

WALKER PLANS TO DEVELOP HIS BIG TIMBER HOLDINGS

Gives a Trust Deed For \$1,500,000 to Provide Funds Extensive Operations

One of the most significant things looking toward rapid development in railroad construction and other matters is the movement of E. H. Walker, of Minneapolis, known to be closely allied with James J. Hill. Last week came the announcement that he had made timberland purchases in California covering the Fredonia Pass, which is on an air-line route from the Columbia river to Lakeview, and on to San Francisco. This week comes press reports from Alturas and other points that are big for the future.

The Alturas Placidifier says that on Monday morning, the 27th ult., a deed was filed in Recorder Ballard's office by the Red River Co., of which T. B. Walker is president, for the use of \$1,500,000. The deed covers all the timber holdings of Mr. Walker in Modoc and Lassen counties, and is given to the Minnesota Loan and Trust Co. of Minneapolis, as security for the above sum.

The purpose for which the loan is given, as stipulated in the body of the instrument, is to fund the indebtedness of the company and to provide funds for the manufacture of lumber in California.

The instrument covers many pages of closely type written matter, the recording of which amounts to \$20.

This would indicate unmistakably, that Mr. Walker is to begin in the near future to realize on his immense timber holdings in Modoc county. To enable him to do so, railroads must be constructed, for without transportation or lumber can reach a market. That Mr. Walker has assurance of transportation does not admit of a doubt. And that the route the survey has just been completed is to supply an eastern outlet is beyond question. This route taps the center of Mr. Walker's holding, and we predict that construction work will begin in the immediate future.

It has long been known that the McCloud line is merely a feeder for the S. P. line from Fortland to San Francisco. That road has been extended into Modoc county, and is now within eight miles of the Alturas-Klamath survey, and only forty miles from Alturas. With the completion of that road the long haul by way of Klamath falls can be avoided and supplies for building purposes run two or three ways—towards Klamath, towards Lakeview and towards Hazen in Nevada.

The force employed on the Alturas Klamath survey completed their work Monday evening, and a telegram from headquarters directed them to send in their maps at once from Alturas and report at Klamath Falls. One of the force remarked to Postmaster Negley that he looked for the completion of the McCloud to Alturas by January 1st.

Whether this prediction comes true or not, one thing is certain, and that is that the road will be completed by the end of 1910. We know that the S. P. promised Mr. Walker an outlet for his timber, and we know this is the only practical one, and that the route was designated by Mr. Walker himself.

STAMP MILL FOR HOAG DISTRICT

Fred Gleason, stamp mill builder and operator has arrived at the Hoag camp, and is now laying the foundation for a 50-ton mill. In speaking of these mines, says Mr. N. E. Guist, the Cripple Creek mining expert, returned to Alturas from the Hoag district Friday evening and took the train next morning for home. We wish some of our citizens especially those about Bidwell and New Pine Creek, could have heard his comments on the conditions of the roads leading to the mines. He has made no assay as yet, but said to us that a better prospect he never saw. But without roads, without men of means, and the mines in the hands of farmers, nothing can be hoped for in the near future. He will return in the fall.

AFTER NOV. 1 REGISTERED MAIL COSTS TEN CENTS.

On and before November 1 all persons registering a letter in the United States mail, will have to pay ten cents for the service. Beginning with the same date the United States will assume a maximum liability for registered mail of \$50, instead of \$25. The change will involve no additional work in the office, except to explain to patrons who have not yet been acquainted with the registry rates proposed.

Our Free Wheat Lands Getting Scarcer Fast

The Bonanza Bulletin says of the rush for Government land there homesteaders are rushing into the wheat section of Central and Southern Oregon and filling on homesteads. Autos are used in some instances. There soon will be no more land open to homestead that has any prospect of enabling a family to make a living from it. Will the people of Oregon then submit to the exactions of holders of the vacant lands as they do in Oregon? Not one tenth of the land in Oregon is used.

