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VALIENT PIONEER WHO HAS DONE MUCH FOR LAKE COUNTY

Life History of J. L. Morrow, One of the First Settlers of Warner Valley

JOSEPH L. MORROW.
This pioneer of Oregon has achieved statewide prominence because of his connection with the noted Warner Valley land contest; the fight which he has made in the interests of his fellow settlers in Lake county to wrest thousands of acres of valuable land from the Warner Valley Stock company. The case dates back to 1860.

Lakeview, Ore., March 3.—Champion of the settlers' case in the far famed land contest of Warner valley, Joseph L. Morrow of Adel, Lake county, stands higher in the estimation of his fellow settlers than any man in this part of Oregon. One of the first settlers in Warner valley, Mr. Morrow has done a great deal towards its development, particularly in the part he has taken in the prolonged litigation for the possession of its lands.

Owing mainly to his strenuous efforts 6200 acres of land, worth about \$50 an acre, has been successfully settled and cultivated by a number of prosperous families, despite the efforts of the Warner Valley Stock company to convert it into a stock range.

NOTED OREGON LAND CASE

The Warner valley land contest is one of the most noted cases that have arisen in the state and Mr. Morrow's life has been inseparably connected with its history. In 1860 an act of congress providing that all "swamp and overflowed" land should belong to the property of the state, was applied to Oregon.

In 1870 the Oregon legislature authorized the sale of these lands, whereupon an application, known as the "Queen application," was made for the purchase of the alleged swamp lands of Warner valley. It was not until 1884, however, that a certificate of sale, under different applications, was secured, and in 1892 the Warner Valley Stock company got possession of these lands.

SETTLERS FIGHT FOR LANDS

In the meantime a few settlers had come to the valley, but owing to the difficulty of securing a title a vigorous attempt at settlement was not made until 1885. It was this year that Mr. Morrow, after a previous visit, brought his family to the valley and took up the ranch on which he now lives. He at once placed himself at the head of the settlers, exhorting them to retain and improve the lands they had taken up. Irrigation was necessary to make the land productive, and ditches were constructed and cultivation begun.

But the settlers had no deed to the lands upon which they were living nor have they yet, a dispute as to the ownership arose. Certain officials of the survey were accused of fraudulent reports. Mr. Morrow brought about an investigation by Special Agent Charles Shackelford, who, in an exhaustive report confirmed those facts. The department of the interior, however, investigated the case and in general decided adversely to the settlers.

WARNER COMPANY GETS POSSESSION

In 1892 the Warner Valley Stock company secured possession of the land, and in 1892 Mr. Morrow lost a suit in the general land office. He, however, continued to press the campaign against the stock company, with the result that in the celebrated case of J. L. Morrow against the Warner Valley Stock company, in 1893, the settlers won a complete victory in the local land office. But this decision was reversed the following year by the general land office.

In 1904, Mr. Morrow caused Governor Chamberlain to become interested. The state of Oregon then took the side of the settlers, bringing suit against the stock company. The last decision, however, in 1908, was adverse to the interests of the settlers.

LOOK FOR ULTIMATE VICTORY.

Mr. Morrow and his fellow settlers believe, however, that they will win in the end and they will live securely in the fine valley, one of the wealthiest in the state, where they have built their homes made their farms, and paid their taxes. In their interest he has made three trips to Washington D. C., and several to the Oregon state capital. He fully deserves the honor and credit he has won of the public.

Since his advent to southeastern Oregon, he has taken an active part in the welfare and development of the country. He is now 70 and living a life of semi-retirement, having leased his land and stock. He owns 320 acres of valuable land together with the one section belonging to a son, now deceased, and another quarter, which is really the property of a minor grandson.

BORN IN CHARITON CO., MO.

Joseph L. Morrow was born in

REPUBLICANS ALSO AGAINST TARIFF BILL

Chicago Tribune's Second Poll Shows Atlantic States Insurgent

CHICAGO, March 3.—Chicago Tribune Independent Republicans today print the result of a poll it has taken of the various newspaper editors of the country, showing that the East-arch-tariff bill and Speaker Cannon.

