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## UNCLE SAM'S BOY FILES HOMESTEAD

Twenty Years on Ocean—  
Now a Tiller of  
The Soil

From sailor to farmer is a long jump especially when the sailor has served his country upwards of twenty years as was the case of Jacob Pedersen, of Lake, whose term of service has been important in the history of his country, throughout his journeys to every part of the world. Mr. Pedersen accompanied the "Homestead Specialist" to Northern Lake County and when he found a nice 320 acre ranch that he could take under the land laws of the country he had served, he immediately filed upon it and has gone back to the soil to make his living. That the former sailor whose rank in the service was as high as any Non-commissioned officer can go will, be a valuable addition to the community there, goes without saying. Perhaps no man in Lake county could tell more interesting tales of interest to all, were he to uncosm himself, than Mr. Pedersen. Having served on nearly seventy vessels during his term of service, his has been a life that comes to but few and it is felt that in becoming Farmer Pedersen, Sailor Pedersen will be an asset that the county is proud of. The growth of Lake County is apparent by the addition that has been made recently among the ex-soldiers who have taken up lands here. When Edward R. Patch came to the county from his foreign service there was no other veteran of the Spanish-American, and allied wars residing in the county, while at present there are enough veterans to support an organization of veterans known as Bullard Camp, named after the intrepid Colonel Bullard who led a handful of men through some of the toughest places in the Philippines where they fought for meals that they knew the enemy had unwillingly prepared for them on the other side of the "firing line." A. W. Orton, Al. Roberts, E. A. Pelletier, Waldo Taylor, Phil Cummings, Arthur Dent, W. Roche Fick, J. L. Smith, Jesse Gravens, John Ward, Ed. Patch and the two Curtis Brothers, of Valley Falls are among those that belong to the camp while there are several others in remote places in the county that have been unable to join the camp so far. Farmer Pedersen has been "marooned" and if some good woman that admires bravery and manly beauty will just take him in hand there is no doubt that his land venture will be the most profitable undertaking that he has made so far, even if it is devoid of any spectacular features.

## PASSES TO HIS FINAL REWARD

Aged Pioneer Succumbs  
to Injuries from Bursting Auto Flywheel

The last sad rites over the mortal remains of the late Christopher Columbus Pratt, pioneer resident of Goose Lake Valley and one of the men that crossed the plains in the late fifties, were held from the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon and attended by one of the largest gatherings ever seen at a funeral here. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. L. E. Henderson of New Pine Creek, also a pioneer who came to the valley in the early days. Mr. Pratt after a hard battle against age and the terrible wounds that shattered his strong constitution, finally succumbed Friday evening, a couple of weeks after the flywheel of the auto driven and owned by Walter Dent had burst, throwing a large section of the mechanism across the street to where the aged man was conversing with some friends. The left leg being shattered in such a manner that it was found necessary to amputate it at a later date, but despite this, gangrene set in and death came to end the sufferings of the man that had helped make history for this portion of the West.

Mr. Pratt left New York, where he was born in the early days and stopped

at where Chicago now stands, marrying Josephine Babcock an Illinois girl, July 4, 1856. He came across the plains in an immigrant train of wagons in 1859, landing at Coulterville, California six months later. In 1871 he came to Goose Lake Valley, where he remained until the time of his death, having engaged in the livestock business. Of a jovial disposition, he was a welcome figure on the streets of Lakeview, and many were the stories of early pioneer life that could be told in an interesting manner by the aged gentleman. In addition to his widow who survives him, there are thirteen children living, and two others having died previous to his coming to Oregon. The children are Mrs. Della Cheney, of Lakeview; Tom Pratt, of Cedarville; Mrs. Ella Glazier; Mrs. Nellie Reid, E. O. Pratt, Mrs. Lulu Arthur, Mrs. Belle Arzner, Mrs. Minnie Wright, all of Lakeview; Earlie Pratt, of Nevada; Mrs. Mina Howe, of Yoncalla; Chas. Pratt, of Salt Lake City, Utah; Frank Pratt of Summer Lake and Mrs. Delia Hervford, of New Pine Creek.

Interment was at the Odd Fellows Cemetery in the family plot. Mr. Pratt had just passed the 61 milestone of his life journey and his being taken away at this time has left its impress on all who knew and respected him as a good citizen, a loving thoughtful father and kind husband. Peace to his ashes.