FRONTIER LEGEND PROVED TO BE TRUE

Lost Whiskey Barrel Found After Being Buried Fifty Years

Cedarville Record 29 ult.: For many years the story of a buried barrel of whiskey in the vicinity of a canyon, about 25 miles east of here, has been told and retold until it has become to be regarded as one of the legends of pioneer days and coupled with the tales of the wonderful rich "Blue Bucket," "Lost Cabin" and other rich mines that had been found and lost. But one day last week while going down the hill from '49 into Long Valley T. J. Cummins and son Thomas and Mr. Sill found the long lost and much sought for whiskey barrel buried by the emigrants over fifty years ago. Which had been buried in the center of the old emigrant road, which had recently been abandoned owing to the wash of the creek. Constant erosion wash of the water revealed the hiding place of the barrel. It had been traveled over fifty years by countless numbers of people, many of them looking for it, and little dreaming of its close proximity. The barrel was lying lengthwise and was made of Missouri oak; but, alas it was empty. Eight iron hoops and most of the staves were in a good state of preservation.

It appears that in 1841 a party of emigrants were enroute from the east to California and while at '49 were attacked by the Indians, who drove off all their teams, and to prevent the Indians from getting their goods and wagons they buried the former and burned the latter, and after undergoing many hardships they reached Goose Lake Valley. Many home-made implements of various kinds have been found there and kept as souvenirs of the ill-fated party, and many men have looked and dug for that barrel of whiskey; but it was merely by accident that it was discovered—and then it was empty.

LENROOT SAYS THE CANNON IS SPIKED

Predicts Joe's Downfall Says Party Pledge to People Was Broken

Spokane, Wash., Sept. 30—(Special)—"Joe Cannon will never again be speaker of the House of Representatives. Congressman Miles Pollock is destined to be one of the foremost leaders in the lower House of Congress within the next three or four years. Inside of four years the insurgents will be in control in the House and the autocracy of Joe Cannon will be at an end.

Thus did Congressman Irvin L. Lenroot, of Wisconsin, express his own personal views and those of the so called "insurgent party." Lenroot arrived in Spokane last night and was the guest of honor at a luncheon.

"With respect to the new tariff schedule, I feel strongly that it is not in compliance with the pledges of the Republican party platform," he said.

HARRIMAN ROADS EARN BIG PROFITS

New York, September 30.—Earnings of the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific railroads for the month of August were as follows: Union Pacific—Gross earnings, \$7,948,614; increase \$873,112 over same month last year. Net earnings after payment of operation expenses and taxes, \$4,182,655; increase, \$714,561.

Southern Pacific—Gross earnings, \$4,330,745; increase, \$1,479,107. Net earnings, \$4,097,868; increase, \$1,007,093.

Congressman Hawley is making a strenuous endeavor to cover every County in his district before retiring to Congress. We do not know the condition of his fences in Lake county, but whether good or bad he will probably be a visitor.

BIG IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED BY N. C. O. RAILROAD SOON

In Shape of Large Office Building, Enlarging Workshops, Lakeview Extension

Reno Gazette, 1: Good news for Reno was given the Gazette in large bunches this morning by T. F. Dunway, vice president and general manager of the Nevada-California-Oregon railroad. Mr. Dunway returned yesterday from New York, where he went to accompany home his daughter, who has been visiting in Europe. Mr. Dunway said:

"About the only thing of consequence I know today is that the N. C. O. will build new general offices. The present building has become entirely too small since the business of the road has made such splendid advancement. Besides the present offices are too noisy with tracks on both sides of them.

"The site for the new structure has not been definitely determined, but it will probably be on Fourth street. As soon as the plans of the architect are completed, contracts will be let and the work rushed to completion. The building will be of brick and will be two stories high. I do not know what it will cost, but you can say it will not be less than \$25,000.

"We have not yet decided what disposition to make of the present general office building. "The increase of business done by the road, both freight and passenger, is something phenomenal and the indications are that it will increase, especially after the proposed extension is completed. It is our intention to spend a large amount of money on betterment, both to the road bed and the rolling stock.

"The shops at present are a scene of activity. Enlargement is absolutely necessary and we will install as soon as it can be shipped a large order of modern and powerful machinery. This may mean an enlargement of the shop buildings, but that will not be determined upon for two or three months. The preliminary survey for the extension of the road from Alturas to Lakeview has been completed and the contracts will be let within a few days. It is the intention of the company to press work as long as the weather will permit.

"As to reiterated rumors that a deal is pending for the sale of the road let me say that I know nothing of such a move. Of course, this lag, as well as the Southern Pacific and any other concern is for sale if the sufficient bid is made, but I know of no such an offer."

