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REPORT NOT ENCOURAGING

IMMIGRATION COMMISSION REPORTS ON OREGON LANDS TO BE RESTORED

DRAWBACKS ARE NAMED

J. W. Brewer Declares Acreage is Small, and that Distance from Railroad is Disadvantage to Profitable Farming

The Oregon Immigration Commission will not especially encourage settlers to locate on the eliminated forest lands to be opened in the northern part of Lake County and Northeastern Klamath, is sounded in the report made to the Commission by J. W. Brewer. Concerning this the Oregonian gives the following:

All the tillable land available for settlement in the area recently eliminated from the forest reserves in Central Oregon will not accommodate more than 200 families.

It will require at least three years of hard labor and patient effort before any of this land can be farmed profitably. Meanwhile settlers must have other means for support.

There is grave danger that much of the agricultural and timbered land withdrawn from entry by the reclamation service will pass into the hands of timber speculators unless the local authorities take action to prevent such occurrence.

The facts were plainly and frankly presented to the Oregon Immigration Commission by J. W. Brewer, their special agent, who recently made a careful cruise over the entire district.

A special committee of the commission was appointed to make an immediate appeal to the proper state and federal authorities to give actual settlers on the land the usual 30-day preference after the Reclamation Department vacates its withdrawal, the same as is done when land originally is withdrawn from the national forests.

Otherwise, Mr. Brewer points out, speculators holding scrip will be able to seize all the desirable land.

In fact he reported several crews of men now are carefully cruising the timbered area for the apparent purpose of taking it up with scrip as soon as it is open.

Mr. Brewer's report was not wholly (Continued on page eight)

OPTION ON DEPOSITS

PORTLAND MEN HAVE PRIVILEGE OF LEASING LAKES

State Land Board Gives Ten Days to Provide Bond for \$50,000 in \$2,000,000 Deal

The state land board has accepted the proposal of John Haak and Samuel Connell of Portland to pay \$2,000,000 for the salt and other deposits in Summer and Abert lakes in Lake County, and gave them ten days in which to get those whom they represent in New York to sign up the contract and put up \$50,000 in cash, or a surety bond as a guarantee of the faithful performance of the contract. Mr. Haak will leave immediately for New York with the contract.

Keen rivalry between Mr. Haak and Jason Moore, who represents New York people and who had made a counter proposition for the lakes, at a meeting of the state land board last week in Salem, would have led to a personal encounter between the two, had not Governor West interferred, says a news dispatch from that place. Mr. Haak told Mr. Moore that statements he had made were not true, whereupon Moore invited Haak outside. Haak grabbed his hat and started to go when the governor sprang between the two, and said that they were trespassing as he did all the fighting that was done around the place.

Moore had offered \$1,000,000 for the salt and other deposits in the lakes and \$250,000 more for the 90,000 acres of land covered. Haak raised the offer to \$2,000,000.

AUTO STAGE NORTH

J. S. FULLER BUYS BIG SEVEN PASSENGER CAR

Round Trip to Paisley Made Each Day—Connects With Silver Lake Auto Stage

Monday morning of this week an auto stage was put on the Northern Stage Line to carry both mail and passengers. J. S. Fuller purchased the large seven passenger Winton-Six car from J. B. Auten, and the machine is now being used, with Geo. Boone, former driver of the horse stage as chauffeur. The car leaves Lakeview at 7 o'clock a. m., arriving at Paisley at 11 a. m. At that place connections are made with the auto stage for Silver Lake, allowing passengers to make the through trip from here to Silver Lake or either way in one day. The auto arrives in Lakeview at 5 p. m.

The fare remains the same as was charged over the horse stage.

Mr. Fuller is conducting the stage line for H. L. Chandler who holds the contract until July 1st this year. Bids are now being advertised for carrying the mail between Lakeview and Paisley and it is understood that both Mr. Chandler, present contractor, and Henry Newell have submitted bids. The contract will soon be awarded but it is not yet learned to whom it will be given.

CLOPTONS ARE HELD

CHARGED WITH IMPLICATION OF FIRE IN BONANZA

Defendants Each Held to the Grand Jury at Klamath Falls—\$1500 Bail

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh L. Clopton were each held to the grand jury in \$1500 in Justice Gowan's court yesterday on the charge of being implicated in the cause of the blaze that recently wiped out several buildings at Bonanza.

