

Lake Labish Will Soon Be Ready for Farmers

IMMENSE PROJECT IS BEING RAPIDLY DRAINED

Beavers Are Forced From Their Homes as Water Is Being Taken Off to Expose Rich Land.

HOLLANDERS WILL SETTLE ON TRACTS AT AN EARLY DATE

Intensified Farming Will Be Carried On and Heavy Crops Will Be Raised, It Is Believed.

Right on the apex of the great wave of land development and agricultural spirit, which is sweeping the country in the Willamette valley at the present time, there is work being carried on, under the very noses of the people of Salem, so to speak, which is the greatest in extent that has ever been recorded in the history of Marion county.

Fortunes in Lake Labish. Today Lake Labish is merely a great bed of decayed vegetation, swamp ash and weed-growth. Within the next year and a half, declares the promoter, the same land will be worth not less than \$600 per acre.

Mr. Hayes is not carrying out this drainage project for speculative purposes. His attention was attracted to the lake by a Portlander who had one time visited the place, and then there Mr. Hayes decided to drain the lake, clear the land and immediately drew up plans for a model farm which he intends to perfect to the extent that there will be no equal outside of the great Vanderbilt plant in South Carolina.

The Capital Journal writer made a day's inspection of the Lake Labish territory recently and what he saw, and could judge from his limited experience and knowledge in land culture, Mr. Hayes has shown rare judgment in selecting that part of this county for his model farm. In fact, this proposed farm, when in shape for cultivation, will raise anything that any other land in the world is capable of.

At the present time the 1000 acres belonging to Mr. Hayes, and at least 2000 acres more owned by other parties, are practically useless, owing to the natural morass nature of the territory, both in and surrounding the lake. One piece, however, has been drained by Mr. Hayes and here is where the unlimited possibilities before those holding the beaver-dam land can be readily seen.

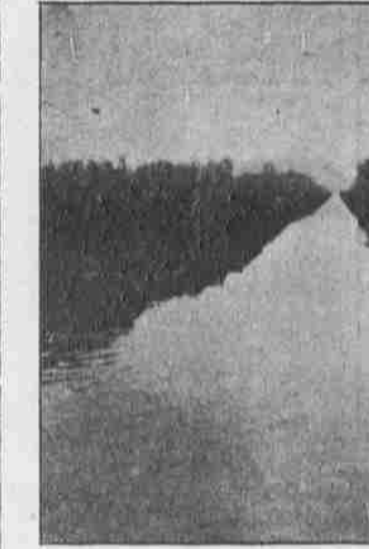
soil, for every purpose under the sun none excepted. It is a well-known fact that beaver-dam soil is specially adapted for raising vegetables of every class. As a celery farm, this land will be worth not less than \$1000 an acre, according to the best information at hand.

Grand Location. Probably there never was a piece of land in Oregon so favorably located as that being improved by Mr. Hayes. It is behind an almost solid barrier of trees on the south, east and the west. The entire 1000 acres are protected from the winds and, due to its being in a pocket under the hills, storms will not affect the proposed farms in the least.

Within four miles of the tract a railroad runs and, providing no unforeseen stumbling block is encountered, this line will construct a branch to the lake within a comparatively short time. The roads leading to Lake Labish are being improved and, with Mr. Hayes' aid, they will be placed in first-class condition for travel.

The Drainage Work. Under the very able direction and supervision of L. O. Herrold, the well-known local contractor and business man, the work of draining Mr. Hayes' property is being speedily completed. Mr. Hayes made a very commendable selection for a man to conduct the work in the person of Mr. Herrold, as he is not only a clever engineer, but is a business man in every sense of the word.

Mr. Herrold supervised the purchase, construction and transportation of a giant dredge. This human-like contrivance was assembled in this city and



A Six-Mile Canal Completed.

shipped to the nearest point to the Hayes property on the Little Pudding river. From there it was floated to the utmost southern limits of the Hayes holdings and started to work. Great difficulty was experienced in getting the dredge down the Little Pudding, owing to the vast amount of brush and logs collected in the small stream and the barriers constructed by the beaver which infest the lake.

