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## ACTIVITY IN RAILROADS

### ACCORDING TO REPORTS, LAKEVIEW TO BE ON RAILROAD MAP

#### Exchanges Contain Much Enlightenment as Regards Early Railroad Movements in This Section of the Country

Sacramento Bee: Reno, Nevada, March 19.—An attorney of the Southern Pacific Company left this city yesterday for Alturas, California, where he will file for record in the County Recorder's office in that county, deeds for right of way, franchises and maps for the route of the Goose Lake Southern and Modoc Northern Railways. These two proposed lines will be portions of the Southern Pacific Company's new Oregon Eastern system, and it is stated that the work of constructing the lines will soon commence. The Goose Lake Southern will commence at Lakeview, Oregon and will run through Goose Lake Valley, touching New Pine Creek, Davis Creek and Alturas, and then southwesterly along the Pitt river to the main line of the Southern Pacific at Anderson, in Shasta County. There are also surveys and rights of way for the Chico Northern from a point near Alturas through Modoc, Lassen and Tehama counties to a point on the main line of the Southern Pacific at Vina, California. The Modoc Northern road will begin near Alturas and run northerly to connect with the California Northeastern near Klamath Falls. The Southern

Pacific is now building a road from Vale, Oregon, southwesterly to connect with the Goose Lake Southern at Lakeview. These lines will connect with the Fernlev Northern, on which work is now about to commence and which will run from the Central Pacific at Fernlev, Nevada, to Susanville and Big Valley, in Lassen County. Redding, Cal., March 19.—An important deed was filed this morning which transfers all of the holdings, including franchises and rights of way of the Goose Lake & Southern Railway Company, to the Central Pacific Company a corporation of Utah. The Goose Lake & Southern Railway was being promoted to extend from Lakeview, Oregon and Alturas, Cal., through Modoc, Lassen and Shasta counties to a point near Anderson, Shasta County. The length of this line is given as 227 miles. A branch line is designed to leave the main line south of Alturas and extend through Lassen, Plumas and Tehama counties to Vina, Tehama county the length of the branch line being given as 179 miles. Copies of the deed will be filed in Modoc, Tehama, Lassen and Plumas counties, as well as in Shasta county.

### For Commissioner

T. B. Wakefield and family last week came over from Warner Lake and spent a few days in the city. Mr. Wakefield has been induced by his many friends to make the race for the nomination of County Commissioner on the Democratic ticket at the April primaries. Mr. Wakefield is an old time resident of Lake county, he being one of the first settlers in the Warner Valley. It is just that the eastern part of the county should be represented in the county's affairs and good judgement has been shown in the selection of Mr. Wakefield.

Only one commissioner will be elected this year, present Commissioner F. E. Anderson holding his office until the following election. With Mr. Wakefield's announcement, it gives two candidates in the field he on the democratic ticket and C. A. Rehart on the Republican ticket.

Mr. Wakefield returned home with his family Tuesday.

### FORMER RESIDENT VISITS LAKEVIEW

#### J. D. Guerraz Gets Settlement for Right of Way Damages

J. D. Guerraz, an old time resident of this valley, but now living at San Jose, Cal., paid Lakeview a visit this week. He owns the property north of the Slah road where the railroad Y is located and came up here to get the matter of right of way adjusted with the railroad committee. To an Examiner reporter, Mr. Guerraz stated that the damages were settled in a satisfactory manner to him. He donated the right of way across the first forty, and the city paid him for the ground taken by the Y, or 17 3/4 acres.

Mr. Guerraz owns 160 acres of land in this body and two years ago he offered to sell it for \$3000 and received an offer of \$1500 which was refused. Two years ago he refused \$10,000, for the 160 acres. He has great faith in this country and thinks in a very few years time it will undergo a decided change. He remarked that he was surprised to see so much land lying idle in the country and especially on the West Side. He thinks Lakeview will have a population of 5000 in a short time or when the West Side land is settled up. He left for his home yesterday but said that he would return this fall. He made no arrangements for the disposition of his land before leaving here, and said when he returns will probably arrange to segregate the tract and sell it in small lots.

