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CHANGE IN DESERT LAND FINAL PROOF

Late Department Ruling Pleases Entrymen

FAR EASIER TO MAKE GOOD

Necessary to Irrigate Only One-Eighth of Claim Claim, But Ditches Must Be Built

A recent decision of the Commission of the General Land office, in regard to final proofs on desert claims, not only reverses the local officials but also prior rulings of the Department in such cases. The case was that of Charles H. Kelley, of Lake who has a desert claim in sections 31, 32 and 33, township 26 south, range 18 east. Mr. Kelley appealed from the decision of the register and receiver in rejecting his final proof and in reversing the decision of those officials the commissioner says: Satisfactory three years proof has been made "no protest against the validity of the entry" has been noted on a duplicate of the claimants notice of intention to make final proof by the chief of the Field Division, on June 6, 1909, the claimant submitted final proof, and on June 8, 1909, you rejected the proof because the claimant "had not complied with the law as to irrigation" and an appeal therefrom was filed. Final payment appears to have been made and final receipt No. 135579 appears to have been issued.

The final proof testimony shows that the source of the claimants water supply is wells on the land; that he has enough water therefrom to properly irrigate all of the irrigable land in the entry; that water has been distributed on one forty and water and ditches have been put on the other three forties, but they have not been irrigated yet; that there is no non-irrigable land in the entry; that between 20 and 30 acres have been cultivated and wheat, barley potatoes, and alfalfa planted thereon. The proof also appears to be satisfactory in other respects except that it was not made within the four years prescribed by law, and there is nothing to show the cause of the delay in making it. It is therefore, presumed that you reject the proof because it did not show that all of the irrigable land in the entry had been actually and properly irrigated, although the letter by which you rejected it does not appear to be filed with the papers.

FOLLOW HILL PARTY

Persons Close to the S. P. Travel Same Route

Said to Be of No Special Significance, and Trip Only of a Personal Nature

Zera Snow, a well known Portland attorney and who is closely connected with the Harriman system, W. B. Ayer, a multi-millionaire of the same city, and Carl Spuh, a German capitalist, reached Lakeview Sunday evening from the east. They were traveling in a Pierce-Arrow driven by Walter Whitmar, and were covering practically the same route traveled by Louis W. Hill and party on their recent tour of the State. They left the railroad at Shaniko thence to Burns and the "P" ranch and on to Lakeview. From here they went to Klamath Falls, and there returned to Shaniko going by way of Crescent and Bend.

It is said that their trip was purely a personal nature and of no special significance, but the fact that heretofore it has been the practice of the Harriman people to follow up Hill or his agent with their own representatives, it would appear that they also are anxious to learn more about this section of Oregon.

Both Mr. Snow and Mr. Ayer expressed the opinion that this section would soon have railroads galore, as it was practically certain that not only Hill but the Harriman people also could not afford to longer neglect the great opportunities offered them here.

relating to the same and by a recent decision of the Department it was held that desert claim entrymen would only be required to actually irrigate one-eighth of the land in their entries, and show by their final proofs that they are entitled to the use of enough water to properly irrigate all of the irrigable land in their entries, and that ditches have been constructed and the water conveyed to the land, etc. In consideration thereof your said decision rejecting the final proof is hereby reversed and the claimant will be required to furnish an affidavit showing why he did not submit such proof within the four years prescribed by law and upon receipt thereof you will be required to issue a final certificate in the absence of any objections thereto on your records at the time.

Tax Officials Coming

Assessor A. J. Foster has received word that Messrs. Eaton and Gallo way, members of the State Tax Commission, will be in Lakeview Saturday. It is presumed that the purpose of their visit is to acquire information as to values of Lake County properties as compared with other sections in the State, and to acquaint themselves with conditions generally so that they can act advisedly in equalizing the assessments of the State.

The ladies of the Rebekah Lodge will give their usual whist party tomorrow (Friday) night.

DAM CONTRACT LET

O. V. L. Co. to Expend \$125,000 on Reservoir

E. S. Burney Secures Contract and Must Complete Work by May 1 Next

The Oregon Valley Land Co. have awarded to E. S. Burney the contract for completing the Drews Valley reservoir dam, involving an expenditure of approximately \$125,000.

While the contract calls for the completion of the work by May 1, 1911, yet in order to do so it will be necessary to have practically all of the work done by the time winter sets in, and it will be absolutely necessary to have the dam in shape to hold the flood waters of spring. This insures water for irrigating purposes next season, and undoubtedly a large number of contract holders will avail themselves of the opportunity.

