



## RAILS COMING TO ALTURAS FOR EXTENSION NORTH

### The Long-Heralded Railroad for Lakeview Now Actually In Sight

This is the way of the railroad situation, so far as regards Lakeview, looks to the Alturas new era. The fact that there were two carloads of rails arrived over the N-C-D last week, is an evidence that that road expects to soon begin its extension to Lakeview. If the weather permits, we look for work to begin soon on the extension. Whether or not the road has changed hands, in our opinion will make no difference in the matter of extension, and before another year rolls round, we look for the rails to be running into Lakeview. With this point reached we look for it to remain the terminus for a number of years, as this will control the trade of this northern country. We look for the road to some day reach a northern connection, but think it in the far future.

## KENT GOES WRONG HERE IN LAKEVIEW

### Probationist From Alturas Forges Checks on Alturas Banks

ALTURAS (Modoc Co.), December 24. Charles W. Kent, a jockey and all around thug who was tried and convicted of embezzlement in the Superior Court here a year ago, and who was put on probation by Judge Baker for a period five years, made his escape yesterday. Investigation reveals the fact that Kent, who was in the employ of Charles Brown, liveryman, made a trip to Lakeview with passengers, and while in that town forged checks amounting in all to about \$5,000, on the First National Bank of this place. Kent has been found guilty of a number of such crimes, having been captured by Sheriff Caldwell of this place, who by diligent search and inquiry, located him in Kansas City, Missouri, a year ago. Kent at that time was wanted for embezzling \$500 of his employer's money and was brought back to Alturas, tried and convicted of the crime. He was last seen in Reno Nev., with a woman of the night life, known as Macy Henry, alias Little Pete, who accompanied him from Alturas.

## BIG HARNEY HERDS BEING BROKEN UP

The stockmen of Harney county have been selling off their stock this fall. The Harney Stock company has sold 15,000 head and the Pacific Livestock company has several thousands, besides what the small owners have disposed of, making a total of 30,000. Several thousands head of sheep have been sold in the Stebn mountain country owing to the shortage of range. Cattle have brought a good price, an average of \$25 a head.

She—I don't see why you should hesitate to marry on \$1,000 a year. Papa says my gown never cost more than that. He—But, my dear, we must have something to eat. She (petulantly)—Isn't that just like a man. Always thinking of his stomach.—Boston Transcript.

### SOMEBODY HAS TO.

SOMEBODY has to play the game. Wine and women or church and state. Sport or music or art or fame. Out of the dice box life throws Fate. Somebody has to do the trick. Kick up legs in a playhouse wing. Lift the weary and nurse the sick. Preach and parley and pray and sing.

Somebody has to go the pace. Babylon's people are here the show. Somebody's booked for the glided race—Bing! the signal, and off they go. Somebody's got to be fool and knave. Somebody's got to be lost or win. Somebody's got to be king or slave. Snow white angel or blood red sin.

Somebody has to fly when fly is on the bills for the madcap hour. Somebody has to live or die. Sink in peril or rise in power. Somebody has to do the things. Grim gods laugh when they call a name. Here, be devil, or, here, wear wings—Somebody has to play the game.—Baltimore Sun.

### LIFE.

LEARN to live well that thou may'st die so too. To live and die is all we have to do.—Denham.

## A Happy and Prosperous New Year For All Our Readers

### GIFFORD PINCHOT SOUNDS WARNING Says Congress Must Act To Save Our Water Powers

CLEVELAND (Ohio), December 22.—Gifford Pinchot declared last night before the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce that unless Congress takes some action in this present session "the old system of giving away water power sites in perpetuity will be resumed. Pinchot did not mention Secretary Ballinger. In reviewing the question of the existence of water power combines and monopolies, he said: "The worst of it is that these combinations continue without any sort of Government control. I am careful not to say that there is a single great water power trust, because I do not believe there is now. Some of these trusts there will be."

