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### W. P. Heryford Pays Substantial Price for Modoc County Property

Lakeview, Oregon, July 22, 1912.  
Editor of Lake County Examiner:  
Dear Sir: My attention has been called to an item copied from the Alturas Plaindealer appearing in a recent issue of your valuable paper, said article stating that the recently announced repurchase of the X L Ranch by W. P. Heryford is not a sale at all, but is a return of title because the Oregon Valley Land Company could not pay for the land. This statement is absolutely false, and its palpable failure to state the truth would almost appear to be malicious. The writer of that article must have a strong desire to injure Mr. Heryford, who purchased the land or the Oregon Valley Land Company, which sold the land. Otherwise such statement would not have been made without investigation, and the slightest investigation would have revealed the facts, which are as follows: The X L ranch in Modoc county was never owned by W. P. Heryford, but was owned by the Heryford Land & Cattle Co., which corporation sold the property to the Oregon Valley Land Co. The Oregon Valley

Land Company paid for this property in full, and later sold the property to R. J. Martin and J. H. Sorders. These gentlemen on June 25, 1912 closed a deal selling the X L ranch to W. P. Heryford individually, for a very great advance in price over the original selling price to the O. V. L. Co. The sale to Mr. Heryford was strictly a money transaction, and in no sense is taking property because of failure to pay the purchase price therefor. Mr. Heryford on his own volition purchased this property at a greatly increased price because he considers it a valuable property and a good investment.

The foregoing facts are known by the writer to be the facts because as an attorney, representing first the Heryford Land & Cattle Co. and later W. P. Heryford individually, the writer personally looked after the negotiations for each sale, and the actual transfer of the property.

This property is in Modoc county, California, and for a pioneer resident like W. P. Heryford to demonstrate his confidence in the country by a purchase of this kind should be made the occasion for a commentary upon the value of Modoc county lands, and not for a manifestation of malice toward one who shows his confidence in Modoc county by investing money in some of that county's best lands.

Very truly,  
W. Lair Thompson.  
Bert Kusk and Miss Minnie Henderson, of New Pine Creek, Sunday were married at that place. Both are quite well known in the valley and have numerous friends who join in extending congratulations.

## SAYS GOOSE LAKE VALLEY IS BEST

### Publicity Agent N.-C.-G. Says You Can't Beat Soil And Other Factors

Nevada State Journal: While reclamation and irrigation projects are being eagerly sought by investors and homeseekers in Nevada, Fairport, the new town on the line of the N.-C.-O. in California, promises to become one of the most important to Reno because of its fruit trade relation, and much interest is being manifested in the progress of the new enterprise.

Speaking of the project Mr. C. N. Miller of the Fairport Town and Land company said:

"There are but few people in Reno who have any conception of the value and beauty of the country surrounding the new town of Fairport.

"I don't think that you can find its equal for soil and all the factors which go to make up a prosperous community anywhere in the country.

"Golden Goose Lake valley is on the threshold of an awakening which will bring it fame and wealth. You can buy good fruit lands with water in the valley between seventy-five and two hundred dollars per acre which will be worth \$750 per acre in five years if planted in apple trees. They have never smudged up there and in spite of this have never suffered a total loss by frosts in thirty two years.

"Across the lake there are more than 50,000 acres of land upon which fine crops can be grown without irrigation. This is not a tall assertion, but a trip to Mr. Hanson's ranch, where he has over four hundred acres in grain, will prove this. These lands can be secured for from twenty-five to thirty-five dollars per acre. Within two years I don't believe you will be able to buy an acre of it for less than one hundred dollars.

"I know of no place in the west which offers the live industrious homeseeker as good an opportunity to make good as this country.

### Case Not Reversed

We are advised by W. Lair Thompson, attorney for Geo. H. Small, that the statement appearing in last week's Examiner which was taken from the Silver Lake Leader that the Supreme Court had reversed the decision of the Circuit Court in the \$50,000 damage suit brought by the Porters against Small, is erroneous. The Circuit Court sustained a demurrer to plaintiff's complaint, and the Supreme Court in a decision rendered last spring upheld the Circuit Court in this decision, the Supreme Court in a strong opinion refusing to take a citizen's title in damages for taking possession of and using water under a decree of Court. The plaintiff and appellant filed a petition for the rehearing in the Supreme Court, and after the matter had been fully argued a second time the Court refused to reside from its former position, and still holds that Small is not liable in the \$50,000 damage suit. The Supreme Court, however, did not modify its former opinion to the extent of holding that the damage action would lie for the year 1909, after the decree in the original case of Hough vs. Porter had been entered, if Small used the water during that year. The actual damage for the year 1909 is one in five of the cases \$100 and in other \$2,037.

