

HARNEY RANCH IS TO BE CUT UP INTO SMALL FARMS

Will Make Room For Thousands Where a Handful Now Exist

The stock interests of Southeastern Oregon are beginning to recognize the inevitable, pressing in the history of the rise and decline of the business in every section of the development of the Great West, and are either closing out their holdings of land and cattle, or are preparing to do so.

The Herford Land & Cattle Co., which recently sold out to the Oregon Valley Land Co., was the first of the great ranches to be cut up into small holdings.

Negotiations are now progressing for the purchase of the big Modoc Land & Cattle Co. holdings just over the line in California.

An article in the Harney Times of the 26th, shows that the march of progress in that county's soon will culminate in the sub-division of the large ranches into small holdings, which in short time will make a population equal in number to the numbers of stock thereon today, without any diminution of the number of the latter, only that they will be in small bands on small farms, and not in the hands of one or two stock barons. The change will be for the general good of humanity. The article from the Times says:

The Times-Herald has it from authentic source that the big land holdings of the American Land & Live Stock Co., comprising 11,440 acres in the southern part of this county, will be put on the market just as soon as arrangements can be completed.

This is a move in the direction of cutting up large holdings that has been so much desired by the people of Harney county. This big body of land is ideal from the standpoint of diversified farming as the climate is good and the soil very productive. That portion of the country has always been considered the best for farming and fruit raising and at least 90 per cent of the entire holdings can be irrigated. There is an abundance of water for this purpose and the water rights are all controlled by the company.

The Times-Herald understands that the tracts will be made to suit purchasers from a few acres up to as large as desired. Just what the terms will be is unknown.

This information will be received with much satisfaction by the people of this section. The cutting up of large tracts and disposition to actual settlers who will till the soil and make it produce is what Harney county needs. We want people and such promotion will bring them.

When Chicago capital was put into this large tract of land it was the intention to make it a big stock ranch, but after holding it for several years and failing to get adequate returns from this line the promoters have decided to dispose of it. It would indicate that the day of the big stock ranch in this country is a thing of the past and that such business is not profitable. The coming of railroads will put an end to the stock business as it is now conducted for the opening of this vast territory to outside markets makes the lands too valuable for grazing and the raising of wild hay.

The Times-Herald is pleased to make this announcement and may have further information in the near future.

Lure of Gold Leads Men to the Desert

The annual recurring tales of terrible suffering, or death, comes now from the awful burning Nevada deserts. But the gold is there, and the lure for it beckons men, and women, too, to brave the blistering sands in the hope of making "a big strike!" Some do "strike it rich," while others perish in the fruitless search. This intense thirst for gold, once it becomes seated, unfits a man for other lines. There is no contentment for him except in its quest. And continued search with a strong hand, stout heart and clear mind, sooner or later is usually rewarded by Dame Fortune. The history of Nevada, in numerous instances shows this to be a fact.

Indians Had Good Time

The town was full of Indians of both sexes, young and old, during the Fourth. They entered into the spirit of the day, and all wore patriotic decorations. On the night of the Fourth, a number gathered in front of Hotel Lakeview and engaged in a war dance in native costumes, and other dances, with a boxing match between two young Indians. Some of them came from Ft. Bidwell, some from Klamath and some from the Pit river. None were drunk.

Bennett is a Booster For Lake

Addison Bennett is opening the eyes of Portland people as to what is going on in Eastern Oregon. The following excerpt from the Journal is from his pen:

What has been known for years as the desert in northern Lake county, is now the home of hundreds of families. And they are not of the nomadic order, either. They are real home builders. Nice cottages dot the land, farms are fenced and crops have been put in, all presenting a picture of progress and improvement that cannot but impress the old timer and the former rider of the plains. Christmas Lake valley and the Fort Rock country are settled up completely. There will be a large further influx of settlers next fall.

FIGURING ON BIG CALIFORNIA RANCH

Several Purchasers Are After Corporation's Holdings

Papers in Modoc county, just over the line, assert that the presence in Alturas of G. H. Bailey, as well as certain gentlemen who are said to be representatives of the prospective purchasers of the Corporation ranch indicates that something is about to be done towards making a disposition of the extensive property owned by the Modoc Land & Live Stock Co.

Some time ago it was rumored that Miller & Lux had made a bid for the property. It is now stated that the transaction will go through.

It also well known that the Oregon Valley Land Company has its eye on the property, and is very anxious to obtain control of it, if any reasonable terms can be made.

The people of the community would much rather see the property fall into the hands of the Oregon Valley Land Company, than to see it go to Miller & Lux who would unquestionably hold the vast tract of land intact as they do all of their various ranches in different parts of the country, whereas the Oregon Valley Land Co., if they should become the purchaser, would divide it up into a hundred or more homesteads.