Republican editors were called on to express their views. The result of the poll, as printed, shows a majority of party editors in Cannon's own state against him.

According to the figures printed today 85.5 per cent of the Republican editors of New England disapprove the recent tariff bill, and 86.4 per cent are against Cannon.

In the Eastern Atlantic States 74 per cent are against the tariff and 77.9 per cent of the editors do not approve of Cannon.

In the Western States the poll shows 77.1 per cent oppose the tariff and 83.1 per cent voting against Cannon.

The Southern States vote 62.8 per cent against the tariff and 72.5 per cent against Cannon.

HOMESTEADERS ARE FAVORED

Have the Privilege to Assign Claims After Five Years

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The Senate bill permitting homesteaders within the reclamation projects to assign their entries after five years of residence and cultivation, was ordered favorably reported to the House yesterday by the Irrigation Committee.

To prevent indiscriminate speculation the bill was amended to prohibit homesteaders from assigning entries except to persons qualified as homesteaders and therefore entitled to buy assignments.

The committee also agreed upon a bill authorizing leases of absence for homesteaders on irrigable lands for which no water is available. A measure recently passed the Senate allowing second filing on a tract where a person filed and lost his right by forfeiture or abandonment, making him eligible again to take up any land. The bill has not yet passed the House.

Cranberry Ranch to Become Big Industry

Reno Journal, 23.—A cranberry ranch is going to be one of the big things of Nevada if the present plans of some of these interested carry. Those Maxwell, an experienced cranberry grower arrived from the east yesterday and will take an interest with Sam Crane in his cranberry ranch at Fallon. These gentlemen will put in about 20 acres this year as a starter and later hope to have at least 80 acres under cultivation. They will spare no expense in making the industry one of the leading ones of the Carson sink.

New Indian Agent

KLAMATH AGENCY (Ore.), March 22.—Edison W. Cooper, formerly Superintendent of the Potawatomi Agency in Kansas, has been appointed Superintendent and general disbursing agent for this agency. He will report for duty at once.

Chariton county, Missouri, July 2, 1831, and was reared in Macon county of that state. Here his father, Rev. Jesse S. Morrow, died in 1855. Only a brother and sister are now living. Mr. Morrow never enjoyed the opportunity of going to school; but by dint of persistent home study in his native state and in the west, he has acquired a good fundamental education. He crossed the plains in 1854, with Tom Goran's train of ox team, experiencing much annoyance from hostile Indians on the route. In one fight he received an arrow wound in the leg.

He started west in April and arrived at Nevada City, Cal., in August. Here he worked in the mines, later going to the Forest City mines, where he mined until 1858. Then he went to Sonoma county, California. He next removed to Big River Mills, engaging in the sawmill business until the fall of 1859, then he returned to Nevada county.

SETTLES IN THE WARNER VALLEY

Here he again mined until 1865, when he removed to Douglas county, Oregon, engaging in mining and farming on Myrtle creek. In 1891 he removed to Fort Bidwell, Cal., and it was this year that he passed through Warner Valley on a horse-hunting expedition and decided on his future home. He brought his family to Warner in 1865, and has

RAILROAD WORK IS DOING STUNTS

All Indications Point to The Grid-ironing of Eastern Oregon.

The Sacramento Bee, of the 20th inst., had several columns of railroad news, one dispatch from Vale, Malheur county insisting that the mysterious Pittsburg & Gilmore road coming from Montana is "headed for San Francisco "Down through Lakeview."

Another long dispatch sizing up the railroad situation for Eastern Oregon speaking of the Harriman and Hill roads building down from the north says the former is of inferior construction, while the Oregon Trunk line is being built in a more substantial and consequently more expensive manner than the opposing road. While its contracts so far let carry it only to Madras, it has been located to bend, forty miles farther south, and has been surveyed to the California line.

