

W. LAIR THOMPSON GOOD BOOSTER FOR FERTILE LAKE

Tells Portlandites of this Land of Big Resources and Wonderful Opportunities

Portland, Tuesday, April 20.—W. Lair Thompson, a lawyer of Lakeview, formerly a newspaper man and attorney of Astoria, and for several years chief clerk of the House of Representatives of the Oregon Legislature, spent the past few days in Portland in connection with litigation, leaving last evening for Salem to attend the sessions of the Supreme Court before returning to Lake County. In speaking of the Lake country Mr. Thompson, who has practiced law in Lakeview for the past three years, told of the great progress made in that section of Oregon, and says that the future of that country is exceedingly bright.

"Goose Lake Valley, in which Lakeview is located, is rapidly coming to the front," he said yesterday afternoon, "and since the big land sale by the Oregon Valley Land Company, people are coming in by the score to settle and make new homes. Hundreds of well-to-do farmers from Kansas and other states East of the Rocky Mountains are coming in, bringing their farming machinery, wagons, teams, teams, livestock of all kinds, and what is as good as money and buy farming lands to make their homes. Some of these men had purchased small tracts of land from the Oregon Valley Land Company, and they now buy more lands for permanent homes. They are of the best class of farmers and stockmen, and are adding greatly to the wealth of the community as well as to the quality of the population.

An irrigation system to cost \$1,000,000 is in course of construction in Goose Lake Valley and when completed will make that part of Lake County one of the richest farming sections in the State of Oregon. The lands are rich and with irrigation the productiveness will be a surprise to the world. We raise the finest apples in the low lands along the lakes to be found anywhere. Beautiful fruit, with the finest flavor and aroma and without a blemish, and all we lack is transportation facilities to get our products to market. Apples in the past have gone to waste in Lake County, when they would command high prices in any market in the world and would compete with the most famous fruit known to the epicure, but under present conditions we cannot reach the markets with our products. This, we hope, will be changed when the Hill road is now building into the Deschutes country, which is extended south, as we think it will be and that it will strike us. If it does Lake County and Lakeview will be on the map and will attract the attention of homeseekers and business men everywhere.

"Lakeview is a beautiful little town of 1700 inhabitants. The business streets are built up with brick blocks and we have as fine business houses as any in cities with greater advantages and larger population. Our merchants annually purchase and distribute from \$250,000 to \$500,000 in merchandise, and with the exception of light goods that can be shipped by express, all of the business goes to San Francisco, Portland jobs are coming to have never taken the trouble to get into our country for business. If Portland jobs would reach out for that business, make an honest and determined effort to secure it and camp on the trail they certainly would give them a good share of the trade of our section. Rarely do we see Portland travel agents in that part of the country, but San Francisco druggists are in Lakeview almost every day and the business. Klamath Falls is 110 miles from us, but Alturas, Calif., on the Nevada, California & Oregon Railroad, a narrow gauge road, is only 60 miles from us, that being our nearest railroad point, but as I said before, with the railroad building now under way and in prospect in Eastern Oregon we are certain to get a line.

APPLES YIELD MOST DOLLARS OF ANY CROP

Our Land Owners Should Put in Lots of Fruit Trees

A Caldwell Idaho paper remarks of a condition that will apply equally well to Lakeview, as follows: "Caldwell, like every other city in the world which is dependent for its business and growth upon an agricultural community can never reach its full measure of growth until the lands tributary to it are largely devoted to that crop which will yield the most dollars per acre; and that crop here is apples.

It is exceedingly foolish to plant poor seed potatoes when the best are obtainable as explained at the recent O. S. L. Institute, simply because the crop of the latter will sell for the most money, and it is equally foolish for the same reason to continue to raise hay any longer than necessary on land where fruit trees will yield \$20 more per acre, and that is what practically all the land in that section will do after one crop of clover or alfalfa has been plowed under.

The fruit countries are the richest farming countries in the world. Hay and grain farmers are poor compared with the prosperous fruit raisers in the well developed orchard fruit sections of the West, like Grand Junction, Wenatchee, Kennewick, Hood River and many others. Fifty million are deposited in the banks of San Jose, ten times as much as would be there if the land owners of the Santa Clara valley had continued to raise crops worth \$8 per ton.

FIRST WOOL SALE BRINGS 20 CENTS

Pendleton Sells First Clip at a Very Good Price

Pendleton's wool buying season opened last week with a sale of 20 cents per pound, say the East Oregonians. This indicates that the present season is to be fully as good as last and many believe that the prices to be received by the growers will be greater than last year.

J. E. Smith & Co. were the sellers while the Pendleton Woolen Mills company made the purchase. Though buyers have been in the field more or less continuously for several weeks, this is the first sale of the season thus far reported and it is believed that no others have been made. While the buyers have been endeavoring to convince the growers that prices were to be lower this year, the sheepmen have shown a disposition to have faith in the reports from the eastern wool markets which seem to indicate to them that prices are to be good.

