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POSTMASTER WAS NOT "BOUNCED"

F. M. Christman Tendered Resignation After 23 Years' Service.

F. M. Christman calls the Examiner's attention to an error appearing in an article last week, "It Was a Long Haul to Silver Lake," taken from the Bend Bulletin. Instead of being "bounced" from the postmastership at Silver Lake owing to the present administration, Mr. Christman writes that after twenty-three years service, eight of which was under Democratic administration, he resigned on May 30, 1912, and was appointed by the Civil Service Commission to conduct the examination of his successor, which he did.

He wrote three letters to the department urging the appointment of a successor, and at the end of five months was able to turn over the office to Miss Martin, which he states was done with pleasure.

MUCH INTEREST IS TAKEN IN OREGON

Great Benefit Will Follow the State Exhibit at Land Show.

Portland Telegram: C. C. Chapman, secretary of the Oregon Immigration Commission, who had charge of the Oregon exhibits at the United States Land Show at Chicago, which closed last week, returned to Portland last night. Chapman says he believes that 90 per cent of the farmers who visit the Panama fair in 1915 will visit Oregon. More interest centers about the Pacific Northwest than any other part of the country, he says. It has been suggested that Oregon establish a permanent exhibit in Chicago, but Chapman does not favor that idea.

Before going East he wrote a circular letter to many farmers in the states of the Middle West inviting them to meet him at the Land Show, and he says they called in large numbers identifying themselves by the letters, and anxious for information concerning Oregon. The Oregon exhibits have been turned over to the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads, with the understanding that the grower's name would not be detached from the products.

OPPORTUNE TIME TO DRIVE RABBITS

A. P. Koozer Reports Great Numbers of Pests on West Side.

A. P. Koozer, of the West Side, came into town Tuesday after a load of supplies for the Greeks who are doing the rock work on the South Drews canal. The Greeks made extensive preparations for the proper observance of the holidays, in the way of eats, drinks, etc.

To an Examiner representative Mr. Koozer stated that the rabbits are becoming more troublesome than ever in his section, and that the pests were likely to do great damage to his orchard during the winter. Even at present he is having much trouble in keeping them out, and when the snow banks up against the fences, affording a much easier means of ingress, he expects to have his trouble still further increased. He has made a trap inside his orchard inclosure and captures many nightly, but he can see no appreciable decrease in the numbers that nightly haunt his neighborhood.

Mr. Koozer also states that the rabbits are fully as numerous as last year, and that in the vicinity of the Bernard ranch many thousands have congregated. The storms of this week would make a drive highly successful, as the new fallen snow is soft and the rabbits could not escape so easily as when the snow is crusted.

Jingling bells accompanied the first real snowfall of the winter Monday.

SPECIAL SESSION UNNECESSARY: WEST

Governor Says Horse Sense Only Requisite for Election Laws.

A news dispatch from Salem under a late date, says: There will be no special session of the Legislature to fix up the registration laws. Governor West made this clear when he said the use of a little horse sense would straighten out any supposed tangle or confusion in the election laws.

"If there is anything wrong with the election laws they can't hold another election, can they?" he said with a smile. "They couldn't elect another Legislature, which would be a godsend. The government would go on just the same, as under the ruling of the attorney general an official can not resign or leave his office until his successor qualifies."

The question of a need of a special session has arisen over the conflict in the election laws which provides that the registration books shall not close until 5 P. M. May 15, which is the date of the primary election. It is obviously a physical impossibility for the registration books to be open for registration and in use for election purposes on the same day.

"The thing to do is to use a little horse sense," said the governor. And when 15 days before the primary election arrives close the registration books, and those who have not registered can swear in their votes on election day. There could be no greater calamity than a special session of the Legislature."

GAME COMMISSION MEETS IN SALEM

Wallowa County Man is Last Member Appointed On Board.

At a meeting of the State Fish and Game Commission at Salem last week were discussed suggestions of Gov. West that the board have its headquarters in Salem; employ a permanent secretary and consolidate the offices of Master Fish Warden and State Game Warden. Final action was postponed until Dec. 29 when the board will meet in Portland. C. H. Evans of Wallowa was the last member of the Commission appointed. This appointment makes Eugene the nearest representation to the Lake country as Commissioner Kelley is a resident of that place. It is possible that another vacancy will occur on the Commission in the near future and it is considered possible that Southern Oregon will get this place.

The Fish Warden was authorized to plant 5,000,000 steelhead eggs, and an announcement was made at the session in Salem that a car of Hungarian partridges be received for liberation over the state.

SANFORD O. PEASE ANSWERS TO CALL

Honored Lake County Citizen Died at Lakeview on Sunday Afternoon.

One of the pioneer men of this County has crossed into the Great Beyond with the passing of Sanford Orin Pease, a resident of the Summer Lake section for the past several years. He was well known and highly respected throughout the entire County. His death occurred last Sunday afternoon at the residence of Zed Harris in this city. He was 82 years, 7 months and 26 days of age when the demise came.

