

## OREGON THE WONDERFUL, NOW THE MECCA OF THOUSANDS

### A Land That is Rich in Resources and Possessing Great Opportunities

The slogan "Oregon is the place for you," is bearing great fruit. It has attracted attention, interest being once aroused the people began to come. After seeing that fact and reflection was back of all the glowing accounts of our resources and productions, rapid settlement was the natural result, in every part of the great State.

Owing to the operations of the Oregon Valley Land Company, this portion of Oregon is today receiving the biggest single immigration of any portion of the State. The past week has brought hundreds, and more are arriving each day. Our resources are great and varied. With courage and stick-to-it-iveness there is almost no limit to one's ambition in Lake county. Our farms, meadows, orchards, mines and timber, are the user of any portion of the Pacific Coast. Consequently those who have come interested in any house here with a determination to succeed, will reap a rich harvest.

In the exploitation of our boundless resources the press of the land has been a great help, and as an instance of that we make room for the following from recent issue of the Chicago Tribune. It is always pleasant to read another fellow's opinion—when that opinion is favorable, and its glowing account of Oregon's resources, will apply to every particular equally well to Lake county and of the Golden Goose Lake Valley, which is the best in Oregon, as yet not partially developed, and where there are the greatest opportunities, and the easiest to get. See all Oregon if you will, but come to Lake county last, you will remain. The Tribune says:

Oregon has a population of half a million and over. She has a welcome for thousands more and a royal welcome, too. Nature has heaped her gifts of climate, scenery and soil, of forest, mine and farm, on this daughter of the west, and, in gratitude, Oregon is stretching out a beckoning hand to the struggling masses of the East. There is in Oregon an abundance of rich soil, an almost bewildering variety of choice before the prospective settler. For this State is "resourceful" in more senses than one. He who would make his home in Oregon, should ponder well the question: "which section?" Land may be purchased for a few dollars and there is land valued at thousands of dollars per acre. There are opportunities for many.

**ON THE PACIFIC SLOPE**  
About one-fourth of Oregon's area of 39,550 square miles, lies west of the Cascade mountains, and embraces some choice garden spots, the Willamette valley, including nine of the most productive counties in the State—the Umpqua valley, known far and wide for its high quality fruits—the Rogue river valley, home of blue apples, pears and grapes—the Hood river valley with its perfect straw berries and excellent apples. West of Oregon though possessing considerable rainfall, is applying irrigation to produce higher results in fruit growing.

**IRRIGATED LANDS.**  
Many irrigation projects are under way in Oregon, the acreage of land under irrigation so far amounting to about 500,000. About one-twentieth of the total cultivated area. In the valley of the Deschutes river, in the central part of the state—in Umatilla county—in Klamath county, Lake county and elsewhere, thousands of acres will be added to the most productive of the farm lands of the West. But even then the irrigated land in the state will bear only a small proportion to the total cultivable area, and though fruit raising is "in the lime-light" to the almost complete obscuration of other products, yet Oregon's grain and grazing lands should not be overlooked by the farmer.

**WHEAT LANDS.**  
Wheat is the great grain crop of Oregon, and for quality ranks at the top. Prices rule high largely on the account of the foreign demand—Oregon being the principal source of supply. The minimum wheat farms—1,000 to 2,000 acres, are tilled and harvested by steam power, and one of the most wonderful sights of the farm world of Oregon and other western states can offer is that of a big side hill reaper with 25 or 30 horses cutting and threshing grain with one operation. There are immense areas suitable for wheat in the counties of Lake, Harney and Malheur, but it is too soon to figure what the proportions and profits of the industry may be.

**WHAT ABOUT THE WALNUT?**  
The walnut industry of Oregon has excited considerable attention. In fact there is in the Willamette valley quite a walnut planting boom, concluded on page four

## LOCAL HOSPITAL IS NOW ASSURED

### Work on Superstructure To Begin in Ten Days

In an interview with Mrs. M. Film regarding the proposed hospital to be installed in Lakeview, she said that the company is under way and the building will be started within the next ten days. The subscription list for stock has been going the rounds and thereon appears all of the doctors and many of the prominent business men's names for considerable amounts of stock, for the business men of this town realize that this institution has long been needed in this community and so far as an investment they expect good dividends on the investment. The company is incorporated for the sum of \$25,000, with two hundred and fifty shares of the par value of one hundred dollars each, and very near one-half of this amount has been subscribed for by the business men of the town of Lakeview, but as soon as the promoters go to the outlying ranches they expect to place all of the stock.