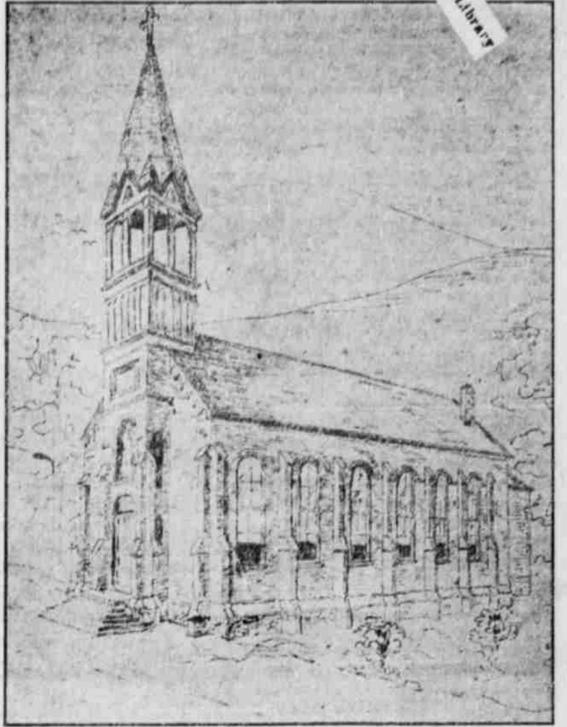
GLASS MUST COVER FOOD IN INDIANA

INDIANAPOLIS, April 9.—No more shall the rich, red rounds of beef and the choice cut of porterhouse and tenderloin hang from their accustomed hooks on the walls or in the windows of the butcher's shop and never again shall arrays of seductive pies, rolls and bread be openly displayed at the bakeries in the cities and towns of Indiana, according to an order promulgated today by the State Board of Health.

The Board tells the public and tradesmen that at a prime cause of the spread of sickness has been contamination of fish, meats and other foodstuffs exposed to dust and flies. Hereafter dealers must keep their stocks covered by glass or other cases.

Mrs. Harrison has sold Pelican Lodge, on Klamath Lake to C. D. Jacklin a Utah mining man.

from shallow wells is used, and these cases are rare; shade trees along our streets and the green lawns give the city a beautiful appearance and there is nothing of the dreariness of the Eastern Oregon desert about Lakeview, it is one of the most beautiful situated cities in Oregon.



ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.
Proposed new Catholic Church for Lakeview.
This Building will be of brick with a stone foundation and frame belfry. The cost of the structure is estimated at \$7,000. When half this sum will have been raised, work will be begun, on Slash Street

HOMESTEADER WHO WON FIRST YEAR

Shows What Can Be Done Here by Pluck and Energy

The Merrill Record of the 17th says "Talking of homesteads one day not long ago, Thomas Johnson, who bought the old Whitney place just over the line in California, said: "My two sons are homesteading their places and are faring them. The result they got from their first year's crop are encouragement enough for any man who goes into the proposition to make his homestead support him if he gets down to business and works. Dorcy, who has a place four miles east of Merrill, cleared sixty acres and put them in wheat, which, the first year from sagebrush, threshed 680 bushels, machine measure. This was done without irrigation.

"Edgar Johnson, another son, residing on a homestead twelve miles east of Merrill, in the Tule Lake precinct, put forty acres in wheat the first year he cleared a land, and got 400 bushels of wheat, besides five tons of potatoes raised on a portion of the forty acres. He has cleared sixty more, has the whole place under fence, and has two wells, 25 feet deep, which supply him all the water he needs.

This is what a homesteader can do the first year if he tries. The Johnson brothers have set a pace that few homesteaders can equal, but their success shows what is possible to be done on the "dry" lands that are still awaiting cultivation.

Sage-Tick Bite

Prineville Review: Jake Johnson is at the home of his father in this city, suffering from a case of spotted fever, the result of a bite of a sage tick. He is getting along nicely under the care of Doctor Rosenberger. This is the second case of spotted fever in Prineville, the disease being extremely rare. It is claimed the sage tick will have effect on only the man whose system is not up to the standard, but who is in a run-down condition from overwork, and Jake has always been a hard worker.

THE OREGON TRUNK PRESIDENT TALKS

John F. Stevens Says the Hill System Will Boost Oregon

John F. Stevens, who created a furor here last year while looking over the route for Oregon Trunk has returned from an eastern trip and is found in his praise of Eastern Oregon. He says the contract is now let for the extension to Klamath Lake to tap the big timber belt, but says it is doubtful if the road is ever built to Klamath Falls.

It is known however, that surveyors have started out from Bend in a southeasterly direction, and railroad men have been in the neighborhood of Silver Lake. This would surely indicate that Lakeview has only to abide in patience for a short time until that line reaches us.

Mr. Stevens, in speaking of our bright future, said: "Along other sections of the Great Northern in Montana, on land where I did not suppose when the road was built, that one could raise a disturbance, there are thriving towns each with four or five big grain elevators and the country is producing big crops of wheat. These conditions are extending throughout the West and are indicative of the growth that is in prospect for Central Oregon. It is the greatest rush of home-seekers I ever saw, with the exception possibly of the rush to the Red River Valley, which I witnessed 30 years ago.