### To Complete Canal

G. W. Rice, chief engineer of the O. V. L. Co., and J. F. Hanson this week left for Kansas City on business in connection with the completion of the local irrigation project. They were summoned by telegraph, and it is expected that satisfactory arrangements will be made for the early resumption of work. It is understood that Mr. Hanson is anxious to get his big outfit at work, and in response to his request for a definite statement as to whether the South Drews canal was to be built this year he was instructed to meet the head officials at the Kansas City office.

### Stands On Record

Bend Bulletin: In reply to a letter from The Bulletin requesting a statement regarding what he stands for at the coming election, W. Lair Thomson, of Lakeview, candidate for nomination for state senator, states that his platform chiefly consists of his legislative record. Mr. Thomson served two terms as chief clerk of the house of representatives, and one term as member of that body. His letter, in part is as follows:

"Had I a platform it would consist principally of a statement of a determination to work in harmony with other legislators from Central Oregon in a united effort to secure legislation for our section of the State. I have some very definite ideas regarding the duty of the state to install and maintain demonstration farms both in the dry farming districts and under private and public irrigation projects in protection of the settler and homeseeker who is now coming to Oregon"

### BIG REDUCTION IN RATES BY EXPRESS

#### Reasonable Rate on Fruit An Vegetables Soon Be Established

A marked reduction in express rates to Lakeview was effected by A. L. Thornton, agent for the Wells-Fargo company, on his recent visit to San Francisco. It will be appreciated by small shippers as well as larger ones, for while the minimum rate is not changed, yet a much larger package can be shipped under the minimum rate now than under the old rate.

The old rate from San Francisco was \$9.50 per hundred pounds, while the new rate is but \$6.50; from Chicago, was \$18, now \$14.50; from Kansas City, was \$16, now \$12.50; from New York, was \$20, now \$16; from Portland, was \$12, now \$9.50. A still lower rate on fruit, vegetables and the like will shortly be put into effect, that rate being \$4.25 per one hundred pound from California points. Under the latter rate a very great saving will be made on small packages of lemons, limes, etc., as it will permit of about 8 pounds weight being brought in under the minimum charge of 35 cents, where as under the old rate the cost would be about 60 cents.

The reduction will have a marked effect on the price of early vegetables, inasmuch as the old rate made such shipments almost prohibitive except during the holidays or for special occasions.

### Letters Sent Farmers

Secretary of the Commercial Club Dr. Everett last week mailed letters to 113 farmers in the valley to ascertain their views in regard to establishing a creamery in this section. The Examiner last week published the offer made by Mr. Canfield of Ashland and the letters were written in an endeavor to get the farmers to take up the matter at the earliest possible date.

They will confer a great favor if they will answer the inquiries at once and thus enable the Secretary to inform Mr. Canfield of the prospects of such an industry at this place.

## PROMOTE BEET CULTURE

### FALLON SUGAR FACTORY WANTS LAKE COUNTY TERRITORY

#### Will Furnish Seed For Five Acres at Fifteen Cents a Pound and Will Give \$3.75 a Ton For Beets, F.O.B. Lakeview

The Commercial Club is in receipt of a letter from Fred Hinze manager of the Nevada Sugar Company, asking that body to take up the matter of raising sugar beets in this valley for experimental purposes. This company which has its factory located at Fallon, Nevada, has made arrangements for a large acreage of beets to be sown in the Honey Lake Valley and are anxious to extend their territory into Lake county.

A rate has been secured over the N.-C.-O. railway of \$1.75 per ton to Reno from Lakeview and \$2.50 per ton from here to the factory in Fallon. The company agrees to pay \$3.75 per ton for beets f.o.b. Lakeview. It requires 15 pounds of beet seed to the acre and the company will furnish seed for five acres at 15 cents per pound, the cost of the seed to be deducted when the beets are delivered at the factory.

A contract which would hold the company to the above agreement, was enclosed to be signed providing the matter is taken up here. It would seem that this plan is an excellent opportunity for the people of this section to experiment upon this product at practically no cost, and with the possibility of netting a good profit on the venture providing sugar beets can be successfully grown in this valley.