The deceased was born April 25, 1831, in West Andover, Ohio. In the year 1852 he came west to California, later removing to the Summer Lake Valley in 1887. He was one of the early day miners in Nevada City, California. For the past 25 years he had made his home with the Harris Brothers at Summer Lake and his niece, Miss Flavia McDowell, postmistress. Continued on page eight

MERRY CHRISTMAS

TODAY the entire civilized world joins in celebrating the world's greatest festival, the birth of Christ. The stretch of human history between the event for which Christmas stands and Christmas Day, 1913, shows why. It is a season of gladness, of giving and receiving gifts, and of love to all mankind. May the day be fittingly observed, and may no little heart be saddened, nor any little eye tear-stained by a slight from Old Santa. But may each and everyone throughout our happy community be gladdened and made happy by gifts from the little children's patron Saint. To the many readers of the LAKE COUNTY EXAMINER, friends and foes alike, if any there be, we extend the greetings of the season. May each and everyone enjoy a Merry Christmas, and may the returns of the occasion be many.

FILINGS BEFORE U.S. COMMISSIONER

Many Applications Made For Land in Northern Part of County.

Up to Wednesday of last week, 54 filings had been made before U. S. Land Commissioner Thomas at Ft. Rock, on the "unsurveyed" lands says the Times. 51 filings were made on the opening day, December 15. In Township 26 South, Range 16 East, a total of 24 filings were made, in 27-16, 15 filings, and in 25-15, 15 filings.

The first filing made was that of Rex R. Hackett of Arrow. He was one of a party that arrived at the Commissioner's at 5 A. M. These 54 filings are estimated to be about one half of the filings that will be made, as many are taking advantage of the 90 days time allowed them.

CONGRESS WILL BE HELD IN FEBRUARY

Delegates Will Be Sent to Irrigation Congress in Portland.

Portland, Oregon, Dec. 23rd, (Special) | February 12-14 is the date set for the 1914 meeting of the Oregon Irrigation Congress, which will be held in Portland at the Imperial Hotel. The executive committee is busy preparing a tentative program that will be announced shortly.

It is planned to give a banquet on the night of February 12 for the delegates to the Congress in celebration of the effective work done at the last Congress. This banquet will be given under the auspices of the Central Oregon Delegation.

About 40 organizations of water-users, ditchowners and commercial bodies are associated with the congress and each will send five delegates. It is expected that 250 delegates will be present.

WILL ENGAGE IN DAIRY BUSINESS

San Francisco Men Buy Good Hay Ranch in This Valley.

J. Lawrence and L. Coffey, who have been in Lakeview from San Francisco the past several days, last week purchased through Curtis & Utley 180 acres of land known as the Sherlock Meadow. The property is located just west of the W. R. Bernard ranch and is about ten miles northwest of Lakeview. The consideration is reported at \$3,800. The new owners will go into the dairying business on their lately acquired property.

WORK IN CANYON NEARLY FINISHED

Water Can Soon be Diverted From the Dam to Antelope.

S. C. Campbell, superintendent of the construction work on the Goose Lake Valley Irrigation Company's project on the West Side, was in town Sunday from the company's saw mill on Drews Creek. He stated that with the exception of about fifty feet all fluming and work in the canyon was completed last Saturday night, and predicted that this would be finished within the next few days.

With completion of this part of the work water can be carried from the dam to Antelope, bringing it out into the valley a distance of about five miles. This unit insures available water in early Spring for considerable land under the ditch.

STORES MANIFEST CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Lakeview Business Houses Keep Abreast in Handsome Window Displays.

It is pleasing to note the Christmas and Holiday spirit manifested by the many local business houses in their window decorations. It gives the town a much more cheerful and prosperous air.

Among the stores that have been keeping up with creditable window displays this season are: Lakeview Mercantile Co., Bailey & Massingill A. Bieter, Britten & Erickson, The Frost Kandy Kitchen, Drug stores, Meat markets and Postoffice store.

The window decorations to be seen in Lakeview are right up with some of the large city department stores, and it not only reflects great credit upon the management of the business houses but upon citizens of the town in general.

DREWS DAM IS NOW COMPLETED

Contractor Berney Leaves For Fallon, Nevada, to Spend the Winter.

E. S. Berney, of the Berney Construction Company, which built the Goose Lake Valley Irrigation Company's dam on Drews Creek, departed last Friday for Fallon, Nevada, where he will join his family for the winter. Mr. Berney informed the Examiner that the dam is now completed and in readiness to remove the tools from the scene of work. He will return to Continued on page eight

FRANK ROGERS LOSES ONE EYE

Doctor Fears That the Remaining Member is Also Badly Injured.

By a letter received in Lakeview from Dave Cleland who recently accompanied Frank Rogers to Reno, it is learned that the physicians treating Mr. Rogers, removed his right eye in an operation performed Sunday.