OREGONIAN SEES NEW EXTENSION

Says Harriman Is To Build Line Through Oregon

The talk manager Dunaway, of the N. C. O., and the work in which he is now engaged, in constructing the line from Alturas to Lakeview is having its effect on Harriman.

The Oregonian, which is deaf, dumb and blind to the news of the railroad construction work now going on between here and Alturas, came out in its issue of June 26th, a front page, first column article, with accompanying maps, and a lot of hot air about bids for contracts on the Norton-Klamath extension into Central Oregon, which is to be made by Harriman—some time!

The Oregonian sums up its announcement of Harriman's sudden coming to life as follows:

"Not only is the road regarded by Harriman as the most practical for routing his Portland-San Francisco traffic, but it also enables him to reach an immensely productive area on the edge of Central Oregon, which is without transportation facilities. In addition to serving these purposes, the Oregon Eastern also will furnish the Union Pacific magnate an ideal starting point for constructing an extension through the central part of the state."

"It is known that Harriman eventually intends to build from his Western Oregon property to Vale and Ontario. At least two routes for such a road have been surveyed. One extends from a point on the projected Oregon Eastern north of Klamath Falls, via Lakeview, to the eastern border of the state at either of the points suggested. The other proposed route contemplates an extension also from the Oregon Eastern from Odell, southeast of Natron, through the central part of the state to the same objective point selected for the more southerly extension."

Klamath Auto Line

P. M. Corey, of the Klamath Stage line has purchased a big Studebaker car to make the run between here and Bly, where it will connect with a Mitchell car running out of Klamath Falls. These two cars will add greatly to the convenience of travel between here and Klamath Falls. Other cars will be added as the trade increases.

Landlord Dutton, of Davis Creek was in town this week.

RAILROAD MEN ARE OUT GATHERING INFORMATION

Traveling Incognito But do Not Overlook any facts or Figures About Country

Something will be doing in the railroad world so far as concerns Eastern Oregon, in a very short time.

This week two men whose names were not given The Examiner, arrived in town from Ontario, Oregon, the alleged starting point.

It is positively known that they made a hurried examination of the resources of the country as they traveled; enquiring the acreage of the big ranches, what population they would sustain if sub-divided, capability of irrigation; timber resources; possibilities of oil, gas coal; and in fact wanted information on every point in any way valuable or of interest to railroad builders through a new and unoccupied territory. They left here headed for the Butte Valley in Northern California, a section already occupied by Harriman in his Klamath Natron line.

The query is: In whose interest are these men working?

Surely not for Harriman, for the reason that he has had all such information in his hands for the last three years, and knows to within 5000 acres of what the capability and resources of every acre in the county traversed!

Who was it then?

Not Gould, for they came from the Northeast, and he has so lines that might be tempted to reach San Francisco from that direction.

Was it Hill?

Was it Earling, of the Milwaukee? The fact of their coming from the northeast, and traveling so as to take in the head of the great and rich Sacramento valley in California means that they represent one or the other of these men.

Both Hill and Earling are railroad

SURPRISE VALLEY "DRY FARMING"

Success in That Line Is Demonstrated this Season

The Ft. Bidwell Gold Nugget, of the 1st inst., published over the line in the next valley east of here, which is an extension of the famous Warner valley, has this squelcher on the fellow who says "Nawthin' wout' grow here." Rome Moffin, who owns a dry farm on the east side, presented this office with a bundle of wheat and a sample of corn grown on his farm on the east side without water.

He has ten acres of wheat and the same of barley all of which is as good as any grown with irrigation. The samples can be seen by calling at this office.

He also has several acres of potatoes now in bloom.

A more thorough demonstration of the producing qualities of the land could not be made.

There are several homesteads already taken and several hundred acres not yet open for settlement.

POINTERS FOR ALL OREGONIAN

It is A Proper Thing to Spend Your Money At Home

Every business man as well as every farmer and stock raiser is directly interested in the prosperity of Oregon. None flourish unless money is in good supply. The money paid to eastern life insurance companies is a heavy drain on Oregon's finances, and in order to stop this drain Oregon Life Insurance Company was organized. It is a fine company backed by some of Oregon's most substantial business men. It is certainly much better for Oregonians to insure in Oregon Life than to send their money to companies managed by men they know nothing about. Before you sign an application for life insurance in any other company write to Oregon Life, Portland, Oregon, giving your age and occupation and they will tell you what they can do for you.

Man Gets Shot

Chris. Langelet, of the Cottonwood dam, while practicing with a .41-caliber Colt pistol in some way was accidentally discharged the ball entering his right calf, tearing the flesh to the heel. Dr. Smith succeeded in extracting the bullet and the patient is now doing well.

builders, and not absorbers of the type of Harriman!

It is very likely, in view of the facts here set down, that the "Wizard of Wall Street" will have to get very busy in Eastern Oregon, in a very short time.