TO KLAMATH AND LAKEVIEW

The two roads are after the same business and seem bent upon invading the same territory throughout their length. Porter Brothers more than a year ago started building the Oregon Trunk. They were opposed by Harriman after they got well started, but J. J. Hill took up the Porter project and put John F. Stevens of Panama Canal fame in charge. Then the Hill and Harriman systems put large corps of surveyors in the interior of Oregon, as well as large crews of builders on the Deschutes. Where one side has surveyed, there also has the other been seen. The Deschutes line is to connect at Klamath Falls with the California Northern and a line building to that point from Natron, Ore. The Oregon Trunk, Hill's line, is going to Klamath Falls and is to connect there with a line that is to be immediately surveyed from a point in Plumas county, Cal., where connection will be made with the Western Pacific. To offset the Natron line, Hill is to build to a connection with the line through Medford and the Rogue River valley. The Harriman system plans a road east to Lakeview and Alanya and another line across county to Winona, to connect with the Central Pacific. Hill has surveyed the running lines down through Idaho and Eastern Oregon to Lakeview and will run a branch of the Oregon Trunk to Lakeview to meet that project, which will give a short cut to his transcontinental road. The Harriman system also is busy with surveys in Idaho and Eastern Oregon.

WILL ROOSEVELT TURN DOWN TAFT?

Reported Longworth Advised to Keep Off Committee

WASHINGTON, D. C. March 28.—The story that Theodore Roosevelt is "putting his house in order," so that he will not be hampered if he should decide not to endorse the Taft administration created a commotion today.

The story is based on the statement that Representative Nicholas Longworth, the former President's son-in-law, has refused to serve again on the congressional committee in response to a letter from Roosevelt, stating that he hoped the family need not be placed in a position which might make it embarrassing for him later.

Longworth today declined to affirm or deny this rumor. The story, which is the sole topic of conversation in the political circles here, has brought to the front again the "back from Elba" whippers.

The congressional committee of the Republican party will be called on to explain and endorse the tariff measure and the bills which Taft has introduced in public speeches recently.

To serve on this committee it is tacitly understood is to endorse the Taft administration. If the former President has asked Longworth not to serve on this committee he has therefore, it is believed here, in reality asked him not to endorse publicly the Taft administration.

The water supply of the town is full of mud. What's the matter?

since engaged in stock-raising and farming, ever working tirelessly for the interests of his fellow settlers and the country in general.

While in Sonoma county, in 1858 Mr. Morrow married Sibirina Hart, a native of Roane county, Tennessee, of this marriage six children have been born: John W. and Mrs. Sarah E. Nesham, deceased; Joseph A. Nancy J. Bennett, Jesse B. Morrow and Mrs. Mary E. Cooper, still living.

Mr. Morrow is a man of sturdy, tireless energy, upright and unswerving, though firm and persistent in his conscientiousness of right. He has worked hard, sacrificed much in the interests of his fellow citizens, particularly those of Warner valley Oregon and is generally regarded by the public as one of his country's greatest benefactors.

LAKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAND CHANGING HANDS

People who know a Good Thing Neglecting No Opportunity

All records for homestead entries in the Lakeview Land District have been broken this month and the total number is 166 entries of which 75 are 100 acre claims, 6 for 320 acres, 7 of 20 acres, 2 of 80 acres and 15 that are for 40 acres each with two entries for 174 and 65 acres, respectively. The larger amount being a choice selection of live land. The total acreage taken being 35,095.

If the people who write that they are coming do not come quickly there will be many of them disappointed when they come and see the best land gone, though some of the best land in the county is now open to entry.

The homesteeker never had better opportunity to get land where it is low priced and where it is rapidly increasing in value than there is right here in Lake county and some of the best land open to homestead entry will be worth from \$5 to \$20 per acre in a few years.

The railroad coming this way; the thousands of settlers that come during the next few months; the opportunities for investment and the business openings that these opportunities present will make land worth more than the most optimistic resident of the county can realize.

It's the same old story of the different localities of the West over again and wise is he who heeds the call of the land and low prices in a land of opportunity before it is too late.

