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BUMPER CROPS IN ORCHARD DISTRICT

Magnificent Prospects for Season's Output

QUALITY WILL BE OF BEST

Large Section of Country Along Goose Lake Promises to Be Second Hood River

That portion of Goose Lake Valley lying between Lakeview and Davis Creek indeed presents a beautiful appearance at this time of year. It is impossible for one not familiar with the conditions to even imagine what a wonderful stretch of country that is. All the way along not only do the crops of growing grain and alfalfa fields look good and the residence and ranch buildings present a thrifty appearance, but the many orchards are being cared for in a manner that shows that the average farmer is alive to his best interests. Orchards that have scarcely been touched by a plow or pruning hook since they were set out many years ago are now trimmed up in good shape and are being carefully cultivated. And this is the case not only in a few cases but true as to many orchards all along the roads. Many young orchards have been set out during the past year, and all present remarkably thrifty appearance.

That section of the valley known as Davis Creek is much larger than is generally supposed by those who have never seen that beautiful valley there being approximately 60,000 acres of rich tillable soil in it. It is here that the famous Briles orchard is located, and it promises to make a record yield this season. Cherries, peaches, pears, plums, apricots, apples, etc., will yield abundantly, and the quality promises to be exceptionally good, although in some instances it may be necessary to thin out the fruit more or less. This is true of all orchards in that section, as is the case with those in the New Pine Creek section.

While there are many opportunities for profitable investments all about, yet generally speaking the holdings are not so large as to prevent the ordinary individual from making an investment of a few hundred dollars. However, the Davis Creek Orchards Company has secured about 16,000 acres of choice land which is now being subdivided and will soon be placed on the market in 10 and 20 acre tracts. Not only is the tract of good soil, but it is favorably located for irrigating and draining, drainage being one of the most essential features in horticulture. There is a natural reservoir site on the tract, and this has now been surveyed and actual construction work will commence on it in a few days.

Two railroad surveys pass through the tract, one for the Southern Pa-

COREY HAS WESTERN

Through Line Now Under His Management

Will Make Trip to Lakeview One of Pleasure for Incoming Passengers

P. M. Corey, of the Western Stage Co., left Friday for Klamath Falls to make arrangements for taking over that part of the line between the Falls and Bly, which has heretofore been run by Lambert & Cross. Mr. Corey took possession yesterday and will equip the line with new stock throughout, 22 head of good horses having been sent over for that purpose. Mr. Corey expects to make much better time over the route than has been the custom heretofore, and it is likely that he will put the passengers and mails into Lakeview in about 18 hours running time.

An automobile passenger service will also be established in a short time and every effort will be put forth to give the traveling public all that is coming to it in the way of accommodations in getting into the country. Fast time, comfortable conveyances and careful drivers are Mr.

Corey Company and the other for the N.C.O. Construction work on the latter is now in progress, and rails are now laid to a point some 20 miles distant.

It is likely that cottages will be built on several of the tracts thus providing a home for the purchaser as soon as he closes the deal.

Conditions existing at Davis Creek show plainly to even the most casual observer the wonderful results to be obtained from sagebrush land. A fence will divide a fine meadow or orchard from apparently worthless land, the difference being solely in irrigation. On one side of the fence will be the sagebrush and on the other grass from 18 inches to two feet in height and apparently ready for the mower.

There is no doubt in the minds of many that the whole section of country between the east side of Goose Lake and the foothills will in a few years be the equal of Rogue River Valley or in the Hood River country in the production of winter apples.

Scriber Found Guilty

Jefferson W. Scriber, cashier of the Farmers & Traders National Bank, of La Grande, which he was charged with wrecking, was found guilty on the four indictments covering 40 counts, against him by a jury in the Federal Court Friday morning. The jury was out 15 minutes and took but one ballot. The specific charges on which Scriber was found guilty were embezzlement, abstraction of the bank's funds, misapplication of the bank's funds, making false entries in his reports and making false entries in the bank's books. It is reported that he will not appeal, and will begin serving time in the federal prison at McNeil island immediately after he is sentenced.

SECOND HOMESTEAD

Procedure Necessary to Procure One

Must Relinquish First Before Second Application Can Be Acted Upon

Much inquiry is being made at the U. S. land office relative to the new ruling in regard to second homestead entries. The ruling applies only to applications where it satisfactorily appears to the Department at Washington that obstacles which could not have been foreseen, and which render it impracticable to cultivate the land, are discovered after the entry has been made, or where after entry and through no fault of the entryman the land becomes useless for agricultural purposes.

The local office has no authority whatever in the matter, and when applications are received they are forwarded direct to the General Land Office, with appropriate recommendation. Entryman desiring to take advantage of the new ruling should first relinquish their original homestead, and make application for the second, for unless the original homestead is relinquished the second could not be considered because of the first being intact upon the records of the Land Office. When application for a second homestead under this ruling is made all kinds of small fruit. Along the shores of Summer Lake are thousands of wild plum trees and for this fruit the settlers come even from as far as Burns, 120 miles away. The fruit products of the district are necessarily consumed by the small nearby markets, and when "nearby" is mentioned in that part of Central Oregon it includes Silver Lake, Paisley, Burns and Bend. Like the rest of Interior Oregon the

New Auto Drive

Mr. and Mrs. W. Lair Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Snider, Sunday afternoon had a very pleasant trip in the former's automobile. They went out to the West Side and proceeded south as far as the "Horse" ranch. With few exceptions the roads they found in most excellent shape and the entire trip a most delightful one. Only in a very few places were the roads at all bad and then only for short distances. The roads usually followed by the auto are becoming somewhat common, and now new places to go are being sought.