No witnesses were called for the defense it being the general impression that the case would have to go to the grand jury before the matter was finally threshed out and the accused either cleared or convicted. The main witnesses called by the state were B. E. Anglin, Martha Yahr, and Mrs. William Wood. These witnesses told of seeing Mr. Clopton go into the postoffice building, where the fire started, a few minutes before the fire and of conditions and actions of Mrs. Clopton. It is claimed that Mrs. Clopton, who was in the hotel adjoining the postoffice building was up and dressed and that her children were dressed much too soon for this to have been done after the alarm was given. The prosecution tried to show that she did not have time to dress herself and have her children dressed between the time the alarm was given and when she was seen fully dressed.

Following the examination of witnesses for the state attorneys for the defense moved that the case be dismissed, but this was overruled by Justice Gowan and the defendants bound over.

Mrs. Wingfield Improved

Reno Gazette: Mrs. George Wingfield, whose condition, following the birth of a son Tuesday morning became serious last night, is much better today according to the physicians in attendance, and it is believed that she is now out of danger. For thirty hours her temperature was at or near 104 degrees and last night a special train was made up at San Francisco at the request of Mr. Wingfield to bring to Reno at the earliest possible moment Dr. E. C. Fleichner and Dr. W. Francis B. Wakefield, for consultation with physicians already in attendance.

The special consisting of two cars and a light engine, made the distance from San Francisco in record time of seven and a half hours, reaching Reno at 8:15 this morning. An automobile was waiting and the physicians were hurried to the Wingfield home. There was a keen sympathetic interest in the condition of the patient and the relief and gratification that Mrs. Wingfield expressed. Mrs. Wingfield improved. The special train continues on.

GUST HUERTA NOW PLANNED

MEDIATORS PROPOSE TO ELIMINATE MEXICAN DICTATOR AND ESTABLISH REGIME

WOULD SATISFY FACTIONS

Men and Boys Drilled in Mexico City But Capital is Still Unfortified—Rebels and Federals Fight

Elimination of General Huerta and the establishment of the provisional government in Mexico in which both the Huerta and constitutional factions would be represented, is contemplated in a plan which the three South American mediators now are working out to be proposed for the solution of the entire Mexican problem. This, the first intimation as to the details of the mediation plans, is made known in a late dispatch from Washington. It is stated that the proposal might be that the settling up of a temporary government be undertaken by a commission composed of five persons, two of whom be named by Huerta, two by the constitutionalists and the fifth by the mediators. The peace commissioners appointed by President Huerta to represent him at the Niagara Falls conference, have sailed for Havana en route to Key West. They are clothed with full powers nominally at least, to sign any agreement or convention.

From Mexico City comes reports of large numbers of men and boys drilling in the streets, but so far no measures have been taken to fortify the capital.

From Juarez comes the news of continued hostilities between the rebels and federals. On May 10 it is said the most desperate battle of the Mexican revolution was fought at Tampico. Some of the oil wells and tanks and a portion of the town were burned.

PHONE LINE NORTH

WOULD RUN FROM SILVER LAKE TO BEND

Service Would Benefit all Northern Points in County as Well as Lakeview

A southern telephone outlet for Bend may be the result of plans now developing at Silver Lake, says the Bend Bulletin. The lessee of the phone service there is working on a proposition which, if successful, will establish a line from Silver Lake through Fort Rock to La Pine, there connecting with the Pioneer service.

Silver Lake is about sixty two miles from La Pine. K. S. Miles, promoter of the scheme, estimates that about \$2,000 will be required to establish a line. Not only would such a phone greatly benefit Bend by connecting this town with the southern territory far more intimately than can now be the case, but it also will receive a goodly volume of business from the intermediate country, particularly that about Fort Rock, where there is much settlement.

Mr. Miles has leased the properties of the Lake County Telephone & Telegraph Company for three years, with an option of six more. He is at present engaged in improving the plant at Silver Lake. Among communities served by the system are Silver Lake, Paisley, Lakeview and Valley Falls.

