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THE WEST SIDE IS COMING TO FRONT

Grain Fields and Homes Indicators of What May Be Done in Future

The area of country aggregating a vast tract of something over 100,000 acres of farming land lying between the foothills and the shores of Goose Lake, commonly termed as the "West Side," is coming into its own.

Last Sunday an Examiner representative and family in company with Mr. and Mrs. A. Bieber in their splendid new Chalmers car made a trip over that promising country. The party stopped at the Koozer ranch at Dry Creek where a sumptuous and practically home product dinner, consisting of Spring chicken with all accessories, fruits, vegetables, and berries, freshly gathered from the garden and orchard, was enjoyed. Everything on this place is grown absolutely dry and the wonderful hardness and thrift with which vegetation is produced, devoid of irrigation, is marvelous. The results are of course another instance where cultivation supplants irrigation. There are some things that require water to be grown successfully, such as berries, but the quality of those produced dry is far superior to those irrigated.

In the afternoon a run was made down to J. F. Hanson's famous Point Ranch. This place is a revelation. Mr. Hanson came to this valley from Los Angeles to superintend the excavation of the O.V.L. irrigating canal which was constructed in the year of 1910. A little less than two years ago he purchased the Point Ranch, consisting of 237 acres, from the same company, they having acquired it in the purchase of the Heryford Land Co. holdings. In the country Mr. Hanson saw a great future and immediately began improving his property and getting it under cultivation. His first experience was to discover that advice was about the cheapest thing in existence. Numerous people told him what would grow and what would not. Being of a very appreciative and affable nature, he collected a good sized stock of information, always paying in return his warm thanks.

BENSON ASPIRES TO GOVERNORSHIP

Judge's Protege Send Out Dispatch Stating That He Is Logical Candidate

The first public announcement from sources close to Circuit Judge Henry L. Benson of this city, that he is in the race for the Republican nomination for Governor, was received here yesterday afternoon says the Klamath Northwest of August 1.

The announcement is contained in a dispatch to the San Jose Mercury and bears a Portland date line, but is written by P. H. McEnery of this city, a close friend and protege of Judge Benson.

McEnery is the Oregon correspondent for the San Jose Mercury and handles all the Oregon news for that paper.

It is stated that the Mercury dispatch is really the opening gun of the Judge's candidacy and political circles here are in a buzz of excitement because of the dispatch.

Judge Benson has heretofore declined to discuss his candidacy at all, but last night he admitted that he is a recipient candidate for the Republican nomination.

"I am not an avowed candidate for the nomination at this time," said Judge Benson yesterday.

He admitted that he has been approached by a number of leading Oregon Republicans and asked to make the race. His attitude was noncommittal although giving hope to those who would see him governor of the state.

"It is true, I have been urged to become a candidate for the Republican nomination, but I haven't consented to do so because I do not know what situations will arise in the two years before the election. If I should announce myself a candidate now, I would have to make a campaign from this time on, and considering the fact that there are no avowed candidates

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In the ring with whom a man can figure his chances I wouldn't dare declare my candidacy at this time, even if I should decide to run."

Judge Henry L. Benson, since coming to Oregon from California in 1888 has been prominent in the affairs of the state, and has held a number of offices. In 1896, he was elected to the Legislature from Josephine county, and was chosen speaker of the house at that assembly, which was one of the most important in the history of the state.

Two years later, Benson was elected Circuit Judge for the judicial district then composed of Josephine, Jackson, Klamath and Lake counties. Since that time, the district has been changed till it is composed now of Klamath and Lake counties, and Judge Benson taking up his residence here after his first election, served continuously on the bench until he retired in 1908 to take up the practice of law here with Charles F. Stone. In 1910 he was again elected Circuit Judge of this district.

YOUNG PEOPLE WEDDED IN RENO

Ned Sherlock and Fiancee Repair to Cupid Town and Procure License

Stealing a march on relatives and friends, Ned Sherlock and Miss Gertrude Hamer, of Los Angeles who has been here visiting with her aunt, Mrs. Jonas Norin, Monday July 25 left on the north bound train and the next heard from them was the latter part of the week to the effect that they had been married Tuesday morning, July 30, in Reno at which place they are staying, where the groom has a situation. Both the newly weds are slightly under age, but write back that they had not trouble in procuring the license, as no questions were asked them regarding their qualifications on that score.

