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## SIDNEY T. COLVIN, ANOTHER OF OUR PIONEERS, IS NO MORE

### Death Came Suddenly on Monday Morning and Was Due to Heart Failure

This community was startled early Monday morning by the announcement of the sudden death of heart failure of Sidney T. Colvin, another of the old pioneers of Lake county and one long prominent in the affairs of the county.

Mr. Colvin since coming to Lake county in 1873 had been engaged in the stock business. He had a ranch in Crooked Creek valley where he raised a fine quality of horses, which he shipped out in California and other sections of the country.

It has been his custom to take his stock out of the country and remain all winter disposing of them. Last winter he discontinued the practice and staid here all winter, he having reached the conclusion that his age was too far advanced for further undertakings of that kind. Some time during the past year he disposed of his ranch and stock and purchased the furniture business of H. L. Chandler which in association with his son-in-law, Mr. Harris, he was successfully conducting at the time of his death.

Mr. Colvin had been in his customary health and was around town up to the supper table the night before his death. On the morning of his demise at about 8 o'clock his wife called to him to get up, as it was the usual hour for arising. He stirred and turned over, but not putting in appearance his wife again went to him, and found that his spirit had flown. She ran to herself and daughter, Mrs. Harris, was hard to bear.

He was born in Galen, N. Y. Aug. 19, 1838. In 1862 he enlisted in the 14th N. Y. Heavy Artillery, and served for two years as captain, but on the eve of promotion had his hip shattered in the Battle of the Wilderness, and was honorably discharged from further service. In September, 1865 he married Miss Eliza E. Power who still survives him. From this union three children were born: Mrs. C. G. Harris, of Silver Lake; Mrs. Farnham Harris, of Lakeview and Harvey Colvin of Berkeley California all of whom will be present at his funeral.

Mr. Colvin came to California in 1870, and for some time was a conductor on the Central Pacific railway. Like many early railroad men he became impressed with the money making possibilities of stock raising and with that purpose in view, came to Lake county in 1873, which has since been his permanent residence.

His many fine qualities of mind and heart endeared him to a wide circle of friends who regret that his career of usefulness is ended.

He was a member of the Sherman Post G. A. R. and also of the Masonic lodge at Lakeview.

He will be buried today from the Baptist Church under the ritual of the Masonic fraternity.

## PARTY LINES ARE DISINTEGRATING

The New York World, a conservative democratic newspaper says: "Not since Mr. Cleveland's second administration have party lines at Washington been so broken as they are in the sixty-first Congress. Democrats and Republicans are alike divided. In the House Speaker Cannon faces an insurgent revolt; but Champ Clark, the opposition leader cannot command the unanimous support of the Democratic representatives. Senator Culberson has resigned the thankless task of leading the Democratic minority in the Senate, and Senator Aldrich finds his own leadership sharply challenged by radical Senators from the West. Republican Senators and Representatives can be found who are no less radical than Mr. Bryan and Mr. Clark, and there are democratic senators and representatives who are no less conservative than Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Cannon.

In Central Oregon the railroads are coming within about 2000 men working to shove them along. The crop of 1910 promises to be a "bumper" and it is going to roll down to the Columbia of rails. No wonder engine-brush plains are being turned into fertile fields, and eastern land speculators are reaping many harvests in advance.

A family of five near Sacramento ate raw pork sausage, and are giving the doctors the time of their lives to prevent them from slipping through the peary gates before their time.

## ARTESIAN WATER EASILY OBTAINED

Seems to be an Easy Matter to Get Such Wells in Harney's Valleys

The Harney County News of the last issue has this to say of a section through which the Military Road Grant passes and which was opened to settlement by the Oregon Valley Land Company last September.

One of the prominent factors in the ultimate development of Harney county will be the artesian flow of water which is to be found at so many places and at such reasonable depth from the surface. Especially is this true of the section east of Steen's mountain and south from the Juniper Lake country to the Nevada line, all through the Wild Horse, Pueblo and Trout creek valleys, in which an artesian flow is secured at the depths of from 65 to 120 feet.

In Wild Horse valley north and south of Adrows many farms are successfully irrigated by means of flowing wells. One man A. H. Hollis, south of Andrews, having six or seven of them on his place and there are many others having similar and lesser numbers. All the way south from there to Benio through the Pueblo and Trout creek valleys, these wells are found and in a short time there will be a great many of them drilled and put to good use in a general irrigation system.

Taking the character of the soil and the favorable climatic conditions, the possibilities for fruit and vegetable production under a generous artesian water supply are beyond present calculation. Where a flow can be obtained at a depth of 75 to 125 feet the cost is merely nominal and the water can be used at a great profit. Under such an impetus that part of Harney county is sure to make rapid progress.

## RAILS COMING FAST FOR OUR RAILROAD

The Alturas papers report that the N. C. O. has a big pile of rails in its yards there for its Lakeview extension, and that the company is increasing same at the rate of fifteen cars a week. At that rate it looks as though the road would keep at work extending its line until its Columbia river terminal is reached. We shall not object so long as the road reaches Lakeview. The people here are not going to block the progress of any road that reaches us.

