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EXTENSION GIVEN PORTLAND MEN FOR CHEWAUCAN CANAL

Some Historical Facts in Connection With This Talked of Irrgation Enterprise

From the Weekly Salem Statesman of October 1, 1909: Before the Desert Land Board on Tuesday, at the state house, Attorney Sawyer, of Portland, and President Ball of the Portland Irrigation company appeared to ask for a fourth extension time on their contract to irrigate 12,037 acres of desert land at a cost of $240,000 in the Chewaucan river district, Lake County This contract was let by the land board to the Portland Irrigation company in 1903, at which time they were given six months to begin work This they failed to do and the work was untouched during the following five years. One of the causes for delay given was that there was a difference between the government survey and the state's survey as to the flow of water. The state's survey gave a survey of 137,000 cubic feet and that of the government 280,000 feet.

In January, 1908 the state land board instructed the irrigation company ot get busy, with the result that a further extension of time of three months was asked for in which to construct a reservoir, they contending that the ditch could not be dug until this was done.

Again in March, 1908, six months more time was asked for, giving as an excuse the stringency of the money market held them back. This time was given but at the expiration of the six months in September the work had not progressed.

A farther extenison of six months was asked for and granted on account of a dispute as to the right of the company to contsruct a reservoir in the government reserve.

The meeting before the land board yesterday was to ask for farther extension fo time and to settle the rights of that company and the Chewaucan Land and Cattle company of California. The California company has purchased several thousand acres of land in this district and now claims the right for the whole flow of the Chewaucan river to water their stock and irrigate their lands.

The Portland irrigation company has the right to diversion above this company, but the California company claim the right of the whole flow of water on account of riparian ownership.

The foregoing article from the Salem Statesman will be of interest to the people of Lake County, but it contains some inaccuracies of statement.

The contract which Governor Chamberlain entered into with the Portland Irrigation Company provided that the company should begin work within six months after the signing of the contract by the Secretary of the Interior.

The Secretary signed this contract seven months later, or on September 11th, 1907.

There fore it was not necessary for the land board to get "busy" in January 1908, as the company was within its rights until March 11th. On this latter date an extension of time was granted without question.

The plea for granting the second extension in the fall, 1908 is not known. It could not have been over the question of the right to build a reservoir in the government forest reserve for the reservoir site is all on private land owned by Jones and Dobkins.

In March of this year the third extension of time was granted on the excuse that the United States government had not approved a right of way across the forest reserve for the distribution canal twenty miles below the reservoir. This approval was given the 19th of last June, and it seemed that the company could have no further cause for delay but would have to go to work or lose its contract with the state

The contract provided that the company should have one-fourth of the work completed within two years after the Secretary of the Interior had attached his signature.

The two years was up a month ago and no work had beeun done.

The day before the time expired, or September 10th, the irrigation company set two men at work clearing the right of way of sagebrush but it is not seen how this could answer the requirement for a fourth of the work at the end of two years, and the whole at the end of four.

In the meantime petitions signed by residents of Lake county have been presented to the land board against the second and third extension of time, and of course these petitions would hold against a fourth extenon. What the land board intends to do with the primary election so near at hnad is not known.

It is not seen how this claim that the ZX ranch conflicts with the rights of the Portland irrigation company can assume a valid appearance before the land company.

The irrigation company has filed on only the water that now goes to waste and runs into Lake Abert. It is this water that the ZX has been digging ditches to drain off the marsh. The building of storage reservoirs by the Portland Irrigation company would be a benefit to the marsh instead of an injury.

Railroads Cannot Afford to Miss Lakeview

The Klamath Hearld is making a big bullabaloo about the Oregon Trunk coming to that place, and is also sending out press reports to that effect. Thats right, neighbor, whistle loud, for the woods are full of cougars! But, when the railroad map of Eastern Oregon is complete, it will be found that the main lines of the Southern Pacific, Great Northern and Wetsern Pacific, will be located right in Lakeview. It is absolutely certain that the Oregon Trunk does not consider Klamath Falls at all, and it will come to Summer Lake, and through Paisley to Lakeview, and on to San Francisco, provided of course, that the people do not attempt a hold up for the right of way. This is not official but it is authentic, and will be found to be the real thing when the railroad people get ready to show their hands.

THINKS O. V. L. CO. DID SQUARE THING

A Harney County Land Man Says They Are Good People

Anent our recent land opening the Harney County Times says: Archie McGowan and A. S. Whitney arrived home this week from Lakeview where they witnessed the opening of the Oregon Valley Land Co. Archie says it was a success in every particular and that the method used by the company was entirely satisfactory to the contract holders. There were perhaps 1500 persons and Lakeview presented a lively appearance. The company paid the expenses of every individual representing 20 or more contract holders and paid out on this account some $65,000 in one day. They arranged two big autos that would carry 21 passengers each to assist in bringing the people in, besides equipping a boat on Goose Lake at a cost of some thirty thousand dollars for the of the representatives. Mr. McGowan estimates that the cost of exploiting and arranging for the sale of this property was $1,000,000, yet the company had likely made a profit of a like amount.