Ned is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sherlock, of this city, while the bride, as stated before is a resident of Los Angeles and a niece of Mrs. Norin and Miss Carr, who is now visiting at the Norin place below town. The young couple have been frequently in each others company since Mr. Sherlock returned from school this year, but it was not suspected their affiliations had become so serious until the rumors of their elopement were circulated.

The young people have a host of friends who hold them in the highest esteem and who sincerely trust that their early marriage will result in lifelong happiness for them both.

Perth B. Stoddard of the Conservative Building and Investment Co., of San Francisco, is spending several days in this territory in the interests of his company. Attorney W. Laur Thompson is quite extensively interested in the company and recently made a trip to San Francisco to examine different phases of the concern. Mrs. Thompson and little daughter accompanied him on the trip.

W. H. STORMS IS IN HIGH GRADE

State Mineralogist of California Will Meet With Lakeview People

State Mineralogist W. H. Storms, of California, is now in the High Grade Mining District and is reported that he has made a glowing report on the camp.

He will be in Lakeview tomorrow evening and at a public meeting will discuss the various phases of our mineral resources. The meeting will probably be held in the court house under the auspices of the Lakeview Commercial Club.

The horse belonging to A. J. Hickerson that was stolen from the Hickerson place at Fort Bidwell, several weeks ago has been traced to Burns at which place it was learned it had been ridden. The officials have almost snared the culprit and it is expected that he will soon be in custody.

CAR RAIDERS ARRESTED

BOUND OVER FOR GRAND JURY'S ACTION UNDER HEAVY BAIL

Fred Meissner, E. T. Spence and Wesley Stephenson Run Down by Officers--Two Latter Make Clean Confession

As stated in last week's issue of the Examiner that the officials were close on the tract of the cuprits who raided J. B. Auten's automobile that was left on the road between here and New Pine Creek, Saturday evening Fred Meissner, who has been conducting an auto stage line between here and New Pine Creek, and E. T. Spence and Wesley Stephenson were placed under arrest by Sheriff W. B. Solder.

It appears that the evening the car was left by the road these three parties came by the wreck on their way to Lakeview in Meissner's car and they stopped and relieved the disabled auto of its horn. And later on their return in the night to New Pine Creek they stopped and took the tires and lamps, and after this was finished they turned the car down over the grade. Their plunder was taken to New Pine Creek and hidden under the floor of Meissner's tent.

During the next two days the officers were making such a diligent investigation of the case that the raiders became alarmed and E. T. Spence exposed the affair to J. W. Wheeler, a plumber of New Pine Creek, with whom he had been associated; and tried to get him to return the parts to Auten's car that had been left, during this time, at the scene of the wreck. A livery team was hired of J. B. McNew for this purpose,

but when Mr. Wheeler realized the precarious position that he was placing himself in, refused to act, and the parts were returned by Meissner and Spence.

It seems that Wheeler had noised this information around somewhat and Saturday, during the absence of Sheriff Snider to Clover Flat, Constable Whorton went to New Pine Creek and secured the story from him, and notified the sheriff, who immediately placed the offenders under arrest. In the meantime Sheriff Snider approached both Spence and Stephenson, who were already suspected, and tried to get a confession from them. They remained reticent, however, until the last and emphatically denied of having been implicated or of having any intelligence in the matter. After arrest they both stated the case as similar to the above facts, but it has been shown that Stephenson was least implicated in the affair as he remained in the Meissner car while Spence and Meissner destroyed the machine.

They were given a preliminary hearing Monday before the Justice Court and were bound over to await action of the grand jury. Both Meissner and Spence were held under bail in the sum of \$2500 each and Stephenson is held under \$1000 bail. As yet bail in neither case has been secured and the three are in the county bastille.

RAINS DESCEND ALL OVER COUNTRY

Lake County Included But Results Will Be Benefit To Root Crops

A heavy rain extending over nearly every part of the County, as well as the total country, descended upon us last Friday evening. The rain fell in almost torrents for a short time before it slacked up to a drizzle, which continued throughout the night.

Although a beating rain, it is said to have caused no damage to crops other than hay in some localities that had not been stacked, and in general it will prove of great benefit to potatoes and other root crops as well as fruit and late berries.

From nearly every section outside of Lake county reports come that heavy damage was done to all crops caused by accompanying hail which in places riddled fruits and grains. Several places experienced cloudbursts and heavy electrical storms that bore destruction to property and in some instances caused the loss of lives.

The Reno Journal records a torrential rain that fell in that section the same day, and stated that among the farmers and fruit growers the damage will amount to a heavy loss as grain was battered to the ground, apples knocked from the trees and onion fields ruined. The same report comes from the farther East and from different parts of the Pacific Coast.

