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LAKEVIEW, OREGON, AS IT APPEARS TODAY--Photo By G. W. Rice, Chief Engineer, O. V. L. Co.

RAILROAD DAY TO BE BIG SUCCESS

C. I. C. Ladies Will Entertain Visitors With Feast at the Opera House

A meeting of the Ladies Civic Improvement Society was held at the parlors of that organization last Thursday evening to concert measures for the entertainment of the people who are coming to Lakeview on Railroad Day—January 7th—and who will be the guests of the city from Saturday evening until Monday morning next. Despite the somewhat stormy weather there was a good representation present, not only of the ladies, but included several gentlemen, among whom was his honor, the mayor. A discussion of plans took place, every one seeming very desirous of making the affair a complete success, and was free to contribute all that was within reason to that end. Committees were appointed to look after the different details and collect the provisions and materials necessary. An all-day luncheon will be set out at the opera house on Sunday, to which the guests will be free to partake as often as they desire. The court room in the court house will be open during the day and evening, where citizens and visitors are invited to congregate and fraternize, with free "smokes" for everybody. A smoker will also be arranged for Saturday evening, at which all kinds of oratory is expected to be let loose, on the part of both visitors and the best talkers of the city and county.

For lunch the city and county will be secured alike for good things for the

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CITY NEEDS MUCH IN EVIDENCE NOW

Before Sewer System is Installed New Charter is Necessary

There is much to be done in the way of improvement in Lakeview the coming season if this city hopes to keep up its pace in line of advancement.

For instance, there is the framing and adoption of a new charter, the present one being in a large measure old and obsolete, according to the best opinion of those best informed of its provisions. This is a long and arduous job for the best and most public spirited citizens. Now that the commission form of government for cities and towns has been demonstrated in so many instances throughout the country to be successful in giving better and far more economic government, it is well worth while that such a form should be given a thorough study before a new charter is adopted. This town should not be satisfied with anything but the best form of city government that she can possibly obtain.

A good work has been begun in the

improvement of the city streets, going a long way toward giving the public hard surfaces whether in wet or dry weather. It goes without saying that that system should be extended to every street in the town. Probably the next improvement in importance is the creation of a sewer system which will care for and carry off the town's refuse. The lack of some system of that kind is very likely at some time to cause an epidemic of typhoid. It can be done now much cheaper than later on when the value of property becomes far greater than it is at present. There is nothing too good for this town. It should be satisfied with nothing less. Bonds could be issued to pay the cost, thus permitting those who live here during the coming years, and who will reap the benefit, to help pay for the improvement. With good streets, a complete water system and a sewer system that will be effective—

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POLITICAL POT IS BECOMING ROILED

D. V. Kuykendall Seeks Second Term as Prosecuting Attorney

So far as the local situation is concerned there seems to be nothing 'doin' in political circles although it has been said that still water has an unusual depth. The only county officers to hold over are Judge Daly and Commissioner Anderson, all others to be filled at the next election. In as much as the primaries will be held April 18, a little over three months from now, it is likely that individuals desiring to become the servants of the people will make their wants known in the near future.

Over in Klamath candidates for county officers are said to be quite numerous, Arthur Langell, Charley Low and O. L. Carter being mentioned as possible candidates to succeed Billy Barnes as sheriff. D. V. Kuykendall has announced himself a candidate for re-election as prosecuting attorney for this district, and to that end will seek the Republican nomination. While Mr. Kuykendall has not secured convictions in several prominent cases in this county, yet his record as a careful and painstaking official is excellent. The position of district attorney is perhaps the most difficult to fill satisfactorily within the gift of the people, and is one that is more freely criticized than any other. If he puts forth every effort to secure a conviction, he is accused of trying to "railroad" the defendant to the penitentiary, and if he fails to secure a conviction, then he is charged with being lax in the performance of his duty.

