barn and other out-
buildings. Pigs and chickens, cows
and calves, all sleek and fat, showing
prosperity and thrift.

To visit this new farm just opened
up, producing as it is, will repay
anyone the time spent in going to
see it, as no words can portray what
there is as well as the eye can see it.
To look upon the growing crops and
then at the sagebrush on the outside
of the fence and to think what a
great transformation has been made
in ten months appears like a dream,
but a stern reality.

This land of Mr. Westcott's is just
like thousands of acres lying in
northern Lake county, all of which
can be made to produce as well as
this piece with the same intelligent
cultivation that Mr. Westcott has
applied to this particular piece.

Without flattery to Mr. Westcott
we want to say that we consider it
a blessing that he located with us,
as he has by his energy and unflin-
ting belief in the prime productiveness
of the soil and by his intelligent
method of farming, proved beyond
any doubt that the sagebrush plain
of this section can be made to pro-
duce many fold. Mr. Westcott's work
and the splendid results attained are
an incalculable stimulus to farming
generally, as it is no longer an untried
experiment as to whether this upland
soil in the semi-arid belt will produce,
but the proof is a stern reality, which
we wish the thousands who are
seeing times could see, as we have
seen, with their own eyes.

WINGFIELD SAID TO BE A BIGAMIST

A San Jose Woman Doing
a Lot of Vicious
Talking

There is a woman in San Jose who
is kicking up a rumpus, and says
that Geo. Wingfield is a bigamist,
claiming she already was his wife
when he married Miss Murdock. It
is not at all likely that Wingfield,
dand game sport that he has proved
himself to be, would take chances on
any such deal as this woman alleges.

Bald Mountain Mines

Cedarvale Record 5: A mining
man went out to Bald mountain last
Monday to look at the mines. It is
to be hoped he will take hold of them
and make them paying properties.
The ore is there, and all it needs is
capital to get it out and work it.

MUST SPEAK ENGLISH OR NO HOMESTEAD

A sensation was created in the Fed-
eral Court of Denver when Judge Lewis
passed a new ruling, when throwing
out half a dozen naturalization cases,
in which he held that a foreign born
person must speak the English lan-
guage before he can hold a clear title
to a homestead.

"I cannot allow final papers to be
given," said the court, "where the
party seeking the same is unable to
speak the English language. He cannot
understand the laws of this coun-
try or any of the acts that go to
prove his citizenship. He may have
homesteaded upon land, but he must
read and write English before he can
secure his final papers and come be-

fore this court with a native born
citizen who can swear he has known
the subject for a period of five years."
The decision will result in invali-
dating many claims throughout this
state and it is claimed was made in
accordance with the rulings from the
naturalization office.

A Former Paisley Man

Newt Taylor, of Crab Orchard,
Nebraska, in renewing his subscrip-
tion to The Examiner, says: "We
appreciate the weekly visits of your
paper very much, as every copy con-
tains some item of interest to us.
Having lived in Paisley, for a number
of years, we still take a deep interest
in the affairs of Lake County, and the
welfare of her people."

MILLWRIGHT FOR MILL NOW HERE

To Have the Mill Ready
for Grinding this Fall's
Grain Crop

A portion of the machinery for the
new flouring mill has arrived. So
soon as the rest gets here, operations
will begin and The Examiner will give
you enterprise suitable mention. It will
be a fine thing for the farmers,
affording a market for their grain,
and will also provide the people with
flour at less cost.

H. Simmons, the millwright who is
put in position the machinery for
the flouring mill is here and will at
once install the mill so that it will be

ready for operation within a few
weeks.

Parties who have wheat to dispose
of might do well to first consult the
Lakeview Flouring Mill Company.

It may be that Mr. Simmons will
also become the miller. He is highly
recommended and has only recently
completed a mill at Bonanza.

Makes Fine Saddles

S. F. Ahlstrom, the pioneer saddler
and harness maker, reports business
exceedingly good, eight orders for
saddles having been received the past
week from different parts of Oregon,
Nevada and California. This firm has
had the reputation far and wide of
making the best saddles on the mar-
ket, and several men are constantly
employed in filling the demand. This
brings in much money to the town
that otherwise would not reach here.

