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GEO. CONN DEAL CLOSED

Northwest Townsite Company Takes Over Big Holdings

Everything Now In Readiness For Big Irrigation Project At Paisley—Pioneer Business Man Now Retires

Without doubt the most important realty deal that has taken place in Lake county for some time was closed this week when the Northwest Townsite Company took over Geo. Conn's holdings at Paisley. The deal has been pending for sometime, an option having been taken on the property early last Fall. Negotiations between the company and the State regarding the taking over of what is known as the Portland Irrigation Project were under way for some time before a contract could be determined upon that was satisfactory to both parties, but an agreement was finally reached, and then the company quickly closed its option on Mr. Conn's holdings.

The property involved includes nearly 540 acres of choice land adjacent to

Paisley, besides a flouring mill and stock of general merchandise. It does not include the farm machinery nor any personal property. The amount of money involved in the transaction is approximately \$60,000, and under the circumstances that sum is considered very reasonable. Mr. Conn retains some timber land and a small stock ranch on the upper Chewaucan, besides a few acres in the town of Paisley. After an active and eventful business life he is now able to drive away dull care and the worries incident to life on the frontier and take the world easy. He has always been prominent in the affairs of the county, and his many friends sincerely hope that he will enjoy to the utmost the pleasures he so

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weeks honeymoon trip.

Miss Esther Cobb, more familiarly known among her local friends as "Easie" is the daughter of Mrs. Della Cobb of this place. She is very well known in Lakeview and vicinity having spent the major portion of her early life in Lake County. Her ability and talents as an actress and singer are widely heralded, she having acquired much fame in the theatrical world.

Mr. Johnson, as the quotation states, is an author, and now has a serial story entitled "Stover at Yale" running in McClure's Magazine.

Mrs. Cobb-Johnson has no intention of giving up her stage life and will continue her work even more diligently than before. Her husband takes great interest in her abilities and he will travel with her and continue his writing. The couple will make the trip to Lakeview this summer to visit with relatives and friends of the bride.

Lakeview takes no little pride in her national prima donna and the Examiner joins in extending hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and well wishes for their future happiness and prosperity.

THOMAS W. COLVIN CROSSES DIVIDE

Was An Old Time Stock Raiser In Lake County

At the age of 78 years, on January 30, Thomas W. Colvin died in Lincoln, Placer Co., California.

Mr. Colvin was a native of New York state and came to Lake County, Oregon in 1869. He was for several years associated with George Freeman in the cattle business in the Chewaucan valley. After selling out his interests in that valley to Herford brothers, Mr. Colvin removed to New Pine Creek where he invested in land at which place he resided until about ten years ago. His holdings at New Pine Creek comprised about 400 acres of land which was sold to Robert McCulley two years ago. Since leaving that place, Mr. Colvin had resided, until the time of his death, at Lincoln, California.

Deceased was a brother of Gus and Sidney Colvin of Lake county, both of whom preceded him to the grave. He is survived only by a daughter, Mrs. Frances J. McLaughlin and three children who were with him at the time of his death, and one other grandson, Ernest Colvin, of New Pine Creek, whose father, Darwin Colvin met his death some time ago in a railroad accident.

Mr. Colvin was a man of generous heart and broad ideas and one who was held in the highest esteem by his neighbor and fellow man. He was a brave and persevering pioneer and did much toward the early settlement and development of this country. He was honest and conscientious in his dealings and had amassed a comfortable fortune for himself and dependents. He has many friends in Lake county who deeply mourn his death.

J. Muroby has again resumed charge of the Shamrock Livery Stables, east of Main Street. Mr. Muroby conducted this stable when it was first opened and by his agreeable and affable nature, showed the public he was capable of serving his patrons in a proper manner. His ad appears elsewhere in this issue.

SEWERAGE SYSTEM FOR LAKEVIEW

Council Will Submit the Proposition to Citizens

The town council met Tuesday night at the city hall at its regularly monthly session. Four applicants for city marshal and night watch had been presented, W. P. Dykeman, D. Bemis, J. E. McCool and Wm. McCulley were applicants for city marshal and D. Bemis also entered his application for night watchman. Owing to the absence of Councilman J. F. Mayfield the marshal question was not voted upon and was postponed until a future date. The petition for a volunteer fire de-

partment was not presented at this meeting and hence no action was taken in the matter.