While there are said to be several aspirants for Legislative honors, none have had the temerity to announce

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ERNEST BROWN KILLED

Shot Down In Cold Blood While In Performance of Duty

Bert Taylor, Moral Degenerate, Commits Crime After Beating His Wife, and Then Suicides By Shooting Himself In the Head

"Two Men Killed on Slash street" were the tragic words which startled the loungers at Hotel Lakeview and on Main street about six o'clock of Sunday evening, December 31st, as a man came in on the hunt for Coroner Wallace. As the facts developed the exclamation proved only too true; and the worst phase of the affair was that the City Marshal Ernest M. Brown—a man greatly respected by the community—should be the innocent victim of a pervert—a man rendered insane by jealous rage.

The facts seem to be that about 5:30 o'clock that evening a man named Bert Taylor, living with his wife and family and a younger brother, in a house on Slash street, got into a rage at his wife and began beating her, threatening to kill her. The woman picked up her

baby from a bed in the kitchen and in fright ran out, intending to go to a neighbor's. Taylor followed, and overtaking her at front gate forced her back into the house, where he continued his abuse. The brother—Delmar Taylor, by name—was present, and he left the house declaring that he would call the marshal, at which Bert declared that he would shoot any man who poked his head inside his door. Thoroughly cowed the little woman stood shivering in a corner while the rascally husband continued his abuse while the boy was gone. He got out his gun, a .22 repeating rifle, which had some shells in it. The marshal, Ernest Brown, lived only a block away, and coming in his company, the boy opened the door, stepped into the doorway and seeing

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UP-TOWN OFFICE FOR N.-C.-O. RY.

Telegraph Manager, F. M. LePert, Seeking Convenient Quarters

M. M. LePert, telegraph manager for the N.-C.-O. Railway Co., was in the city last Thursday, making arrangements for the opening of an office for that company in the city. He experienced considerable difficulty in securing quarters, as there are no vacant business rooms to be had in the city, and the only chance afforded was to office with somebody else. It was a new experience to him to find a town in such a crowded condition on its business street.

Young Ladies Entertain

Misses Hazel Herford and Louise Storkeman were hostesses to a card party at the home of the latter Saturday evening, on West street. After a series of games of whist had been played delicious refreshments were served, and after passing an unanimous vote of congratulations to their hostesses as royal entertainers the happy guests departed to their homes. The invitation list included the Misses Emily Ayres, Margie, Ruth and Ellen Bernard, Kathleen O'Neill, Verda Umbach, Lura Snider, Docia Willits, Mabel Rice, and Messrs. Walter Drenkel, Charles Combes, Bert Snider, Chester Dykeman, Ralph Southstone, Hugo Umbach, M. Erickson, Guy and Lynn Cronemiller, George Whorton and Will Storkeman.

ONE MORE PAPER RAILROAD ON MAP

Latest is an Electric Line Connecting Klamath With Lakeview

Klamath Falls Evening Herald: With the success of the Horsefly irrigation project practically assured there is a story current that an electric line will be constructed from Lakeview to this city. According to what meager details are obtainable the work on the enterprize will be begun in the spring, and work will not be completed until the year following.

Whether the work will start on both ends of the proposed route simultaneously or begin at one end and work through is not stated, nor can the backers of the intended route be known at this time.

It is expected to have the line come via Bly and Bonanza, either through the Yonka Valley, of which Dairy is the metropolis, or via the Poe Valley.

The distance to take in Bly and Bonanza is about 110 miles, and takes in some of the best farming districts in the state of Oregon.

It is believed that the introduction of such a line would mean a wonderful building up of the agricultural regions between the termini of the route, and the result in a rich harvest for the promoters.

No doubt the construction of such a line would tend to cut down the business done by the stage lines, if it did not put them out of business alto-

gether. It would handle both passengers and freight, the greater profit proportionately being in the freight traffic.

As it is now the means of communication between Lakeview and this city by stage only, and a rough passage it is. If the plans of the electric line are perfected it will bring the capital cities of Lake and Klamath counties within about four hours ride of one another, as it is no trick for modern interurban electric cars to cover thirty-five or forty miles, if not more per hour.