While nothing definite as yet has developed, several Bend men have signified their willingness to contribute liberally to the undertaking, being cash which will apply as a cent for subsequent phone tolls. It is probable that with no distant least \$500 could be subscribed, if the plans prove satisfactory. La Pine it is understood, is ready to do its share, and Fort Rock country is enthusiastic in the scheme. Mr. Miles expects to be in Bend soon to present

STATE VOTERS TOTAL 226,924

EFFECT OF BALLOT EXTENSION WITH WOMEN ELECTORS IS NOTED

BIG GAIN OVER LAST TIME

Sixty Per Cent of Registration is Republican—Drys are Third—Official Returns Will Show Little Change

With the women enfranchised the registration in Oregon for the primary May 15, this year, totals 226,924, with 11 counties reported unofficially. There will be little change either way in the final statement. For the primary, 1912, when only men voted, the registration was 131,880. That the women will substantially figure in the primary and the election in November is proved by the registration in figures.

Colonel Roosevelt, nominee of the Progressive Party for President of the United States in the election in 1912, was second choice for that office of the electorate of this state. The report made by Secretary of State Olcott of the registration of this year shows the adherents of the Progressive party to be inconsequential as compared with the electors who have pledged themselves to vote for Republican and Democratic nominees.

There are almost 5000 more Prohibitionists than Progressives, according to the Secretary of State's report, and this party has jumped from 1655 to 11,177.

While, as stated above, eleven counties are reported unofficially the official returns will make but slight difference as a close tab has been kept on registrations in each county. The official report on the registration in Lake County is 1,427.

That the big lead in the Prohibition (Continued on Page Eight)

TRIP OF INSPECTION

N.-C.-O. RAILWAY OWNER AND OFFICIALS VISIT LAKEVIEW

Traffic Manager Announces Substantial Reduction in Sheep Rates—Effective Through July

Chas. Moran, of New York, who is heavily interested in the Nevada-California-Oregon Railway, Manager T. F. Dunaway and Traffic Manager H. V. McNamara of the same road Monday came up from Reno in Mr. Dunaway's private car.

They were making a trip of inspection over the line and while here Tuesday made an auto trip to the West Side. Mr. McNamara stated that business was on the increase with the road and reported that passenger traffic is getting much heavier. Several settlers, he states, are coming in settling on lands adjacent to the railroad, principally in the Honey Lake Valley and south of Bayandale.

While in Lakeview it is understood that Mr. McNamara gave out the information that a substantial reduction in sheep rates from here to Doyle will be made. The new rate will be \$30 per car, as against the price of \$38.19 heretofore. This will become effective July 1 and remain until August 1, applying only to stock sheep.

According to buyers there will be heavy shipments of sheep out of here during that time, and this concession by the Railroad company will be of much benefit to the growers.

School Examinations

Eighth grade pupils in the grammar school last week took the examinations to test their fitness for entering the Lakeview High School at the beginning of the next school year. The examination subjects are prepared by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and those who are eligible to enter any high school in the state.

COMBS IS ACQUITTED

FORMER LOCAL BOY IS FREED OF MURDER CHARGE

Son of Pierce Combs, Formerly of Lake In Jail at Sacramento Several Months

A brief news dispatch from Sacramento states that Albert Combs, charged with the murder of Frank Miles was acquitted in the circuit court at that place last week.

This news will be of more than passing interest to many Lake County residents. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Combs, formerly of this place but now residents of Merrill, Klamath County. Albert (Art) Combs was arrested near Sacramento last fall following the finding of the body of Miles, an aged woodchopper of Antelope. Miles had been slain with an axe in his cabin. Robbery was believed to have been the motive.

Combs was arrested shortly after the mutilated body of Miles was found, on circumstantial evidence. This consisted principally in the finding of a note belonging to Combs in the cabin of the murdered man. The asserted finding of human blood on some of Combs' clothing and his actions before and after the murder.

The defendant has a home near the cabin of the man he was accused of killing.

HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE

FIRST OF FINAL SERIES OF DEBATES HELD TUESDAY

Negative Side Given Decision on California Alien Land Law Subject

The first of the final series of debates between the different classes of the High School was held Tuesday during the time allotted to the English period.

The question was: "Resolved that Oregon should adopt alien land law similar to that adopted by California." The first debate was between the seniors, represented by Roland Bartling and Lucile Bailey for the affirmative. The juniors were represented by Dayne Lynch and Beryl Vernon for the negative. The sophomores in the second were Reid Corbett and Ruth Florence on the affirmative and the freshmen Virgil Brattain and Bernice Harris for the negative.