The main subject of discussion was the means of getting at the initiative steps necessary to be taken in establishing a sewerage system for Lakeview.

By request of the council and mayor, G. W. Rice submitted an estimate on the cost of a survey and plans of the system which he would furnish for \$500 and necessary help for the field work. This outline would be a complete survey of the proposed mains and laterals and minor points of the system that is necessary to have before anything can be done toward installing the system or bids for cost of construction be obtained. The matter was laid over for further discussion with Mr. Rice concerning various details of the work and no definite conclusion was reached.

The voice of the town officials was unanimous in approval for a sewerage system for the town and they are just now threshing out all preliminary problems preparatory to submitting this proposition to the citizens for their approval—which the Examiner predicts will also be unanimous.

WILLIAM HANLEY REJOICES WITH US

Urges Delegation To Attend Development Congress

That Mr. William Hanley holds a warm spot in his heart for Lake county, is shown by the tenor of the following letter sent to the Mayor and President of our Commercial Club. It is just more assurance of a large delegation to attend the meeting of the Central Oregon Development League which will be held here this year. This meeting will mark one of the most important epochs in the history of Lake county, and it is nearing the time when real work should begin on the outline of preparations for this important celebration. Mr. Hanley's suggestion about attending the meeting at Medford in June should be well taken, as many ideas can be gained at the assemblage of this Development Congress.

Mr. Hanley, the people of Lakeview and Lake County appreciate the courtesies you have shown us, and we thank you.

Portland, Oregon, January 31, 1912.
Mr. E. E. Rinehart, Mayor,
Mr. E. L. Britten, President,
Commercial Club, Lakeview,
Oregon.

Gentlemen: Sorry I was not able to attend your celebration held in honor of the completion of the Nevada-Oregon-California Railway to your city. Fully appreciate the truefulness of your feelings of this great change in your condition on the map, and fully, in sentiment, rejoice with you in the successful completion of this compromise for your present benefits and will say to you that there will be no lack of attendance from the country west and north of you for the meeting of the Development Congress in your city in August, but want you to be sure to send a good strong delegation to Medford for the Development Congress meeting there in June.

All conditions are good for future development of your and all the balance of the country, with crystallized sentiment of the people.

Best regards to the people of Lakeview and vicinity.

Yours very truly,
Wm. HANLEY.

PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN FOR ESSAYS

To Be Written Upon Subjects of Revolutionary War

The Oregon Society of the Sons of the American Revolution are offering prizes totalling \$100 to the pupils of the public schools of Oregon for essays on subjects connected with our War of Independence. One prize of \$25, one of \$15, and one of \$10 will be awarded for the first, second and third best essays written by high school pupils on subjects assigned "Treaty of Alliance with France," "The Injuries of the Colonies Under Great Britain," and "Relation of the New England

SNIDER BLOCK BURNED

Opera House, Furniture Store and Thornton Residence Destroyed

Heroic Work Prevents Flames From Reaching Adjoining Buildings, But Many Were Scorched and Damaged

Last Monday evening at 6:20 o'clock the fire alarm brought out the citizens of the town to witness the most destructive fire that has visited Lakeview in several years. The fire started in the C. U. Snider building on the corner of Main and Court streets and completely destroyed the Opera House, Willis Furniture Co.'s store, Antlers rooming house and the Thornton residence. Several individuals were heavy losers in the conflagration who were occupying rooms and apartments in the Antlers rooming house, and the total loss in all will aggregate about \$30,000, on which amount about \$10,000 was covered by insurance.

