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PAISLEY PROJECT CONTRACT READY

Thirty-Day Extension Granted on Geo. Conn Holdings

It appears absolutely certain that the Northwest Townsite Co. is to proceed with the Paisley Irrigation project, although an extension of 30 days of the option on the Geo. Conn holdings has been asked for and granted. In a late issue of the Northwest News, a paper issued by the Townsite Company, it is stated the lands selected by the Portland Irrigation Co., and which rights the Townsite people are supposed to have purchased, are to be subdivided into 10, 20, 30 and 40 acre tracts and the cost of water is to be \$46 per acre.

From the following dispatch it would appear that the Desert Land Board has completed the contract for the project, and while it is submitted to the Portland Irrigation Company yet no doubt will apply to the Northwest Townsite Co., successors in interest. The dispatch follows:

"The agreement to be submitted to the Portland Irrigation company, to be entered into January 1st, has been passed upon. This is the Morsen contract around which controversy has been waged for several months. One point at issue was whether the desert land board had the right to demand detailed financial statements from the company relative to the sales of land or of options.

"Although previously the board had been given legal advice to the contrary Senator McCulloch advised the board, as Governor West has consistently held, that it was not only its right, but its duty to demand these statements, and a clause was inserted in the new contract demanding full and detailed financial statements from the company quarterly. Another vital clause inserted is that giving the board censorship over the company's advertising matter.

"By terms of the contract a reservoir shall be constructed with capacity to store 42,000 acre feet of water; a dam 267 feet long, diversion works and other obstructions of the construction are to be done in approved manner; the company to begin actual construction within six months from the date of the contract and rush the work diligently until it has been completed. The company is to furnish a supply of water fully sufficient to irrigate and reclaim the land described in the contract; the total lien against the land to be \$553,724.54; water rights sold by the company to be perpetual. Other terms of the agreement provide for an annual maintenance charge of 50 cents per acre; date of reclamation to be when proof is shown that water is within half a mile of each forty acres."

More Road Money

That the more undeveloped counties of Oregon get the long end of some good propositions at least is indicated by the annual report of the distribution of the United States five percentum land sales fund among the counties, to be used for the improvement of roads. The total amount of this fund for 1911 appropriated was \$12,785,67 and it was apportioned according to the acreage of the individual counties. Lake County comes third on the list, her portion being \$1,076,05. Harney receives the largest amount \$1,422,11, and Malheur second with \$1,316,67. Crook is a close second to Lake with \$1,074,44. The smallest county in the state is Multnomah, her portion of the fund being but \$59,13.

The County Court at its last term appointed O. F. Cady Justice of the Peace and H. A. Chapman Constable of Fort Rock precinct.

MALHEUR CANYON SCENE OF ACTIVITY

Engineers Said to Be Making Permanent Surveys for O. & E. Road

Actual construction on the Oregon & Eastern railroad through the Malheur canyon will begin not later than spring, is the statement made by a prominent Harriman railroad official to a leading Ontario business man, according to an Ontario dispatch appearing in the Portland Journal. The statement is borne out by the dispatching of a party of 12 engineers for the purpose of making the final changes in the permanent survey through the 70 mile Malheur canyon, the key to the great Oregon inland empire. It is also authoritatively stated that two more crews of surveyors will be sent into the canyon to hasten the work.

The inclination of Secretary of the Interior Fisher to favor the irrigation enterprises where the rights of such projects and railroad construction work conflict is supposed to be the cause of the present activity of the Harriman people, and the visit of President Lovett and other prominent Harriman

HORSEFLY PROJECT WINS AT BONANZA

New Water District is Formed By Vote of 64 to 3

The election of the Horsefly Irrigation Project was held at Bonanza last week, and it was an overwhelming victory in favor of the project, the vote being 64 to 3.

Directors—First division, Will Campbell; second division, Will Irwin; third division, J. B. Mason; fourth division, F. J. Bowne; fifth division, Jacob Ruck.

The following officers were chosen: Treasurer—D. G. Horn, Assessor—R. C. Crowley, Collector—Walter Broadwood.

Throughout the day interest was at a high pitch, and when it was definitely known that the project carried a sign of relief could be heard throughout the room, followed by cheer after cheer. And at midnight the celebration was still on with full sway, for the people of Bonanza now feel that the time is at hand when it will be possible for them to have an irrigation project of their own.

Ninety-two land owners are affected by the proposed project and of this number sixty-seven were present at the election. It was gratifying to see only three votes cast against the enterprise. It is felt that these votes were not the result of opposition to the undertaking but rather of doubt as to the advisability of assuming an enterprise of so great a magnitude. There will be 25,000 acres of land within the project, the great portion of which will be under the proposed ditch.