Medford will give the use of 360 acres of land to a capable stockman who will raise goats. The Southern Oregon city wants to build up that district as a goat center, for it is well adapted to these sturdy animals that are so valuable in clearing the land and making it ready for orchards.

## ALTURAS PRESENTS PROSPEROUS VIEW

Growth of Town Shows  
Healthy Condition—  
Has Fine Hotels

A representative of the Examiner visited Alturas last Saturday and was more than pleased with the many evidences of prosperity in the town and vicinity. Many neat cottages are now under construction, while numerous others have apparently only just been completed. The surrounding country is dotted with large haystacks, and the crops apparently equal to those of this section.

The business district of Alturas also has an appearance of thrift, although the fire of last week caused it to present a somewhat sad appearance. One thing that is especially noticeable is the hotel accommodations the town offers. Hotel Niles, of course, all travelers are familiar with and it is considered one of the best stopping places in Modoc county. The Curtis and Morris are two new hostleries that have only been opened to the public and neither of them are yet completed.

The Morris presents a most pleasing appearance on the outside, being of a cement plaster construction, having the appearance of granite blocks.

The Curtis is very attractive especially on the inside, having a large lobby from which an easy stairway leads to the upper floors. The dining room with its high ceiling is especially attractive while the service is said to be unexcelled. On the upper floors the halls are wide, while the bedrooms are not only of good size but light and airy, and a number of them have private baths. All are equipped with hot and cold water, and everything is neat and clean. The building has its own water service it being supplied under pressure from a well 250 feet in depth, and is electric lighted throughout.

A new public school building is now being built, and the whole town has a thrifty and business like air about it.

### Appreciates Courtesy

The Examiner is under many obligations to General Manager Dunaway, Chief Engineer Oliver, Land Agent Curtis and H. M. Blaine, of the construction force, for many favors extended its representative at Davis Creek last Saturday. He lived in Missouri for a time, and as a consequence had to be shown certain things and in no instance did the railroad officials fail to make good.

## RAILROAD CELEBRATION

DAVIS CREEK WELCOMES BIG  
CROWD OF VISITORS

Barbecue, Games and Dance, Make  
Big Event One Long to Be  
Remembered

"Railroad Day" at Davis Creek was an event long to be remembered by all who were fortunate enough to be present on that occasion. An Examiner representative was on the grounds early and found every one busy making preparations for the reception of the visitors later in the day. A booth had been erected just across the track and contained a fine display of the products of the valley, including grapes, walnuts, apples, pears, apricots, peaches, berries of all kinds, watermelons, canteloupes and a fine display of canned fruits of all kinds as well as vegetables of mammoth proportions. Alfalfa, timothy, oats, barley, wheat, rye, buckwheat, etc. were included in the display of grains and grasses, all of which were greatly admired by the throng of people who later gazed on it with much surprise.

Large delegations were in attendance from Reno, Alturas, Surprise Valley, New Pine Creek and Lakeview, every section of the surrounding country being represented, and it is estimated that more than 500 people were present Sunday. The excursion train from Reno arrived shortly after 6 o'clock, and immediately thereafter a free dinner was served. And such a dinner as it was! Three fine fat hives had been roasting over the coals for 24 hours, and the meat was pronounced by all who feasted upon it as the "best ever." In addition there were salads, potatoes, baked beans, etc., and later on came cake and coffee, all in quantities sufficient for an army. Chalmers S. Baird and J. W. Reddington, of the Reno Journal, led the foray, and they were ably seconded by Geo. S. Oliver, chief engineer, and L. F. Curtis, land agent, both of the N.-C.-O., and for a time some of their friends who had

not yet reached the table feared that a "leaves and fishes" miracle would be necessary if there was enough to feed the multitude, but a charming young lady captured Baird and his apparent good luck so swayed his confederates that they were unable to do much further damage. After all had eaten their fill no appreciable progress had been made on the estates, and the process was repeated again Sunday.

The excursion train was very much of a surprise. It consisted of a regular passenger locomotive, a combination baggage and smoking car, two regular day coaches and General Manager Dunaway's private car "Lakeview." The naming of the car was a very neat courtesy paid this town, and the compliment coming as it did in a complete surprise was all the more appreciated. The entire train made a very attractive appearance, the coaches being upholstered in leather and neatly painted throughout. The cars glistened in the sunlight, and as they rolled into the station the excursionists were received by rousing cheers and music by the Lakeview brass band.