## GOOD EFFECT SHOWN OF FORESTRY RULES

Prevents Power-Site Grabbing, and Makes Grabbers Let Go!

And what will be the effect of the National Forest rules on the owner ship and development of water power sites in the Northwest? What has been the effect? One fact: The Southern Pacific has very recently abandoned two of its most promising power sites—one of them located on the Umpqua River in Southern Oregon, and the other on the McKenzie branch of the Willamette River. The company seemed to have discovered that the power wasn't needed just yet—also that they must either get to work or let loose. These two power sites are now open, and it is very likely that others of the power sites in the National Forests of Oregon and Washington will be released soon, or their leases terminated because they lack the development work. Such a wholesale release seems almost inevitable for it all of the power sites that are now being tacitly held in the Northwest were really developed in the market would be deluged—there would be many, many times as much power developed as is at present needed, or likely will be needed in the next ten years.—R. R. Howard in the January Pacific Monthly.

### A Fine Edition

The annual number of the Oregonian makes especial mention of Central Oregon and gives its prospective railroads, and manifold opportunities prominence. We shall take pleasure in copying some of its mention of Lake County. Those who desire can obtain a copy by addressing the Oregonian, Portland, and enclosing five cents. It is a number worth keeping for its informing contents as to this Great Inland Empire.

Before "I married," said Mr. Heapeck, "I didn't know what it meant to support a wife. 'I presume you know now?' "Yes indeed I looked up the word 'support' in the dictionary and discovered that one of its meanings is 'endure.'—Birmingham Age Herald.

Robert Howie, a 2-year old got on the thin ice of the Klamath river last week, broke through and was drowned.

## NEW HOMESTEAD WILL GROW PINE TREES IN NURSERY

RULINGS SEEM TO FAVOR SETTLERS

### Commissioner Considers Evidence of Good Faith All That Is Necessary

The commissioner of the general land office has handed down three decisions in contest cases arising in the Boise land district two of which the entryman were allowed to hold their claims upon evidence of good faith, notwithstanding the fact that they have not complied with the strict letter of the law or to residence. In the third case the entryman who took up his claim as a desert claim entry, but later discovering that sufficient water was not available, relinquished the tract and took it up as a homestead, is allowed no credit for improvement placed upon the land as a desert entry and in view of the fact that he had a completed with the law as to residence his claim is held for cancellation.

The register and receiver of the Boise office in passing upon these cases and against all the entrymen on the grounds that none of them had established or maintained a residence. In the case of Wynn W. Pedley vs. Willie V. Krieger, involving 80 acres section 15, township 4 north, range 5 west, it was shown by the testimony that entryman never resided continuously upon the lands, but from time to time spent Sunday there, stopping over night.

In overruling the action of local officials in recommending this claim for cancellation, the commissioner's decision states in part: "The question of residence here is but little conflict in the testimony. One of the plaintiff's witnesses, Mitchell, who had lived on the adjoining tract since February, 1908, testified that the defendant had been on his claim off and on since March, but could not state how often."

"He came out on Saturday sometimes and stayed over Sunday and on till Sunday evening and Sunday afternoon. Sometimes he came out on Sunday and stayed until Sunday afternoon and sometimes he would come back Monday morning, and sometimes he came out during the week."

"In this case contest was brought about 100 months after entry, and when contest was had the entry was about a year old."

"Cultivation is one of the requirements of the homestead law, but considering the short life of the entry and the surrounding circumstances, a judgment of forfeiture would not be warranted on the grounds of failure to cultivate same, as there is yet time in which to comply with the law in that respect. Defendant has evidently shown good faith in the matter of his improvements so that the only question to be determined is whether he has performed such acts as would indicate the establishment of his residence and intent to make the land his home."

"The residence on the part of the defendant has been of an intermittent character and is not entirely satisfactory. He appears, however, to have done the best he could under the circumstances. His absence appears to have been necessary to earn money to support himself and improve the land."

"Upon a careful consideration of the case it is not believed that such a showing of default has been made as would justify the cancellation of the entry. In reaching this conclusion it is not to be understood that the entry can be perfected by the character of the residence indicated."

A peculiar contrast is apparent in the other two cases James O. Adams vs. Cornelius Blaker involving 100 acres of land in section 21, township 7 north, range 1 west and Samuel M. Friend, involving a quarter section of section 12 township 1 north, range 4 west.

In the Adams-Blaker contest the finding of the Boise officers are reversed and case dismissed. Blaker procured a relinquishment for the land embraced in the entry purchasing the improvements thereon for the

### Who Gets the Profit?

A carload of turkeys left Galveston, Texas, the other day, for which local shoppers received 11 cents per pound. When these turkeys reached the consumers they cost 33 cents per pound. In other words, two thirds of the cost to the consumer was absorbed somewhere between the seller and the buyer. It went to the railroad or the middle man. This also indicates that there is something besides a shortage of commodities that creates high prices.

The press of the state is almost a unite in jumping on the reverse, petty, pettish, childish old man of the Oregonian, who clings with persistence of his pap-rag ideas of a back woods age. There surely is a field for a modern progressive and public spirited morning daily in Portland.