NEW LAND RULING ON DESERT CLAIMS

A dispatch dated Denver, April 4th, says: Word was received here today that Secretary of the Interior Ballinger has issued a decision allowing settlers to prove up desert claims upon showing that one-eight the acreage had been brought under cultivation. This ruling overturns a decision by Commissioner Bennett of the Denver Land office, holding that settlers must have all acreage on their claims under cultivation before proving up. This decision involves a large number of settlers in the west.

CAN A MAN MAKE A MILLION DOLLARS AND BE HONEST?

Confession of A Chicago Millionaire Against "Big Business"

CHICAGO, April 13.—Can a man starting in business at the bottom of the ladder, make a million dollars honestly during the compass of his life by merely buying merchandise and selling it at a profit? Francis T. Simmons, himself rated at close to a million, stirred up a hornets nest here, when he declared emphatically that to make a million honestly in such way was utterly impossible. Simmons' remarks were made before the Student Commercial Club of the University of Chicago. His mail was flooded today with letters from rich men who endeavored to prove to him that he was wrong.

"What I said," declared Simmons today, "was that no man starting on the savings of his salary and going into the buying and selling of merchandise at a profit can make a million in his life time and do it honestly at that business alone. Such a merchant might possibly show up a profit of \$100,000, but when he gets to the \$1,000,000 mark, you begin to suspect him. He hasn't been straight. I have been in my line all my life and I know what I am talking about."

HOLD BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

Lakeview is Getting Ready to Have a Big Time The Fourth

A very enthusiastic meeting of business men was held in the Board of Trade Rooms Friday evening, when it was decided to celebrate the Fourth this year in a rousing manner. In addition of the usual manner of conducting such celebrations, there will be a big Baseball Tournament.

The playing this year will be fair and every courtesy will be paid visiting clubs and all given a square deal. So far as Lakeview is concerned no outside players will be allowed to play with our team this year. We feel that we have home talent in that line good enough and strong enough without outside help, and if we lose it will be because the visiting teams are better men.

The purse is large enough to attract outside clubs, which is the sum of \$1,000. The first prize is \$1,000; the second \$400 and the third \$200. All ball teams are cordially invited to try for these prizes.

Musical Recital

Miss Mae Snider had a little recital at her home Saturday afternoon, which was participated in by her pupils in music. Refreshments were served and the young people given a most enjoyable time. The following is the program:

HILL INTERESTS WILL SOON MAKE KNOWN THEIR INTENTIONS

Promises to Inaugurate A Homeseekers' Hegira For Eastern Oregon

Oregon's railroad situation, so far as the Hill interests are concerned, will be officially made public within the month. Whether the Hill interests are to construct an east and west line through Oregon, is one of the questions Louis W. Hill promised will soon be answered. Not the least important question of the great publicity work the Hill lines are to carry on for Oregon. While his announcement is not new, Mr. Hill went into details concerning the exploitation plan from which this state is to benefit. He said:

"Our railroads pioneer settlement of any state in which we are located. At present the population of Oregon is in the cities and along the rivers. What is needed is settlement of the interior lands. You know that you have homes for many thousands of people on some of the most fertile land in the world. I know it also. But the trouble is that the people who are land crazy in the East do not know it. We will try to get all localities lined up with as in reaching the people who want to come to the west.

"We will establish a number of shows in Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago and other prominent towns throughout the East. The shows will be made up of Oregon exhibit and will be in the hands of reliable men who will list enquiries. All the prominent state fairs in the East will be visited by an Oregon show. At all of them we will distribute literature that is authentic and behind which stands the credit of the Great Northern will stand. There will be no fakery or swindlers in the crowd.

"Then in the fall of the year I want to send out an exhibition car, filled with fruit and grains from this state. It will be billed all along the Erie railroad and the route of the Burlington, through the thickly populated sections. It will be equipped with moving picture machine, lantern slides. On arrival in any town, the largest hall will be secured and a lecture on Oregon furnished all who will attend. The people will be invited to the car and its four attendants will see to it that they are supplied with literature suitable to answer their inquiries.

"To all this I want an organization in Oregon, and am to select the men myself during the future summer. I want 'live ones' but reliable citizens who are interested in our development plans, so that when I wire them to get things going in a certain direction they will not hesitate, but will do it.

"In brief that is our plan to populate Oregon. It worked so well in Montana that we are now receiving \$100,000 inquiries about that state at our St. Paul office every day. Settlers are going in there so fast that one lead officer wired me that he had filed 354 homestead applications last month."

NARROW GAUGE BE- GINS CONSTRUCTION

The long-heralded extension of the N-O-C is at last underway. A grading crew began operations out of Alturas Monday. Nothing has been given out by the company as to its intentions, but it would seem good policy under existing conditions for it to extend to Lakeview at the earliest possible moment. It is known, however, that the road now has ties and rails in its Alturas yards to extend the line 30 or more miles. That would place it at Sugar Loaf or Palmer mountain, in the vicinity of Alturas. Such a move, even, would give it command for the present of the trade of Lakeview and also of Surprise valley.

A killing frost swept over the Rocky Mountain region, Mississippi valley and Texas on Sunday doing great damage to the fruit crops everywhere. So far we have had no frost here.