## RAILROAD WILL TAP VALLEYS EAST

### Western Pacific To Connect Winnemucca With Oregon Eastern

Nevada State Journal: Well founded rumors of the building of a railroad tapping the Quinn river valley, Pueblo, Catlow and Dunder Blitzen valleys, connecting Harney valley of Oregon with Winnemucca and opening one of the finest agricultural sections of the west with a vast industrial gain to the northwestern Nevada, were brought in by E. B. Hill of Winnemucca, one of the organizers of the Continental lake irrigation project which is destined to reclaim 26,000 acres of Pueblo valley.

"The engineers are already surveying the route," said Mr. Hill last night, "and I firmly believe the proposition will go through. It is destined to open up a magnificent country and would tap an agricultural area of nearly two million acres which would be made tributary to Nevada and California."

"The Harriman line is now building in the Harney Valley but it is hard to say just what road is behind this contemplated line from that road into Nevada. The proposed branch would leave the Harney valley line about thirty miles from Burns between Harney lake and Malheur and would have the easiest kind of grades 210 miles to Winnemucca.

### Aid Visits Davis Creek

Last Thursday morning about twenty-five of the members of the Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church took the train for Davis Creek to be the guests for the day of Mrs. Leslie Seager. They were warmly received and royally entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Seager. At noon a fine chicken dinner was served, and in the afternoon the members of the Ladies Aid Society of Davis Creek came in bringing strawberries, ice cream and cake. In the evening the tired but happy crowd returned declaring it was a day well spent. They will long remember the kindness of their host and hostess and the ladies of the Aid Society.

The following ladies composed the party: Mesdames H. P. Campuell, J. G. Campbell, Cummins, Corbett, Rehart, Koozer, Webster, N. J. Whorton, Geo. Whorton, Willis, Struck, Reynolds, Vandervort, Dunlap, O'Neill, Everett, Barry, Wood, Morgan, and Simmons. Mrs. Magilton and Mrs. Harry Bailey also accompanied them and were the guests of Mrs. Dutton at the hotel.

### Property Optioned

Alturas Plaindealer: R. R. Erwin and G. H. Kohl of Berkeley representing lower county capitalists have optioned the J. M. Kirkpatrick property at Willow Ranch consisting of 1500 acres at \$40 an acre according to the Bee. We are informed they have also optioned the Monore 760 acres adjoining at \$60 an acre and two other smaller tracts. If the deal goes through as expected a large reservoir will be put in lower Fandango and the property below put in thorough cultivation. We are further creditably informed that the N.-C.-O. will put a branch from Willow Ranch into Fandango to move the lumber and timber. T. F. Dunaway and party went over the survey of the proposed line Sunday the 7th and expressed himself as well pleased with it.

### Gets Life Certificate

Professor J. F. Burgess, who for the past three school years has been city superintendent of Lakeview, this week received a life certificate for Oregon, for which he applied at the last teachers' examination in June. Prof. Burgess' examination covered twenty-four branches and his general average reached the flattering mark of 89 per cent. When first coming to Lakeview Prof. Burgess began teaching on a first grade certificate, which qualifications were ample as it was but a district school doing high school work. He tendered his resignation to the school board last Spring and decided to apply for a life certificate, the success of which is crowned with the certificate of perpetual right that he now holds.

### Expects Big Crowd

The Klamath Herald quotes Mr. Chapman, of the Portland Pathfinding party, as follows, taken from his address at Klamath Falls:

Mr. Chapman said that he had the names of 300 men who may go from the north to Lakeview in August, and while he did not expect that all would be able to go, he hoped to have the greater part of them. Lakeview, he said, expects from 1,000 to 2,000 visitors at this time, which would show the importance of the meeting. He understood that Klamath Falls wanted the next meeting of the League, and from the expressions and information he had gleaned on the trip, he said that he believed that this city would get it.