The hospital will be built of brick and will have all of the modern conveniences such as an operating room, X-ray machines, in fact every thing with which to take care of the sick and injured in the right manner.

## OREGON'S WOOL CLIP, 20,000,000

### Fine Quality, Prices High and Crop Worth \$4,000,000

Figures just made public place the Willamette Valley wool clip for the season of 1909 at \$1,500,000. The Willamette Valley clip was about the same size and practically the same quality as last year. Like the sheepmen east of the mountains, the growers of the valley profited by the improvement in the world's market and secured better prices than they had for several years. The top price paid for valley wool was 25 cents. Buyers continue to complain, however, of the poor way in which many of the farmers put up their wool.

**\$1,000,000 FOR STATE.**  
The wool clip of Oregon this year metted the farmers of the State about \$4,000,000. Easy here also received very good prices for their mutton, sheep and lambs, and altogether in as prosperous a condition as the farmers in other parts of the state who have devoted their energies to raising grain.

It has been an ideal year for the Oregon sheepmen with the weather right at every season to produce the best results. As a consequence, the output was larger than it has been in recent years and the quality better. At the same time there was a sharp demand from buyers and prices were higher.

**COMPARISON BY YEARS.**  
The total wool clips for Oregon and their value in the past four years were as follows:

Year	Pounds	Value
1909	20,450,000	\$1,500,000
1908	18,500,000	2,500,000
1907	20,000,000	3,800,000
1906	18,000,000	3,200,000

The quality of wool was excellent. It was in better shape than last year, though of heavier shrinkage, owing to the dry spring. The average weight of the fleece was placed at 2 1/2 pounds, the heaviest average ever known in the state. The wool sheared fully one pound to the fleece more than it did last year.

The highest price paid during the season in Eastern Oregon was 23 cents which was realized on a part of the best grades sold between 20 and 22 cents. Some scouring wools went at 13 cents, and other coarse grades moved at prices up to 17 cents. For the clip as a whole the average price was about 19 1/2 cents.

## NORTH POLE DISCOVERED

A great event which has caused widespread interest is the report this week of the discovery of the North Pole by Dr. Fredrick A. Cook, an American. He succeeded in placing "Old Glory" on the North Pole, after vain previous attempts by many to reach that goal. The first news came from Paris the 2nd inst, which is now confirmed by dispatches and replies from President Taft. The explorer and his feat has electrified the whole world. Lack of space forbids further mention.

Since the above was reported a cable from Pennsylvania that he also has reached the North Pole.

The Oregonian is really getting alive. It is patterning after the Examiner. For example in its issue of the 2nd inst it has a very good cartoon, "To home seekers." Simple addition. A few acres in Oregon. Plus industry. Equals a competence. That's good, old chap! Do it some more!

## STORY OF THE GREAT LAND OPENING OF LAKE COUNTY Hundreds of Pleased People on the Ground From All Parts of the United States

With the city already well filled with strangers from all parts of the country the opening of the Oregon Valley Land company's immense tract of land promises to be the greatest success that has been anticipated not only by members of the company but by the many thousands of contract holders.

Already several hundred captains and individual contract holders are in the city, ready to take part in the opening which begins Thursday in the large tent at the lower end of the city. The opening with the auction feature not only will, it is claimed, turn out to be the most fair method of disposing of the land but likewise has novel features that will appeal to all visitors. The Oregon Valley Land company, which a year or more ago opened a tract of land in the San Luis valley in Colorado, is the only concern in the country that has used the auction system.

So successful was the method of disposing of land in Colorado that those holding contracts for land in this section do not have the slightest fear that they will get complete satisfaction and will go away knowing that they have at least gotten their money's worth. In hundreds of cases contract holders will secure land that is worth many times the price they paid for it. Absolutely no favoritism will be shown any one.

Up to the time of going to press the company officials have had but little trouble in handling the crowds that have thronged into Lakeview. From the time the land seekers reached Reno, Nevada, until they were brought safely into this city in automobiles and carriages everyone has generally been well satisfied.

Upon their arrival in Reno over the Southern Pacific railroad, contract holders were taken in charge by company officials. At Reno round trip tickets were furnished over the N. C. O. road to Alturas Cal. Arriving there the tourists were taken to various hotels.