## FAMILY OF RUSSELL LOOKING FOR HIM

Fineville Journal, 9.—Echo L. Russell, aged 12 years, formerly of Lake Co. Oregon, but now of Petaluma, California, would like to know of the whereabouts of his father, William Russell, who, about four years ago, worked around Warner Valley, Lake Co. He used to ride after cattle and broke horses for a livelihood. About a year ago it was learned that the man was working in the vicinity of Prineville and the family—wife and two children—wrote to the Journal to find out whether he is dead or alive. He has sandy reddish hair, weight about 175 pounds, and is 5 feet 7 1/2 inches tall. The family is in straightened circumstances. All information concerning the man should be sent to Echo L. Russell care Gugliemetti, Petaluma, California.

## FARMERS ARE THE WINNERS THIS YEAR

That the farmer has the best of the situation these days is set forth in the Sacramento Bee, as follows: The State is now buying from the East yearly great quantities of hams, bacon, lard, butter, cheese, eggs, poultry, condensed milk, canned vegetables and meats, and other farm products, all of which may and should be produced in California. It will take a long time for our farmers to catch up with this demand for the products of the soil, irrigated or otherwise. There is ample room for the expansion of the home dairy industry, and for the breeding of the best cattle and other live stock now brought in from other states to a large extent.

## AUTOMOBILE ROAD TEST.

Norristown, Pa., to Find Out How Motor Cars Affect Highways. In resenting the imputation that automobiles are more harmful to improved highways than horse drawn vehicles Assemblyman Rex of Norristown, Pa., at the annual convention of supervisors the other day suggested that a practical test be made to demonstrate the relative wear and tear of both classes of vehicles on public roads. He offered to contribute to the construction of such a road, which will be composed of two parallel highways exactly alike. Over one of these roads horse drawn vehicles are to pass and over the other the automobiles.

### Lesson In Good Roads.

The state engineer of New York in a recent report says that in 1907 New York built 311 miles of good roads and in 1908 820 miles. The taxpayers have authorized the expenditure of \$50,000,000 for roads, and the legislature has added \$11,000,000. It is stated that the contention for good roads had to be waged for years to get the work started. The farmers were the strongest in opposition. New Jersey and Massachusetts took up the work before New York, but now the Empire State is getting in line. By the time the \$61,000,000 shall have been spent the three states, which all join at points, will have a great system of roads. One may leave Philadelphia and reach Boston on highways smooth and solid. A good automobile may easily beat the trains on this trip, and surely the pleasure is much greater.

## Lakeview is to Have First Class Telephone Service

The Examiner is glad to state that Lakeview, in keeping with its march toward early civic importance, is soon to possess an up-to-date telephone service. The new order of things is being brought about by the organization of the Lakeview & Pine Creek Electric Company under the management of E. C. Thurston, a pioneer who was here prior to the establishment of the town, and who has lived for more than a third of a century on his farm, just south of town, which it is believed he transferred a few months since to Hill interests. The new company not only intend cutting in a first class plant in Lakeview, but has also secured the line between Lakeview and Alturas, which will be entirely reconstructed. New poles will be set between Lakeview and New Pine Creek. The contracts now let for cutting the poles for a portion of the line and also for placing about Lakeview. None of the poles will be less than 35 feet in length, and none will be used anywhere of smaller diameter than 10 inches at base, and six inches at top of pole. The company is now sending to prominent supply companies for equipment on a competitive basis with a requirement for an experienced and qualified man to install the system. There will be a three hundred drop board, which is much larger than present needs demand, but Mr. Thurston says Lakeview is bound to grow in the near future, and he proposes to be ahead of all demands. Two main cables will be laid in town. Surveys have already been made on the principal streets of the town for placing the poles, and the work of placing them will be done just as soon as they can be prepared for the purpose. The establishment of this service will be a great convenience in the fact of having a central exchange and thereby doing away with the three widely separated exchanges now maintained in town. The consolidation and extension of the service means, also, bringing about increased business as many who would not possess phones under existing conditions will not only place them in their places of business but in their residences as well, something that will be appreciated by the housewife as well as the business man. For the present Mr. Thurston will maintain the exchange and offices in the new Watson Block. Thus, thanks to Mr. Thurston, Lakeview takes another step toward her future greatness.

