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BUILDING OF RAILROADS IN EASTERN OREGON ASSURED

Portland Expresses Fear That San Francisco Will Benefit From Our Reclamation

From the Portland Journal.
PAISLEY, Or., Sept. 15. - Portland ever to come into her own? In central and southern Oregon, in a commercial sense to be annexed permanently to San Francisco.
The county commissioners have just ordered a new bridge across the 2500 ft. river on the road between Silver Lake and Klamath Falls. The correspondent met Justice Benson of Klamath Falls at the Lakeview fair last week. He had just been over that road by way of the XL ranch, striking the Lakeview road below By. He described it as a very good highway, and says there is still a better road by the big marsh. The distance is about 150 miles.
This means that all the traffic that has been coming into Silver Lake from the north is to be converted to the California metropolis. And Silver Lake the past few years has become quite an important place on the map. It is the distributing point for vast stock and farming country. People thought once that this section would only range cattle and sheep. Now they have discovered the land will produce the finest kind of wheat and potatoes without irrigation. In the past few years over 250 settlers have taken on homesteads in northern Lake county, around Fort Rock and Christmas Lake, and are making a successful dry farming. They have found that they can grow even apples around Silver Lake.
And the trade of all this section of Oregon is being directed into California.
Hill is building up the Des Chutes to Bend. When he has reached that point he has but to touch the north-south line of central Oregon. The 10,000,000 acres of desert, which experts say can be re-irrigated and made productive, nearly all lies south and east of Bend. Is Hill seeking only an outlet for the vast timber area of the east slopes of the Cascades? It is probably only logging roads will run out from Bend. Or is Hill's object San Francisco, and what will be the route? Recent events point conclusively to the belief that the Great Northern magnate means to run through trains to the Golden Gate. Surveying crews are in the field south of Bend and working toward Odell Lake.
Of the first importance was the firm of John P. Stevens, the new president of the Oregon Trunk, through southern Oregon. The ex-Panama engineer undoubtedly was making the reconnaissance for a railway. He was through here 13 miles ago, and came down from Bend across the desert. He kept north of Lake Abert, over the Hartman line of survey, and entered Warner Valley. At Plush his automobile broke down and he hired a farmer to take him to Lakeview. There he secured another motor car and went to Klamath Falls. Mr. Stevens traveled incognito. No one knew who he was until some time afterward.
It is probable that if Stevens had not met with the accident to his car, he would have kept to the south across the divide into Surprise Valley. From Surprise there is a good outlet for a railroad across northwestern Nevada and through California by way of Amador, Sonoma and Deep Creek. A line through Warner and Surprise Valley would develop much local traffic.
But it is a roundabout course. Transcontinental lines seem to climate distance and try for the lowest grades and the least curvature.
Local traffic as important as it is, is a secondary consideration. It would seem that Hill would endeavor to the best route into San Francisco.
It is possible to keep close up to the foot of the Cascades and through the timber belt. This route goes through Klamath Falls and Merrill, Calif., east of Mt. Shasta, by way of Hawkins Flat and Clover swale, striking Pitt river about 50 miles west of Alturas. This route is undulating and has many heavy grades.
There is still a better route lying about midway between the two named. It is customary to think of the Columbia river canyon as being the only water grade through the western Cordilleras. But there are also the Rogue and Pitt rivers. The latter is narrow and winding, but still it is feasible for railroad construction, and gives even a better grade into San Francisco than the Western Pacific has through Beckwith pass.
It may seem incredible at first glance that a railroad can be built from the Columbia river into San Francisco and at no point reach an elevation of 5000 feet. But it is practicable to do so, and the highest altitude in Crooked Creek, 10 miles north of Lakeview. From Bend to Alturas, nearly 300 miles across the inland plateau, this route offers a nearly level roadbed. The ex-

One Goose Lake Apple Makes a Big, Fat Pie

Talk about "The Land of Big Apples." Why it is right here in the Golden Goose Lake Valley, where one apple from the orchard of J. Bartles made a big fat apple pie. One Missourian, from Kansas City, before partaking of the pie and pronouncing it good said apples are smaller in Missouri. In order to convince him the lady had to slice the apple, put the pie in the oven before he would believe it. He had to be shown. The lady who baked the pie is the wife of a prominent real estate dealer residing on the Drakel & Paine addition to Lakeview. We would give the name only we fear some easterners might take this for a real estate boom, and discredit the story.