A large dancing platform had been erected and during the evening merry throngs of dancers whirled away the hours to the strains of the sweet melodies and the boys were the recipients of many compliments for the excellent dance music furnished.

The crew of the excursion train consisted of H. R. Crisler, conductor; Ed Smith, engineer and the irrepressible "Boney," fireman.

Among the railroad men present were General Manager T. F. Dunaway, Superintendent W. A. Dunaway, Road Master M. D. Rice, Land Agent L. F. Curtis, all of the N.-C.-O., and J. M. Fulton, district freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific.

## REMOVES SAGE BRUSH BY ROOTS

Inventor Remington Has  
Successful and Easy  
Method

F. A. Remington, of Lake has invented a sage-brush remover that has every invention of the kind, patented or otherwise looking like a muley cow that has been "High-lifted." Mr. Remington refuses to take out a patent on his invention as he believes that if it is going to do the work that it was intended to accomplish and the work that it is accomplishing for him, it will be a good thing for the men and women that are doing so much for their section of the county as they will be able to make it at home, he is unwilling to have any strings attached to the process. The main feature over all other inventions of the kind is that it is very successful in removing the roots of the plant, which means much less work in ridding the land of this detriment to retaining the moisture in the soil the first year, which cannot be done successfully as long as the roots are allowed to remain. Any person is welcome to go to Lake and copy the invention and make one for himself. With four horses Mr. Remington is clearing five to ten acres per day with the machine, depositing the uprooted plants in windrows so that they are easily burned.

The party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Roll McDonald, and John Duckworth, who spent several days in the Chewaucan country, last week returned to town and reported an excellent time during their absence.

## NORTHWESTERN SHOW AT ST. PAUL

Seven States Will Have  
Fine Agricultural Exhibits This Year

Seven States and Alaska have accented the space tendered them at the Northwest Land Show to be held in St. Paul December 12 to 23 under the auspices of the Northwestern Development League.

A week ago word was sent to the governors of the states advising that space had been bought by Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth business men to be apportioned to the states in the League. Every governor has replied that the space would be accented and filled with products.

Among the most interesting exhibits will be that from Alaska, which will show not only the mineral, fur and fish products, but also demonstrate that Alaska is a good country for gardening and will produce more wheat and barley than Norway and Sweden combined.

Portland, Or., Aug. 22.—Those Oregon communities that had no delegates in attendance at the recent session of the Oregon Development League at Astoria suffered a distinct loss, for the most valuable addresses and discussions would have well repaid anyone for the time spent in attending. The leaguers got down to serious business; there was no froth nor wasted energy.

From the very first day, the convention was notable for the valuable addresses presented. Every one was full of suggestions that will play an important part in the future policy of

the League. Men of the highest eminence in their various lines of activity were on the program. J. A. Hill, Theodore B. Wilcox, Robert S. Lovett and others of like caliber were heard from, while the community boosters of the various sections came prepared to get the most out of the meeting by being on hand with good suggestions and new ideas.

The slogan of the convention was "Get Together," along all the lines of co-operation effort that promise to accomplish so much for the Northwest. The placing of new arrivals on the soil, preparation for reaping the benefits to follow the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco in 1915, and Good Roads were some of the vital topics thoroughly discussed. La Grande will get the next convention and every live commercial organization in the state should look forward to it and have a bigger attendance next time.

The Portland Commercial Club is making efforts to have President Taft include Oregon in his Western trip this year when he comes to the Coast to break ground for the Panama-Pacific Exposition. An invitation was sent to him by wire to this effect and he replied the would give the matter consideration when his itinerary is made up.

The value of the experimental farms to this state is shown in a striking way by the results attained by the station in Morrow County, maintained by the Oregon Agricultural College. Wheat grown on this farm by scientific dry farming methods went 22.6 bushels to the acre, while grain on adjoining land, farmed under the old way was either too poor to cut or yielded only ten or twelve bushels to the acre. Other crops grown show a corresponding gain when treated scientifically.

## "ON TO LAKEVIEW" IS N.-C.-O. SLOGAN

Railway Builders Striving  
to Get Rails Laid Here  
At Early Date

General Manager Dunaway, at Davis Creek last Saturday evening, expressed himself quite freely to an Examiner representative relative to the work on the extension of his road north to Lakeview. He also spoke in appreciative terms of the people of Lakeview and the treatment accorded himself as well as Chief Engineer Oliver and his assistants. He evidently values the good will of the people of Lakeview and vicinity very highly, and is doing everything in his power to merit it.