Ever since the commutation of sentence was granted J. see P. Webb several months ago, Governor West has been contemplating the action which he announced Friday. As in the case of Webb, a statement was signed by Hassing's sister that no application for a pardon will at any time in the future be made.

The governor's statement was as follows: "There will be no hanging in Oregon while I am governor of the state. The old rule that bloodshed should be expiated by the shedding of blood is, in my opinion, a relic of barbarism, and not in consonance or in keeping with the civilization or the spirit of the Twentieth century. It is an antiquated and an uneconomic reminder from the dark ages.

"I contend that the spirit and the civilization of this age call for the repeal of capital statutes as the punishment for first degree murder. I believe that imprisonment for life should be the penalty paid for shedding human blood.

"I recommended the abolition of capital punishment to the last legislature. I will again make the same recommendation in 1913, unless the law has been previously amended at the general election of 1912.

"I will and do advocate the repeal of the capital statute, and the limitation of the pardoning power of the governor in relation to life sentences for first degree murder. I hope to see this reform accomplished before the expiration of my term of office and the present barbaric law wiped from the statute books of this state."

Initial Bow

The Klamath Chronicle gives the following account of a song recital by Mrs. Wm. Wagner, a sister of Dr. W. R. Boyd, of Lakeview.

"Before a well filled house, Mrs. Wm. Wagner, one of the most promising vocal pupils of Mrs. Don J. Zumwalt, made her initial bow before the public Friday night, when she was presented in song recital by her vocal teacher. She is possessed of a sweet voice, full of careful expression, and shows every promise of attaining perfection in her art.

"The numbers rendered by Mrs. Wagner ranged from Donizetti's 'Aria from Lucretia Borgia' to the quaint beautiful ballads of the British Isles. In all of them she scored a great success, and received immense plaudits from her hearers. Mrs. Zumwalt played the accompaniment."

Fair Warning

C. R. Sasser, of the Davis Creek Orchards Co., now has offices at Sacramento in the Ochsner building. Hence any one going there will do so on his own responsibility, now that the Examiner has given fair warning. In a letter to the Examiner Mr. Sasser states that business is good, he having sold five tracts last week, with numerous other prospects. Mr. S. also desired to be remembered to his associates in the Bible Class who frequently discussed historical and other questions therein set forth.

The Wizards are to give a Sheet and Pillow Case dance at their hall this evening. They have secured the best of music and everybody is sure to have a good time.

N.-C.-O. IN LAKE COUNTY

First Locomotive Crossed the Line Last Friday Afternoon

Rails Will Reach Lakeview Within Ten Days Should Weather Conditions Remain Favorable --Train Service Probable By First of Year

Should weather conditions prove favorable, as now seems probable, Lakeview will be linked to the outside world with bands of steel within ten days. The N.-C.-O. steel gang crossed the State Line at New Pine Creek last Friday afternoon, and the first locomotive to reach Lake County crossed in a few minutes after the rails were down. A number of Lakeview citizens were present on the occasion, among them being Col. F. P. Light, V. L. Snellman, F. M. Miller and Geo. B. Whorton, and since that time many people have gone down to "see the railroad."

"The all-absorbing question now is, when will train service to Lakeview be established?" Chief Engineer Oliver this week stated to an Examiner representative that all depended upon the weather conditions. He intimated that trains would be operated to New

Pine Creek in the very near future and possibly to Lakeview this winter, but of course should storms set in construction work would necessarily close down, as all depends upon the laborers and they will not work during severe weather.

It is reported that through freight rates to Lakeview have been made and that the schedule is announced to be effective December 15, but it is scarcely probable that the service can be established at that time. While the ballasting goes on night and day, yet there is much work in that line to be done after the road leaves the lake shore, and several weeks will doubtless be required in which to complete the work. The ballasting will probably be completed to the State line during the coming week, while the track-laying gang is now on the Studley place about 1-1/2 miles south of Lakeview.

WEST IS OPPOSED TO HANGING MEN

To Be No More Executions During His Term as Governor

The death sentence of Jans M. William Hassing, who was to be hanged on Dec. 19 for wife murder, was Friday commuted to a term of life imprisonment by Governor West just before the latter's departure for the east, and at the same time the governor gave out a statement that there will be no more hangings in Oregon so long as he remains governor, says the Salem Statesman. The penitentiary contains one more man who was to have been hanged, a man by the name of Morgan, who committed murder at Grants Pass. He was to have been hanged in January, next year.