THEIR EXPERIENCE MADE THEM WISE

Montana Men Take Up Desert Claims For Future Homes

Frank Reynolds and wife who came across the mountains from Butte, in a Pratt buggy, and, have sold the same to E. E. Woodcock, Mr. Reynolds accompanied by Harry McGovern, John Rooney, Wm. Allen, all of Butte, took up 320 acre homesteads in Long Valley in Nevada. They have gone back to Butte, but will return in the spring to take up their residence on their claims. Mr. Reynolds says he has seen enough of Montana and Idaho to satisfy him that land that can be tilled or irrigated is found in a very short time to become valuable. He had started two years ago to get land at \$10 an acre that would not be bought for less than \$250 to \$300 an acre. Think of that! And he says that he is sure his holdings in the O. V. L. Co. and his homestead claim of those days when railroads came will be equally valuable.
Others can profit by his example in this section.

Rev. Father Tomkins has been sent out from Cleveland, Ohio, to Los Gatos, California, and will be stationed there for the coming year.

ception is a dip of about 500 feet to cross the Chewaucan basin. But the Harriman survey shows that this can be surmounted on a grade of only eight tenths of 1 per cent. Thus up the Deschutes up through Crooked creek pass and down the Pitt is the most feasible route into San Francisco, and this would put Portland 100 miles nearer San Francisco than by present rail.
No doubt Portland is more concerned over local traffic to be developed in central Oregon than with a through line to San Francisco. Interior Oregon has hardly yet been scratched by the tillers of the soil. There is room here for a vast population, and there is water to irrigate the arid lands. A new era of development has begun. The Oregon Valley Land Co. has 300 teams at work in Goose Lake Valley and is bringing water to 60,000 acres of desert. The 30 miles of ditch will be completed by December 1, and next spring will see several thousand new settlers in southern Oregon.
Twelve thousand contracts, half of them for 10 acre tracts, have been made to eastern people, who plan moving to Oregon.
The Portland Irrigation company began last week on another large irrigation project on the Chewaucan. It will store water 20 miles across Paisley to irrigate about 15,000 acres on the east shore of Summer Lake.
And this is only a beginning. There are 100,000 acres yet to be irrigated in the Chewaucan basin and as much more in the Golden Goose Lake district. These valleys are the fruit belt of southern Oregon, where they grow apples, peaches, nectarines, apricots, strawberries and cantaloupes. Would it not be worth while for Portland to have direct railway connection with this part of the state? It is only a question of time until the railroad comes. We all realize this. The surveys for a railroad through this section were made 40 years ago. Which will be the first to build? Or will they all come at once?
Gould has his eye on Oregon, and it is freely predicted that he will build from a point in Nevada to Portland. He has secured the most available routes. The Fandango pass in the Warner range. His surveys start from Deep Hole, on the California Pacific, 30 miles east of the California line, crosses into California and runs the length of Surprise valley, winds back south to Fandango pass, crosses the mountains in a quarter mile tunnel, and keeps down Willow creek to Willow ranch, and then north to Lakeview.
The N. C. O., the narrow gauge whose objective is said to be Portland, has stopped for a respite at Alturas, on the banks of the Pitt, and it is said grading operations to the north will be resumed this fall.
Of course, the Harriman system has gridironed the state with surveys. One line runs from Natron to Klamath. The Oregon & Eastern

LABORING MAN MISTAKEN FOR A COYOTE AND KILLED

Emil Foure, a Young Frenchman, Accidentally Kills H. W. Laybourn

A terrible accident occurred at about 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon which resulted in the death of a man supposed to be H. W. Laybourn, address unknown.

It seems that Guy L. Waldon, of Richmond, Va., foreman for Mason Bros., contractors on the Cottonwood was out hunting accompanied by the water boy of the Camp, Emil Foure, a young Frenchman, 19 years old. They went up the gulch from the camp. Waldon had a shot gun to kill sage-hens and Foure had a Winchester rifle thinking he might kill a coyote that had been prowling around the camp. In the creek bed they noticed between the tall sage brush an object that seemed to be pawing in the banks. Finally concluding it was a coyote the young man took deliberate aim and fired, with the horrible result of seeing a man rise up, throw his arms wildly about and disappear. The terrified man hurried to the spot to find one of their associates lying on his back dead, pierced by a ball on the left side and passing through his body, coming out at the right side, back of the heart and below his armpits.