The dam when completed will be 65 feet high, with a base of 140 feet and the top 12 feet wide. It will be built of rock entirely, the lower part being faced with solid masonry, while the upper part will be faced temporarily with lumber, the great cost of cement at this time thinking such action advisable. When completed the dam will hold 6,000 acre feet of water, which will doubtless supply all demands for some time to come.

It is expected that the contract for building the flumes will be let next week, and work generally throughout the project will be pushed from now on. The main flume in Drews Creek canyon will be about two miles in length, it being 12 feet wide and 6 feet in depth. Practically all of the lumber is now ready, and work well in hand.

Fire Fighters Wrecked

A fire started Sunday afternoon near the O-V-L Co's sawmill at the lower end of Drews valley. A telephone message was sent to the Forest office stating that the fire was likely to spread and requesting that aid be sent. Deputy Supervisor Brown at once got busy, and with several assistants started for the scene of the fire in D. P. Malloy's auto, with Dan himself at the wheel. Most excellent time was made until the corner was reached where the road leads down the cottonwood creek. The machine was running at a high rate or speed and would have made the turn alright, but in skidding around one wheel struck a big sagebrush root, which caused the axle to break square off and dumped the occupants out into the road. No one was hurt however, and a team was secured and the party returned to town. The fire was afterwards extinguished by the mill crew.

Stable Rates Reduced

After June 1 the Mammoth Feed Stable will reduce its rates to horses to hay over night, 75 cents per span. Special rates to freighters of 25 cents per head.

POSSIBILITIES OF LAKE

Oregonian Correspondent Gives His Impression of This Section

LAKEVIEW ITSELF INDEX OF DISTRICT

Products Include Apples, Pears, Prunes, Berries, Plums, Cherries, Timothy, Red-top, Alfalfa, Wheat, Oats and Barley

R. G. Calvert, staff correspondent of The Oregonian, who accompanied the Hill party on its recent tour of the State devoted more space to Lake County than to any other section visited. He gave much general information gathered from the responses to toasts given at the banquet, all of which appeared in the last issue of the Examiner, and also gave his impressions of this section as follows:

"Warner Lake is formed by the drainage of Warner Valley and Surprise Valley—the latter in California—and has no outlet. Only the northern end has the alkaline appearance. As one journeys southward, prosperous-looking farms and big stacks of wild hay are passed along the shores. A company known as the Warner Valley Irrigation Company is now making surveys for an irrigation project that will water 150,000 and perhaps 200,000 acres in the valley. The storage of the waters of Honey Creek and Deep Creek, it is expected, will lower the lake surface and bare to cultivation an additional large area. Alfalfa, grain, apples and even delicate fruits are now grown with success in the valley.

"Warner Valley is approximately 40 miles from Lakeview, from which it is divided by timber-covered hills and mountains in which are set small fertile valleys and meadows. Rail connection between Warner Valley and Lakeview is said to be feasible.

"A good wagon road now connects the two valleys, winding among the pine-clad hills. The Goose Lake Valley, on the northeast edge of which is located Lakeview, is about 500 feet higher than Warner Valley and has an altitude of 4722 feet above sea level.

"In the matter of commercial relations the Goose Lake Valley is a part of California—its people know Oregon only in a political way. And the Goose Lake Valley always will remain tributary to San Francisco and Sacramento until it is given a rail connection either with the Harriman or the Hill Deschutes railroad. Alturas, California, northward to Lakeview the Nevada, California and Oregon Railroad is now building an extension, but it is a narrow gauge line, poorly equipped and carelessly maintained and is not what the Goose Lake people want in the way of rail transportation. Yet if this road is given command of the country, the valley and much of Lake County besides will continue to be a part of California to all purposes with the exception of payment of state taxes and in the framing of the Oregon laws.

"Lakeview itself is an index of the possibilities of the district. Here is a town that has been struggling for 40 years against isolation from railroads and has made good. The town and the valley have now reached the stage where they can progress no further without rail transportation. Lakeview is a little larger than either Burns or Prineville. It has solid blocks of brick business houses, waterworks supplied by springs high in the mountains, electric lights, well kept business streets and shaded residence thoroughfares lined with

Attended Hill Banquet

At the Hill banquet at Klamath Falls Wednesday night of last week Lakeview was represented by W. H. Shirk, J. N. Watson and D. P. Malloy. They report that Mr. Hill's remarks were along similar lines made by him at Lakeview, and there seems to be no doubt but that his line will be extended to this part of the State in the very near future.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Lair Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Snider and Miss Anna Jones went to Paisley this morning in Mr. Thompsons auto

modern, handsome homes.