In this valley Sunday the weather cleared off with a bright and warm sunshine and in general the farmers are jubilant over the results of the storm.

Government Lands

By the courtesy of Register A. W. Orton, of the U. S. Land Office, we are furnished the following list, of the total amount of land in acres, entered and relinquished in Lakeview Land District for the month of July, 1912.

Land entered: Lake County, 13,286.85; Klamath County, 1,720 Crook County, 1,320.
Land relinquished: Lake County, 4,489.89; Klamath County, 320; Crook County, 1,920.
Totals: Lake County 8,797.96; Klamath County, 4,100; Crook County, 1600.

PATHFINDER PARTY OUTLINES ROUTE

Four Tours Mapped Out For Portland Delegation To Reach Lakeview

Announcement of the four routes to be offered in the excursions to the Central Oregon Development League convention in Lakeview, August 21 and 22, was made by C. C. Chapman, manager of the Portland Commercial club, under the auspices of which the excursion is to be conducted, says the Oregonian. The routes were sought out by Mr. Chapman and his party of "pathfinders" in their recent automobile trip to Lakeview, with a special eye to carrying the visitors from Portland through the most delightful portions of Central Oregon.

To those who have not yet had the opportunity to make the trip to Lakeview," says Mr. Chapman, the excursion is bound to be one of wonder and pleasure, for there are scenic wonders along the routes chosen, which are not to be equalled in any other part of the world."

In detail, the routes offered in the proposed excursion will be as follows:

Tour No. 1—Nine Full Days.
Total expense, \$98.50 in automobiles, 609.5 miles; by rail, Portland to Bend August 18; by automobile, Bend to Lakeview, via LaPine, Fremont, Fort Rock, Silver Lake, Summer Lake and Paisley, 179.5 miles, August 19-20; at Lakeview and on excursions to New Pine Creek and Drews Valley, two round trips, 75 miles, August 21-22; Lakeview to Klamath Falls, August 23; Harriman Lodge and Pelican Bay via steamboat, autos brought around by road 31.6 miles, August 24; Crater Lake and return, via Fort Klamath, 88.6 miles, August 25; to Bend, via Crescent and LaPine, 135.2 miles, August 26; to Portland via rail, night of August 26; arrive Portland morning August 27.

Tour No. 2—Ten Full Days.
Total expense, \$117.25; total automobile mileage 772.3; Portland to Redmond, by rail August 17; Redmond to Prineville, by auto 17.7 miles, evening of August 17; Prineville to Burns, via Paulina and Buck Mountain, 148.5 miles, August 18; Burns to "P" Ranch or Blitzen Valley, via Harney Valley new oil fields and The Narrows, 61.6

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miles, August 19; "P" Ranch to Lakeview, via Warner Mountain and Plush, 114.6 miles, August 20; Lakeview and on excursions to New Pine Creek and Drews Valley, two round trips, 75 miles, August 21-22; Harriman Lodge and Pelican Bay, via steamboat, autos brought around by road, 31.6 miles, August 24; Crater Lake and return, via Fort Klamath 88.6 miles, August 25; to Bend via Crescent and LaPine, 135.2 miles, August 26; to Portland, via rail, night of August 26, arrive Portland, morning August 27. Side trips if desired: To Adel along Warner Lake instead of direct from Plush to Lakeview, extra mileage 16; to Bonanza, extra mileage, 28.

Tour No. 3—Ten Full Days.
Total expense, \$137.20; total automobile mileage, 996; Portland to the Dalles, by rail, evening, August 17; The Dalles to Prineville, by auto, via Mulder, Tygh Valley, Juniper Flat, Maupin, Shaniko, Antelope, Agency Plains. Continued on page eight

PAPERS OF STATE ADVERTISE MEET

Oregonian Says Interest Evidenced by the Large Number of Reservations

The good and effective boosting that the Oregonian and other papers are doing for the Central Oregon Development League meeting in Lakeview is a most commendable spirit on their parts and these courtesies are highly appreciated by the citizens of Lakeview and Lake county. This is from Tuesday's Oregonian:

"The excursion to Lakeview by the Central Oregon Development League convention in August offers business men of Portland an exceptional opportunity to study at first hand the wonderful territory east of the Cascades, the development of which is to open to Portland one of the most important markets," said S. C. Pier, of the Marshall-Wells Company yesterday.