It is stated that local conditions compare favorably with other sections where beets produce enormous crops. At La Grande in Union county, 50000 tons of sugar beets were grown in 1910 with an increase of 10,000 last year. The crop there averaged 21 tons per acre with an analysis of 15.72 sugar or 84 per cent pure.

#### Improve Opera House

C. U. Snider Tuesday returned from San Francisco where he has been purchasing scenery and supplies for his new opera house. During his stay he visited several of the leading play houses in the Bay City and secured a number of new ideas which he will adopt in the fitting of his place of amusement. Among them is the enlargement of the facing of the stage which will be of marked effect. Everything will be up to date and the house will be a credit to Lakeview and one that will meet all requirements for sometime to come.

#### MOISTURE IS DOWN TO A GOOD DEPTH

#### Excavation About Six Feet Deep and no Dry Dirt Encountered

So far no dry dirt has been encountered in the excavation of the Hervford block and in one place a depth of about six feet has been reached. This circumstance is an indication of the amount of moisture that has fallen this season. Owing to differences in the character of soils, there is probably places in the valley where the moisture has not gone down this depth but it is quite safe to say that a sufficient amount has been conserved to insure this year's crops.

The recent storm has placed considerable snow in the mountains and that water will be steadily led to the valley through the various creek beds, and may be utilized for irrigation purposes for those who depend upon this source of moisture. Conditions have been favorable for grain that has been sown this season and with the present indications of spring it would seem that crop prospects for this year could not be better.

About twenty-five passengers arrived in Lakeview on Tuesday's train.

That High Grade Camp, locally known as the Hoaz mines, is to be the mecca of a large number of mining men during the early Spring and Summer is now an assured fact.

Not for five years has there been a mining excitement or stampede, and as a consequence all eyes are turned on the new camp. Sheriff W. B. Snider, who has just returned from a visit to San Francisco, Oakland and other California cities, states that during his absence he was constantly besieged by people anxious to secure information concerning the camp. He stated to an Examiner representative that he learned more about the camp and New Pine Creek during his absence than he ever knew before. He met many miners who announced their intention of going into the district this year and prospecting, while others are ready to buy anything and everything in sight. From Denver west miners everywhere are counting on visiting the camp this season, and from Denver alone it is said there will be not less than 1000 miners who will be on the ground as soon as spring opens.

### MUCH TALK ABOUT HIGH GRADE MINES

#### While Away Sheriff Snider Learns That We Have Mining Camp

An excursion from Denver to the mines is announced for April 15, and it is expected that at least 200 mining men will be aboard the train. There is a big influx of mining men at New Pine Creek already, and every day sees the number largely increased. Experienced mining men say that the rush will equal that of Nevada during the dainty days of Goldfield and Tonopah.

#### People Still Coming

Henry Wendt, the New Pine Creek booster was a business visitor in this city Monday. He says the State line town is booming and conditions are looking favorable for a bright future. Several mining men are now in the town awaiting to visit the mines as soon as the snow recedes. Mr. Wendt says an effort is being made to keep the people from making the trip now as it will be impossible to get on the ground in the mountains for some time yet, owing to the depth of the snow.

Central Oregon Development League, Meets Lakeview, Aug. 20-21-22, 1912.

### ARREST SPORTSMEN FOR CATCHING FISH

#### Fine Imposed and Case Was Appealed To Circuit Court

The matter of testing the present fish law is up to Tom Bernard and Rile Striplin these two well known sportsmen having been taken red handed in the act by Wm. LaSater, the deputy fish and game warden for this section. Messrs. Bernard and Striplin caught a number of lake trout in Drews creek last week, and it was near the dam that they were taken into custody by Mr. LaSater. They were given a hearing before Recorder Wallace, acting as justice of the peace, this week, and he imposed a fine of \$25 each. The case will be taken before the Circuit Court at the May term on appeal for a final hearing.