## PAISLEY SUFFERING FROM THE CHEWAUGAN FLOODS

People Being Driven Out Of Their Homes By the Backing up of the River

The situation in Paisley is serious. At this writing, Monday, the river has overflowed the main street as far as the Paisley Hotel. The store and the warehouse of Virgil Coun, The Paisley Mercantile company's store and Dr. Witham's drug store are all surrounded by water. One can not get to the postoffice in Coun's store without wading in slush a foot deep.

The northern stage did not get out of Paisley Monday morning. For the past week it had been crossing at the upper ford. But even this crossing has been shut off from the town by the water coming down the south channel by Sam Banister. The only way the ford can be reached is by horseback around by the hill cemetery.

The ice jam commenced with the snow storm of December 20th, two weeks ago. The light snow blown in to the river formed slush and began to pile up along the ZX levee at the upper end of the marsh. The river gradually backed up until it reached the bridge. The ice jam came to the tops of the piers. The river was higher than the streets and the soon the northeast part of town was flooded.

One by one the people began to move out of their houses, abandoning them to the water and ice. Mrs. Mar on Conley in the big white house was the first to move. The migration kept up until the following eight families had found new quarters with their neighbors; Mrs. Conley, W. O. Huff, Albert Banister, John Farley, Wm. Blair, Mrs. George Harper, B. G. Cannon and William Tucker.

In some instances pianos were elevated with saw-horses to keep them out of the flood. Doors were tightly calked in hopes of keeping out the water. There was hardly any current to the overflow and the water soon congealed in gardens, stables and along with the owners.

For the dance Christmas eve a stack of barrels had been constructed south of the bridge. That was about the last time barrels could cross until the two last Thursday. For that day the stream rose from 12 stages to 14 in the day and some rain fell. For the river was back into its channel cutting a narrow gorge. Supervisor McEwen was at work with men all day Friday and filled in the deep hole south of the bridge with logs. It was thought that the crisis had passed.

But Friday night it again turned cold and again the river began to move out Saturday seven inches of snow fell at Woodward's Hot Springs and a foot at Wagoner. Wither's Saturday night the thermometer went one below Woodard's and Sunday night one below; This equals the low record of January 15th three years ago when it was now below, the coldest since the weather station was established six years ago.

Sunday evening Philip Woodward started for the Mercantile Co's store after spending New Year's at home. He crossed all right coming out Saturday but Sunday evening after getting his horse into the saddle blanket he had to go back. He turned the horse loose and waded across.

What the people will do when all the houses are flooded is a problem. The only thing that will save the town is a southwest wind with its accompanying thaw. Monday the breeze was from the northwest. There is talk of a suit for damages against the ZX.

### Will Visit Mexico

Merrill Record 30th ult: Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bunting are selling their household effects at private sale at their residence preparatory to leaving shortly on a tour of Southern California. They will go to Los Angeles for their first stop. Mr. Bunting will make a trip into Old Mexico to investigate opportunities for investments in that country, and may possibly extend his investigations as far south as the Panama canal. In the spring Mr. and Mrs. Bunting will return to Merrill. Their oldest daughter will remain with her grandmother in Poe valley.

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## NEW TOWN LAYOUT ON GOOSE LAKE

Situated Midway Between Here and Alturas on An Orchard Tract

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The land is nearly all level, and provided with an abundance of water for irrigation. The company has control of all the water in Lassen Creek and has constructed a large dam to run the water from its natural course to the new townsite.

The flume is about a mile long, and is built around a rock point high above the old creek channel, making it possible to get water on all the land in the new tract.

The soil is what is known as lava soil, yet it is alluvial in its character and well adapted to the successful growing of apples, pears, plums and many varieties of berries as well as all kinds of vegetables that can be grown in other parts of Goose Lake valley. Some of the choicest specimens of fruit that were exhibited at the Lakeview fair came from that part of the valley. Grain has been one of the profitable and reliable crops of the valley for many years and yields heavily when given reasonable amount of water.

### MANY BUILDINGS TO GO UP IN THE SPRING

Lumber has already been ordered for several new houses, and other orders will be placed soon. Ten residences will be constructed at the opening of spring. Together with a general merchandise store, postoffice a blacksmith shop and other buildings including the office of the land company. Two lots are reserved for churches, and one will probably be erected next summer. There will be enough children to form another district, and that will necessitate the building of a school house. The machinery for an electric light plant has been ordered and will be installed as soon as the building starts. The town of Lakeside will be on the N-C-O Railroad, as the survey runs through the town, and the right of way has been bought. A station will be built for the convenience of those who will ship produce to Lakeview and Reno, so that the problem of fuel and lumber that confronts so many interior towns will never be a problem for Lakeside to solve.

### TOWN WITHOUT SALOONS

No saloons, breweries or distilleries will ever be allowed to do business in the new town. There is a clause in every deed which prohibits the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors forever.

It is the plan of the company to make Lakeside a summer resort, and to offer every inducement to desirable people to come and spend their vacation days in this quiet and law-abiding town. The attitude of the company will be in harmony with that of the county, as Modoc County, by an overwhelming majority vote, out the saloons last February.

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