

### TO RIVAL HARRIMAN.

#### Weyerhaeuser to Have Pine Lodge in Klamath.

J. W. Alexander, of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company, and J. F. Kimball, the local representative of the company, returned this week from the timber in the vicinity of Aspen Lake, where they have been looking over the company's property and also superintending the sowing of several hundred pounds of wild rice on the marshes surrounding Aspen Lake.

The Weyerhaeuser Company owns over 200,000 acres of timber lands in the vicinity of the Upper Lake. They also own the entire lake bed of Aspen Lake which is about six miles long and from a mile to a mile and a half wide, and also the land lying on the west side of the lake.

Aspen Lake is one of the best duck and geese grounds in the upper country and it is the purpose of the company in having the marshes of the lake sown to wild rice, to get it in readiness for the establishment of a hunting lodge next season. It is believed that this is the first step in the building of a private resort that will equal if not surpass Mr. Harriman's famous Pelican Bay home.

One of the best timber belts in Klamath county lies just west of the Upper Lake. This vast territory is dotted with small lakes surrounded by mountains covered with green forests of towering pines. One of the prettiest of these is Aspen Lake. Here millions of ducks and geese make their home in the early fall, and in the surrounding mountains the deer, bear, and other wild game abound, making it an ideal place for a hunting lodge and resort.

As the lake is in private ownership it has never been hunted out and the game is very plentiful and it will be kept so by the planting of wild rice and other feed. The lodge will be established for the use and accommodation of the members of the Weyerhaeuser Company. This Company, which is headed by Frederick Weyerhaeuser, the timber king of the world, is composed of about thirty prominent capitalists, including some of the wealthiest men in the United States.

Under ordinary circumstances this announcement would be received with but passing consideration, for the reason that it is well known the Weyerhaeusers own much timber land in this county and the improvement of one small piece thereof is but of small importance. But this announcement has more than ordinary significance. It means the beginning, or rather the continuation, of what is to be the development of Klamath County as a resort for the wealthy citizens of America. Mr. Harriman was the first, Mr. Weyerhaeuser is the second and soon it will be of almost weekly occurrence to hear of others following in their footsteps.

Nowhere in the United States are to be found conditions so ideal as they are in Klamath and this fact is rapidly being recognized by the men of means who are seeking places for recreation. This entrance of Mr. Weyerhaeuser emphasizes the necessity for the construction of the Klamath Falls-Crater Lake-Medford highway. With its completion Klamath county will take its place in the front rank of the resort sections of the American continent, which means that within a few years will be repeated the history of Florida and California.

### BIG HUCKLEBERRY CROP.

It is estimated that there were 40,000 gallons of huckleberries picked this season at Huckleberry Mountain, according to W. F. Arant, who is in the city. This does not represent over half of the berries gathered in Klamath County this year as fully that amount was secured from the Lake of the Woods country.

Huckleberry Mountain is located on the Cascade Forest Reserve just west of the Crater Lake Park line. It is one of the ideal camping spots of this section. There are myriads of springs and streams gushing from the mountain sides and there has been plenty of grass a foot and a half high for feeding the horses. The wide spreading trees afford shade by day and protection by night. It is estimated that fully 500 families camped at Huckleberry Mountain this fall.

After the first frost a person riding through the berry bushes would leave a trail of berries which were brushed off by the stirrups, they were so plentiful. This has been the banner year for huckleberries in Klamath County. Not half of the berries were gathered. There were fully a thousand acres literally black with the luscious berry, but even the army of people who visited that section could not more than half cover the ground.

It is probable that by next year at least a trail will be built up the mountain. The ground is well timbered but is open as there is very little underbrush except the berry bushes. The Forest Service have been pursuing a policy of road building through the reserves and an effort will be made to have them open up a trail, which can be improved and broadened by parties interested in visiting this section.

### MAY OPEN ART STORE.

Chas. R. Miller, an expert photographer of McCloud, California, who has been in the city for the past week, secured some very fine views of Klamath Falls and vicinity, among which is a panoramic view of Klamath Falls four feet long by one foot wide. The view was taken from the top of the hill on the Keno road and shows the city in every detail from the west side to the Hot Springs. Mr. Miller has done considerable special work for the Southern Pacific company and one of the panoramas will go to Wm. McMurray, General Passenger Agent at Portland.