Corey's hobbies, and to that end he is doing all possible.

The distance that Lakeview is from railroads makes such efforts on the part of Mr. Corey doubly appreciated, not only by the traveling public but by the people of this section generally as well.

GREAT FRUIT DISTRICT

Summer Lake Excels All Other Sections of Central Oregon

OREGONIAN'S CORRESPONDENT SO STATES

Farmhouses, Shaded by Tall Cottonwoods, Well Kept, and Paisley With Its Maples Has Appearance of Towns of the East

R. G. Callvert, the Oregonian's staff correspondent who accompanied the Hill party on its tour of Central Oregon, writes as follows concerning the trip from Lakeview north:

"The Oregon Trunk line now under construction from Celilo on the Columbia River to the north end of Klamath Indian reservation, is to be the 'backbone' of the Hill system of railroads in Oregon. Branches are to be built wherever the traffic will justify them.

"This, in brief is the assurance that has given the people of Interior Oregon by Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern, who has just completed his tour of that portion of the state.

"With this statement as a basis and taking also into consideration, Mr. Hill's enthusiastic comments on the country he has seen, the prediction is safe that not only will the east and west line be built through Oregon but there will be an extension to Lakeview, a branch or main line through Prineville and a continuation of the work now in progress to Klamath Falls. Yet it should be understood that the president of the Great Northern has carefully refrained from making any promise to the communities which he has visited.

"The most promising fruit district of Central Oregon was traversed in a portion of the 170 mile journey Monday from Lakeview to Crescent. This district lies in the Chewaucan and Summer Lake Valleys. The two valleys are practically one. Between them there is a low ridge on which there has been made a segregation of a 12,000-acre Carey-act project. Combined, the two valleys are nearly 50 miles long, the Chewaucan being taken up partly by a reclaimable marsh and Summer Lake Valley by the body of water which gives the valley its name.

"In these two valleys is one of the oldest settled communities in Oregon. The farmhouses are well kept and shaded by tall cottonwoods or poplars, and practically each farm has a home orchard. In the northern end of the Chewaucan is the small village of Paisley, which with its streets shaded by big maples and other trees and its old buildings has the appearance of a town in one of the Eastern states.

"In the two valleys, although the altitude ranges more than 400 feet the finest of peaches are produced and the fruit products includes grapes, plums and all kinds of small fruit. Along the shores of Summer Lake are thousands of wild plum trees and for this fruit the settlers come even from as far as Burns, 120 miles away. The fruit products of the district are necessarily consumed by the small nearby markets, and when 'nearby' is mentioned in that part of Central Oregon it includes Silver Lake, Paisley, Burns and Bend. Like the rest of Interior Oregon the

Modoc's Proud Boast

Alturas Plaindealer exchanges are continually finding old people who remember seeing Halley's comet on its former visit to our system. Each county, almost has one or more. Now, Modoc can boast of five that we can name, with Mart Henderson, "sage of Goose Lake," and others to hear from. These are, Spencer J. Burt, aged 85; David Holden, aged 80; W. R. Coleman, aged 85; Grandma Spaulding, aged 91; and Thor. McGinnis, aged 100. The latter says he was a young man in the old country when the "star came with a tail to it." Now if there is a county in California or elsewhere that can beat this array of old people just trot them out.

Mrs. Annie C. Hough of Paisley is registered at Hotel Lakeview.

E. M. F.s Arrive

Probably the most pleasing car its class to reach Lakeview is the new E-M-F Thirty, two of which reached Lakeview Thursday evening last. T. E. Bernard has the agency and Southstone Bros., of the Lakeview Garage, will act as sales agents and demonstrators. The cars are equipped with tops and glass fronts and present a handsome appearance. Their easy riding features are very noticeable, and they are generally considered to be of the very best construction. As yet the car that will suit the wants and needs of everybody has not been built, but for the person of limited means the E-M-F, in the opinion of many, none comes near meeting all requirements than any other car that has yet reached Lakeview. The weight of the car is by no means excessive, and with gasoline,

water, tools, etc., ready to go on the road weighs very closely to 2000 pounds.

Mr. Bernard also has the agency for the Flanders "30," and will probably receive in a few weeks a carload, including several E-M-F's, direct from the factory. This shipment was due to arrive April 1, but the legal tangle in which the Studebaker and factory people became involved delayed the shipment until a few days ago.

The E. M. F.'s now hold the record for climbing the Rehart hill, both having exceeded the former best mark by 16 feet.

Memorial Day Observed

Decoration Day was most appropriately observed in Lakeview, although the number of vets. in attendance was not as large as expected. However, the services at the M. E. church Sunday evening were largely attended, and the pastor, Rev. G. J. Wentzell delivered a very interesting discourse.