AIR-SHIP OF NO VALUE IN WAR

So Says Ship Builder--Believes Electric Gun Will End War

New York, Oct. 6.—Louis Nixon, one of America's foremost ship constructors does not believe the aeroplane will ever become a factor in modern warfare. He is now convinced that an aircraft offers no danger to the latest warships. He believes that the time is not far distant when an electric gun will be invented which will fire a thunderbolt that will shock to death every man that happens to be in its patn.

This, he said, was the direct menacea of the future. He declares that this gun was sure to come, when electricity should be better uderstood than it is at present.

In Nixon's opinion the aeroplane may be so perfected as t finally become practical for purposes of observation, but he does not believe it will ever bacome an instrument of destruction.

BIG HARNEY RANCH SELLS FOR $300,000

Baker City, Ore., Oct. 6.—Frank H. Clerf, of North Yakima, and a number of associates have bought 150,000 acres of central Oregon land for $300,000 This is the largest sale that as ever been made in this secton.

The property is located in Harney county and comprises what is known as the old John Devine ranch one of the most noted ranches in Oregon. One of the unique featu es of the place is that it boasts of a herd of elk, one of the few herds of this kind in Oregon. The name of the place is now the Alvord ranch. It has been rented to the Pacific Livestock company, but the recent purchasers will stock the property and conduct it themselves.

FRUIT-RAISING WILL BE A MONEY MAKING BUSINESS

The Eastern Slope of Goose Lake Valley is the Garden Spot of All Oregon

The editor in company with Bernard Sitz, of the Lakeview Development Co., and Mr. Johnson from Minnesota took a run Monday down to the new town of Lakeside and the orchard tracts of that enterprising company.

The road between there and Lakeside is lined with orchards loaded with all kinds of fruit. Big red and yellow apples tempted one at every hand. Evidence there is all along the valley that the man who says this is not a fruit country, does not know what he is talking about.

Our visit at the Lake side tracts satisfied us that it is bound to develop into one of the best fruit sections in the west. The neighbors about have demonstrated its worth and loaded trees attest the fact.

Situated in the midst of the tracts, is the home of L. F. Washburn, one of the Golden Goose Lake valley pioneers. He has resided in California 54 years, the last thirty of which were spent right on that ranch. He has 100 trees of different varieties of fruit, mostly apples. From that little orchard he has gathered a crop of 8 or more tons of apple a year and not a wormy one among the lot! He says he never saw a worm in an apple in this valley. One bunch from a little limb contained 14 big apples that weighed 12 pounds. On a tract of ground, 100 feet long and 8 rows wide, this fall he dug two tons of the largest, finest potatoes we ever saw, and all his berries and other garden truck produced in like proportion. None of it has had a drop of water, although the Lassen creek runs right by his door. He says he don't need it. A little patch of meadow, less than an acre, cut four tons of hay, and gave him pasture besides. His alfalfa field cuts three crops per year.

When he wants a mess of the finest trout in the world, he drops a line in the brook, and gets them. If he wants a duck or goose he goes down to the lake and gets as many as he wants. He lives like a king, and says, after traveling all around, he never saw a better place in which to make good money easier than right here in the valley. He sold all his holdings except 40 acres surrounding his house to the company. The old gentleman is nearly 80 years of age and says he is going to own an auto, and run it, if it kills him. He says a man with any gumption and "git" in him can take ten acres of that land and make all the money a manou ght to have in his possession. And he is right!

Firm in this belief some of the Lakeview people, icluding Messrs., Post, Pratt, King, Hickerson, Bowman, Morrrill, and others have acquired ten acre tracts there and will plant orchards. One group have taken 160 acres in a solid body. This will be fenced broken and sown to winter wheat thi fall. It is believed the profits of the single year's crop will pay for the land. The succeeding year the entire 160 acres will be set out to apples of the most approved variety.

The development company have already sold 175 tracts, and 53 of these are to be planted and brought to bearing by the company for the owners.