OREGON TRUNK HAS NEVADA CHARTER

Takes a Fresh Start With John F. Stevens as President

Carsen City (Nev.), September 28. The Oregon Trunk Line filed its incorporation papers in the office of the Secretary of State in this state yesterday. J. F. Stevens is the President, Jackson Smith Vice President, and LeRoy Park is Secretary and Treasurer. Stevens, Smith, James B. Kerr, C. D. Williamson and George A. Carr are the directors for the first year.

The amount of the capital stock and the purpose of the company, further than it is to build a railroad are not stated. This is the new railroad that is building up the Des Chutes River from the Columbia River, on the northern border of Oregon, through Central and Southern Oregon, on its way to San Francisco. Stevens is the former Panama Canal engineer and his connection with Hill and the latter's projected line to San Francisco was recently announced.

The Oregon Trunk Line is a Nevada corporation. The filing of its papers here is not necessarily any criterion that the company is to operate in Nevada.

SOLVING THE ARID FARMING PROBLEM

The great problem of arid farming is the securing of moisture, which must first be gotten into the soil and then kept there until the plants need it, says J. C. Hagenson, agronomist at the Utah Agricultural College. "The land should be plowed deeply in the fall to make an adequate reservoir for the storing of the winter moisture. The land should be followed during the alternate years so that the moisture of two years will be available to the crop. The fallow land should be kept cultivated and free from weeds to prevent the evaporation of water from the surface. Deep rooted crops should be selected so that they can search far and wide for moisture. Wheat is now and, perhaps always will be, the principal arid farm crop. Fall wheat is always preferable to spring wheat. From two to three pecks an acre sown with a press drill gives better results than more quickly sown grain.

SAN JOSE SCALE A REAL DANGER

Washington, Oct. 1.—The principal commercial apple orchards of the country are destined to become infested with the San Jose scale, according to a bulletin just issued by the Department of Agriculture. The scale is spreading rapidly over vast areas each year. The bulletin treats of the fumigation of trees and fruit, and contains a statement that "a little carelessness in spraying with the improper solutions, or unfavorable conditions at the time of making the applications may allow the survival of the scale in sufficient numbers to result, later in the season, in their settling in considerable numbers upon the fruit.

W. P. Matthews, of Rockford, Ill., is here for a week or so looking over the country. He is well pleased.

Three Separate Railroad Surveys in Fandango Pass

A gentleman was in our office Tuesday who says that there are three different railroad surveys across his mining claim in the Fandango Pass. Now the question is whether these surveys are all for one company or whether they are for different companies. At any rate it looks favorable for railroads through that pass.

HARRY HUNTER IS VIEWING HARNEY

Minneapolis Land Mau Believed to be After Diamond P Ranch

It is reported that Harry Hunter the big land man of Minneapolis, who sold the Military Road Grant to the Oregon Valley Land Company, is now negotiating for the big Diamond P. ranch over in Harney County. If he gets hold of it the people of that County will soon be in the eyes of the world. Harry is a hustler and always makes good in any enterprise he undertakes. In this connection the Burns Times of recent date says:

An automobile party consisting of the driver and Harry Hunter, who was formerly connected with the Oregon Valley Land Co. at Lakeview and a Mr. Hyskell, paid this city a flying visit last Tuesday afternoon. From their actions and enquiries there were rumors of more railroad men, but the Times Herald is informed that Mr. Hyskell is a newspaper man representing a big Portland paper and his particular object was to gain information for an extensive writeup of the interior. The party had gone from Shaniko out to Lakeview and then to this place, going from here to Prineville. It is not known what Mr. Hunter was doing, but the success of the recent sale at Lakeview may have suggested the buying of the Road lands, P. L. S. Co. or Hanley holdings and disposing of them in a similar manner. This would make some stir in real estate here and be the means of bringing Harney County to the front in the way of publicity.

DIPHTHERIA CASE RESULTS FATALLY

Because of Death of the Arzner Ghild the Town is Quarantined

This town was thrown into a nervous condition Saturday over what the medical men term diphtheria. One little boy, Irvin, 8 years old, son of X Arzner, died Saturday morning, and others of the family are also ill. The family of Reed McKendree was also quarantined.

In order to take all precautionary measures the entire town was finally placed and is still under quarantine awaiting further developments of the disease. All churches, schools, theatres, are closed and no public gatherings are permitted.