The dead man was a new comer and had been in camp only about ten days. Nothing is known of his relatives or friends, other than that he said he came from Klamath Falls and had left a son there. There were no papers or effects other than a card in his pocket reading H. W. Laybourn and son, Land Scape Gardeners, whereby to disclose his identity. He was about 25 years of age, well dressed, in plain and worn clothes. It seems that he was engaged in prospecting when killed. He had some rock specimens and petrifications in his pocket that he had just found. The fact that he was stopping down and digging with his hands in the bank is what caused his associates to mistake him for a coyote. He was about six hundred feet distance from them when shot.
The sheriff's office was immediately notified and Deputy Snider went out and arrested the boy and brought the remains to Coroner Wallace's undertaking room.
A jury was summoned Monday, composed of Messrs. McKendree, Hammerley, Cheney, Arzuer, Beall and Striplin, who after hearing the testimony gave a verdict that it was their belief that killing was purely accidental. The boy gave evidence of great mental anguish, and was so shocked with emotion that he could not testify in his own behalf. He had only been a week in the camp as water-boy when the tragedy occurred. He was well liked and his trouble of any kind had taken place in the camp.
The remains were taken in charge by the Woodmen. The deceased wearing an emblem of that order.
It is a dreadful occurrence and only adds emphasis to the need of greater care and caution in handling firearms. It is far better to lose a good coat when not absolutely sure, than when too late to know that a human life has been needlessly sacrificed.
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DISCOVERED BUG EXTERMINATOR

Desert Plants are Said to Cause Instant Death to All Insects

L. G. Linville, the elderly gentleman, mentioned some time since as the successful gardener of the Warner Valley, now comes forward with something that promises to become a blessing to the farmer, gardener, orchardist, poultry owners and housewife.
Mr. Linville, who is over 70 years of age, is something of a botanist, and a thinker and given to experimentation.
He says one day some years ago while teaming, and waiting for his horses to feed, that he noticed a big purple bee come along and light on a plant. No sooner did the bee alight than he fell over, made a few struggles and died. Other insects also met the same fate. This set him to thinking and he began to observe other plant life, and its effects upon insects. Later he discovered another desert plant that no insect would touch. He took them home, and began to cultivate them with the result that he trebled their original size. He learned that by cooking these weeds, and combining them that he produced a preparation that when sprayed is instant death to the aphids and other insect life and that it in no way injures plant life or the individual using either fruit or vegetable treated with the same as insecticide. He has also learned that the liquid will kill cut-worms, chicken lice and bed-bugs.
The liquid is dark-colored and possesses a pungent odor.
A gentleman has taken some of the liquid to Los Angeles, and if it succeeds in killing the "white fly" so destructive to the orange crop, Mr. Linville believes he has a fortune of a million dollars, ahead of him.
His friends would in that event rejoice in his good fortune.

THE SENEGAMBIAN COLONY VAMOSOS

The Color Line Sharply Drawn by Our City Authorities

The Senegambian colony of solid doves that has had a habitation "under the hill", is now a scene of various shades of yellow, brown and black and of various lines, symmetrical or otherwise, have gone, never to return. If the city officials remain in their present determination of clearing up the town. They were firmly advised to depart and at once complied.
E. R. Patch, the fruit tree man sold \$816 worth of trees last week to be planted on the Lakeside orchard tracts. The varieties were Flemish Beauty pears and Winter Banana apples.

If Caught, These Men Get 25 or 30 Years in Prison

A case of moral delinquency, involving a girl of less than 14 years of age, and 12 or 15 men has come to the attention of the authorities. Warrants are out for the arrest of the men. It is a statutory offense. The girl who ran away from home was a willing participant and remained with the men in a sheep camp for two days and nights. Under the law the crime is rape, which means from 25 to 30 years in the penitentiary for each man if apprehended. The officers are in hot pursuit of the men. The girl will probably be sent to the reform school. She comes from one of the best families here. It is a sad case.

A GOOD AND GREAT MAN PASSED AWAY

Governor Johnson, Chief Citizen of Minnesota, Goes Beyond

The nation lost a great man last week, when Gov. Johnson succumbed to an operation, in hopes of sparing him for a life of usefulness for his fellow men in these days when real statesmanship is so scarce.
In his own state he was beloved by all, regardless of party affiliation as evidenced by his election repeatedly as a democrat in a state overwhelmingly republican.
He was of the type of a statesman approaching that of Lincoln more closely than any one else of this generation. Like Lincoln he was reared and schooled in poverty, and his aim and ambition was ever in the interests of the common people, as against their enslavement by the venal rich. When a lad of the tender age of 13 years he bravely took upon himself the duty of earning support for his widowed mother and a family of three children. His struggle was difficult but he succeeded in his endeavor, meanwhile educating himself by reading during his spare moments. Later he became editor of the St. Peter Herald, and devoted his best energies to its columns, working early and late to make a good paper. In this endeavor he succeeded and because of his views expressed in his editorial columns he was singled out by the people as a man worthy of their political preference. The governor's chair gave him national importance, and had he lived there is no doubt but that he would have led his party in the next presidential campaign, and undoubtedly have been successful.
He was of a type that party fealty carried no weight among his friends, and republicans as well as democrats were his most enthusiastic followers.
President Taft recognized his greatness. While the Governor was on his bed of sickness he said that if survived he would be called higher by the people of the country.
It is indeed sad to see a man so sorely needed to be cut down in the flower of his manhood.