Thought Man was a Deer

The Alturas New Era says that
Frank Avilla was shot and seriously
injured by W. S. Harrison, last week.
Harrison was hunting and Avilla was
mistaken for a deer.

GEORGE BOYDS- TUN KILLED

His Team Ran Away, Throwing
Him, and Kicked Him
on the Head

A most distressing accident occurred
near town Tuesday evening when
George Boydstun lost his life.

It seems he was baying, and in
some way lost control of his team,
which started to run, and threw him
between them and the wagon, and one
of the horses kicked him in the
head. He was taken to his home,
and given medical attention, but he
only survived a few hours.

A singular coincidence is noted in
the fact that about two years since he
had a brother killed in a similar
manner at Paisley. Both men it
seems were good horsemen, but had
frequent runaways before meeting
with their fatal accidents.

Mr. Boydstun was about 40 years
of age, and leaves a wife, two boys,
and two girls, besides a father, mother
and a number of brothers and sisters
to mourn his untimely death. He
was born and raised here.

He was a hard working man quite
well to-do, and was highly esteemed
by his friends and neighbors. He
was a member of the local Woodman
lodge, and carried an insurance in
the order.

The funeral services will be held
this (Thursday) morning at 10 o'clock
in the Methodist Church by the Bap-
tist clergyman, Rev. G. C. Harris.
The subject will be "The Departed
Dead."

KLAMATH'S NEW FAIR GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT OF OUR SCHOOLS

Isn't It Time for the Lake
County Farmers to Or-
ganize for Fall Fairs?

President B. St. George Bishop of
the Klamath Falls County Agricultural
Association, is authority for the
statement that the county will have a
big fair and race meet this fall.

The track on the new fair grounds
will be completed in a few days and
will be one of the best in this section.
A number of buildings for exhibits
will be put on the ground and by this
fall every thing will be in readiness
for a race meet and county fair.
Farmers are urged to collect exhibits
so that there will be a good display
of agricultural products.

Isn't it about time for the farmers
of this county to organize a county
fair? The Examiner believes it
would be productive of much good
and would be a fine opportunity for
the farmers all over the county to get
together to their mutual benefit.

Baseball Items

A base ball game was pulled off
in Pine Creek Sunday between the
Pine Creek team and an aggregation
of players picked from Lakeview and
Crane Creek. It was a walk over for
the State Liners, resulting in a score
of 17 to 8.

Another game was had on the same
day at Davis Creek, just across the
line in California. The Lake City
team came over to that place with the
determination of taking home with
them the laurels that had been snatched
away on their own diamond a few
weeks ago. They were doomed to
disappointment, however, for Davis
Creek again carried off the honors.
We did not learn the score.

It is expected that the Bly baseball
team will be over in a few days to
cross bats with the local teams.

A game is being arranged for Sun-
day between the All Stars and the Lake-
view High School. There has always
been a strong rivalry between these
two teams, the last game being a com-
plete victory for the All Stars. The
game Sunday is looked forward to
with a great deal of interest.

The Bennett Show played Monday
night to a large audience at the Opera
House.

HERE IS A NEW FIELD

Knowing full well that the more
populous towns and cities will be
very quiet for a year or two, at least,
there is a positive demand on the part
of the public for a new field, of diver-
sified resources; where the manufac-
turer can secure water power; where
the homesteader can obtain rich gov-
ernment land; where the timber belts
will furnish lumber sufficient for all
building and general purposes; where
the gold mines can be operated at a
profit by the gold miner; and it is
such a region in Southeastern Oregon
and in Lake County.

Certainly there is a disposition on
the part of many people to engage in
business in a section which is not
entirely dependent on any single re-
source, for they have come to believe
that a diversity of resources is very

R. B. Jackson, of Paisley, the new
county school superintendent of
schools is in town this week in atten-
dance at the county examination.
Mr. Jackson is a very pleasant gen-
tleman to meet. He intends making a
regular trip each week to Lakeview
to look after his official duties. In
addition to being Lake County Super-
intendent Mr. Jackson is also the
principal of the Paisley schools. He
also is the owner of a 1000 acre farm
adjoining Paisley, and is the owner
of 1000 head of cattle, a number of
which he is now pasturing on the
Klamath flats, getting them ready for
market at either Ashland, Ore., or
Yreka, California.