It will be remembered that Mr. Rogers met with a serious accident a few weeks since by an explosion of caps while working on an irrigation project near Plush. He was taken to Reno to have the advantage of an eye specialist in the hope of restoring his sight.

Mr. Cleland also states that the doctor does not believe there is an even chance of saving the patient's left eye, and it will take a few days more to develop results and the effect of the recent operation on the remaining member. He writes that the left eye is injured in several places but the X ray does not show any foreign objects in the eye ball. In addition to the operation it is stated that a number of pieces of copper were also removed from his body. Mr. Cleland is unable to say when they will return home.

It is indeed pitiful, especially when a man lives a useful career until after the middle age of life is reached, like the case of Frank Rogers, and then be stricken with such a sad affliction. But all his many friends can do is to sincerely trust that fate will be kind enough to save him the loss of his remaining eye.

QUOTA REDUCED IN SOUTHERN STATES

Republican Party Adopts Radical Change at Washington Convention.

The Republican National Committee in convention at Washington last week concluded its labors for reform in party procedure and launched its campaign for a reunion of warring elements by adopting a resolution providing for a radical change in the basis of representation in National committees which would reduce the quota of Southern states from 33 to 16 per cent of the convention's total.

The action of the committee, criticized in vigorous terms by several of its members, but made unanimous before adjournment, must be referred to states which cast a majority of votes in the electoral college before it becomes party law. In order that such action shall be taken as promptly as possible, the committee appointed a sub-committee of three, to prepare an address to the state urging immediate ratification of the proposal.

The resolution providing for the calling of a special convention of the Republican party was voted down.

ROAD WANTED FROM CATLOW TO PLUSH

Believed That Proposed Highway Would Greatly Benefit Lake County.

Austin Deboy, a well known stockman of the Warner Valley, was a business visitor in the county seat last week, he having come over to consult with County Judge Daly the matter of getting a road established between Plush and Catlow Valley.

The proposed highway would lead from Plush by way of the Old Stone Bridge, a total distance of approximately 25 miles. A portion of the road would be in Harney County, while the major portion would be in Lake. Mr. Deboy estimates that the cost of the road would be about \$3000 to this county and about one third of that amount to Harney. With this amount he states that an excellent thoroughfare could be constructed, and one that would be suitable for auto as well as wagon travel. While the road would pass over the Warner mountain, he Continued on page eight

STATE AUTO TAX TO BE PROTESTED

Owners Form Association at Medford to Have the Law Repealed.

At a meeting last week of Medford auto owners the Southern Oregon Automobile Association was formed with A. C. Allen of that city as president.

The immediate work before the association will be to secure the repeal of the state auto tax, which autoists claim is unconstitutional as it is a double tax. The membership fees will be devoted exclusively to a fight against this tax. All members will be asked to refuse to pay the State auto tax in 1914.

Although this tax repeal is the immediate object of the organization the association will be a permanent one and will work for better roads better laws and better conditions for the autoist. A book describing the best auto trips in Southern Oregon will be issued, and club auto trips are a possibility.

CURRENCY REFORM BILL NOW PASSED

Bill To Be Ready For The President's Signature on Wednesday Night.

The administration currency reform bill proposing a revision of the financial system of the United States and the creation of regional reserve banks to act as strengthening elements in the banking and financial world, passed the Senate Saturday by a vote of 54 to 34.

Forces that had fought together for improvement and amendment of the measure to the last, divided when the final vote came. Senator Hitchcock, who had led the opposition to the bill, returned to the Democratic ranks, and Senator Weeks, one of the leaders of the Republicans and Senator Poindexter, progressive, voted for the passage of the measure.

Wide differences exist between the form of the legislation passed by the Senate and the bill that passed the House several months ago. Democratic leaders already have partly adjusted these differences, and it was expected to have the bill complete in all details and ready for the President's signature last night.

C. O. D. L. WOULD AID HOMESEEKERS

Plan is Outlined to Have League Headquarters Permanently at Bend.

A bill to remove the limitation on the amount that may be accepted from depositors in the postal savings banks was passed by the House. The measure would permit unlimited deposits, but \$1000 is fixed as the maximum on which interest will be paid. Under the present law the limit is \$10 in each calendar month, no account to exceed \$500, exclusive of accumulated interest.

Plans for making Bend the headquarters of the Central Oregon Development league were discussed at a meeting of the Commercial club last week, and the club decided to offer the league free office for the secretary, J. W. Brewer. The plan is to have Mr. Brewer give all his time to the league work, preparing lists of land open to entry and purchase and to the organization of associations in the different towns that would provide him with detailed information of the lands in that vicinity. Through the railroads, all prospective settlers who bought tickets to Central Oregon would be advised to come here and consult the league secretary, so that they would be able to find locations that would suit them.

"Uncle" Joe Morrow returned to Lakeview last Friday evening from Santa Rosa to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives here and in Warner Valley.