Mr. Miller is recognized as one of the best scenic photographers on the coast and his line of Shasta views are the best ever taken. He states that he will return here in the spring and spend the entire summer here getting views of the country. On his return to McCloud, he says he is going to try and dispose of his property and studio and if successful he will move to Klamath Falls permanently and open up a modern art store with picture framing, etc.

He is very much impressed with the Klamath country and is anxious to return next year so as to get a complete line of views of this section. He was out east of the city this morning and got a view showing the Upper and Lower lakes, the river, Mt. Shasta, and Klamath Falls in the foreground. It is probable that he will purchase some residence property before he leaves and if he locates in the spring will buy business property for a store building.

### SHOT AN INDIAN.

Dave Alexander was arrested Wednesday by Sheriff Barnes for shooting an Indian named "Burnside." The Indian was shot in the hand by a 12-gauge shotgun. The shell was loaded with No. 6 shot and practically tore a hole through the palm of the hand.

Old man Alexander has long been a source of great annoyance and trouble to the city police. He has a shack near the O. K. Barn and it is said that he is continually causing trouble with a bunch of Indians which he allows to hang out there. The marshal has been called there a dozen times in the last week, but by the time he arrived the trouble would be over and he would find the Indians and Alexander cooking dinner. It is also alleged that Alexander furnished the Indians with whiskey and that is how the rows would start.

Wednesday morning Alexander complained to Deputy Sheriff Schallack that Polly, a squaw, had stolen his horse. Later Polly wanted Alexander arrested as she claimed he had stolen all her things. The Marshal had had enough trouble with the outfit and refused to do anything unless she got a warrant. Apparently the Indians went back to the shack for shortly after two word was sent to the sheriff that they were having trouble. Marshal Low and Policeman Terlings had just started in that direction, and before they arrived with the sheriff, they met Burnside coming with his hand nearly shot off. He was taken to Dr. Hamilton's office and Alexander was placed in the county jail.

It is hoped that some disposition will be made of Alexander that will rid the town of him for some time. He has been ordered to leave town many times in the past but always turns up again after a short absence. He has been arrested and placed in jail but would have to be let go as he was only an expense to the city. This time it is believed the officials will be able to send him to the pen.

### HEAVY SNOW FALL.

Superintendent W. F. Arant of the Crater Lake National Park, who is in the city for a few days, states that there were sixteen inches of snow at the lake on Friday. The snow melted considerably on Saturday but since then it has turned cold and there was a heavy snow last night.

Mr. Arant estimates that there were over 5000 visitors to the Lake during the season, which commenced about the 8th of July. Books were kept in which the visitors were registered. They secured over 4000 names but there was a large number of people who went through the park to the lake who failed to register.

August is the best time to visit the park and lake and during that month the tourists numbered over 2400. This has been the biggest year yet for tourists to Crater Lake, but it is predicted that next year there will be double the number of visitors. The roads through the park are in excellent shape and the only difficulty experienced by automobiles and the teams is a four mile strip of road where it leaves the boundaries of the park coming toward Fort Klamath. There are a good many stumps in this piece of road and it makes it rather dangerous especially for automobiles.

Mr. Arant will return in a few days and the park will be closed the latter part of this month. It is necessary to take up all the bridge plankings during the winter as the lumber would be broken up by the heavy snows.

### YADEN WINS CONTEST.

C. F. Stone, attorney for J. L. Yaden, received information from Washington Tuesday that the contest of J. L. Buell vs. J. L. Yaden, involving the N.E. 1/4 of Section 3, Township 35 S. of Range 15 E., W.M., the homestead of Mr. Yaden, had finally been decided in favor of Mr. Yaden by the Secretary of the Interior.

This was a case of more than ordinary importance, owing to the contention of the homestead claimant that if he had been absent from the land part of the time such absence was excusable for the reason that he, Mr. Yaden, was a mail contractor.