Monday afternoon the exercises took place, and notwithstanding the unusual weather conditions there was a large attendance. W. Lair Thompson delivered a short and impressive address, while the music was most excellent, a number of appropriate songs having been rendered.

The procession formed at the Court House square, headed by the pupils of the Public Schools, followed by the veterans, and citizens, all bearing flags and flowers. After proceeding to the church and listening to the exercises, the procession reformed and proceeded to the cemetery where the graves were decorated with flowers.

FOUND GOOD WATER

Supply Struck at Depth of 75 Feet

C. F. Bartling Finds Plenty of Water on His Homestead Near Wagontire

C. F. Bartling, who, with several friends, recently took up a homestead at the foot of Wagontire mountain in the northeastern part of Lake county, is in town. The lack of water has been the great bog-a-go heretofore with that section of the country, but Mr. Bartling reports having struck an excellent supply at a depth of 50 feet. The well was bored 10 feet deeper in order to insure plenty of water, and now four families and the stock owned by them are now supplied by the well and without any appreciable lowering of the water. Mr. Bartling has a pump in the well and in addition to furnishing the above supply could irrigate a small tract of land by using power.

The settlers have fine gardens growing, consisting of peas, onions, lettuce, potatoes, and all of the hardier vegetables, as several acres of wheat, barley and other grains all of which are doing exceptionally well.

Mr. Bartling brought with him a sample of the water from his well, and it was most excellent to the taste leaving not the least taste of salt, alkali or other mineral which occasionally occurs in some of the wells on the desert.

No Extension of Time

Several applications for an extension of time in which to submit annual proof have recently been made to the local land office by desert land claimants. Such applications are forwarded to the Commissioner of the General Land Office for consideration, and almost invariably the application is denied by him. In the letter to the register and receiver, the commissioner says:

"You will advise the entryman that this office is not authorized to grant extensions of time in which to make yearly expenditures and the proofs required by the Desert land laws, and that his application must, therefore, be denied, subject to the right of appeal within 60 days from notice, failing in which the said entry, hereby held for cancellation will be cancelled without further notice from this office."

B. S. Cook and D. M. Smith, of the well known real estate firm of B. S. Cook & Co., Portland, were in Lakeview the first of the week. They were making a tour of inspection, and were highly pleased with Lake county.

HARRIMAN SURVEY MAKES BIG CUT-OFF

East and West Line Saved 100 Miles

AVOIDS MALHEUR CANYON

Gets Almost Straight Road By Leaving Main Line Near Jordan Valley

Chief engineer Wm. Ashton of the Oregon Short Line was in Burns several weeks ago and C. Stradley, engineer in charge of field work for the same line has been here twice in the past two weeks, but neither gentleman would give any intimation of the purpose of the visit. It develops now, however, that their trips were neither accidental or without definite purpose.

According to the Harney County News, crews of engineers in the employ of the Harriman system are employed running lines in the eastern part of Harney and western part of Malheur county, in what is known as the Baren valley and they have come clear across Malheur county from Gordon valley on a practically straight line.

As near as can be learned from the movements of the surveyors it is the intention of the Harriman people to enter Oregon from the main line in the vicinity of Jordan valley, then cross the Owyhee river and make a straight shoot as possible through Barren valley, striking their old Crane Creek survey somewhere near the Venator home ranch. It is said they have found an easy grade all the way and few curves, while by avoiding the large triangle described by going to Ontario and Vale and then back south to Malheur canyon they will save over 100 miles in distance and eliminate all trouble regarding rights of way through the canyon.

Their is only one obstacle of costly and troublesome dimensions on the new route and that is at the place of crossing the Owyhee river. At that point a bridge of a thousand-foot span and twelve hundred feet high at the deepest place will be required, which will be probably the highest bridge in the world. The building of such a bridge will be quite an engineering feat, but the saving of 100 miles of construction and then of travel, where time and distance will form an important element in competition, will make such a bridge well worth while.

It is not probable that any change from the old survey will be made in the line through Harney county from Venator westward. The adoption of the new route by the Harriman people will remove all possible contest in Malheur canyon and will clear the way for the Boise & Western to proceed without intervention.

O. V. L. MAN STRICKEN

Heart Failure Attacks K. W. Martin

Condition Very Serious and He Is Taken to His Home at Kansas City

K. W. Martin, of the O. V. L. Co. who has been a sufferer from heart failure for some time past, had a severe attack Sunday, which greatly alarmed his friends for a time. Dr. Daly was called and soon had his patient resting easily. However, he advised that Mr. Martin seek a lower altitude, and according Mr. Martin left Tuesday for his home at Kansas City, Mo.

He was accompanied by Mrs. Martin and Guy Rice, and the latter will go with him to Reno and perhaps farther or until the party is met by R. J. Martin, who was advised by wire of his brother's condition. While his condition was quite serious for a time, yet it is expected that he will recover and be able to resume his residence in Lakeview again before long. During his stay here Mr. Martin made numerous friends, all of whom hope for his speedy recovery and early return.