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## RAILROAD SITUATION FOR THIS SECTION GETTING VERY INTERESTING

### ANOTHER PIONEER RELATES EXPERIENCES

#### S. P. Vernon, a Resident for a Quarter of a Century Testifies as to Its Worth

### SAYS GRAIN AND FRUIT A SUCCESS

#### Believes Artesian Water Can Easily be Obtained in this Valley

S. P. Vernon, who lives three miles south of Lakeview, where he conducts a dairy farm is another man who is a believer in the actualities of this country.

He has been a resident of the Goose Lake valley for 24 years. He has seen the good and bad of it all in the past, and knowing that is content to take chances on the future. During all that time he has been engaged in farming and in no year has his labor gone unrewarded. He has successfully grown vegetables of all kinds of the finest quality, and that every year, too, without the help of irrigation.

Speaking of irrigation Mr. Vernon says there is no doubt that when this valley is cut up into ten acre tracts a result sure to come sooner or later, he believes, it should be found necessary to resort to irrigation for successful fruit growing that artesian wells will be obtained easily and cheaply in all portions of the valley.

He put a well down 40 feet with a drill on his place, and water came to within four feet of the top of the ground. The reason he made no attempt to go deeper was due to the fact that he had a hand drill and his sand pump would not go through a bed of quick sand he struck, at that depth. He believes that artesian water can be got here at a depth of 50 feet. His opinion is strongly supported in the fact, that just over the ridge in the next valley east, Surprise valley, there are hundreds of artesian wells, all obtained at a depth of from 15 to 35, or more feet. Many of the farmers there have artesian wells right at their doors and pipe the water into their houses, barns and orchards. In all cases the flow is good and strong.

The gentleman says he remembers well when he first came here, the hammer brigade were as industrious as some of them are now. They claimed vegetables even would not grow, and so convinced were they that they made no effort to grow even the commonest of vegetables, and hauled all such stuff here to supply their needs. And the fellow who intimated that he thought fruit would do well here, why there was nothing to it but that he was plumb crazy. But a few believers went to work and "showed" those

fellows from Missouri that they did not know what they were talking about. During all the time he has lived here not to exceed two or three years failed to produce good, big crops of fruits of all kinds, and of all previous years he believes conditions this year are the worst. Several of the fruit crops were so heavy that most of the fruit rotted on the ground, as there was no local market, and it was out of the question to think of hauling fruit a couple of hundred miles or more to a railroad. For that reason alone there has been no incentive for farmers here to increase the size of their orchards. When the railroads come, however, these conditions will change and when the world gets a taste of the apples of Goose Lake and other valleys in Lake County, there will spring up a demand for them equal to that now concluded for other regions famous the world over for a superior apple. He speaks of taking a box of his apples to Oakland where he exhibited them to dealers, everyone of whom was anxious to secure them for sale, remarking that they would top the market over any grown anywhere else. That fact surely is encouragement for any one to locate here and engage in apple-growing, especially as lands are cheap here now, and it will be an easy matter for a man of small means to establish himself, and get into a position in a few years where he can enjoy a nice income from the output of his orchard Mr. Vernon considers ten acres enough for the purpose, and he looks for the time, now close at hand, when the big ranches of this section will be cut up into small tracts, and made the home of thousands of contented and prosperous people. He also knows that this is an ideal section for the dairy business, but says that the growth of that line is also hampered for want of better and cheaper transportation facilities.

Taking all things into consideration Mr. Vernon thinks there is no better section in the American Union today for a man with small means to get a start than right here in this region.

### BIG BEETS GROW IN GOOSE LAKE VALLEY

Dick Kingsley has placed a big beet of the ordinary red variety in an exhibition in this office. It was grown in his garden in town. It weighs 28 pounds and is 27 1/2 inches in circumference. This big beet is an earnest to what will be done here later in way of producing sugar. All this and other valleys here will produce the finest sugar beets in the world. He also showed alfalfa or second growth 7 feet and 6 inches long. All these things make the nothings of eastern farmers water. But the way to get our lands is to come now while they are cheap.

## HARRIMAN HUSTLING

### Our Uncle Jim Hill Has a Galvanic Battery at Work on Harriman's Heels to Wake Him Up

The Portland Journal of the 30th ult says that Colonel William Hollabird, Harriman's first apostle on the Pacific coast and charge d'affaires at Jettan lodge, is in Portland today. He spent most of the morning conferring with J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the Harriman lines in Oregon, and paid brief visits to the various departments of the Southern Pacific and O. R. & N. in the Wells Fargo building.