It will be seen that with his man-
fold duties and property interests
that Mr. Jackson is a very busy man.

ROCK ISLAND SUR- VEYORS AT WORK

Said to be Running a Line
to Portland, and Con-
struction Started

Winnemucca, (Nev.), July 31—It is
stated here on good authority that
the Rock Island Railroad system is
at present building a line north to go
through Winnemucca and end at
Portland, Oregon. It is stated that
the actual survey of this route has
been completed and that the work
has been started.

Big Fire West of Town

The Forestry office, just as we go to
press, had a yesterday morning of
a big fire raging in the timber in 27-
17 Drews Valley. A big crew of men
was sent out to fight fire.

and being in the very heart of a won-
derfully rich mineral belt, there is
every reason to believe that at an
early date it will show very substan-
tial improvement.

Heretofore this section of country
has been comparatively dormant and
occupied only as a grazing field by
the stockmen, with an occasional
ranch here and there, and which has
yielded immense crops wherever culti-
vated.

While these resources are in their
infancy and await the advent of en-
ergetic men and capital, the surround-
ing hills abound in countless herds of
antelope, deer, bear and mountain
sheep and the large brooks and lakes
are filled with delicious mountain
trout.

Work on Court House

The work on the new court house
is now so far advanced that the roof
and the cupola are being constructed.
It is stated that the entire upper
story may be used some time in the
future for a county hospital. It is a
fine structure and one that could do
credit to a county with ten times the
population of Lake county, and the
best of it all is that it is paid for and
there is money besides in the treas-
ury. All this speaks well for the coun-
ty and its officials.

SAILING WITH THE U. S. FLEET

Letter From a Young Sailor
Man Now Having Good
Time in Auckland

The editor of The Examiner has a
young friend on board the U. S. S.
"Georgia", now making the tour
around the world. He is an electrician,
and is a South Dakota boy, named
Milton Willard. His last letter is
dated Honolulu, but the fleet is
now at Auckland, New Zealand.

It is winter there now and wireless re-
ports state that the boys shivered
some before arriving at Auckland.
He says:
"We left Frisco, July 7th for Hon-
olulu, and spent 9 days at sea. We
had fine weather from the time we
left Frisco. It is scorching hot here.
It is almost as hot as Rio Janeiro.
We arrived here on Thursday, July 16
about 2:30 p. m. Nine days is not
long to be at sea, but our next run
will be 16 days from here to Auckland
New Zealand. On Friday we paraded
and Saturday we coaled ship. To-
day was cleaning day. The poorer
class of people supplied fruit for all
the ships. We got about 600 pine
apples and about 100 bunches of
bananas. Coconuts and alligator
pears and a good deal of mixed
fruit. I had a whole pine apple to
myself. They are larger than any
I ever saw in the United States. I
received your Examiner and was
very much pleased to get it.

Miss Our Sunshine

The Metzger family, who left here
recently for San Francisco evidently
are not altogether pleased with the
Golden Gate and miss our sunshine. A
card from the lady says: "This land
of Sunshine and Flowers is the damp-
est, coldest place I was ever in. We
have actually seen the sun three times
since we arrived. I attended the
"Nance O'Neil" the other day, and
found (on the stage) an old Lakeview
favorite, Mrs. Paul Harvey. This
will be arguable news for her many
friends in Lakeview."

The Portland Journal says The Ex-
aminer is publishing much good in-
formation about Lake county.

THE PRICE OF BEEF IS BOUND TO GO UP

A London dispatch states that the
prolonged scarcity of meat in the
United States continues to claim
attention and is beginning to create
alarm. The demands of American
houses for the return of canned meat
sent here, already repeated twice in
orders that agree to pay the freight
both ways, are so extended and per-
sistent it is impossible to understand
how such operations can be effected.
In 25 years the stocks of preserved
meats have not been so reduced in
Europe as at the present time.