RESPONSIBILITY OF NEWSPAPERS

Rabbi Wise Shows That The Press Should Be Honest

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, the noted Jewish rabbi, of New York in discussing the public press in the Pacific monthly for April, makes the following telling point, which happily for the future welfare of the nation, now seems to be his moving spirit and line of action among the best papers of the land, great and small. He says:

The press is not to be a mere echo, nor even a formulation of public opinion. The press ought to inform, and thus form, the public mind and the public conscience. The rest is the daily teacher of the whole nation, men and women, young and old. The press is the people's university that never shuts its doors and never takes a vacation. Staunchly ought the press to resist the spreading notion that the newspaper is to be a mere purveyor of news rather than a bringer of intelligence that it is its sole business to be collector and disseminator of news. Such a would limit the press to news-gathering and restrict the pulpit to the preaching of the "simple gospel" would reduce the press to futility and impotence, even as they would inhibit the pulpit from dealing with any personage more remote than Huzzah or any event less remote than the Fall of Jerusalem.

That the press may greater its moral power, it would adjure the leaders in the newspaper world to free themselves from the enslavement of partisanship and sectionalism, from the tyranny of passion and prejudice. Above all, the press must be kept free from the enslaving power of money.

It may be urged that it takes a great deal of money to conduct a modern newspaper. It takes a great deal of money to conduct a modern university. It takes a great deal of money to conduct a modern church, and still church and university are not businesses and are not named, as the newspaper commonly is, "a property." Though large sums be legitimately needed to the conduct of a newspaper in our day, still must the press say to the power of money, "Thus far shalt thou go, and no further: thou shalt not dollarize my soul."

How to Select Fish.

Fish to be enjoyed must be fresh, and for this reason the housewife should know how to choose a good fish. In the first place the fish must be so firm that it will not be dented by pressure with the fingers. The eyes must be full, the scales bright and the fins stiff. The gills should be bright in color, being neither dark liver color nor too pale. If there is no odor the fish may be eaten with safety.

"When Teddy Comes Marching Home" promises to be one of the popular songs of the day.—Pioche, Nev. Record. You bet you!

NEW BUILDINGS ALL OVER TOWN

It is Estimated \$100,000 Already Spent here for Dwellings

The Examiner is advised from good authority, that during the past fifteen months 75 dwellings have been erected in Lakeview. This does not include additions, barns, sheds, or business blocks.

The average value of each dwelling is at least \$1000. This item alone amounts to \$75,000. It is safe to say over \$100,000 represents the true increase in values in Lakeview, and judging from the continued sale of town lots, as reported from the real estate dealers, this year will be a banner one in the building line. In fact it is hoped that Lakeview will continue its building, as the new corner of today is hard pressed to find a suitable home.

In the matter of lot sales Swagers alone report the sale of two lots to Frank Payne, County Clerk; two to Register of Land Office, Orton, who has erected a fine new bungalow already; three to George Lewis; three to Andy Hammersley and Ahlstrom; two to Lilly Thompson; one each to Baxter and Beebe, who are rushing the completion of two cottages; one to Walter Ray; one to Eldon Curry; and Dr. Smith will soon start the erection of a new home. All of these lots and homes are in the Walter's addition, which nine months ago was a farm. The streets are being graded and will be graded.

In addition to what is being done on Walter's addition the same conditions may also be noticed on the Drekel addition, the Watson addition and also in the main and older part of town. No matter which way you turn there you will see new buildings going up. And more will be built, just as soon as more lumber and materials are available. Indeed the development of Lakeview is now upon us.

We are proud of Lakeview today with its modern, good homes, substantial business blocks, and "Get-up-and-get-air." What will it be in a few years from now? The investor, be he new comer or old timer, who does not grasp his share of property will be the loser.

THE BAZAAR WAS A BIG SUCCESS

Library Association now out of Debt with Money in the Treasury

The Bazaar, held last Friday night for the benefit of the Library was a pronounced success, the net receipts being \$372.50. In addition to the amount received from the Bazaar, a generous donation of \$85 was received from the well known horse raiser, Mr. W. M. Brown, of Egli, Harney county. Mr. Brown had previously donated \$100.00 to the Library.

The several booths of the different lodges and clubs were well patronized, especially where the excellent supper was doled out, and the ice cream and candy booths.