The entire acreage has ample water rights. The regular flow on Aug. 1st registered a supply for 2200 acres. This can be largely increased by building a reservoir, the site of which is secured and will be improved, if needed. A timber flume, one mile long, has been constructed and brought along the precipitous sides of the canyon at a great cost. All that is now needed is the construction of the main canal and laterals, which are now in the hands of engineer Brown, and the construction of which will be begun at an early date

The town site of Lakeside is a beautiful one, situated on a slope above the lake. It commands a plendid unobstructed view for miles. The water immediately adjoining the town is the deepest in the lake, and affords splendid opprotunity for boating fishing and hunting. Immediately adjoining the orchard tracts cloudward rise the high mountains, known to contain minerals of all kinds, incluidng gold, silver and cinnibar.

The town is also particularly favored in the fact that north and south railroads cannot escape it. In fact the Southern Pacific already has the right-of-way secured along the lake shore, and a survey of the Western Pacific through the Fandango Pass ends its survey ribgt at the town. All in all we are very well satsfiied with our trip to Lakeside, as we own some tracts there that we got at $300, now worth $500, or more, and there is no telling to what values they may rise in the near future.

The history of the rise in values of the fruit lands in other sections will be repeated here. For instance, last year the highest price paid for Hood river apple lands, not so good as our Goose Lake county fruit lands, was $500 per acre. This year the price has jumped to $1,000!

Let that fact sink deep into your mind and then act, before it is too late!

SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT OF OUR COUNTY OFFICERS.

Of the County Treasurer of Lake County, Oregon, for the six months ending Sept. 30th, 1909, of the money received and paid out, from what source received and what account paid out.

GENERAL FUND			
To amount on hand from last report	$28,603 73		
" " received from taxes	3,131 12		
" " " " Clerk's fees	1524 50		
" " " " liquor licence	400 00		
" " " " sheriff fees	50		
" " " " sale of material	70 80		
" " " " coroner	102 55		
" " " " refund on bounty	19 75		
Total amount received and on hand		$33,912 35	
By amount paid for state taxes		6,056 25	
" " " " redemption of warrants		18,418 15	
Balance on hand in general fund			$9,438 55
SCHOOL FUND			
To amount on hand from last report	$11,643 90		
" " received from taxes	1,250 89		
" " " " state	3,226 48		
" " " " justice fines	5 00		
Total amount received and on hand		$16,126 27	
By amount paid for redemption of warrants		12,010 00	
Balance on hand in school fund			$4,116 27
ROAD FUND			
To amount on hand from last report	$9,668 10		
" " received from state	1,219 22		
" " " " taxes	326 14		
Total amount received and on hand		$11,213 46	
By amount paid for redemption of warrants		521 74	
Balance on hand in road fund			$7,691 72
BUILDING FUND			
To amount on hand from last report	$399 40		
" " received from taxes	207 91		
" " " " sale of material	532 02		
Total amount received and on hand		$1,139 33	
Balance on hand in building fund			1,139 33
CITY OF LAKEVIEW FUND			
To amount received from taxes	212 12		
By amount paid city treasurer		207 07	
Balance on hand in City of Lakeview Fund			5 05
LIBRARY FUND			
To amount on hand from last report	$ 96		
" " received from taxes	15		
Balance on hand in library fund			1 11
" " " " Institute fund			21 50
SPECIAL SCHOOL FUND			
To amount on hand from last report	$1,493 85		
" received from taxes	109 62		
Total amount received and on hand		$1,603 47	
By amount paid for interest on bonds		477 90	
Balance on hand in special school funds			$1,125 57
" " " " all funds			23539 10

I, F. O. Ahlstrom, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true statement of the amount received, paid out, and remaining on hand in the County Treasury of Lake County, for the six months ending Sept, 30th 1909.

F. O. AHLSTROM, County Treasurer.

They Like This Valley Now Better than Ever

K. W. Martin, W. Lair Thompson and L. E. Saeger returned Tuesday from their trip to Burns and Vale, the county-seat towns of Harney and Malheur counties. They report that they saw some good country in these counties, but none that looked so good as the Golden Goose Lake Valley with its orchards laden with fruit. They are now better satisfied than ever before that the garden spot of Oregon is right here in Lakeview.

SHEEP MAN PULLS HIS GUN

Gets Obstreperous When Cattle Man Orders Sheep Off.

Echo of former range wars that once not so long ago were of frequent occurence in this section took place Saturday at the Bunting cattle ranch west of town.

It appears that F. O. Bunting has leased and fenced some of the road grant lands, and has had possession thereof for some years. On Saturday he noticed a lot of sheep in the pasture and went out and ordered the herder to take them out and assisted in driving them from the enclosure. On Sunday he discovered the "wolly terrors" again on his premises. He and his young son immediately rode out and located Simon Juanto, a Spaniard, who had leased the sheep from John Tucker, in charge of the flock. Mr. Bunting rode toward him and asked him why he had again put the sheep on his premises. Juanto claimed it was free range and he had as much right there as Bunting. The latter demurred to that, and told him to take his sheep out at onec or he would drive them out, whereupon Juanto who was armed with a rifle pointed the same at Bunting and told him if he moved another step he would shoot.