During the period of quarantine the school rooms are all to be thoroughly fumigated. The outbreak of this malignant type of throat disease is unaccountable, but seems in every instance to make its appearance at the time when we have prolonged rainy spells as has been the case the past two weeks. Inasmuch as the same or a similar type of disease is also prevalent in the Willamette valley, may be the weather has something to do with the appearance at such times.

Up to the hour of going to press no new cases have appeared and, it is believed the authorities now have it well in hand.

NATIONAL BANKS! ALL MAKING MONEY

Washington, Sept. 30.—"Percentage of legal reserve to deposit, 27.67; percentage of deposit of cash on hand, redemption fund and due from reserve agents, 23.05." This is the way the 977 National Banks of the country average in the reports made to the controller of the Currency under the act for the condition at the close of business, September 1.

The loans and discounts for the whole United States reached \$5,128,882,351; United States bonds of secure circulation.

LEWIS GERBER SUEED FOR ILLEGAL FENCING OF LAND.

U. S. District Attorney John McCourt on Monday filed suit in the U. S. district court at Portland against Lewis Gerber, the Klamath county stockman charging him with improperly enclosing about 1800 acres of government land.

NORTH END OF LAKE COUNTY IS GETTING SETTLED

People from Oregon and Adjoining States Are After the Government Land

Prineville Review, 23: This week has witnessed a steady stream of homesteaders going through Prineville into the Christmas Lake country. This has been brought about by the bright railroad prospects and the excellent farming lands in that district, a combination that proving very attractive to city residents who long for the simple life and a competence in combination. Alvin S. Hawk, of Portland, was in charge of a personally conducted excursion of two back loads of prospective homesteaders who will find homes on the desert shortly and help the railroad tonnage when the road shall be built.

Christmas Lake Valley, which includes Fort Rock, is a valley 15 miles wide and close to 100 miles long, with soil fine and as level as a floor. There are no trees and but short sagebrush growing there, so the traveler can be easily seen for ten miles in the distance. It is just outside the Fremont National Forest limits, which are marked by a fringe of junipers bordering the silver pine which the government has secured from entry. Water in the valley may be had by digging anywhere from six to 150 feet.

While several Crook county people have been located there for several years and show no disposition to change their residence, yet for the most part the valley remains unoccupied, and only this year has the big rush begun. It is said people are flocking into the country from all directions only a comparative few coming through Prineville.

Christmas Lake Valley is about 11 townships south of Prineville, or 66 miles to the lands that are subject to entry. The latter lies between Christmas and Silver Lake and are part of the great Oregon which extends from that vicinity to the California line. The soil is said to be above the average in fineness and very productive with the application of water and the plow, so that it promises with settlement to become a great grain country of Central Oregon in the very near future when the railroad shall have driven local stockmen further back to make room for the small farmer, which a railroad always does.

HAMMOND BOOSTS FOR MORE SILVER

Los Angeles, Sept. 25.—That a movement is on foot looking toward the enlarged usage of silver as a medium of exchange, is the opinion of John Hayes Hammond, mining engineer and personal friend of William H. Taft.

At a luncheon tendered him by the members of the Sierra Madra Club here Hammond declared that this movement, which he said was vital to the Pacific coast because the white metal was the chief exchange medium of the oriental countries, was gaining strength with every nation that trades with Japan and China. He said:

"Advances are being made by England, unofficially of course, toward the change in the rates in exchange with silver using countries. Installs upon the present monometallic system will lose this country much valuable oriental trade. I expect this matter to come before the next congress."

Hammond declares, however, that he was unalterably opposed to the free coinage of silver, stating that for this reason that he felt some hesitancy in opening the dangerous silver question to public discussion.

O. A. C. ENROLLED 1,000 STUDENTS

Corvallis, Or. Sept. 29th—There has been a heavy registration at the O. A. C. in the last three days, and the total enrollment this morning had reached 800, an increase of 10 per cent over the registration at this time last year, an indication of a total registration of probably 1600 or more. Last year more than 200 registered after the holidays. The Agricultural department shows a large increase. The college authorities are highly pleased at this showing, and expect a very successful year. The central building and armory are not yet complete, but are expected to before there is great need for either. There is a large increase in the instructing force, which includes many able people and, the work is arranged so that the students will be handled with convenience.