Among other things Mr. Dunaway said:

"While we fully expected to have the grade completed to Lakeview early in September, yet the work at Sugar Hill has been much greater than anticipated and it is doubtful if it will be completed until October. However, we are doing everything possible to hurry the work and within 30 days after its completion rails will be laid to Lakeview and through train service to your town will be established soon after. Should nothing unforeseen arise we confidently expect to have trains in operation to Lakeview early in November, for with the exception of Sugar Hill the grade can be completed within 30 days. Tracklaying north of Davis Creek was resumed this week and the steel will reach Sugar Hill in the very near future. H. M. Blaine is in charge of the work and he informed the Examiner man that he had received orders from Road Master Rice to push the work as rapidly as possible. The pile driver is at work now driving piles across some low places north of Davis Creek station, while a couple of small bridges will also be necessary in the same vicinity. These will quickly be placed in position, and no delay will result on account of them.

### Card of Thanks

Appreciating the many acts of kindness during the recent illness and death of our loving husband and father, Christopher C. Pratt, and the many words of sympathy that have gone to lessen the blow that we have sustained, together with the floral offerings given; we wish to thank one and all for them, feeling that affliction is a tie that binds the heart very close, as shown toward us in our bereavement.

Mrs. Josephine Pratt and family.

## NORTHERN LAKE IS PROSPERING

Sage Brush is Giving  
Way To Acres of  
Waving Grain

Postmaster Francis A. Remington of Lake, shows the "Spirit of Progress" that is making a prosperous community of the sage-brush country of the north. Mr. Remington, and incidentally his estimable wife, are accomplishing a work that is appreciated in his community. In September 1909 with a team and coming outfit they entered the valley from the northern part of the state and when their eyes rested upon the claim that is now their home, their minds were instantly made up to reclaim the land as their own. Today, where the lowly coyote once broke the stillness of the night, there is a fine store, post office, feed barn and some sixty odd acres under cultivation with a fine crop of grain as compensation for the work of placing the ground in shade to grow it. Mr. Remington is enthusiastic over the crop outlook for this first year on new ground that had been plowed for the first time last spring, and says that all that section of the country needs is cultivation. He is one of the men that believes that the rainfall is entirely sufficient to produce any profitable crop that can be grown in the county. Near the Remington homestead F. A. Watkins has a fine crop of grain consisting of oats and wheat that will compare favorably with any man's country for fields, while Freeman Post, well known here in Lakeview where he spent a portion of the past two summers has a fine crop of rye that is being cut this week. F. E. Anderson and the Allen Brothers have fine yields also. The success of these men that are doing a work of development, is appreciated as they are showing the people that have doubted the productiveness of Northern Lake, that if a man means business and will take his coat off there will be some compensation for the sacrifice of time that he makes. The preparation of the soil and planting of the grain or other crop, is just as essential to secure a harvest in Lake county as elsewhere and the man that realizes that and will leave his coat at the house while he does the work, will be remunerated according to his efforts.

In the automobile contest being carried on by one of the Klamath papers, Mrs. Jonas Norin, of Lakeview has secured a large number of votes, standing sixth in the contest and if her friends rally to her support will be able to secure the fine Buick machine that is given as a prize.

## THINKS LAKEVIEW SHOULD LOOK AHEAD

Insure Supply of Water  
Now to Meet Future  
Growth of Town

The visit of J. M. Fulton, District Freight and Passenger Agent of the Southern Pacific was a welcome visitor to the people here Monday. Mr. Fulton in an interview asked many things of interest to a growing section of country and if the people here had a water supply adequate to a growing town of say fifteen thousand people. This is important at this time when cities are in the constructive stage, and while Lakeview may never be as large as Portland or San Francisco, still its natural location warrants looking ahead and grasping what natural resources we have in the matter of a water supply. The springs from whence the present pure water is obtained, along with the large reservoir in the canyon and the tapping of Deep Creek and other streams by a reservoir and pipeline, means that the water supply will be adequate if harnessing property. The main thing at present will be to get control of the sources of these streams by the municipality. Thousands of dollars will be saved in the future if this is done now. In the building of cities much waste could be saved the taxpayers if the people in charge had looked ahead for the years to come.