## RAILROAD MEN IN PIT RIVER VALLEY

The Bieber Gazette, of the 16th says: Some little railroad excitement was caused here last week on account of a visit from a gentleman who was looking over this valley for a railroad route. He made the statement that the Pit River route was the most feasible of any in the mountains, for several reasons, and only on account of the proposed reservoir site here would the road build around our valley. This may be of more significance than is realized on account of the many railroad surveys being made in central and eastern Oregon and all heading in this direction. It might be well for our people to make another effort to induce the interior department to raise the embargo that has been placed on this valley.

## APPLE ORCHARD AT \$2,000 AN ACRE

HOOD RIVER, Or., 21.—J. C. Porter, who for many years was a partner in the Sears & Porter orchard, and who is one of the largest growers today, holds the record for a profitable apple crop in the Hood River valley this year. Mr. Porter's three and one-half acre tract of Yellow Newtown apples will yield \$2,000 per acre. As high as 30 boxes were picked off a single tree. Mr. Porter has shipped his entire crop to the New York market with the exception of a few Newtowns that were bought by Page & Son of Portland.

The Vale Oriano reports Louis N Hill there in cognato, and says one of the head engineers of the Oregon Short Line has purchased a lot there and is building a home. Two items that indicate railroad doings soon in Malheur County.

What the automobile is to the United States the motor boat is to Canada, especially along the St. Lawrence river and in British Columbia.

## American Breed Is Fast Becoming Extinct.

By FRANKLIN H. GIDDINGS, Professor of Sociology, Columbia University. THE AMERICAN BREED IS DYING OUT. THERE ARE PLACES IN THE UNITED STATES THAT HAVE A LOWER BIRTH RATE EVEN THAN FRANCE. The American father and mother throughout the country are not providing an ADEQUATE BIRTH RATE TO MAINTAIN THEIR STOCK. The burden of increasing the population is FALLING ON THE IMMIGRANTS. But a man is foolish to opine on what should be done regarding the birth rate. The parents, for the present at least, intend having it a low one. Our problem is to CUT DOWN THE DEATH RATE. It is murderous to let typhoid fever get the grip on our cities that it has. Take Philadelphia—a horrible example. Recently it was reported, there were forty new cases of typhoid every day in that city. The great problem of the cities is to keep clean. The slums in our great cities are in a disgraceful condition. Authorities must take up MUNICIPAL HOUSECLEANING thoroughly if they expect to keep the number of deaths normal. It can reasonably be much lower and must be to PERPETUATE THE AMERICAN STOCK. I believe that so few children to each family is merely a PHENOMENON OF THE TIMES. Before many years, I am confident, the birth rate will rise somewhat.

## NAIL THEIR FLAG TO INSURGENT'S MAST

### Everybodys Say's Movement is Not a Question of Party but of Right

Everybody's Magazine, as its readers know, is in no sense a partisan publication. But partisanship is not involved in the issue at hand. Representative government is at stake. For this controlling reason, Everybody's does indorse, without qualification, the noble stand taken by the insurgents of the Senate and the House. These men have risen above party. They have faithfully and courageously represented the people at large in Congress. The reelection of Beveridge, Clapp and La Follette is of national moment. For these men not only represent the people of their respective states; they are senators of the whole people. And before any primaries—or at least before the Congressional election—every candidate should be compelled to give pledge that he will vote against Cannon for Speaker, and vote for a change in the rules which will take away the Speaker's power to appoint committees, substituting therefor the naming of committees by a bipartisan committee of the whole House; thus terminating that un-American official's domination of the Committee on Rules. (Get the pledge from your Congressman. Get a pledge that will bind his action, not alone in the party caucus but, far more important on the floor of the House. Better get the pledge in writing. —Editor's note in January Everybody's)

## MUST TEAR DOWN ALL THE FENCES

### Big Stockmen Over The Line in California Must Let Go

FORT BIDWELL (Modoc Co.), December 24.—A number of large land owners who have had the free use of thousands of acres of Government land under fence for years, have received notice from the Government to tear down the fence and return the land to the public domain. Some of the holders are complying with the request, while others are holding on. Considerable good land has been in the hands of a few men, while the small stock men, sheep men and horse raisers have been deprived of their rights.