It is the fervent wish of every man in Eastern Oregon that the battle of the giants, Harriman, Hill, Earling and Gould, with Dunaway thrown in for good measure, will soon begin for supremacy in this section so rich in latent resources and so utterly devoid of railroads!

But, as the late President Nelson, of the Oregon Trunk observed, there is a field in Eastern Oregon for 4 or 5 double track railroads, and if all come, and come a-runnin' there will be business and lots of it for all!

BEE CULTURE A SUCCESS HERE

This Section Especially Adapted to Honey Production

The Examiner man has a sweet tooth, that is especially fond of honey. No bruin has greater taste or fancy for the toothsome sweet than that possessed by "We." And our experience has here demonstrated that this is a particularly excellent place for bees and their products. The quality of the honey produced here is second to none. In time we feel that with settlement and development than this country will become noted for its great bee industry. It has not been our fortune to meet a bee culturist so that we might be able to give our readers facts based on experience, but the following taken from the Klamath Herald of the 30th ult, from an adjoining county, will supply the deficiency and will give those outside who may desire such information some idea as to whether or not this section would be suitable place for establishing bee farms, it says:

H. R. Dunbar has a bunch of bees that are hummers. Last year he conceived the idea that it would be a good thing to have honey hot out of the hive, and proceeded to purchase a couple of hives of bees. So successful was he that he immediately began to buy more. He now has nineteen.

The middle of last May his bees began swarming, and kept up the work until ten had made their appearance. No sooner were they hived than they got busy, and the way they have piled up honey surpasses anything that has ever been seen in this part of the country. Yesterday he saw that something was wrong with one swarm, and on investigation discovered that every nook and cranny had been filled with honey. This was a record for a little over a month that will be hard to beat. Further investigation revealed the fact that there were two other swarms that run the other a good second. Supers were put in place at once, and Mr. Bee is busy getting his product ready for market. It is Mr. Dunbar's opinion that he will beat the record of last year, which was considered one of the best in the county.

Another phenomenon in connection with the swarming was the fact that one swarm had five queens, and one hive produced two swarms within two days. The profit in honey is sufficiently attractive to warrant the time, attention and investment to make it a success. It is Mr. Dunbar's intention to build up gradually in order that he may become fully acquainted with the habits and characteristics of the bee and thus be enabled to give them the proper care and attention.

Contractor Mason Gets Part of Work

Klamath Herald, 30 ult: Word has been received from Lakeview that W. H. Mason, who went to that metropolis a few days ago, has secured a good sized slice of the contract that has just been let for the construction of the big irrigation works near that city. This work is being done by the Oregon Valley Land Co. in connection with their land scheme, and it is claimed that upwards of 75,000 acres of land will be brought under irrigation. How much of the contract Mr. Mason secured has not been learned, for he went at once to Alturas to make arrangements to begin work immediately. He is expected home in a few days.

Broke an Arm

James Bernard, son of T. E. Bernard, had his arm broken Sunday while attempting to crank an automobile.

Portland is Singing for Harmony

The Portland Journal poet sings merrily: Stand up, stand up, for Oregon; for Portland and the rest. For every county, every town, in some ways is the best. A man who will run down such a state, or any place within it, should be advised to skip, and wait not a single, needless minute. For old or young, for rich or poor, for every honest mind, there are room and chances, and success as sure, as one anywhere can find.

MARGARET ILES AND COMPANY

Close a Successful Engagement and Will Return Later

The Margaret Iles Dramatic and Comedy Co. closed their engagement in Lakeview last night in the stirring drama of "western life" in Oklahoma.

Crowded houses have greeted them every night and they take with them the best wishes of all.

The company includes Miss Margaret Iles, Mrs. Helen Harvey and her daughter Ionella Robbins, and son Edison Elliott, both young but possessing rare ability, Miss Merwin Hammond, the charming soubrette and singer, E. H. Mead, Eddie Mitchell, Joe Thompson and Jack Haley, and little Josephine Thom, all first-class people.

The Co. will go from here to New Pine Creek, then Alturas, Susanville, Cedarville, Fort Bidwell, and other points, reaching Paisley about August 25th, and will be here about Sept. 1st to fill an engagement in the Sander Opera House during the opening of the lands of the Oregon Valley Land Co.

The company played the latest successes including "45 Minutes from Broadway," "The Squaw Man," "The Bachelor Girl," in all of which there was brilliant acting by the petite and versatile Miss Iles and Messrs. Mead, Mitchell, Thompson, and in fact the whole company.

They will be accorded a hearty welcome when they return to Lakeview.

SCORES AT THE TENNIS GAMES

Final Doubles Are to be Played Sunday Morning

With King Sol beating down unmercifully the Honkers Tennis Club opened its first annual tournament last Sunday at 9 A. M. The three courts were very fast and some good exhibitions were given by the contestants. The preliminaries were played by noon, and the club believing in encouraging all forms of athletic closed the tournament for the ball game between Lakeview and Alturas.