According to Colonel Hollabird, the Southern Pacific will begin work at once on a new line to run from Milwaukie to the Klamath Falls extension of the Southern Pacific in southern Klamath County, to Alturas, on the Nevada California and Oregon railroad, running through the north east corner of Siskiyou county in northern California and through the greater part of Modoc county.

Surveyors have been sent out along the route of the line and are following the general direction of the preliminary survey to Alturas. This will take them through a rich country and it is proposed, as soon as possible, to complete the line of the Nevada California and Oregon to Lakeview and north through Lake County into central Oregon.

Colonel Hollabird said this morning that there are more men at work in Oregon on the projected lines of the Harriman system than there have been for months. On the Klamath Falls extension alone there are 1000 men at work trying to get the line to the lake by fall.

Mr. Hollabird discovered Pelican Bay for Harriman—that is, he first saw its possibilities as the site for a country estate and induced Harriman to look at it. He also conducted the negotiations for its purchase and had general charge of the improvements that have been made.

## MESSRS. GRESSLER AND HANKINS REPORT NICE TRIP TO CRATER LAKE

Mr. and Mrs. Gressler and Geo. Hankins, and his sister, Mrs. Della Cobb, returned Thursday from their trip to Crater lake.

They report a most enjoyable trip and relate many interesting experiences. One night they had to stay in an Indian home. The ladies demurred at first, but being persuaded to enter found everything as neat as is usual in many white households. The Indian and his wife were graduates from some Indian school and were up-to-date, and it is a regular stopping place for all white people.

They visited the Harriman home at Pelican Bay, and say that the railroad king has one of the most lovely spots there is on earth. Mrs. Cobb has traveled extensively at home and abroad and says she never saw anything anywhere so beautiful in its natural scenery, which of course, has been greatly enhanced by the lavish use of wealth. The Harriman home, or "Lodge," as constructed of logs, but it is so embellished that it is artistic and beautiful, and contains every known modern convenience, including an ice plant, electric-lighting and telephone service. The grounds and the bay with the woods stretching from the water to the mountains beyond are indescribably charming, and cover a section of land now, to which Harriman is making constant additions.

The Upper Klamath Lake and

Crater Lake region has been called "The Switzerland of America," and with the great prestige obtained from Harriman's connection with it, will undoubtedly become a summer resort of the same popularity as is the case with California for a winter resort.

This fact probably accounts now for the manifest aim of Harriman to give that section a direct route to the east via Lakeview and probably striking his main line in the vicinity of Winnemucca, Nevada. The wagon road to Crater lake is one of the worst in America at present, although there is a move now on foot, and advocated and supported by Harriman to construct a fine auto road to the lake from either side of the mountain, which doubtless will be completed during the coming year. In some places the road is very rocky, making passage with an auto well-nigh impossible. In one place it was necessary for the party to get out and pile small rocks against large ones in order to get the machine over the obstruction.

But, the beauty of the lake, and the indescribable grandeur of the scene, was worth all the trouble the journey cost. The party did not stay as long as they intended, as the altitude of the lake, something over 7000 feet, made the air quite chilly, and especially during nights and mornings. But, all unite in saying that if one wishes to see Nature in all its beauty and grandeur, it is necessary to visit Pelican Bay and Crater Lake.

## RAILROAD MEN BUSY IN OREGON

### Harriman and Hill Have Numerous Surveyors in Oregon.

The Oregonian of the 14th ult., on its editorial page has this to say regarding the present railroad situation in Oregon:

The Harriman system has a large force of men at work finishing the Willowa Railroad, another force at work on the Tillamook line, and more engineers in Central Oregon than have ever been there before.

The Oregon Electric is extending its Valley system, and the United Railways have 500 men and 300 teams pushing their road out into Washington County.

Meanwhile the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern are making final arrangements for handling the heavy traffic that will pour into Portland as soon as the new North Bank line is completed, next month.

The railroad developments now actually under way and projected from Portland is of sufficient magnitude to insure a greater growth in this city within the next two years than we have ever witnessed in a similar length of time.

Hard Trip on Either Route  
People coming here over the Reno route complain of the tediousness of the journey but the Klamath route is worse. Even the railroad part of it is no better than our "small gauge" line, according to statements of newcomers over that route.