## PEOPLE GRABBING GOVERNMENT LAND

The Silver Lake Leader says: Still the people come pouring in to file on lands and in doing so are making no mistake. At this rate long before the summer of 1910 has passed every foot of government land throughout this section will be taken up. Our railroad magnates will please sit up and take notice and shove that work along a little faster, as commodities will be ready to load your cars daily by the time you get them here.

## HARRIMAN LEFT OVER \$200,000,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Edward H. Harriman was really worth at the time of his death more than \$200,000,000, although a recent appraisal of his estate placed its valuation at \$149,000,000.

## ATTAINMENT.

W E sigh for things we scarce hope to gain. And which, if all our own, would give no peace. We vainly toil and struggle to release. To knowledge nature's secrets. We complain. That 'tis not given us to break some chain. To scale some peak, to win some golden fleece. To do some mighty deed whose light shall cease. Only when moons no longer wax and wane. 'Tis thus we empty all the springs of life. To lose the blessing at our very hand. For faith and love, with glory as of sun, illumine the path of peace through every strife. No work is futile that is nobly planned. No deed is little if but greatly done. —Edward Robeson Taylor.

## UNCLE SAM SAYS IF YOU VOTE DRY YOU GO THIRSTY

### Will Permit No Evasion Of the Prohibition By Common Carriers

It has been alleged from time to time that in some of the states where the sale of intoxicating liquor has been prohibited in one way or another the railroads and express companies assisted the violators of the law by acting as buying and selling agents, or both. Congress, with the idea of putting a stop to this practice provided as follows: "Any railroad company, express company or other carrier, or any other person, who, in connection with transportation of any spirituous, vinous, malted, fermented, or other intoxicating liquor of any kind, from one state, territory or district of the United States, shall collect the purchase price or any part thereof, before, on or after delivery, or shall in any manner act as the agent of the buyer or seller of any such liquor, for the purpose of buying or selling or completing the sale thereof, saving only in the actual transportation and delivery of the same, shall be fined not more than 5,000." In view of the above the stages and freighters who have been hauling intoxicating liquors into the dry parts of this country may get into serious trouble with the United States authorities.

## BIG GOLD STRIKE IN HOAG DISTRICT

The Bidwell Nugget says the double compartment raise in the Sugar Pine, one of the properties of the Bidwell Consolidated, will reach its surface in a few days, and says ore ranging from \$40 to \$135 per ton was encountered. The raise was to give air, and on its completion operations will at once be resumed on the 300 foot level. From what we know and have learned we believe the Sugar Pine is destined to become one of the great mines of California. This is a vast body of ore, twelve feet of which samples \$7.50 per ton. Just how wide the ledge is has not been determined, but the U. S. geological surveyor estimates it at 80 feet. And it is known to extend thru the mountain 600 yards. Work will be pushed throughout the winter under the supervision of competent engineers and miners. Keep an eye on this property.

## HARNEY COUNTY SETTLING RAPIDLY

The reports of the United States Land Office at Burns, Harney County of November disclose a large amount of business for this time of year and a substantial increase of settlers. There were 57 homesteads entered embracing 9,445 acres; 29 desert claims, 5,641; 16 state school script selections, 1168 acres; 5 railroad scrip selections, 2163 acres; 7 timber and stone entries, 7780 acres; 6 public sales, 173 acres, a total of 19,511 acres. The collections were: Fees and commissions, \$1059.41; sales of public lands, \$9639.11.

## Charles Dickens on Christmas.

"It is a wonderful thing," wrote Charles Dickens, "the period of Christmas! I wonder how many hundreds of thousands of parents have discovered at Christmas time, under the magic of the season—through some little, little thing done by son or daughter—that those they thought estranged from them, by those things which come between, still loved them with a memory more tender than they had dreamed of. I wonder how many sons and daughters, under the magic influence of Christmas, have had their hearts softened so as to be moved by some little manifestation of love by father or mother, which they would have thought little of, perhaps despised, at any other season."

## Highway Seven Hundred Miles Long.

A highway stretching in a direct line of 700 miles from Atlanta to Washington is now the subject of promotion on the part of the Good Roads club of Georgia.