The debaters handled their sides of the question in an excellent manner and each showed great research and careful study in the preparation. The language was well chosen, statistics and quotations correct and the deliveries impressive. This debate is the last great intellectual contest to be engaged in by our high school and it was as good as many of the debating clubs of the colleges can do. It also speaks much for the advancement of our school. While great praise is due the students for the success, Miss Church, the talented and untiring teacher of English, deserves mention for her work in training.

A silver cup is to be awarded to the class winning two debates. The decision was given for the negative in both debates. The judges were Rev. Crawford, Father Murphy and Superintendent Oliver—two for the negative and one for the affirmative in each debate. Many requests have been made for one of the debates in the future to be public. If so the people will be surprised at what our students can do.

Big Crop Assured

Portland, Oregon, May 12. (Special) Reports from nearly every section of Oregon indicate that the grain crop for 1914 will be the largest in the history of the state. Not only has the grain acreage been greatly increased, but weather conditions have been unusually favorable and in nearly all districts the yield per acre will be larger than usual.

Fruit reports from some sections are not quite as encouraging as grain estimates, but in most cases the loss from frost has not exceeded the annual thinning of fruit. A large acreage of new orchards will produce the first commercial crop this year and it is estimated the total fruit yield will be far beyond that of last year.

MANY CASES TO BE TRIED

GRAND JURY FINISH WORK AND CRIMINAL CASES HAVE BEGUN

STRODDER PLEADS GUILTY

R. A. Harrower Was Acquitted by Jury Yesterday Afternoon—John Cogburn Pleaded Guilty to Charge

The present term of circuit court is progressing rapidly and the docket has been cleared of quite a few cases. Indictments returned by the old grand jury before their dismissal last Saturday are as follows:

State of Oregon vs. J. L. Freeman for larceny of a calf from Z. G. Harris; State of Oregon vs. H. J. Huntington for lewd cohabitation, and State vs. R. A. Harrower for removing posts and wires of the Lake County Telephone & Telegraph Co., from the Northwest Townsite company's lands at Paisley. Some not true bills were also returned.

The new grand jury drawn Monday morning was composed of W. R. Bernard, foreman, L. A. Carriger, E. S. Fisher, W. V. Miller, W. E. Renham, C. Gas, Nelson and C. E. McKune. They were in session but a short time before being dismissed, returning but one true bill. This was against James Young for the violation of the State's Ten Hour law, in employing a laborer in a lumber mill for over ten hours per day without the provided pay of time and a half for over time.

The defendant is represented by Attorney W. Fair Thompson and the matter will be taken to the Supreme Court, making a test case similar to the F. O. Bunting case appealed last fall.

John W. Cogburn pleaded guilty to the indictment charging him with non-support of his children, and Judge Benson ordered that he pay Lottie Cogburn, mother of the children, the sum of \$22.50 a month for their support.

The injunction suit of the Chewatan Land & Cattle Co. vs. H. A. Brattain and others was dismissed upon motion of the plaintiff.

A decree was granted in the di- (Continued on Page Eight)

N.-C.-O. CASE HEARD

CALIFORNIA RAILWAY COMMISSION MEETS AT ALTURA

Matter of Changing Location of Depot is Discussed—Rate Case Hearing Was Postponed

The case of John Wall and others against the N.-C.-O. Railway regarding the changing of the location of the Altura depot was held at that place last week before State Railway Commissioner John M. Eshleman, Rate Expert H. H. Sanborn and R. A. Sollars, reporter.

T. F. Dunaway general manager of the road was present, accompanied by his attorney, Judge Glenn. The people of Modoc County were represented by Attorneys Cornish and Robinett.

Evidence was presented on behalf of the people, showing reasons why their petition for a depot in Altura where the railroad intersects Modoc street, should be granted and proving very strongly that such a depot would be a great convenience to the people of Altura.

Some witnesses were put on by the N.-C.-O. Railway Co., tending to show that the site was objectionable on account of the ground being too low and of a nature which would not be a good foundation for large buildings.

The matter was taken under advisement by the Commission, and will be decided later.

The other case, namely the question of the reduction of rates was set for May 12, but we understand that this hearing has been postponed to August 18, for hearing.