A wonderful influx of settlers is predicted to follow the completion of the route, as small farming would pay in districts that are now too remote from markets. An electric line would bring the farmer working along intensive lines closer to his markets, and be a factor for furthering agriculture that is practically inestimable.

The proposed transportation proposition is not altogether new, for John D. Carroll had it in mind several years ago, when he was boosting Bonanza and trying to get agricultural acres cut up into small sections. He hoped to see enough small farms in sight to warrant an electric line across the country, but hard times in 1907 tended to impede his plans.

W. LAIR THOMPSON IS GOOD BOOSTER

Tells of Big Things Doing in This Part of The State

(From Portland Oregonian.)

"Lakeview and Lake county are not only enjoying the prosperity which has so long prevailed there, but are also enjoying the distinction of being on the railroad map," said W. Lair Thompson, a prominent Southern Oregon lawyer, of Lakeview at the Imperial yesterday.

"About 10 days ago the first locomotive engine entered Lake county and Lakeview. Many young people, born and bred in Southern Oregon, at that time saw a railroad for the first time. Track was laid into Lakeview and the work of ballasting will be completed January 1.

"On January 7 the advent of the railroad will be celebrated by the good people of Lake county who have been waiting years for Railroad day. A special train over the Nevada & Oregon Railway will bring visitors from Reno, Nev., Sacramento and San Francisco.

"Of course, during all of these years the business of Lake county has gone to California cities, because nature has made that great interior country tributary to San Francisco, and now the merchants of those cities will join with us in rejoicing over rail connection with the world. We people of Lake county have always suspected there was a world outside of our own rich country, but the rest of Oregon apparently has never suspected the existence of the great valleys of Lake County, rich in fruit, cereals and alfalfa.

"Now that Lakeview can be reached by train, we hope to become more

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WORK ON PAISLEY PROJECT SOON ON

Contract Signed for Commencement of Work Within Six Months

The contract for resumption of work on the Paisley project was signed last Friday, as predicted, and aside from the striking out of a few surplus phrases from the \$50,000 bonds to be put up by the company, the deal for the completion of the work is now virtually completed.

The company is to start work in six months and complete it in three years. It is to build a reservoir dam on the Chewaucan river, with a capacity of 46,000 acre feet. The lien on the land under contract is to be \$45 per acre.

\$15,000 School Bonds Sold

County Treasurer Fred O. Ahlstrom Tuesday ended the bids and yesterday awarded the contract for furnishing the cash for the sale of \$15,000 worth of bonds of the Lakeview school district No. 7, needed for the completing and furnishing of the high school, now being constructed in this city. Four bids were considered and five others were thrown out because they did not reach him within the time specified in the advertising. The award was made to Robert McKee, of Corvallis, a former resident of this county. The amount of his bid was \$15,000, the blank bonds to be furnished free of cost to the district. The bonds are to bear 5 1/2 per cent. to run 20 years with the option of payment in ten years. This was the highest offer made. As the assessed valuation of the property of the district at the last assessment was \$2,670,180 the bonds may be regarded as a gilt-edged investment.

CITY DADS HOLD REGULAR SESSION

Numerous Applicants for Position of City Marshal --Treasurer's Report

The city council had a very pleasant meeting Tuesday evening at the city hall.

The town treasurer's report was received and approved. It showed a balance on hand from last report of \$26.85, the receipt of \$240 from saloon and pool hall licenses, and the payment of warrants to the amount of \$799.65, leaving a balance of \$105.95 in the treasury.

Messrs Daniel H. Remis, J. T. McCoull, town residents, and G. S. Stone of Valley Falls, submitted written applications for appointment as town marshal vice E. M. Moore, deceased. Upon motion, stepped by the Mayor, the matter was referred to the next meeting. Afterwards Police Commissioner Stone called attention to the fact that the application of the late Moore was not

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