"Merchants of Portland, as a rule, are almost entirely unfamiliar with the resources that lie in Central Oregon counties, and this excursion will have for us an educational value that cannot be over estimated. I have attended both of the previous conventions, one in Prineville and one in Burns, and I shall go every time the opportunity is offered.

"In our business here in Portland we can feel every day the perceptible effects from the steady growth that is going on in Central Oregon, and I believe there is not a jobber in Portland who can afford to miss the trip there in August, to get in personal touch with the people of that section."

That this view is shared by the business men in general in this city, is evidenced by the increasing amount of reservations for the trip that are coming in daily to the office of the Commercial Club Promotion Bureau. Many of the business men are arranging to make the trip to Lakeview by automobile from the Dalles.

W. P. OFFICIAL VISITS LAKEVIEW

Makes Tour of West Side Country and Is Very Enthusiastic

E. S. Reader, freight and passenger agent of the Western Pacific, arrived in Lakeview this week and Tuesday was taken over the West Side country by G. W. Rice in his car. Mr. Reader has visited us before, and while the principal object of this trip is to work up traffic from this section, he is making a thorough investigation of local conditions. He is very enthusiastic and predicts a railroad for the West Side before many years.

He stated that he would return to Lakeview to be present at the meeting of the Central Oregon Development League.

Mrs. Ralph Day, of Alturas who has been here the past few days visiting with relatives this week returned to her home.

OREGON TRUNK IS TO COME SOUTH

Goose Lake Valley and Pit River Canyon Gives the Best Outlet

Persistent reports are being heard that the Oregon Trunk is preparing to extend its railroad south from Bend. While these reports come from reliable authority, no announcement has been officially made by the railroad company, and it has been impossible to verify the reports.

The Intermountain, a newspaper published at La Pine, which is on the survey south of Bend, prints a story to the effect that work has commenced out of Bend, and that the crew of surveyors has arrived and are waiting orders to be sent out on the right of way. The story is as follows:

"Neal Sly, one of the La Pine country's most prominent stockmen, announced today noon, upon his arrival from Bend, where he spent the night, that he secured absolute evidence while there that the Oregon Trunk engineers were in town waiting for orders to be sent out on the right of way south to La Pine. He said further that he saw Youngstrom, a sub-contractor for McFee, in town, and learned that he had rented office rooms. When leaving town this morning a gang of Italians, who came two weeks ago, were at work on the end of the road near the stockyards. Two carloads of steel rails and a big steam shovel, which were pulled into Bend on the same train with the workmen, are still standing on a side track in the yards."

Fortunately the geographical location of the Goose Lake Valley gives it the most feasible outlet for the proposed extension of this line, as the best confirmed railroad grade in existence is from Bend south through Lake County, and the Pit river canyon affords an easy exit to the South. It is plain to the bystander that this rumor will some day be realized. Owing to the logical situation, the tapping of the richest valleys in Central Oregon, and the necessity of the Oregon Trunk extending south for outside connection, it is reasonable to believe that the inevitable will happen.

CULTIVATION VS. IRRIGATION

Thos. Sherlock Plants 30 Acres of Apple Trees at Davis Creek

Thos. H. Sherlock, of Davis Creek, who has a wide acquaintance in this section, Saturday came up on a short visit with his brother C. E. Sherlock and family and Lakeview friends.

About a year ago Mr. Sherlock bought the Harry Barker place at Davis Creek, and has built a new house and is fixing up a splendid home. Mr. Sherlock informed us that his idea of buying the place was scorned by many at first but his accomplishments have since convinced the skeptics. Last spring he planted thirty acres of apple trees, which includes varieties of the Winter Banana Newtown Pippin, Delicious, Roan Beauty, and Black Twig. He says they are doing nicely and up to this time has given them no artificial irrigation. Although he has ample water for irrigation purposes, Mr. Sherlock is a stern believer in cultivation rather than irrigation, and is of the opinion that many people use too much water. He says the only place he has been compelled to use water this year was on the old orchard and this was necessary because the land had been irrigated too extensively in the past, which has taken the nutrition out of the soil, however, this he thinks will be restored by the use of fertilizers and cultivation.

Mr. Sherlock states the fruit crop on the East Side looks most promising and predicts that there will be considerable fruit to be shipped out this season.

Mrs. Tom Heard and son Carwin, of Lake City, Cal., this week passed through Lakeview en route to Merville Creek, where they will locate. Mrs. Heard is an old time friend of Mrs. T. B. Vernon, of this place and while in Lakeview was a guest at her home.