The evidence in the case was taken before George Chastain, County Clerk on August 9, 1907, the Register and Receiver at Lakeview rendered their decision October 27, 1907 recommending that the contest be dismissed. The Commissioner of the General Land Office reversed the decision of the Register and Receiver and decided that the entry should be cancelled. An appeal was taken to the Secretary of the Interior, and Mr. Yaden will be permitted to carry his homestead to patent.

A jury system must tend to failure if the intelligent and honest men of the community regard the service as a burden that they evade by excuses, and leave for selection only the unintelligent and those subject to venal motives.—Wm. H. Taft.

### IS HIS NAME STICKELS?

#### Letters to Sheriff Barnes State-Other-wise.

The following letters were received by Sheriff W. B. Barnes in reference to Jay Stickle's trial is now in the county jail awaiting trial on a charge of horse stealing:

Eugene, Ore., Oct. 14th, 1908.  
Mr. W. B. Barnes, Sheriff,  
Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Dear Sir:—It appears by the Portland Oregonian and the Evening Telegram that you have under arrest in your county a man by the name of Jay Stickle's for horse stealing. Now what I wish to write you is that this man's name is not Jay Stickle's as given, but is one Edwin Casteel. I have been acquainted with this family nearly all of my life but have not seen this particular party for at least the past eight or nine years. About that time he got into trouble with his uncle or some near relative by the name of Chas. Frisbee by forging a note on Mr. Frisbee for the payment of a horse and upon detection skipped the country and has not been back here since. He was at this time only a boy and little had been thought of the matter since until the happening of this offense which has been given so wide a publication. We have received information at various times that he had assumed this name and was in Southern Oregon but thought probably he was on his good behavior and consequently took very little notice of the matter.

I have in Hoquiam, Washington, a brother by the name of Jay Stickle's who used to be at this place and I have a very large acquaintance here and in all due credit to him and to the respectable family from which he comes I wish to make this matter known to you, being that he is not here to protect himself and hope that you will give this as wide publication as possible.

Furthermore I wish to say that the family from which Edwin Casteel, alias Jay Stickle's comes, is a highly respected family he being the only black sheep. They live during the winter in Eugene for the benefit of the schools and near Saguaw, Ore., during the rest of the time. His brother Calvin Casteel is a graduate of the State University of this state and holds a good position with the Government having charge of a large crew of civil engineers somewhere in the state of Washington. He has three sisters and one brother attending schools here now.

I am filling the position of Deputy County Clerk of this County and while I feel the weight of this matter to his people, in all due respect to my own family and brother I would greatly appreciate any publicity you might give in this case. Thanking you in advance and hoping that I might hear something from you, I am

Yours respectfully,  
FRED G. STICKELS.

Eugene, Ore., Oct. 14th, 1908.  
Mr. W. B. Barnes, Sheriff,  
Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Dear Sir:—I have read information that you have under arrest in your county a party who gives his name as Jay Stickle's. The charge being horse stealing. It is my belief that this is only an assumed name his correct name being Edwin Casteel. While I have known the Stickle's family for the past twenty years I have no information of any of them ever being in any such trouble and do not believe that any member of the family is in that part of the country.

Now Mr. Barnes if it is possible for you to gain any knowledge from this person in regard to his true name it will be greatly appreciated by myself and by my family. Furthermore I believe that if it is necessary some member of the family will come down to prove his identity.

Awaiting your reply so that I might gain some definite knowledge regarding this matter I am

Yours respectfully,  
HARRY L. BOWN,  
Sheriff.

### BONANZA BULLETIN ITEMS.

Miss Ruby Nichols left Sunday for Bly, where she has charge of the school this winter.

Quite a number of loads of wheat have been unloaded at the Bonanza flour mills and grinding will probably commence by the first of the week.

A. J. Edwards and family arrived in the city Thursday from their home near Astoria. Mr. Edwards was appointed by the conference to fill the vacancy of the Methodist pulpit of this place.

R. J. Sheets and J. A. Hough arrived Monday from Klamath Falls and are now busily engaged in putting the machinery together in the sub-station of the Moore Bros. light and power plant.

As the Bonanza school has increased in the number of pupils since the opening of school on September 21, Mrs. C. G. Lambert has been engaged to take charge of the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades and commenced her work Monday.

### COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

The Peddler's License was the first matter taken up by the City Council at its meeting Monday night. There was some objection that the license as provided was too high. Councilman Crisler, who introduced the ordinance, moved that it be laid on the table indefinitely. This was done but was later "raised" by a vote of the Council. The Mayor then referred the ordinance to the Judiciary Committee for revision.

A new road tax ordinance was then introduced and an emergency was declared and it was placed on its final passage and passed by a unanimous vote of the Council.

The matter of the Street Car franchise was again brought up, and the Mayor referred it to the street committee who were instructed to consult with Mr. Drake, the attorney for the company, and make certain changes in the franchise.

A petition was received asking for the construction of a cross walk on the east side of Fourth street across Main. The petition was granted and the walk ordered built.

An ordinance was then introduced and passed approving the survey of the city engineer for the extension of Sixth street to connect with the county road. The Council then appointed A. Casteel, of the First Ward, Fred Melhase of the Second Ward, and W. T. Shive of the Third Ward viewers of the property.

There was passed a new road tax ordinance repealing other ordinances in conflict. There was some difficulty in collecting the tax under the former ordinance as it did not provide for working out the tax and there was no penalty attached for refusal. The new ordinance embodies both of these points and went into effect upon its passage last evening.

All the money received from this tax is to go into what is to be known as the Street and Sewer Improvement Fund, and is to be used in building cross walks, improving the streets and sewers. This street improvement has become quite necessary and as there was no money in the treasury that could be used the Council hit upon this plan to raise money. It is believed that over \$1000 can be raised annually by this means and with judicious use it will be sufficient to keep the streets in good condition.

The tax is three dollars per annum and will be collected by the City Marshal from all able bodied men between the ages of 21 and 50 years, not otherwise exempted from road tax. The tax can be worked out on the streets at the rate of \$1.50 a day. On refusal to pay the tax in cash or labor a penalty is attached of two days in the city jail.

### LOOSLEY ELECTED BUSINESS MANAGER.

At a meeting of the Junior class of the University of Oregon at Eugene, Oliver B. Huston, of Portland, was elected editor-in-chief of the Junior Annual, the college year book known as the University of Oregon Beaver. Cary B. Loosley, of Klamath Falls, was chosen business manager of the publication. It is the intention of the present Junior class to chronicle in it all the happenings of the year. A copy of the Beaver will be sent to every high school and preparatory school in the state in order that any seniors considering entering a university may see what the University of Oregon is and represents. The annual, though very largely original, will be made like the annual of some of the larger colleges and will be a permanent memorial to the university.

Loosley is a son of G. W. Loosley, a Klamath County rancher, and is well known as a basket ball player. He played center on the team in 1905 and again in 1907 and has been elected captain of the team for this year. He is also the yell leader of the rooters' club. His major subject is electrical engineering.

### SPLENDID BUSINESS.

The merchants of Klamath Falls report doing the best business during the week just closed of any week for years. This announcement comes as somewhat of a surprise considering the condition of the weather during the latter part of the week.

A reporter who visited the greater number of the merchants Saturday found the stores looking as if they had just gone through a holiday sale. One merchant remarked: "We have been so busy that we simply haven't had time to straighten up our stock. We have done a fine business this week." This condition was found to prevail in every store visited and the expressions were practically identical. The hotels and lodging houses have been overcrowded and there has been a large number of visitors from the country. Nearly all of these took advantage of the occasion to do their fall shopping with the result that business has been lively for the merchants.

### BIG IRRIGATION PROJECT.

M. D. Williams has accepted a position with the Valley Land Company on a big irrigation project in Lake county, and he left for Lakeview the first of the week. R. J. Martin, president of the Company has arrived in Lakeview to remain until the reservoirs are under construction. This company is the successor to the Oregon and California Land Company, and in addition it has acquired the Drews Valley reservoir site, owned by the Hewitt Land Company.

Mr. Martin's first work will be to test the subsoil of the Drews Valley and Cottonwood dam sites, to determine the depth to which the foundations for the dam must be laid. This depth depends upon the character of the subsoils. The foundations must be laid below the porous soils. Next will come the surveying to prepare the plans and specifications for the dam and the canal system. Winter quarters will be erected immediately and men will be set to work.