## MOST FEASIBLE ROUTE

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and his party. However, it will be nice for some of the visitors to the Development League Meeting to come from Bend via Burns, but it is unreasonable to expect that this route would receive the official stamp of Mr. Beck as the feasible one for a trans-state road. While here Mr. Dodson thoroughly acquainted him with the road from here to Bend by way of Silver Lake, which is absolutely the most feasible route across the state and the shortest. Mr. Dodson drove from Lakeview to The Dalles over this same road when he attended the Elks Reunion, and made the drive in two days.

They returned to Lakeview Tuesday evening and yesterday left for Bend. Thanks to V. L. Snelling, who accompanied the party to Klamath Falls and returned with them, Mr. Beck will get to see this route which beyond question is the shortest and most feasible one across the state. Mr. Beck was a trifle bitter toward the condition of some of the roads in this county, but in general was greatly pleased with this large and fertile valley and we reasonably expect that his report will be most favorable about this section. With a little work in the right direction it should be an easy matter to secure the bulk of the automobile tourist travel through Eastern Oregon on account of the slight expense necessary to put the roads in this section of the state in good condition, and in view of the frightful condition of the roads west of the mountains.

## LED AN EVENTFUL LIFE

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worth was recognized, and in 1903 he received the appointment as register of the U. S. Land Office at this place. He served one term in the office with much credit and was reappointed for a second, but on account of failing health he resigned in May, 1909. He spent the following winter in California and on his return had apparently regained his health, devoting his time afterwards to his property interests.

In 1904 he was married to Mrs. Cornelia Knox, of Lakeview, w. o. together with a daughter, Mrs. Bertha Boyd, of Bellingham, Wash., and a son, B. C. Watson, of San Francisco, survives him.

At the time of his death Mr. Watson was a member of Gen. O. M. Mitchell Post, G. A. R., of Reno, of the Masonic Order of Paisley, and of Ashland Lodge No. 944, B. P. O. E. At one time he was Commander of Halleck Post, G. A. R., of Chico, Cal.

The funeral took place at Chico Friday, July 12, under the auspices of the lodge of Elks at that place, a delegation from his home lodge accompanied the remains from Ashland. Those who knew him best were his most loyal friends.

### N.-C.-O. Excursion Sunday

The next rail excursion out of Lakeview is scheduled for New Pine Creek and Fairport next Sunday. The fare will be one half price or \$1.00 for the round trip. A feature of the excursion will be boating on Sunset Lake from Fairport. A gasoline launch will be ready to give rides on the water to all who wish to indulge in that enjoyment. A baseball game between the New Pine Creek and Lakeview nines will take place in the afternoon at New Pine Creek.

The time schedule will be the same as the former excursion, train leaving Lakeview at 9 o'clock in the morning and New Pine Creek on the return at 5:30 in the evening. The state line town promises the best for the visitors and are advertising refreshments on the grounds and chicken dinners all over town. Numerous Lakeview people are contemplating on taking advantage of the excursion to visit their neighbors on the south and the pleasures of a day's outing.

### New Homestead Rules

Secretary of the Interior Walter L. Fisher July 18, began the enforcement of the new homestead law which reduces the area of required cultivation where entrymen need relief. The required residence period also is reduced to three years. Absence from the land for not more than five months in one continuous residence during the pre-remaining portion of the three year period must be shown.

Credit for the three year period must begin from actual residence. Proof must be submitted within five years. Cultivation for three years, counting from date of entry, is required, including actual cultivation of not less than one sixteenth of the land beginning with the second year and no less than one-eighth, beginning with the third year and until final proof.

### Solace Circle Call Meeting

A Special Meeting of Solace Circle No. 374, W. O. W. will be held next Wednesday, July 31st. All members are requested to be present.

Mrs. Maggie Bernard, G. N. Mrs. Ida Umbach, Clerk.

Horn Sunday, July 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mendell, a son.

## PROGRAM IS OUTLINED

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Presiding Officer—Dr. James Whitcombe.

Address—Prof. H. D. Seudder, soil expert, Oregon Agricultural College.  
Address—Prof. H. L. Kant, dairy expert, Oregon Agricultural college.  
Address—C. S. Hudson, Cashier First National Bank, Bend—Establishment of credit for farmers.