## OREGON VALLEY LAND

### They Report They are Selling Land Rapidly--To Begin Improvements

The Portland Journal of the 1st inst. says Robert J. Martin, president of the Oregon Valley Land company, which is opening the old military road land grant in southern Oregon east of the Cascades, is in Portland today, en route from Kansas City to Lakeview. On his arrival at the Lake county metropolis he will inaugurate extensive operations, including the plating of the grant into small and large farms, and the installation by irrigation projects to irrigate about 90,000 acres of land.

The sale of the southern Oregon lands of our company is progressing rapidly in the east," he said. "The states of the middle west seem to know and like Oregon. Since the San Luis valley land opening by our company last month in Colorado, the Oregon sale has taken on quite a boom. Of course our company is sending out each month a vast amount of printed matter advertising Oregon throughout the 22 states in which the sale is on. But other good advertising which Oregon has had in the last few years is helping to sell Oregon lands."

"We expect to be able to bring a good many thousands of people to southern Oregon next year, when the time comes for the partitioning and distribution of the grant lands among the buyers. Lakeview, which is already the best town in the United States off a railroad, will be pretty sure to have a boom. In our San Luis valley land opening we had to start a new town, but in the Oregon opening we have a good town to start with. The new town of Blanca, which was started on the San Luis tract last month already has a population of 300 permanent residents, and lots have advanced to about three times the price they were going immediately after the opening. I noticed one owner was holding a 25 foot business

lot at \$750, expecting it to be a site for a bank. The lot cost him nothing at the opening."

Mr. Martin is one of the country's leading land men, and this is not his first visit to Portland. He believes this city has a great future, and is to become one of the world's big marts.

Being an experienced expert in calculating the probabilities of railroad and trade development, his opinion is looked upon as worth while.

With H. A. Hunter, president of the Oregon Military Road Grant company, he was a guest of President Hodson and Tom Richardson today at the Commercial club's luncheon, where Lake county's prospects for rapid development were discussed.

J. B. Auten, one of our hardware dealers has been missing a lot of chickens the last few nights, and being a member of the gun club, rushed out several nights with his six shot Marlin—with not much else—to find no intruder, but the chicken was gone. Monday night he again heard a disturbance in the hen house, and caught the rascal, a big skunk with a chicken in his mouth. J. B. grabbed that chicken, and Mr. Skunk hung on for dear life. But finally Auten got the chicken. The skunk showed fight, and growled and barked under a board. Auten sent after him, and found 12 dead chickens there, four of which were nearly eaten. The skunk would grab the chickens and push them farther under the boards. But finally J. B. got a chance to shoot him without getting too much of his bad breath, and settled Mr. Skunk for all time, and that, too, without snatching in the least his profanity shop.

Mr. Auten says he has had experience with skunks before but never saw one so full of fight. He wanted those chickens and seemed determined to keep them.

## THE GOVERNMENT OPENS LANDS ON THE UPPER KLAMATH LAKE

The Klamath Herald says the Lakeview Land Office has sent out notice that the plat for the survey of T. 35 S., R. 7 E., W. M., as surveyed by Robert A. Emmitt, was accepted by the Hon. Commissioner of the General Land Office, August 25, 1908, and that the said plat will be filed in the Lakeview office on November 2, 1908, and that all the lands not otherwise appropriated or reserved will be subject to entry, filing, selection or location on and after that date.

This township covers the northern

portion of the Upper Klamath Lake and most of Agency lake and is swamp and overflowed land. That portion at the mouth of Williamson River and east of the lake is within the Indian Reservation. The northern portion of the township belongs to Abner W. Weed, and nearly all of the remainder is in private ownership. This township was included in the land withdrawn for irrigation purposes so all the Land Office notice real means is that the survey has been accepted by the Department.

## Going for the Narrow-Gauge

The Alturas Plandealer of the 2nd inst. says Norbert Mattes, up to the present time, has purchased nearly 4,000 head of beef cattle. The price paid was 6 cents, delivered at the Corporation ranch. All of these cattle have or will be driven to Red Bluff for shipment. Had the N. C. O. Ry. company given living rates to Mr. Mattes these cattle would all have been shipped, but thinking they had a cinch demanded a ruinous rate of \$10.00, which is certainly, as we

The Ft. Bidwell Gold Nugget, 24th ult. says: As was stated in the Nugget, last week, Robert Mattes is in this section and has brought most of the beef in the Bidwell vicinity.

