

ANOTHER HARD JOLT

Fake Dispatches About Harriman Hit Klamath Falls Hard

ABSURD WHEN FACTS ARE KNOWN

Distorted Reports of Distinguished Man's Visit to Klamath Wild Guesses Made by Enterprising Journalists Not Acquainted With Conditions Here

The fact that E. H. Harriman is sojourning at his home in the Klamath mountains is the source of much newspaper talk and it is rather amusing to note some of the fake dispatches that are printed in papers in various parts of the country. The following is a dispatch from the Tacoma, Wash., Ledger, of August 9th, purporting to come from Klamath Falls:

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Aug. 8.—Klamath Falls' population of 417 gave E. H. Harriman and the six members of his party a "right smart" reception at noon today when the railroad king stepped ashore from the steamer that brought him twenty miles up Klamath lake. It was a great event in the history of this small thriving village.

For weeks the townspeople, who have a warm spot in their hearts for him because he is building a branch of the Southern Pacific through the village, have been eagerly discussing the coming of the man who controls 25,106 miles of railroad, and when the steamer on which he was a passenger hove in sight there was a grand rush for the dock.

Workmen dropped their tools, and joined the procession. Women, forgetting their household duties for the moment, picked up their small children in their arms and ran for the wharf. Tradesmen, farmers—the whole population of Klamath Falls—was there.

"This is an unexpected honor," Harriman remarked, as, gazing from the boat, he saw the smiling faces of the people who will be his neighbors for several days.

When he stepped ashore the delighted people swarmed around him like so many children would gather around a person who is giving candy away. The railroad king was perceptibly affected by the warm reception. The people had agreed that it would be a grand thing to escort Mr. Harriman to the courthouse park where he could spend a few minutes in getting acquainted. Harriman was willing, so the procession started with youngsters now and then darting in front of him "to get a good look."

Upon reaching the park Harriman made a few remarks concerning the

work of building the branch through the village. Then he stepped in the waiting automobile with the members of his party, waved his hand as the machine dashed away on the thirty-mile trip to Pelican Lodge, and the people of Klamath Falls were left to guess.

They reached their destination at 6 o'clock, just in time to sit down to a good meal after an enjoyable trip.

Besides Mr. Harriman, those in the party are: The two Harriman boys and their tutor, Dr. Lyle, W. B. Hill and Harriman's private secretary.

They left the special train at the California-Oregon state line, twenty miles from Klamath Falls, and then boarded the steamer.

Dredges Making Slow Progress

J. Frank Adams spent yesterday inspecting the work being done by his dredge on the experimental farm. He says it will be about ten days before the dike for enclosing the farm is completed. Progress has been slow in places because the machine was not exactly suited to the work. He has made arrangements with the railroad contractors to exchange machines with them for a few days and by this both will be benefited as the dredges the contractors have can do the work that is causing him trouble and his machine can do the work that has given the railroad dredges considerable annoyance. As soon as the dike for the experimental farm is completed the machine will be taken to the Upper lake to be placed on the scow that has been built for it.

Mr. Adams says slow progress has been made on the dike for the railroad and he thinks this is mainly due to the fact that the dredges are not built right for the marsh work. He would not venture an opinion as to when they would reach navigable water.

Sheriff W. B. Barnes made a trip to the railroad camps yesterday. He says the construction crews are making rapid progress and that the advance camps are but a short distance from the edge of the marsh.

Believes in Usefulness of Outlet

J. Frank Adams is one of the men in Klamath county who is a firm believer in the usefulness of the Tule lake outlet in connection with the drainage of the lands that have been inundated by the gradual rise of the lake. He states that experiments show that for a distance of not less than one hundred fifty yards along the south shore of the lake in the immediate vicinity of the outlet that if a hole is made in the earth and the water turned in it will sink the same as it is doing in the outlet that has attracted so much attention. He thinks that it is possible to open a large enough hole to flow more water than comes into the lake through the river and that it will be a great help in lowering the lake so that the overflowed lands can be reclaimed.

He says he is not prepared to state where the water goes, but is convinced that it does not flow into a cave, unless it is an exceptionally large one. He is rather of the opinion that the water finds its way into some subterranean channel and that this channel will prove large enough to carry off all the water in Tule lake in a remarkably short time if the opening is made sufficiently large. He is very enthusiastic in having the government take hold of the proposition and making a special appropriation for its development. Some little work has been done on the outlet in the past few weeks with the result that the flow has been increased considerably.

Fastened Under Tree.

George Ward, a homesteader residing in the Aplegate country in Jackson county, was caught under a falling tree and pinned to the ground for twenty-one hours. He was found by his wife in an unconscious condition. It is thought by attending physicians that he will sustain no permanent injuries from his experience.

Scattered Bricks in Their Wake

The large gray team belonging to H. E. Childers became frightened while standing in front of the Hurn block. They were hitched to a wagon loaded with brick and started down Main street. For more than a block the street was strewn with bricks which were thrown in every direction as the wagon struck the high places. The team was stopped on the bridge running up in back of another team that was being driven across. Aside from losing the load of brick no damage was done.