The contention is that all fishing seems to be borne out by all authorities. Salmon trout being exempt from the provisions of the closed season, it is therefore held that it is not against the law to fish at any time. The fish that is generally termed a "salmon trout" is well known among fishermen, and it is also conceded that the lake trout is not included in that class. The question resolves itself into one of fact, and whether the intent of the Legislature will be considered or whether the Court will take the broader view and include all fish hereabouts as salmon trout can only be determined by an appeal to the Court of last resort.

Batchelder & Combs, and Thos. S. Farrel represent Messrs. Bernard and Striplin, while Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Venator represents the prosecution.

### Contaminated Water

The creek water last week was turned in the emergency pipe, into the city water supply, and owing to it being contaminated, Health Officer Dr. Hall prohibited the company from using this creek water for city purposes. The water has been clear and pure since the creek was turned out and no lack of water noticed. The creek, especially at this time of year contains numerous germs and Dr. Hall took immediate steps to prevent an outbreak of any contagious diseases.

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### SHEARING CORRALS WILL BE INSTALLED

#### O. T. McKendree Will Prepare to Shear Sheep On Quick Time

O. T. McKendree, who is in the city this week, has given out the information that he will at once begin work on erecting a public shearing yard on his property south of the wool ware house. Sufficient corrals will be built to adequately handle a large band of sheep in a short time. Thirty men will be employed in the pens and in this way a band of sheep can be shorn quickly and thus avoid holding them in corrals a great length of time.

This will be a move greatly appreciated by the sheep men as they can drive their flocks to the corrals to be shorn and the wool will be left within a stones throw of the warehouse. Mr. McKendree says he has had no definite plans drawn of the yards, but is able to begin work at once on the idea he has originally outlined for the purpose. Mr. McKendree's experience in this business is sufficient to assure the success of the undertaking as well as a profitable enterprise to the sheepmen in general.

A. L. Thornton Sunday returned from San Francisco.

## AS LAKE COUNTY IS SEEN BY THE OUTSIDER

#### Reno Gazette Publishes Flattering Article of Business Men's Recent Trip to That City and Says Reno is Eager for Closer Associations With Lakeview and Territory

The Reno Gazette in an issue of last week, published the following in an editorial column under the heading of "Lakeview The Opportunity Region."

The Lakeview people who paid Reno a visit by special train were missionaries of an advanced order. They came neither to preach nor pray, but to further the cause of good fellowship.

They impressed upon the minds of the Reno people that they came from a mighty fine country, one that grows up on what it produces, but, incidentally, one also that might accept a change of diet occasionally and would feel inclined to stock its pantry from Reno, sending certain of its own products in exchange.

Of course, the Western Pacific makes it possible, even simple, to acquire trade relationships with Sacramento but Reno is preferable if the business people of this city show the proper attitude.

Owing to a recent holding by the interstate commerce commission which will ever after be held illogical and unreasonable by whomever here have taken the trouble to investigate the matter, this city is handicapped and the preference given to the California cities.

This does not mean however, that it is not profitable to trade with Lakeview, even through the N.-C.-O. did win its rate case.

One live local concern, the Riverside Mill Company, avers that it is profitable, even under a handicap, and the way that it is scattering sacks of flour, ginger snaps and soda crackers throughout the northern country is evidence that there is opportunity for other business firms of this city.

Lakeview has a very friendly feeling toward Reno. It wishes to keep it up. The Gazette would wager, if the law permitted, that each and all of the Lakeview papers will republish this article and add comment, favorable comment, respecting this city.

The delegation, which came primarily to be initiated into a fraternal society took three days for the ceremony, evi-

dencing that it had another purpose. This purpose was to mix with Reno people to the extent that they could call each other by their front names.

This visit has accomplished a large amount of good. It has opened the eyes of a lot of somnolent people to the fact that Reno's commercial progress depends upon cementing firm trade relationships with tributary territory. The great undeveloped empire on the north is the best and biggest region opened to the Reno jobber, wholesaler or manufacturer. If he takes advantage of the opportunity now offered he may forestall Sacramento and San Francisco in their obvious efforts to make conquest of the territory.