As to the origin of the fire it is only conjecture. The fire was first discovered by some of the young ladies of the

G.G.G. Club who were on the stage in the opera house, rehearsing for a play, which was to have been put on by that club. They discovered smoke coming up through the stage from underneath and immediately gave the alarm. The Willis furniture store was separated from the opera house by a thin wall and it has not been determined whether the fire started underneath the stage or in the rear of the store. The flames when once started burned so desperately that it was impossible to save the buildings where they started, and only by the heroic and incessant work on the part of the people, were adjacent buildings saved from the ruin. The flames were intensified by some varnishes, turpentine and alcohol which were in the fur-

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COMMERCIAL CLUB TO HOLD ELECTION

Next Meeting of Boosters Promises to Be Full of Interest

The meeting of the Lakeview Commercial Club on Monday night, the 12th, instant, promises to be full of interest. Besides being the regular election of officers for the ensuing six months, there is important business connected with the publication of the publicity pamphlet, and the consideration of other matters of importance.

The week of February 5-10 has been set aside by the Oregon Development League in conjunction with the school authorities of the state as a period in which to exert extra efforts to stimulate interest in Country Life Education. Lakeview is not behind in this movement, as is witnessed by the plans for agricultural education when the new High School shall be occupied. Last spring a prize was awarded by a private individual for certain botanical specimens, a preliminary test. Now it is the desire to awaken a statewide movement. The county and city superintendents and principals are receiving information and instruction along this line from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. It would be wise for our Commercial Club to take formal action, such as appointing a committee of three or five to co-operate with our school authorities along any line in which they desire assistance, especially in securing prizes as an incentive among children, in gardening, poultry raising, housekeeping, carpenter work, and other branches of farm work. The products raised can be exhibited at the Commercial Club Rooms or other public place, and all such exhibits will be received at the State Fair at Salem in competition for which lists of liberal prizes are offered. From these exhibits gathered at Salem will be selected the material to be exhibited in the Land Show, exhibit cars, and other exhibits and fairs held east of the Rocky Mountains. Railroad transportation to gather these exhibits at Salem and forward them to the different Land Shows, Expositions, etc., will be arranged so that the cost to the child or local community will be practically naught.

The importance of this movement is accentuated by the Oregon Agricultural College through its newly organized College Extension Department, by the activity of the Oregon Bankers' Association, and by the Portland Union Stock Yards Co. This latter organization lays particular stress upon the hog raising part of the plan; if the success of this plan eliminates the importation of \$17,000,000 worth of live stock and hog products it will certainly be worth while.

N.-C.-O. TELEGRAPH LINE COMPLETED

Superintendent Le Pert Announces Opening of Up-Town Office

F. M. Le Pert, superintendent of telegraph of the N.-C.-O., has perfected arrangements for the up-town office of his company. As announced by the Examiner several weeks since, the office will be located in the Wells Fargo express office in the rear of Thornton's drug store, with O. E. Wood in charge. There will be both telegraph and telephone service over the line to Reno direct and by connecting lines to all parts of the world. Much difficulty has been experienced in getting the line into working order but it is expected that service will be established today.

For the present the line will be operated by the railroad company, but it is expected that it will be taken over by the Western Union in a short time.

MISS COBB WED TO NEW YORK AUTHOR

Spend Their Honeymoon Trip at Bermuda Islands

New York, January 31.—A marriage license was procured at the city hall this afternoon by Owen Johnson and Esther Ellen Cobb of San Francisco, Johnson, who is a writer and the son of Robert Underwood Johnson, editor of the "Century," aged 33, Miss Cobb is 24 and the name of her father was Benjamin M. Cobb. She is a singer.

Esther Cobb made her debut in Europe and won recognition for her talents in 1910. She sang under the stage name of Mlle. Cobina. One of her first public appearances was in Mozart's "Magio Flute" at Mainz, on the Rhine, and the critics there gave her more praise than is ordinarily accorded to young American singers.

Miss Cobb is a native of Lakeview, Oregon, but her childhood was spent in San Francisco and Oakland, where she studied under local teachers. In 1907 she went to Germany to complete the development of her voice under the more famous European instructors.