The market is in good condition, but McKendree & Arthur have made preparations to keep through the winter months quite a band of lambs, to be turned over to the wholesale butchers just before the California grass lambs can be marketed, when the market is at its best point for the year.

Besides the bunch at Gazelle, this firm has now at the feed yards near Merrill between 9,000 and 10,000 choice lambs. This big drove has been "topped" and on Thursday 2,000 head of the "top" lambs will be shipped from Midland to the San Francisco market.

This will leave between 7,000 and 8,000 lambs to feed through the winter and splendid preparations have been made for their keep.

Five men will be employed in this work, and constant care is needed to bring them successfully through the winter and have them in such condition in the spring that they will find a ready market. Many tons of alfalfa hay will be required, and 125,000 pounds of ground grain has been taken to the feedyard as a part of their winter bill of fare.

A huge well operated by horsepower is kept constantly in operation to water this bunch of baby sheep.

Each day the watering troughs are emptied and cleaned thoroughly, so the water is pure as it is possible to furnish them and twice a day the feed racks from which they eat their nourishing alfalfa are cleaned of all stems and debris.

The greatest care is taken of their temperament, and no dogs are allowed about the corrals in which they are kept. The hay is thrown into the feed racks from outside the corrals and no one but the attendants are allowed to enter the corrals. These men the sheep soon become acquainted with, and become so familiar with them that they can be handled without frightening them. The only exception to the rule that furnishes the power for the pump, and she is never taken out until the sheep are shipped, drinking from the same watering troughs and eating from the same racks as the sheep.

LAMBS ON MERRILL FEEDING GROUNDS

McKendree & Arthur Prepared to Feed Until Spring

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Goes to Portland

Silver Lake Leader: Silver Lake this week lost Mr. and Mrs. H. Adams and gained Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pitcher and family. The Adams go to Portland to occupy a newly purchased home. Mr. Pitcher moves to town for the winter and will occupy the house vacated by the Adams.

The Spineless Cactus

Dick Kingsley is not the only experimenter with Burbank's celebrated spineless cactus. A Los Angeles dispatch says that negotiations are under way between local men and the authorities in various parts of the Sahara which are expected to result soon in the introduction of the cactus on the African desert.

Experiments with the various kinds of spineless cacti have demonstrated, the experts declare, that some of them will thrive on any desert in the world where the temperature does not go too low, and they believe the Sahara is peculiarly adapted to their cultivation. If this is true the vast waste may be revolutionized in time to come by the California wonderer.

Extensive shipments of the spineless cacti are now made from Los Angeles to some of the South American countries.

BIG INCREASE IN PROPERTY VALUES

Davis Creek Ranch Sold for \$600, Now Brings \$10,000.00

Probably no better idea of the wonderful increase in the value of farm lands in Goose Lake Valley can be given than that of the Chas. Easton ranch at the foot of Sugar Hill in the Davis Creek section. The ranch consists of 320 acres and was homesteaded by the Hayton brothers in the early '90's. Along about 1895 the boys became hard pressed for money and as a consequence mortgaged their place to Mrs. Sarah Hotchkiss for \$500. When the mortgage became due they were unable to meet the payment, and to settle the matter Mrs. Hotchkiss gave each of them \$50 additional and they in turn transferred the property to her. Some two or three years ago Mrs. Hotchkiss sold the property to Mr. Easton for \$3000, being less than \$10 per acre. At the time it was considered that Mr. Easton paid every cent the place was worth, in fact some people considered that he got the worst of the bargain. A few weeks since Mr. Easton traded 150 acres of the land to C. R. Seager for Lakeview property which is conservatively estimated to be worth not less than \$5000, and a few days since he made another deal in which the other 150 acres was transferred at a valuation of \$5000.

It will thus be seen that land that was worth \$500 15 years ago is today selling for \$10,000. And this is but one instance of many. What the value will be 15 years later is of course a matter of guess work.

OREGON PRODUCTS NOW TOURING EAST

Gov. West, Bill Hanley and Tom Richardson as Pilots

The Oregon car left Portland last week and joined the Governor's Special at St. Paul Monday. The car is loaded with exhibits from practically all parts of the State, and today is at Detroit, Mich. The train will make a tour of all the Eastern States being scheduled to return to St. Paul December 30.

The Oregon delegation on board the special will consist of Governor West, William Hanley, of Burns, and Tom Richardson.