Early each morning automobiles were boarded and the trip to the south end of Goose Lake made over the new automobile road constructed by the company. The new boat, the "Lake View" was then pressed into commission and the trip to the upper end of the lake made. From there autos and carriages brought the visitors into Lakeview.

M. B. Ryan, secretary of the Lakeview Board of Trade and W. H. Stark, president of the First National Bank, likewise president of the Board of Trade, have worked faithfully for several days finding rooms and board for the many visitors. So far there hasn't been the slightest trace of trouble in securing accommodations, so well have the Lakeview people prepared for the rush. Private homes by the score have been thrown open for roomers and in many homes the housewives have agreed to take boarders at very reasonable rates.

In addition to the private homes many tents and buildings have been fitted up and hundreds have found accommodations. There in almost every corner of the city may be found lunch stands where good food well prepared is offered at reasonable rates.

So far not one word of complaint has been heard regarding the arrangements made by the local boosters. As far as the company officials themselves are concerned nothing has been left undone to make the trip and stay in Lakeview pleasant for every body.

K. J. Martin, of Kansas City, president of the Oregon Valley Land Company has been on the ground for two weeks superintending all operations. He has worked day and night in an effort to satisfy everyone. Most of the time however he has centered his efforts in the transportation of visitors from the upper end of the lake to this city. H. A. Shimp of Kansas City has labored at Alturas superintending the automobile service from there to Goose Lake. A. D. Hart of Kansas City has assisted Mr Shimp. Mr Hart is president of the New Florida Lands company, which is to use the same methods as the Oregon Valley Land Co.

K. W. Martin, prominent in the company, and other officials have labored mostly in Lakeview, taking care of detail work.

The first large crowd came in Sunday when the boat made its maiden trip across the lake. Prior to that time many had come around the lake in automobiles. On Sunday however 68 people made the delightful trip across the lake. The boat worked well and there was nothing to mar the journey. The Lakeview band was at the landing to give a rousing welcome, while hundreds of Lakeview residents took the opportunity to drive down and witness the first large landing.

On Monday 98 more came across the lake without trouble and were brought to Lakeview. On Tuesday, however, something went wrong with the boat and 150 tourists were inconvenienced to a slight extent by being forced to stay at the lower end of the lake and at Pine Creek overnight. The company officials, however did every thing in their power to aid the visitors to make the best out of an unpleasant situation. Even

though there were inconveniences there was not one word of complaint to be heard upon the streets. Today another large crowd came in and indications are that hundreds more will follow in a few days or so. There are now 300 people at Alturas waiting to come and many more are expected.

The visitors are almost without exception of the best class of citizenship. No rowdiness has marred the event to date and none is expected, as the men who are here seem to have come with the intention of making the opening one of harmony and good fellowship. All indications point to a spirited though friendly fight for the office of trustee. There are many candidates in the field. Each state, that is, each state that has a large representation has a candidate. Nebraska for instance met at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the camp grounds in the lower end of city to outline a campaign. W. T. Withers is one of the leading candidates for Nebraska support. St. Joseph, Mo., captains, 23 strong, met and decided to support City Treasurer Wyatt of St. Joseph for one of the trustees and E. W. Cantrell, of Holt, Kansas is one of the candidates as is Chas. A. Miller, of Harper, Kansas. The Kansas delegation will probably caucus and decide between the two. Judge E. C. Wood of Chicago is first choice of the Chicago delegation, while Mills B. Randall is also being considered by the Wyo. City delegates. John Kitch, former chief of police of Chicago, and now being talked of for mayor of Chicago, is also mentioned as a possibility of trustee. Mr Rankin, who was one of the trustees at the San Luis opening is also strongly backed for one of the offices.

Besides the above mentioned it is probable others will enter the field, before Thursday. Probably all day Thursday and all day Friday will be taken up with the organization. It is now said that bidding will be opened Saturday, but there is a possibility that the land may really not be set up for bidding until Monday. While the company has nothing to do with the auction, officials are urging harmony, and good fellowship, as wrangling will tend to mar the whole affair and likewise give a black eye to the Lakeview country.