The majority of cattle are good this year as most of our stockmen did not depend upon outside range, but kept their stock on pasture. We understand about the lowest price paid was \$21 for cows and \$25 for steers. These sales place our stockmen in a position to come with most any producer allowed

view it suicidal to allow the sale of the company's cattle, horses and sheep can walk to market and when living, fair, and recent rates are not given, will certainly do so. This item alone represents a loss to the N. C. O. Ry. of at least \$10,000, and it is only one of many losses, in a smaller way, now being suffered.

## MCMINVILLE MAN SAYS PORKERS PAY

A dispatch from McMinnville says: James Reid, living a short distance east of town sold a bunch of 57 hogs lately, fattened at a cash outlay of \$42, receiving for them the sum of \$618.87, or a profit of \$574.87.

Besides giving the porkers 1 1/2 tons of millfeed at \$28 a ton, Mr. Reid also allowed them to have the run of a 100-acre field of clover early in the season. He then let them have a three-acre clover field, then an eight-acre field of wheat, and later a four-acre patch of peas. The 100-acre field of clover was mowed for seed, the pasturing being a benefit rather than a detriment.

## COMING 10,000 STRONG IN 1909

The Examiner this week received a letter from a big commission house in Kansas City, Mo., requesting one box each of Spitz-nburg, Yellow Newton and Winter Banana apples be expressed them, and added: "We are coming to Golden Goose Lake valley 10,000 strong during the year 1909. So get ready for us. We are coming to stay." There is room for all of them and more too!

The Examiner thinks it was Marshall Field, the great Chicago merchant who said: "There is no better indication of the prosperity and general-attiveness of a town than a handsomely printed newspaper filled with advertising with well written advertisements, set up in tastily displayed type. It shows a strong commercial spirit, and to men from such towns we always extend a hearty welcome, and give the greatest encouragement." There is a moral here for some if they will take the trouble to look for it.

## Life of a Herder Has its Charms

Paisley, Ore., Sept 22, 1908. Lake County Examiner Pub. Co., Lakeview, Ore. My dear Sir: I will enclose a clipping from The Weekly Oregonian, entitled, "The Lonely Sheepherder." I think Mr. Harriman is quite right in his sentiments in envying "Mr. Sheepherder" his seclusion. Some people live under the impression that most "herders" are living like some "Outcasts" as a lot of them are isolated out in the remote "Wilds" of the mountains. But for one to think that it is a life worth living it odd will make it a compensate worth living life, and one can have a great many different ways to pass the lone hours away if they wish to. I for one have had good newspaper (including the Lake County Examiner) and some of the good magazines and spend some of my idle time reading them, and there are other pastimes that one can enjoy such as hunting and fishing, or in summer one can go visiting to his other "neighbor sheep herder." I have been herding for the past six summers, and the last two I have been alone all summer and have herded and moved my own camp most all the time, for a small band of about 1200 head of sheep. Besides I live up in a high altitude where one can breathe the pure air and have ice cold mountain spring water to drink, and rest in the cool shade of the pines when "Old Sol" is shedding down his most "fiery rays." It is living in "Nature's Sanitarium," so what more could one ask, if they were only to take one thought about the poor man kind that have to labor in the terrific heat of the harvest fields or to bend over a desk all day in the stifling heat of some large city to make a livelihood.

ered all most "worthless", but I have pastured it two years and this being an extraordinary dry season, but my sheep have done the best I ever had them do, and now are as fat as they can be, and as I have used good judgment in grazing off my range, it is in better condition than it was two years ago, and will improve I think (and hope). The government ought to devise a plan to exterminate the "Malignant Co.ote", as they are most destructive to the sheep even to young calves.

Bert Hoffman in The Oregonian  
At the head of a deep, wooded canyon, a branch of Upper McKay Creek, came upon a shepherd's feet yesterday, and at sight of the camp fire in the woods I moralized upon the fate of the sheepherder, and my heart went out in sympathy for him in his lonely loneliness. But upon visiting the camp that evening I "took back" what I had said in sympathy for him and almost envied the entertaining versatility of his seclusion.

In one corner of the tent with a good phonograph and nearer it several choice records. For my delight he rendered two or three selections by Patti, Caruso, Schumann Heink and other singers, a speech by Bryan, a vaudeville selection and an act from Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar."

Under the head of his bed were half a dozen of the best magazines (some of which I had not found time to read), and at the foot of the bed lay well thumbed copies of the latest novels.

In conclusion I will say that I think the "Forest Reserve" is O. K. as I made application and got an allotment the other stockmen consid-