"The Goose Lake Valley is seven to eight miles wide. The northern shore of Goose Lake, a body of water 35 miles long, two-thirds of which is in California, is six miles south of the town. In the valley, and particularly along the shores of the lake, are growing well-kept orchards in which apples of the best varieties are produced and where peaches are successfully grown in spite of the high altitude. Today there was pointed out to the Hill party one ranch of 100 acres which is rented for \$500 cash and upon which the crop from a peach orchard of one and one-quarter acres pays the annual rental. Alfalfa in unirrigated fields is now almost ready for the first cutting. The products of the valley include apples, pears, prunes, berries, plums, cherries, timothy, red-top, alfalfa, oats and barley. Some wheat and has produced 60 bushels to the acre and lands devoted to that crop are averaging in yield 40 bushels to the acre.

"The first unit of 60,000 acres in an irrigation project which will ultimately water 90,000 acres is nearly completed, and it is declared feasible to drain a portion of Goose Lake so that 80,000 acres additional land may be brought under cultivation.

"The district is not wholly dependent on horticulture, agriculture, and stock raising. Goose Lake Valley is surrounded by mountains carrying a heavy growth of pine timber. In the county there are 51 timbered townships, and while an estimate of the stand is unobtainable, it is said it will run into the billions of feet.

"There are eight townships covered by lakes, practically all of which can be drained and cultivated by building storage reservoirs.

"Lakeview has been looking forward to the coming of the railroad for 20 years and is now once more strongly hopeful for early transportation facilities as the result of the visit of Louis W. Hill. There have been paper roads projected and at times indications have been given that the Southern Pacific intended to build into this territory. The latest move of the Harriman lines in South-eastern Oregon was to survey a line which began at Redding, on the Shasta route, extended to the Pitt River by a water grade to Goose Lake, thence along the east shore of the lake and up Crooked Creek to Lake Albert and thence to a connection with the Oregon & Eastern, the projected east and west line across the state. It is said that a maximum grade of eight tenths of 1 per cent was obtained from Redding to Central Oregon.

"Of late it has frequently been reported that the Oregon Trunk would extend from Bend to Lakeview. The location as outlined in reports was somewhat west of the Harriman survey, but generally speaking followed the same route, connecting at Bend with the line now under construction. It is along a large part of this route that Mr. Hill will travel tomorrow."

In the next issue of the Examiner will appear an account of the trip north from Lakeview through what is termed "The most promising fruit district of Central Oregon."

Decoration Day Program

A most excellent program has been arranged for the observance of Memorial Day. Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock the Civil and Spanish war veterans will assemble at the city hall and proceed in a body to the M. E. Church to attend services conducted by Rev. G. J. Wentzel. Appropriate music has been arranged for the occasion and a special invitation extended to all to attend the services. At 1:30 Monday afternoon the school children will assemble and proceed to the City Hall where they will be provided with flowers. The procession will then be formed and

proceed to the M. E. Church, where W. Lair Thompson will deliver an address. Music and other exercises will also be included in the program, after which the procession will reform and proceed to the cemetery where the exercises will be conducted by the veterans.

It is desired to have as many flowers as possible and to that end all desiring to donate the same are requested to take them to the City Hall as early as possible Monday morning.

A Could-be Pedestrian

C. Ross Anderson, Klamath Falls, could no doubt become famous as a pedestrian, only that he don't want to. Ross has the ability straight, alright, but his inclinations leads him in other channels. Tuesday morning he climbed aboard W. L. Clapp's auto with the intention of returning home, but when the auto reached a point near Anderson Gap the cadence went wrong and it was necessary to secure assistance before proceeding further. Ross started back to the Tatro place, expecting to phone in from there to Lakeview, but on reaching there found no phone, and also learned that it would be necessary for him to carry the news direct to Lakeview. Expecting to be overtaken by a team in a short distance, Ross started out on his hike. But it seemed a poor day for travelers and he was compelled to walk the entire distance to Lakeview.

S. P. AGENT IS SHOWN

Wanted to Know People and Country

Surprised at Extent of This Section—N. C. O. Extending Line North From Alturas

J. F. Hixon, agent for the Southern Pacific Co., paid Lakeview a visit this week, with a view of becoming acquainted with the business men of this section as well as the country generally. It is, of course, not to be presumed that Mr. Hixon's visit was the result of Hill's recent tour of this section, for it is a well known fact that the S. P. management desires to be kept in touch with all the people and country tributary to its lines. While perhaps we may not agree with the building and operating department of that company, yet it is a fact that apparently every effort is put forth to serve the public well and faithfully when it comes to handling freight and passengers.