From the expression of sentiment heard upon the streets there will, however, be no trouble. While probably a large majority of the contract holders present will return to their homes after the opening there are many who have come prepared to stay. There are, perhaps, a score of families in the city, who have sold their homes in the east and as soon as the land has been auctioned off, will settle. These people have figuratively taken the bull by the horns and intend to get in, establish themselves and have the inside track before the vast army of settlers arrive. Such people are receiving words of encouragement, not only from the O. V. L. Co., but as well from residents of Lakeview, who are looking forward to the time when this vast fertile country will be divided into small farms. Lakeview residents as a rule see the possibilities for development of this country through the opening. They have visions of a town of five or ten thousand people as soon as the country is settled and a railroad is here. Lakeview people know the value of the land and are not backward in encouraging prospective settlers.

Not only do farmers from the east look with favor upon this country but people from eastern cities who have tired of office life and life upon salaries are preparing an invasion that will eventually, it is claimed, make Lakeview country one of the best known in the entire west.

So alluring does the country seem to many city people that it is only a question of a few months before they will return home, pull up stakes and turn westward to make their fortunes. The hub of excitement so far has been on the camp grounds at the lower end of the city where there are scores of tents. St. Joseph captains and their wives have a line of tents as have the Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota and Chicago delegates. Good fellowship reigns everywhere and the past few days, that otherwise would have been dull and tiresome, have been spent in an ideal manner. Hundreds of people have come here for their annual outing and are not sparing any efforts to have a good time.

One of the features has been a nightly concert by the Lakeview band in front of the Lakeview hotel. During the concert the streets have been thronged? Another big drawing card will be the fair to be held in the building next door to the opera house. There the visitors will have an opportunity of seeing just what Lake county can do in a producing line. Fruit of all kinds will be on exhibition as well as grains raised upon land without water.

The skeptical will be given a chance to brush aside all doubts. The fair, which is known as the Lake County and Goose Lake Valley exhibit, will continue during the opening. There will be no admission fee, so there will be no excuse for not attending.

## MISCREANTS TRY TO WRECK TRAIN

### Engineer of N. C. O. Discovers Obstruction in Time to Avoid Wreck

An unsuccessful, though well planned attempt was made to wreck the N. C. O. passenger train a few miles north of Amader, Cal., on Monday afternoon.

Had the attempt been successful many would have been badly injured and it is possible there might have been several fatalities.

The train, loaded down with 300 men and women bound for the land opening in this city, was speeding along about 25 miles an hour when the engineer, while making a sharp curve, saw a large pile of rocks upon the track. He had just time to apply his air and bring the train to a stop within ten feet of the pile. Had it been dark there would have been a terrible wreck.

That a wreck had been carefully planned was easily to be seen. By no chance could the rocks have rolled down upon the track as they were found.

The train crew assisted by many of the passengers quickly cleared the track and the train went on. At the next stop the authorities of Modoc county, Cal., and of Lakeview were notified and a search is now being made for the guilty parties.

Just what the object of the would-be wreckers was is hard to learn. It is possible that a snipe sale robbery was contemplated as a coterie of the passengers was well supplied with money. Probably \$5,000 or \$10,000 would have been taken from the passengers had the train been derailed as expected.

Outside of this theory railroad officials are unable to advance a reason for the attempted crime.

While the passengers were much frightened over their narrow escape there was no serious results.

## REFUSES \$4000 AN ACRE FOR A FARM

### Remember--Wenatchee Is Not One Whit Better Than Lakeview

Wenatchee, July 15.—W. T. Clark, president of the Wenatchee Canal Company, refused an offer of \$1000 an acre for his five-acre ranch, a short distance from here. The ranch has no improvements except an apple orchard, and is considered one of the model orchards of the valley. The offer was made by H. S. Worthen, a wealthy contractor of Seattle, and is the highest price yet offered in this valley.

## MARTIN MAKES GOOD

One of the big land deals of this section, the past week is the transfer of the 600-acre tract adjoining the townsite of Lakeview on the south by Drenkle & Paine to the Oregon Valley Land Company. This tract is now being cut up into lots for distribution to the contract holders. In this matter President Martin has again shown that he is willing to do more for his people than the strict letter of the contract requires. These lots are, or soon will be, worth alone the price paid for the whole contract.

The many friends of Will Sherlock will be glad to learn that the gentleman who is now under medical care at Oakland, is slightly improved in health. He is now able to walk a little, and talk some, and can also indulge in reading to some extent. While he will probably not fully recover, from his paralyzed condition, it is believed in time that he will probably recover some of his former vigor.