The above in addition to a large picture of the bride was published in the San Francisco Examiner of February 1. The wedding occurred on February 1, at the Episcopal Church in New York City, in the presence of about twenty-five invited guests. Shortly after the ceremony the happy couple departed for the Bermuda Islands on a three

DEPUTY OFFICERS KILL SCHAFFER

North End Bad Man Met His Waterloo Monday

Word reached Lakeview Tuesday morning that H. C. Schaffer of Christmas Lake valley and died that morning at four o'clock from two bullet wounds fired from the guns of deputy sheriffs who were seeking his arrest. Deputy District Attorney Venator and Deputy Coroner Chas. Wallace left for the scene the same day to investigate the case and take charge of the body.

According to the reports received here, a stranger, whose name we have not learned, came to the Schaffer place and asked to be shown a piece of government land on which he could locate. Schaffer agreed to show him the land gratis. After he showed the man the land, Schaffer demanded \$50 which request was refused. Schaffer then committed assault and battery on his victim and beat him until he was compelled to comply with his wishes and he gave Schaffer the required \$50. After reaching Silver Lake, the stranger swore out a complaint for the arrest of Schaffer and Deputy Sheriff P. D. Reeder, in company with P. W. Jones and C. Buick left to secure their prisoner.

Upon arriving at the Schaffer place Monday afternoon, the officers were met at the gate by Schaffer. They stated their purpose and after a few words between the officers and the man, Schaffer called to a woman in the house, Mrs. Frances Wilson, to bring him his gun and while she was handing him the gun, they all three fired at Schaffer, two bullets taking effect. It seems while the men were riding away, the woman fired several shots at them but none of them hit their mark.

Schaffer it is said was a man about 35 years old and had a bad reputation. It will be remembered that last summer he stood off two officers with a gun, P. D. Reeder and G. W. Marvin, who tried to serve him with attachment papers. Various reports confirm the fact that he was a very disagreeable character and it is said that he was feared by many citizens of the northern part of the county.

Preparations are being made for the big Leap Year Ball to be given Wednesday night, February 14 at Wizard hall. The young people are taking great interest in this affair and promise a most enjoyable time for the attendants. The dance will be conducted exclusively by the ladies and Mrs. James Judge, Mrs. J. Gibbins, Mrs. Wm. Gunther, Miss Elsie Post and Miss Doolia Willis have been chosen as Floor Managers to have charge of the occasion.

MOORE BLOCK SALE WILL GO THROUGH

Mr. McKendree Returns From Extended Trip to Old Mexico

C. H. McKendree returned Saturday last, from an extended business trip which included Klamath Falls, California points and Old Mexico. While away Mr. McKendree made arrangements with W. J. Moore for the purchase of the Moore property in Lakeview. E. B. Hall, Claude Dazgett, of Klamath Falls and Mr. McKendree, of Lakeview are the parties who will take over the property. Mr. McKendree made no statement as to what would be done with the block but said the early consummation of the sale was assured. Mr. McKendree's business to Mexico was to investigate the proposition of importing cattle from that country to be ranged upon Lake and Klamath county lands. He was representing both local and El Paso, Texas parties in this scheme, but the probabilities of the plan have not as yet materialized.

N.-C.-O. AWARDED MAIL CONTRACT

Citizens Assured of Continuance of Excellent Service

This week Postmaster Ahlstrom received advices from the Postmaster General at Washington to the effect that the contract allowing the N.-C.-O. Railway to carry mail into Lakeview had been signed up and would be effective February 12. The train has been bringing the mail to Lakeview but in reality was not according to orders as Mr. Cory's contract with the government was still in effect. He was not anxious for the job, however, and was willing that the train should handle the mails so long as no objection was offered at headquarters.

The news of this contract will be welcomed by the people here as it assures continuation of the excellent service given by the N.-C.-O.

States to the Revolution." Similar prizes will be awarded to grade pupils on the following subjects: "Alexander Hamilton," "Capture of Ticonderoga and Crown Point," "George Rogers Clark and the Conquest of the Western Frontier."

The essays are limited to three thousand words and signed by the writer, giving postoffice address, and forwarded to John K. Kollock, 313 Corbett building, Portland, and should reach their destination not later than March 15, 1912. The composition will be judged by originality, accuracy of statement, manner of treatment, orthography, syntax, punctuation, neatness and legibility.