Through English ports alone, 5,430
000 pounds of canned meats have been
returned to the United States. An in-
dication of the necessity for meat in
the exporting country is found in the
fact that the important house of Libby
which has immense stocks in Ant-
werp, has given orders to return it
to the country of its origin. Almost
all the contracts pending have been
rescinded or failed of execution. The
shipments of meat for South Africa
as well as those for Sweden have been
suspended for the time.

Australia, meantime, is availing it-
self of the condition to push the in-
dustry of canned meats to the limit,
and in all its packing establishments
is working with extra forces on full
time to secure position and satisfy the
market. But it is calculated that
do what they will it is impossible to
reestablish the equilibrium of the mar-
ket, since all estimates seem to show
that the world's demand is superior
to the actual production.
In view of the situation, which if
prolonged must produce an insupport-
able rise in the price of meats, there
is a return to the idea of reopening
English ports to the admission of
Argentine cattle.

Woods on Fire

Recent fires have done considerable
damage to timber lands in Klamath
county. The fires here have only
burned up the needles. However,
there is great danger from fire, owing
to the intense heat of last two weeks
making everything dry as a tinder box
and campers should take great care
with their fires.

Thought They Owned
Everything in Sight
And More

HARNEY MEN IN LIMBO

Our Uncle Samuel Begins Civil
and Criminal Action
Against Them

Equity suits to enjoin the mainten-
ance of fences, and criminal suits to
prosecute the men responsible for the
unlawful inclosure of 112,340 acres of
government land, were filed in the
United States court Saturday by
United States Attorney McCourt, says
the Oregonian. The suits are five in
number and the principal defendant
is the William Hanley Company, which,
it is alleged, has inclosed improp-
erly 82,540 acres of vacant
public land and 4280 acres of school
land, all in Harney county.

It is charged that the fences com-
plained of have been maintained by
the accused corporation to the exclu-
sion of all other stockmen for about 12
years. Harry L. Corbett is secretary
of the corporation, while William
Hanley is president and general man-
ager. Hanley will be prosecuted
criminally.

Practically three sides of the alleged
unlawful inclosure are inclosed by
rim-rock as a natural barrier, which
served to keep the herds corralled.
Where there were open openings
around the tract, which is about 30
miles in length and range from 4 to 12
miles in width, the company purchas-
ed a series of tracts of 40 acres each,
on which it constructed fences, com-
pleting the inclosure.

The other largest individual tres-
passer against which proceedings
have been instituted, is the Pacific
Livestock Company. It is charged
with having maintained a fence inclos-
ing 23,000 of land in Malheur county.
It is alleged that the land has been in-
closed unlawfully for 15 years. In
addition to the equity suit, a criminal
proceeding has been brought against
Henry L. Miller and John Gilchrist,
president and manager, respectively,
of the company.

Civil and criminal suits also have
been filed in the other three cases, as
follows: American Livestock Com-
pany of Chicago, inclosing 1800 acres
in Harney county, for which Edwin
B. Hall, manager, will answer to a
criminal charge; Elijah and Royal T.
Clever, inclosing 360 acres in Union
county; and J. E. and Ralph O.
Smith, inclosing 300 acres also in Union
county.

The suits against both the William
Hanley Company, and the Pacific
Livestock Company embrace a larger
acreage than was involved in the
case against the Butte Creek Land
and Livestock Company, in which
the accused pleaded guilty. It was in
this case, involving 20,000 acres of
government land, that ex-United
States Attorney Hall was indicted on
a charge of conspiracy. He was tried
in the United States court last Feb-
ruary and convicted, his co-conspirators,
W. W. Steiwer, H. H. Hendricks
and Clarence B. Zachary, pleading
guilty and testifying for the prosecu-
tion.

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Advertised Letters

Mr. Emil Petterson, Walter Strand,
Albert Robbins, Mr. Crest Strand,
Mr. Johnny Prairie, Mr. C. L. Smith,
Dr. Dane, Mrs. M. Huback, Mr.
Elling, A. Harrison, Ed. Steerwood,
Henry Stout, Mrs. Florice McGee,
Wm. Clark, Mr. E. E. Colvin, Mrs.
Bertha Kinsery, Emil Dethliffe,
EPH MILLER, Postmaster.