The preliminary line-up in the doubles were as follows, with the winning teams and scores of winning sets:

Dreukel and Duhme vs. Mueshen and Rogers, won by Dreukel and Duhme 8-6 and 7-5.

C. K. Seager and M. B. Rice vs. Hager and Myers, won by Seager and Rice 7-5 and 6-4.

Thompson and G. W. Rice vs. Bernard and Jennings, won by Thompson and Rice 6-1 and 6-3.

Clark and Easton vs. L. E. Seager and Mueshen, won by Clark and Easton 6-4 and 6-2.

The semi-finals between Seager and Rice and Dreukel and Duhme were played Monday afternoon and won by Seager and Rice 6-4 and 6-1.

W. Lair Thompson and G. W. Rice will play their semi-finals with Clark and Easton this week, leaving finals in doubles to be played Sunday morning at 9 A. M. This promises to be a very interesting match as this game decides the 1909 championship.

It is hoped that the tournament on singles will result in the finals being played Sunday afternoon.

Comfortable seats are provided and visitors are welcome.

Right of Way of the G. L. S. Ry. Is Filed

Susaville Advocate, 2: The right of way of the projected Goose Lake and Southern Railroad covering the line of survey made last year has been approved for that part of the route extending from the Modoc county line to the northern point of Eagle Lake. Information to this effect has been received at the Susaville land office. The engineers who made this survey are now engaged in work on the western slope of Deer Creek Pass, and so far as we know no further applications for rights of way have been applied for.

ARE WE TO REVIVE COUNTY FAIR THIS FALL

Would Be an Important Factor in Encouraging the New Settlers

A move is on foot to reorganize the County Fair Association, and to place it on an entirely new basis to meet our changing conditions.

Heretofore, owing to the predominant local interest having been centered in stock, naturally the bulk of prize money went to herd owners, or to the races, and too little or none at all to the fruit-growers, gardeners and farmers. The result was that the latter lost interest in the Fair, and thereafter made no effort at display in their line. The fair was not a success latterly for this reason.

Affairs here are now in transitory condition. The stock interests, on the large scale heretofore predominant will undergo a change. Not that there will be no more stock grown. On the contrary, more and better stock will be produced but the holdings will be in the hands of many, and not with the few. In view of this fact, stock displays should be encouraged but a more equal distribution of prizes should be made, so that the orchardist, gardener and farmer can make it worth while to display the very best in their line.

This section is now the center of attraction for many all over the union, the advance guard of the many thousands to flock here are already on the ground, and more are arriving every day.

These people are not coming to engage in stock-growing as the limit of the range has been reached. The stock of the future will be stall-fed, and grown on alfalfa pasturage. What these new comers want to see is that which can be produced from the soil of Lake county, with or without irrigation.

In view of these changed conditions, which in the natural order of things must become permanent, it is most certainly the proper thing to encourage the agricultural interests and those who may become interested therein, by presenting to their view by means of this fair, a magnificent display of the products of farm, orchard, and garden.

In order to make the display a full one, and one worthy of the acknowledged capability of Lake county in this line, liberal prizes should be provided, so that full competition from every part of the county will be brought about.

The land opening of the Oregon Valley Land Co. will begin September 9th, and owing to the probability of there being some hundreds if not thousands of home-seekers present, it will be a good plan to have the fair at the same time. It might be a little early for a fair, but enough could be done to give a grand display of our agricultural resources.

Let's all get together in earnest and boost for our next fair and make it the success that our multitude of fine agricultural products fully warrant!

N. C. O. REDUCE RATE ON CATTLE

Special Regulations To Induce Increased Shipments

The Alturas Plaindealer of the 2nd inst. says: W. J. Dorris is in receipt of the following letter from Mr. Crowley traffic manager, N. C. O. R. The letter is dated June 16 and says:

"Please be advised that effective July 23rd the rate from Paola on cattle in lots of five cars or less, to Reno, will be reduced to \$50 per standard car. On and after that date one man with two cars of stock will be transported free with the stock, and be reported to point of shipment free. We have also made reduction in the rates from Paola to points in California, giving one man with two cars, the privilege of riding free with the stock, and being returned free. To illustrate: The rate from Paola to Chat on cattle will be \$40 per standard car." Paola is located on the Dorris ranch two miles from Alturas.

S. P. Vernon was in town Friday from his ranch south of town. He reports grain beginning to change color, and that there will be a splendid crop of all kinds. A fine crop of hay and alfalfa is being cut. The fruit crop also is in a most promising condition. Mr. Vernon has traveled in all parts of the Union, and he says that any one who is or could be dissatisfied with conditions here this year, would be mighty hard to please.