In the matter of patronage, the newcomers were especially generous, and gave evidence of their appreciation of the library, and the benefit it was to them in the books, papers and magazines thus made available.

The ladies having the work in hand feel especially happy over the fact that in less than three years, without a dollar to start with, they have purchased their lot, and erected the fine Library building, and now have the same paid for, with a surplus in the treasury.

Criticising Hawley

The more independent republican papers of the state now that Joe Cannon is down and out are criticising Congressman Hawley for his subservience to that individual. It will take considerable explaining too on the part of Mr. Hawley. The hand-writing on the wall is plain that Cannonism, Aldrichism and their cohorts must go. Even the Oregonian, hide-bound partisan as it is, admits that republicans who have stood for the interests are doomed to defeat.

A Bright Boy.
"The gentlemen who came to see daddy said I was one of the most intelligent children they ever saw," said little Jack.
"Indeed!" said the proud mother.
"Did you recite 'Little Drops of Water' for them?"
"No. I refused."—London Mail.

GOLDBERG MINES ARE OPENING UP

SOME VERY RICH ORE

Both the Jumbo and Butte Have Big Free Milling Gold Ledges

The Goldberg district is getting in shape to spring a big surprise on the mining world one of these days according to A. O. Kelley, an experienced mining man, who was in town yesterday.

In commenting on the prospects over there he said:
"We are going ahead with our development work in an unostentatious way. We are not sounding cymbals, but are opening up our good just as fast as our limited means will permit and the showing today is far better than Goldfield could exhibit at same stage of development. Indeed, so far as surface showings go, we outclass either Goldfield or Tonopah, and our known mineralized area is fully as extensive as either of those two well known camps."

"Except in mere prospect location work, the main body of the camp is confined to two groups of claims the Butte in the Jumbo, in which J. J. Reilly the man who made millions out of the famous Goldfield Florence is the main stay.

"Both properties are looking exceptionally well, and present workings in each show them to have the earmarks of making a mine of the first class.

"On the Jumbo, the shaft is now down 85 feet. Every foot of the bottom is in solid ore. From the bottom a cross-cut tunnel has been driven 30 feet, all in solid ore, and the breast of the tunnel is still in ore. The remarkable thing about this immense ore body is that it is all of the finest free-milling gold ore ever seen by Mr. Kelley. He has personally made careful samplings of this vast ore body, and after eliminating all the rich seams, has got a return of \$11 gold per ton! This is something astonishing, and if mill-tests produce the same results, it places the Jumbo in a class by itself, above the Homestake, and other big free-milling mines!

"The Butte, too, is in a class by itself. The cross cut tunnel driven some 300 feet to tap the rich vein that appeared on the surface cut it at a depth of 224 feet beneath the apex. The vein at that depth showed four feet of 808 ore, and also one foot of \$137, both free-milling gold!

"I want you to understand these values are not hear say nor have they come to me as second hand as I carefully selected the ore, and made the assays myself.

"The fact of the matter is these two properties will give Lake county a place on the mining map, to say nothing of the other properties there with the ear marks of mines, but on which no development work has been done, and some day not far off the skeptical will be telling what a good chance they had for investments in these mines, but missed the opportunity."

DOING BUSINESS AT THE OLD STAND

Lakeview Development Company will Open The Old Office Here

S. H. Harrold, President of the Lakeview Development Co. returned from Alturas Monday and will again open up offices here, on April 9th. He finds that the business of the company is attaining such dimensions that it is necessary to have an office here as well as in Alturas. Regarding this company the Alturas New Era, of the 25th says:

"The Lakeview Development Co. is taking an active interest in this section, and from what they have done in Goose Lake Valley, it is reasonable to expect that good results will be obtained.

Mr. Nelson of the Lakeview Development Co., from North Dakota is here investigating the XL ranch property, and every indication points that they will subdivide this fine tract of land containing 6000 acres.

"There goes another paper to press," exclaimed a Kansas editor on reading a notice that an editor by the name of James Press had married Miss Emma Papper.

A Manhattan boy who was asked the name of the President replied "Taft is now, but Teddy is coming home."

It now looks as though Cannon was only a stuffed prophet, after all!