Address—D. C. Lively, Vice President and General Manager of Portland Stock Yards—Hogs.  
Question Box.  
Reports by farmers.

Remarks and Visiting Business Men's Excursion to New Pine Creek: lunch will be served, followed by toasts by representatives of visiting commercial organizations; toastmasters.

Open session of Convention—4 P. M. Presiding Officer—C. C. Chapman, Honorary Vice President.

Continuation of discussion of recommendations by the State Engineer and reports of Resolutions Committee.  
5 P. M.—Subject, Publicity and Exhibits.

Remarks by W. E. Coman, Hill Lines in Oregon; Wm. McMurray of Harriman Lines; D. J. Bricker of Northern Pacific Railway; F. W. Graham of Great Northern Railway and other representatives of railroad immigration bureaus and land products shows.

Report by Resolutions Committee of Resolutions concerning Publicity and Exhibit Work.

Final Session of Convention—8 P. M. Subject—Good Roads.

Presiding Officer, Judge W. S. Worden, Vice President.  
Address—The Grange Good Roads Bills—C. A. Spence, Master of the State Grange.

Address—The Harmony Good Roads Bills—C. T. Prall, President of Oregon Association for Highway Improvement.

Discussion.  
Report by resolutions Committee of Good Roads resolutions.  
Report by resolutions Committee of Platform for ensuing year.

Election of Officers—President, two Vice Presidents; four honorary vice presidents to act as Advisory Committee to the League; treasurer and secretary.

Selection of next meeting place.  
Installation of new officers, and remarks.

Farewell Address—V. L. Snelling, of Lakeview.

Adjournment.  
The following sub-committees have been appointed by the General Committee to act in the various capacities assigned them:

Accommodations: Mrs. W. H. Shirk, Mrs. W. M. Harvey, Walter Drenkel and S. A. Mushen.

Finance: A. E. Florence, G. B. Whorton and Cobb Henkle.

Transportation: E. E. Rinehart, F. M. Miller, T. E. Bernard, J. Charles Smith and J. B. Auten.

Luncheons: F. O. Ahlstrom, Lulu McKendree, D. J. Wilcox, Delia Cobb, Mrs. A. L. Thornton, J. M. Flynn, T. S. Farrell, W. B. Sneider, P. S. Cummins and W. P. Dykeman.

Local Celebration: Lee Beall, J. S. Lane, Elmer Ahlstrom, E. H. Smith and D. P. Malloy.

Music: A. W. Orton, Mrs. Jonas Norin, Mrs. L. F. Conn, Mrs. E. H. Smith and Dr. E. D. Everett.

Agricultural display: W. H. Shirk, J. F. Hanson and W. H. Drenkel.

Reception Committee: E. L. Britten, B. Daly, W. H. Shirk, F. P. Light, L. F. Conn, M. B. Rice, A. L. Thornton, Harry Bailey, W. P. Heryford, Chas. Umbach, F. P. Cronmiller, V. L. Snelling, R. E. Koozer, J. P. Dodson, and E. M. Brattain.

As a method for the distribution of funds for the various committees, a rule has been made that no committee chairman will be authorized to incur any expense until such time as it has been authorized by the General Committee composed of W. Lair Thompson, G. W. Rice, and Mrs. E. E. Rinehart.

E. L. Britten has been appointed by the committee to act as disbursing and auditing agent and a treasurer will be appointed later to care for the funds entrusted to him.

### Young Couple Married

A ceremony was performed Tuesday at 10 o'clock a. m. at the home of Mrs. Russel on Dewey street which made the happy hearts of George Lewis Ake and Miss Geneva Poindexter beat as one. Rev. John Telfer, of San Jose, Cal., officiated at the ceremony. The bride is a resident of Alturas and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Poindexter. Mr. Poindexter is ex-marshall of Alturas and the family is well known in Lakeview and vicinity. Mr. Ake came here about two years ago from Payne, Indiana, and is a brickmason, having been employed in Lakeview and Alturas since his arrival. He is now foreman of the brick laying crew on the Heryford building. He recently filed on a homestead near the south end of the lake. The couple have gained prominence in the younger set and have a host of friends who wish them the best success through life.

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