The boat last night brought in twenty-five passengers and a large shipment of freight. Traffic has been increasing the past few weeks.

Klamath County's Richest Valley

Sprague river valley is perhaps the least known of any valley in entire Klamath county, and yet, it is the richest section of Klamath county. The valley proper comprises not to exceed twenty thousand acres of land and upon this reside more what may be termed wealthy men than upon any other similar area in this county. Most of this land is owned and controlled by not to exceed ten persons and all of them have enough of this world's goods that they are classed among the comfortably fixed, that is their respective wealth ranging from about \$25,000 to more than five times that much.

Sprague river valley is conspicuous for its fine buildings. Almost every rancher has a large house comfortably arranged and his barns are among the largest in the county and are filled the year round with the wild hay that is harvested in the valley and fields abundantly. The men of that section are all engaged in the stock business and the Sprague river beef cattle are among the first to be placed in the market and come in from the range in prime condition. It is a natural stock country and the men who settled there years ago and made use of the opportunities have prospered and are enjoying life in one of the best stock countries in Oregon.

Among the prominent residents of Sprague river valley are W. A. Walker, The Bloomingcamps, Jess Parker, John Wells, Wm. Smith, E. Casheer and others.

Not Known Here.

The Crook county Journal published at Prineville tells of one Hill, a railroad promoter in Klamath Falls, who has gone into Crook county for the purpose of promoting the construction of a railroad through that country. Klamath has all kinds of promoters, but the railroad Hill said to hail from this section is not known in Klamath.

No Strenuousness For Mr. Harriman

There are no startling reports from Pelican Bay. Mr. Harriman seems content to rest in the shades and enjoy the fresh mountain air and is not attempting to emulate President Roosevelt by making trips into the mountains in search of bear. The life he is living is not of the strenuous nature, but is rather one of rest and recreation. He is content to let his sons do the hunting, while he enjoys some of the tamer sports such as fishing and amusing himself at the pleasures that do not call for the strenuous life of Roosevelt when he goes into the mountains.

Reports from the Lodge are that his life has become a sort of a rou-

OPENS WATER FRONT

Ground Leased for New Landing for Upper Lake Boats

LONG LAKE CO. TO BUILD WHARF

Major Worden Leases Ground to Company, But Stipulates That Public Shall Have Use of Landing Without Paying Charges of Any Nature Whatsoever

Line in so far as business goes. He devotes several hours of every day to looking over and answering his telegraphic communications and in reading his correspondence and the papers that are taken to the lodge every morning. The announcement has not been made when he will terminate his visit at his mountain home.

Meeting September 4th.

Secretary C. P. Chastain, of the Klamath Water Users Association, has issued notices calling the attention of the members of the organization to the fact that the adjourned meeting convenes on the afternoon of September 4th. In view of the fact that so much business was left over from the last meeting it is expected that there will be a large attendance at the adjourned meeting and that some rather interesting discussions will come up.

Y. M. C. A. Crowd Arrive at Lake

Judge Baldwin received word this morning that the Portland Y.M.C.A. excursionists were at the lake today and that they would be at the Agency landing at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon ready to take the boat for this city. No definite plans have been made, but it is the intention of Mr. Baldwin to make arrangements to have them camp at the Agency, or near there until Sunday and then have the steamer Winema meet them on the regular Sunday trip. He has been unable to get in communication with them as they are still at the lake and the telephone to the Steel camp has not yet been completed.

The members of the party will visit this city as the guests of the Chamber of Commerce, and will then return to Odessa where they will meet their camp outfit and will hike across the hills to Ashland.

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Upper Klamath lake is to have a new boat landing and wharf. The Long Lake Lumber company has leased from Major C. E. Worden a portion of his water front and according to the terms of the lease must build a dock where all boats on the Upper lake may land and from which freight may be shipped or received without paying any charge whatsoever. This is the only condition imposed by Mr. Worden in the execution and aside from this he asks no remuneration for the use of the property.

The wharf will be built at once and will be a short distance above the present boat house. It seems that there has been considerable dissatisfaction in regard to the management of the Upper lake water front. All of the land heretofore used as a landing is owned by the Buena Vista people and has been leased to Capt. Totten, who in turn charged fees for permitting parties to land with boats, launches and scows, and also placed a tax upon all freight that passed across his holdings.

The Long Lake company, which is one of the largest shippers of lumber, found it a rather heavy drain to pay the tax required and began to cast about for another landing with the result of securing the very liberal lease from Mr. Worden.

In speaking of the matter Major Worden said, "It is my opinion that the traffic on the Upper lake is not sufficient to justify a tax upon all freight. There are also a number of parties who have small launches and they cannot afford to pay a monthly tax of a few dollars for the landing privileges. The landing I have leased to the Long Lake company will be open to the public and any one of the steamers or launches will have the privilege of loading and discharging freight. The launches can make it their landing point without having to pay."

Manager W. O. Huson, of the Lumber company, is well pleased with the lease his company has secured and he will at once begin work on the dock so that it will be ready for use in a very short time.

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