While Mr. Hixon did not state the purposes of his visit only in general terms, yet it was easily discerned that he was anxious to learn all about the country possible not only of Lakeview and vicinity but also the whole of Goose Lake Valley, as well as Surprise and Warner valleys and of this whole section of the state in general. He was surprised to learn of the extent of the farming lands on the West Side, as well as of the New Pine Creek section and the rich lands along the east side of the lake.

While Mr. Hixon disclaimed any knowledge of the work to be performed by the N-C-O during the coming year, yet he expressed the opinion that the road would be built some distance out from Alturas this summer and a new station established for the winter. A force of men and teams is now at work and the grade completed for a distance of some three or four miles this side of Alturas.

Forest Service Doings

No appropriation for road work this year has been allowed Supervisor Ingram, of the Fremont National Forest. It will therefore be necessary to delay that sort of work for the present, and the plan that was worked out to build a road over to the headwaters of the Little Chewaucan will have to be abandoned, for the present at least. It was expected to raise several hundred dollars by private subscription to assist in building the road, as such a road would be of much convenience to the public as well as the Forest Service.

Several short telephone lines will be constructed by the Department this year, however, one connecting the Salt-creek station with the main line between here and Paisley, and another from the Forest station to the same line. The former will be some two miles in length, while the latter will be only about half mile long.

Rangers Pearl V. Ingram and C. W. Weyburn are now engaged in fencing about 50 acres at the Rogers station for grazing purposes.

WESTERN PACIFIC NOW IN THE FIELD

Merchants Order Freight Over New Route

RATES SAME AS VIA RENO

Considered That New Route Caused Big Reduction in Rates Recently Inaugurated

B. F. Nevis, whose card states that he is the general livestock agent of the Western Pacific Railway Co., was in Lakeview a few days since and succeeded in getting practically all of the business men of this section to route their freight shipments over his road. This action was taken because of the opinion that the Western Pacific was the cause of the big reduction in rates recently inaugurated over the Southern Pacific and N. C. O. to Alturas, rather than any grade that is held against these latter roads. Such being the case it is considered no more than just that the company causing a reduction of the exorbitant rates have been in effect for these many years should be in a way rewarded, and hence the action taken. The rates are the same over both routes, and the question of holding the business will now be one of service. The Western Pacific route is about 30 miles longer than by way of Reno, but that fact will probably not cut any figure in the matter of rates.

While freight trains are now running regularly over the Western Pacific, no announcement as to when passenger service would be established has been made.

The Chautauqua Circle

The Chautauqua Circle finished the year's course of reading last Monday. Readings will be resumed October 1. All those desiring to read the course are requested to see Mrs. Leslie Seager as the required books will be ordered early in the season. The course for 1910-1911 will be the English course and will include the following books: Industrial and Social History of England, by Edward P. Cheyney of the University of Pennsylvania; Social Ideals in England, by Vida D. Scudder, of Wellesley College; Studies in Dickens, especially prepared for the Chautauqua Course; Mental Growth and Control, by Nathan Oppenheim, M. D. of New York articles in Chautauqua Magazine.

DIPLOMAS AWARDED

Eighth Grade Examinations Are Held

Prof. Burgess Congratulates Pupils and Commends Teachers for Good Work

In the state examination for the pupils of the eighth grade held in the eighth grade room of the Lakeview schools, May 12 and 13 the following pupils received their diplomas: Mary Barry, Willie Storkman, Lera Duke, Amy Heryford, Mae Greene, Lillie Schmidt, Edgar Clark, Lucile Bailey, Dottie Blackburn, Hobart Miller, Carl Pendleton, Hazel Miller, of District No. 1, and Nera Vernon, of District No. 3. The remainder of the class who fell below the required standing in one or two branches expect to write again on these branches the 9th and 10th of June. We believe they will receive their diplomas at that time.

We desire to congratulate the class upon the successful issue of their examination and to commend them for hard study and excellent work during the year. We desire to commend the teacher for her devotion to the interests of her pupils, and to thank Superintendent Jackson and the Board of Examiners for the promptness in rendering a report of the result.

J. F. BURGESS, Prin. Schools.

Owing to the non-arrival of certain supplies the new telephone service will not be established as soon as expected, Manager Thurston is unable to state just when the system will be in operation.