The latter was not armed so he withdrew and reported the matter to Deputy Sheriff Arthur, who placed Juanto under arrest. He had a preliminary hearing before Justice Bailey Monday, who bound him over with bail to appear at court next week.

A STALWART SENATOR

Walt Mason, in the October American Magazine, in describing Bristow, the insurgent Senator from Kansas, gives the dimensions of the staetsman as follows: "He is six feet of protest and a hundred and sixty pounds of defiance." It would be a good thing for the country if there were more men of that caliber in the halls of legislation. And it is a pity he could not take a club and pound either sense or decency into some men who dominate the Rpeublican party in Congress!

SMILE AND SMILE THEN SMILE AGAIN

The Man With the Smile Always Wins in Every Way

Do you realize the value of a smile? Do you know it has a commercial value? In fact, a simle is at a premium in some places of business. Surely you have felt the value smile. You have approcahed persons who have greeted you with a smile and a pleasantness that immediately placed you at ease and made you feel at home.

From a business standpoint, you cannot possibly overestimate the tonic effect of an ever-smiling countenance will have upon your sales. Look around and you will discover that those who invariably meet customers with a smile have a large following.

The effect a smile has on your own inmost self can scarcely be overestimated. A smile drives away dull cares and makes people bear their burdens more lightly. A smling person invariably takes the bright view of things.

A person with a smiling face is always welcome company. Smiles are the sunshine of the soul.

MORE TALK OF AN EXTENSION OF N. C. O. ROAD TO LAKEVIEW

Road to be Changed To Broad-Gauge---Work Now Underway---New Owners ?

That something will be doing soon in railroad situation is evident. The outside papers are full of talk of railroads headed from all directions for Lakeview. The following from the Alturas Plaindealer looks as though the N. C. O. will soon begin construction work to Lakeview:

News spread rapidly Monday morning that steps had been taken to broad gauge the N. C. O. Ry. The announcement createdn no little surprise as well a gratification. On every hand satisfaction was expressed, and no end of speculation was indulged in to account for this sudden move, Wm Kendell grade foreman, stated that work would begin at once an employment given to all the men and teams they could get. He also stated that work would be provided thru-out the winter and would last at least one year.

The work of broadening the grade will begin at Termo and extend south towards Reno. It is further known that the contract has been let for the construction of the grade to Lakeview, but work will not begin until next spring. This news is definite.

The sudden change in the program of the narrow guage has occasioned no little speculation among citizens of Alturas. That a change of ownership has taken place all are satsfied. But who, or what system, has succeeded to title is a questoin no one is able even to guess with any degree of certainity. One thing is certain, however, the Southern Pacific is not the new proprietor. That system has no use for the narrow guage. Its right-of-way would be of no material benefit to the big road. They have made surveys of their own, and at an enormous cost. Besides their plans, as mapped out, do not include any pact of that road. The only sytsem, therefore, that would be benefited would be the Western Pacific or the Hill system. In any event everyone in Modoc and Lake counties will rejoice at any change. Conditions cannot possibly be made worse than they are at present.

In this connection we desire to correct an impression that has gone abroad regarding the feeling of Altruas and Modoc county towards the N. C. O. Ry. We are not opposed to the road. On the contrary, we are very friendly. It is only the littleness and the spitefullness of the officers of that road that embittered our people.

SALEM FRUIT MAN GIVES US PRAISE

Says Surprise Valley Is Better for Pears Than is Medford

The following from the Bidwell Nugget shows that there is reason for calling the valley over the range, "Surprise Valley", which is a continuation to the south of the famous Warner Valley:

Mr. A. E. Bensinger, representative of the Oregon Nursery Co., of Salem, Oregon, spent the greater portion of this week in this vicinity looking over the separate orchards and he has nothing but praise to offer for the great fruit advantages that presents itself in this valley. He gives as an example of what an acre of pears, in Medfrod, Oregon nets to the owner of an orchard if properly cared for and says Surprise Valley has conditions for raising fruit superior to that of Medford. He says the average net returns per acre for Bartlett pears, at Medford, is $1,500, the fruit bringing $2.20 per box of 40lbs. and the average cost per year for caring for each tree is about $1.00.

PEARS YIELD PROFIT OF $1,000 ACRE

Medford, Or. Oct. 6.—From 16½ acres of pears F. H. Hopkins will take 7000 boxes, which he has sold at $2.14 per box for shibment east. The product gives $14.980 from the 16½ acres. The crop of 1907 gave over $19,000 to the owner. Picking has begun.