The Cottonwood dam will be seventy-five feet, and the Drews Valley dam fifty feet above the present surface of the ground.

The company intends to put 60,000 acres on the west side of Goose Lake Valley under irrigation, and it is stated that they may decide to increase the height of the dams and the capacity of the canals.

The company has about 300,000 acres of land in Lake, Klamath and Harney counties, which it proposes to sell under the contract and auction bid scheme recently tried out so successfully in the San Luis Valley in Colorado. Mr. Martin says the company has sold about 5,000 contracts, and that the opening will be held next August or September. Water for irrigation on the 60,000 acres in Goose Lake Valley will be available by 1910.

### SEVENTY-THREE CARS OF CATTLE IN FOUR DAYS.

Mt. Hebron is certainly a shipping point. F. A. Fitzpatrick, superintendent of the ZX ranch in Lake County, on Friday and Saturday of last week, dispatched 57 cars of cattle to the Hagan ranch, near Bakersfield. This shipment required two special trains. This, with 14 cars shipped Sunday and two Monday makes 73 cars in four days. The activity in cattle shipments together with the freight consignments for the Bonanza and Merrill districts, gives Mt. Hebron the appearance of an important distributing center. Cowboys and freighters also add their quota to the general activity.—Dorris Booster.

### CONVENTION OF SCHOOL BOARDS OF THE COUNTY.

The Klamath County Teachers Institute will begin a three days session on Thursday. It will be one of the greatest institutes ever held in the county. This is the first convention of this kind held in the county and promises to be a very instructive meeting. State Superintendent Ackerman will be present and will have something of particular interest to say to the directors. Superintendent Swan is making an effort to get the school boards to take more interest in the efforts being put forth by the teachers and thus enable all to work in harmony for the advancement of education in Klamath County.

### KLAMATH'S CLIMATE.

#### Official Statistics for the Past Twenty-two Years.

The following letter received from a subscriber in Oakland, California, is just a sample of some of the deliberate falsehoods told about conditions in Klamath County, which do not come alone from people on the outside but in many instances from knockers in Klamath Falls:

"Dear Sir:—I would be very much indebted to you, and would be willing to pay for it, if you would send me the official weather record of Klamath Falls for the past 15 years. I overheard a man the other day in a store tell one of the clerks that he saw it 40 degrees below zero and also everything freeze up in June, killing all vegetables. I am interested in Klamath Falls and would like to get cold facts. Thanking you, I remain

Yours,  
F. E. SILVA,  
Oakland, Calif.

According to the official weather reports during the past twenty years, the absolute minimum temperature is recorded as being below zero but seven times. The months are as follows:

- January, 1886, minus 4 deg.
- February, 1887, minus 1 deg.
- January, 1888, minus 24 deg.
- January, 1901, minus 6 deg.
- February, 1901, minus 6 deg.
- January, 1902, minus 5 deg.
- February, 1903, minus 6 deg.

In 1905 and 1906 the temperature reached zero, and in 1907 the lowest was 5 deg. above and the coldest weather in 1908 was in February when it reached 9 deg. above. In 1888 there was a general storm throughout the entire coast and it was the coldest winter known. The thermometer went down to 14 deg. below.

Engineer W. H. Helleman, who has charge of the maintenance department of the Reclamation Service, has compiled a record of the temperature and rainfall and has made many observations on the conditions here since the Reclamation Service first commenced work. He states that there are no extremes to the weather conditions and that the cold weather is very uniform without any sudden changes. If there was a change in the temperature in this section of four degrees during the early summer there would be no damage done to the crops, and it is Mr. Helleman's opinion that with the settlement of the country and planting of shade trees and the use of more water for irrigation, it will tend to raise the temperature sufficiently to insure safety from late frosts. The climatic conditions have been changing considerable as the country settles up and the winters are getting much warmer. It will be noticed that the temperature has not been below zero in five years and in the last two years it has only reached 3 above.

### AGRICULTURAL EXHIBIT.

Many new additions have been made to the agricultural exhibit in the Jennings building, and the display, considering the adverse conditions during the past summer, is a credit to this county. The awards of premiums will be made the latter part of the week.

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