Geo. Hankins made a trip with his auto to Klamath Falls Thursday, returning Sunday. He took Mrs. N. Pine, of Plush and Mrs. Geo. Barnes to that town. The latter lady was enroute to Central Point to attend the funeral of the late Chas. Hoagland, who died at Bonanza last week.

Editor Holder, of the Silver Lake Leader, arrived in town Tuesday, in charge of the agricultural exhibit from the north end of the county. It is a fine one surely and speaks well for that section. We are glad to make the acquaintance of the gentleman, as he is surely doing good work in calling the attention to the opportunities of this section.

## The Trustees Are Rankin Wyatt, and Withers

The trustees elected this morning are: R. A. Rankin, of York, Nebraska; G. H. Wyatt, St. Joe, Mo.; W. T. Withers, of Lakeview.

## THE HILL LINES HEADING THIS WAY WITH HASTE

### Grading Crews Now At Work One-Third of Way From Columbia River

The railroad situation regarding Eastern Oregon grows more and more interesting day by day. It is now reported that Harriman, being so badly beaten by the courts, which puts him behind Hill for a year or more, has decided to abandon the Deschutes route, and will try some other way to get into Central Oregon. If this is so it looks as though he had placed spring-locks on the gates commanding the approach to his vaunted possessions and that the same being on the inside have locked him on the outside, much to his chagrin and surprise!

Jim Hill seems to have the keys. The presumption was that in the new move Harriman would make his extension south from Shaniko, the pres at terminal of the Columbia Southern. But in this endeavor he is reported to be also badly checked by his burly rival, who secured the title and the survey of the Central Oregon Railroad, which was owned by F. S. Stanley and associates in the Deschutes Irrigation and Power Co. of Portland and heretofore supposed to be closely allied to the Harriman interests.

It is known that Stanley and others were in Lakeview not long since, just prior to this transfer. It was then believed that their visit was in the nature of a reconnaissance, and this sale now confirms that view.

In this coup Hill secures the Central Oregon surveys together with the sanction of the interior department to at once begin the construction of 75 miles of a railroad between Bend and Madras, and also opens the way for a crossing at Crooked river, which point is exactly one-third of the way from The Dalles to Lakeview.

Hill now has a big grading crew at that last mentioned strategic point. The surveys are complete for 75 miles out of Madras, and from there Hill has clear track to Lakeview.

The funny part of the new checkmate of Harriman lines in the statement of the ponderous old Oregonian, which was never known to be right on any question, which gibberish says:

"Oregon Trunk representatives admitted that surveying parties are at work south of Bend, but they decline to make any statements as to whether the ultimate goal of the Hill road was California or a point in Southern Oregon."

"When Bend is reached the Oregon Trunk line has only reached Central Oregon. Off to the southeast is the Klamath region, where a big Government irrigation project is under way. The completion of this, the Klamath and Deschutes projects will open more than 500,000 acres of rich land, producing the tonnage that makes railroads pay dividends."

"Regardless of California extensions, the activities of the Oregon Trunk lead to the conviction among railroad observers that the Hill road will at least traverse Oregon, North and South, and tap the Klamath Lake region."

"Off to the southeast is the Klamath region" is good, coming especially so coming as it does from "The fool of the family," in a newspaper way for Oregon.

The fact of the matter is Lakeview is southeast of Bend, with big irrigation projects building, and is the objective point of Hill lines, on their way to San Francisco. The Oregonian does not know that any more than it does that such a place as Lakeview exists. The Hill lines, and the Harriman lines, and any other lines in railroad construction seek easy grades, and that is why in order to secure an easy outlet for the products of Eastern Oregon they must go where they can get the lowest and easiest grades. Force of necessity, if not choice compel them to go via Lakeview where they can get an eight tenths of a one per cent grade, as against the two per cent grade into and out of Klamath Falls on any route.

And when the—But that is another story which the Oregonian will learn first from the Examiner next week—builds, it also will come from the north via Lakeview on its way to San Francisco!

## DOES THE WORK

The Merrill Record has this bit of auto news: W. P. Rhodes and E. E. Fittel of this city have received their new "Black" 24 h. p. roadster, and have been trying it out on several short trips. The machine is especially made for a mountainous country and rough roads, has plenty of clearance and is equipped with solid rubber tires. In a trip a few miles over into California and back this morning proved to be a good hill climber, and on fair roads will easily make twenty miles an hour.