ORCHARD PROFITS VS. GRAIN RAISING

Two Washington Brothers Engaged in a Show Me Game

There is food for reflection in a story from Wenatchee, Wash. It is as follows:
L. W. Smith lives on a six acre fruit tract adjoining this city four acres of which are in fine bearing orchard. George Smith, a brother, has several hundred acres of wheat land in Douglas county on Baldger mountain a few miles east of Wenatchee. They contest each year to see which receives the largest returns for the seasons labor.
Two years ago the farmer had 200 acres of wheat yet the fruit grower received the most money for his crop. Last year the wheat raiser had 209 acres of wheat and still the fruit crop brought the biggest price. This year the wheat grower has 500 acres and feels confident he will win.
The fruit grower has an acre of apples which will net him \$2000. The trees are nine years old and are of the winesap variety. Last year he harvested \$335 worth of apples and the year before he received \$3500 for his crop.
It is worth while for local people to ponder over this story.

TOWN AND STATE OFFICIALS RAID OUR GAMBLING RESORTS

Some Indicted and Others Run Out of Town - Costly Outfits Are to be Destroyed

A sensation was sprung Saturday night by a raid of state and city officials on the gambling places about town.
Owing to the fact that the state officers were out of town that night after 12 or 15 men concerned in a rape case in which a girl less than 14 years of age seemed to have been a willing participant, all places contemplated in the raid could not be reached.
It seems that the Fair and Land opening drew about 200 gamblers and all around towns to town. And after the big crowd left 75 or a 100 were still plying their trade of fleecing the unwary. This state of affairs could not be tolerated. The officials made up their minds to clean up the town. The result was the seizure of over \$200 in money besides a lot of costly gambling devices worth a \$1,000 or more, and four or five men were bound over to appear at the next term of court. About 25 or 30 men were found in the resorts, some of them town residents.
The result of the raid is that 50 or 60 have left town on short notice for their own good as well as that of the town.
The chief offenders were Post and King, who are under bonds for \$400 for allowing gambling on their premises; and Jonas King and C. Rhodes each under bonds of \$100 for appearance at court for conducting gambling games.
Warrants are out for 8 other offenders who will be brought under arrest in the near future.
The raiding of the gambling joints and the ordering of the departure of the Hotentots is evidence that our city and state authorities mean to keep the lawless element well in hand. It is not the purpose of the officials to persecute anyone. They understand that under the laws of this state sa'oon business is a legitimate business, under limitations. But the laws of the state prohibits gambling and will not tolerate Sunday opening by either front or any other entrance. In this regard there is no question but that the city and other authorities will be sustained and backed up by public sentiment.
It can not be disguised that there is a movement on foot toward placing the entire state on a prohibition basis, so far as is concerned the sale of intoxicating liquors, but we believe there is no strong support for that movement in Lakeview. We also believe we voice the sentiment of the public in saying that there is no danger of Lakeview being placed in the line of the "dry" column if the law looking to the regulation of the traffic is complied with in both letter and spirit.
Under such conditions the matter naturally rests now in the hands of the liquor interests. If they conduct the business in lawful and orderly manner they will not be molested, but if flagrant violations become known there is no question but that public sentiment would be aroused and the result could not be other than disastrous to their affairs.

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DES CHUTES POADS BOTH RUSH WORK

Hill Working 1,200 Men and Harriman Line Claims the Same

THE DALLES, Ore., Sep. 24. - H. A. Brandt, engineer in charge of the Deschutes road, who was recently here, says steam shovels are being moved in for heavy work, that the line is covered by 32 construction and 12 engineers camps; that 1200 men are employed; that tracklaying and bridging are to commence within a few days and that four miles of grading work is completed. Work on the Oregon Trunk is being pushed as hard as ever. About the same number of men as on the Deschutes Valley is employed. There is no abatement in supplies that are sent out here regularly for Porter Bros. Three car loads of mules were sent from here for Porter Bros. yesterday.

N. C. O. Will Cut Out Alturas

Alturas New Era, 22: The N. C. O. surveyors are running a line from the Dorris ranch, north toward the LX ranch. This looks as though a cut off may be made from that place to Lakeview, leaving Alturas a little to one side.