Following is a partial list of the exhibits aboard the Oregon car: Hood River—One box literature, 19 quarter boxes apples. Klamath Falls—Three boxes exhibits, mostly apples. Prairie City—Five boxes apples. Ashland—Six section rack of apples; two jars processed fruit; one package literature. Medford—Eight boxes fruit; one box literature. Roseburg—One box Umpqua Valley exhibits. Portland Chamber of Commerce—Fourteen jars fruit exhibits. Prineville—Three boxes exhibits. Portland—Stockyards picture, photos showing country and city scenes in this state.

The train is known as the Western Governor's Special. It will make one stop a day, the itinerary calling for 21 stops.

Mrs. Shirk Entertains

On Saturday November 23, Mrs. W. H. Shirk entertained a number of her friends with four tables of "500." A delightful afternoon was spent and at 4:30 dairy refreshments were served. Those present were: Mesdames Thornton, Thompson, Norin, McGrath, Cronmiller, Harvey, Muehen, Farrell, Umbach, Schmilck, McKendree, Harrow, Cressler, Williams, Snelling, Brattain, Dewey and the Misses Linton, Hall and Gloster.

Appropriate religious services were held this morning in honor of Thanksgiving at the various churches in town.

ASSESSED VALUE OF LAKE COUNTY

Principal Change Shown in Large Increase of Tillable Land

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| 223,658 acres tillable land | \$2,583,300 |
| 660,244 acres non-tillable land | 3,193,809 |
| Value of improvements on deeded land | 1,62,885 |
| Value on all lots | 510,755 |
| Improvements on town lots | 250,020 |
| Improvements on lands not deeded | 51,170 |
| Steamboats and manufacturing machinery | 27,875 |
| Merchandise | 1-2,820 |
| Farming implements, etc. | 49,950 |
| Money | 38,750 |
| Notes and accounts | 160,440 |
| Shares of stock | 204,215 |
| Household furniture, jewelry, etc. | 43,770 |
| 6,617 horses | 239,960 |
| 28,301 cattle | 4,580 |
| 124,524 sheep and goats | 248,210 |
| 390 swine | 2,400 |
| 87 dogs | 2,600 |
| Total | \$8,359,296 |

The County Board of Equalization completed its labors last week, and the above is the list of taxable property of Lake county as equalized by it. This is an increase of \$284,020 over that of a year ago and of nearly \$500,000 over that of 1909. The greatest increase shown is that of tillable land, which is approximately \$500,000. A year ago but 146,217 acres of tillable land were assessed, while the increase in the acreage this year is more than 50 per cent. Town lots also show an increase of approximately \$100,000, while personal property shows a decrease. There are now 200 fewer horses, 10,000 less cattle, 4000 less sheep and 100 less hogs in the county than a year ago. Money also shows a decrease, and the amount on the assessment roll is in marked contrast to that shown by the several bank reports.

An Explanation

The Examiner is in receipt of numerous communications relative to delinquent taxes, much criticism being made as to the conduct of the tax collecting department of Lake county. We all have our troubles, and it would be a long story to unfold if the trials and tribulations of the tax department were related. In the first place the department was literally swamped with requests for a statement of taxes, and for a time it was expected that all taxpayers would be notified as to the amount of taxes they would be required to pay.

Just as the work was getting well under way, it was discovered that the Legislative Assembly had passed a new law requiring the publication of the delinquent tax list by a certain date.

In order to comply with that act it was necessary to list all who were delinquent from any cause, and hence the trouble.

The law contemplates that taxes must be paid without notification of any kind, and it is only through courtesy of the officials that notices are sent out.

Aituras Gets Busy

Aituras New Era: The trustees this week awarded the contract for a pumping plant for the public water system, to J. A. Yates and the Nevada Engineering Works. The big stand pipe, with a capacity of fifty thousand gallons of water is now being filled with water, and the mains are full of water in the business section of town. In a short time the system will be completed, so that the water can be used for fighting fire. This will be a great protection to our town, and will also lower the rates of insurance.

EX-JUDGE NOLAND'S SON ELECTROCUTED

Young Athlete Passes Away in Electric Bathrobe

Vireil Noland, son of ex-Judge and Mrs. George Noland of Klamath Falls, who has been a student at the University of Oregon at Eugene since last September was electrocuted in his room some time between 6 and 7:30 Wednesday evening of last week. When last seen alive he had complained that he was not feeling well and was going to retire. When found his body was wrapped in an electric bath robe, which had been connected with the light socket. The bathrobe was partially burned and the electricity had indicated several times that it was on.

Young Noland was about 21 years of age and occupied a prominent place not only in his classes but in athletic sports as well. He was highly esteemed for his many good traits by all who knew him.