Is Great Canal. After the giant shovel had worked for about five months, over six miles of canal twenty feet wide and ten feet deep, took shape down through the morass. As the result of this waterway, the Little Pudding river dropped three feet, the adjacent swamp land poured forth thousands of little rivulets and the beaver lost many a home wherein they have been wont to dwell ever since Lake Labish has been in existence. The canal is gradually becoming

turned when working his way down the morass, as can be attested by the six miles of ditch shown in the accompanying cut. This canal is built permanently and will defy the seeping rains and the wind for time to come. It is slightly as well as useful and the manager of the work intends to make the canal correspond from one end of the tract to the other, a distance of more than seven miles.



Giant Dredge in Action.

ing shallower as the dredge eats its way to the north end of the 1000 acres and within another month the big ditch will have been completed and Mr. Herrold's work will result in Lake Labish "going dry" within a very short space of time.

There are thousands of beaver, otter, coon, mink and other swamp animals in Lake Labish and Mr. Herrold is compelled to keep a diligent lookout in order to keep his canal open, as the little laborers, when not molested, will dam up the ditch in a night in such a manner that the entire surrounding country will be flooded.

Does Work Well. Mr. Herrold left no stick or shrub un-

peas, etc., will have a domain all to themselves and in another section, thoroughbred cattle, hogs, sheep, goats, cattle and horses will hold forth. Mr. Hayes intends to establish a model dairy barn and raise nothing but the very best class of cattle; erect one of the finest hog yards and pens and breed only the finest of hogs; import sheep and goats of the very finest and confine the horse department to the breeding and raising of the best thoroughbred draft and buggy animals possible.

Under Mr. Hayes' diversified farming plan, there will be room for at least 20 more families on the 1000-acre farm. Each farmer, however, will be required to conduct his or her share of the work along the lines laid down by the manager or managers of the model farm and it will be incumbent upon them to, if possible, defeat the world in the raising of their respective farm produce.

So far as known to the Capital Journal, there is not a farm in the United States outside of the Vanderbilt plant likened to the one which Mr. Hayes is planning. Mr. Hayes has adopted one of the most progressive and up-to-date plans known to the present generation for gaining honors, as the farm which he purposes to establish will draw the attention of every person in the world in the event he carries out his program and, as a matter that Marion county folk should sit up and take sincere notice of, the people of Oregon will look upon Marion county as being the possessor of one of the finest farms, the greatest climate and the most encouraging prospects of any state west of the Rocky mountains.

History Attached to Lake. Not only is Mr. Hayes being made the benefited one by reason of his activities in the interest of the drainage system, but there are others also who are enjoying the fruits of the promoter's industry. Among those holding lands in the vicinity of Mr. Hayes' drainage ditch are: M. L. Jones, 300 acres; Sam Jones, 200 acres; J. G. Vogt, 300 acres; William P. Lord, Jr., 110 acres; Frank Zelinsky, 25 acres; Mr. Peterson, 25 acres; W. P. Williamson, 12 acres; W. Riley, 8 acres; the Moisan estate, 50 acres, and the Bolter estate, 37 acres.

Although the main canal will not entirely drain the big tract, it will require but comparatively little work to complete the entire drainage system. Smaller canals made by plows and hand work will suffice in the vicinity of the main ditch and, according to Mr. Herrold, the 1000 acres will undergo a wonderful transformation when this work will have been completed.

The clearing the great tract will be practically easy. There are many swamp ash trees to be grubbed, but that work will be of no moment for the reason the roots are embedded lightly and the soil is so pliable that they can be pulled up without much trouble. The willows, morass weeds and other growths can be collected and burned at a slight expense when the water has been drained from the soil.

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Names Lake. The Wattiers were French-Indians and they named the extensive swamp Lake Labish, their native language for "the land of Elk." Fifty years ago Lake Labish was swarming with elk and numerous other game, both large and small.

Until Mr. Hayes appeared in this county, the Wattiers still possessed exclusive right to the flow of water in the Little Pudding, but upon being offered \$25,000 for their riparian ownership, they gave up their holdings to Mr. Hayes.

Despite the fact that the mills along the Big Pudding river were constructed over 60 years ago, they are still in fair condition. A historic settlement was established by the Wattier family in the pioneer days which will now give way to a Twentieth century agricultural and stock plant.

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THE POSSIBILITIES OF IMMIGRATION

By the Late A. F. Hofer.

One of the most important problems before the people of Oregon at this particular time is to anticipate the effects of the opening of the Panama Canal and to secure the best possible results from the standpoint of immigration.

Oregon is one of the most sparsely populated states in the Union and has more good lands still to be occupied and made to produce wealth than any other state. Whereas New York and Pennsylvania combined have less area than our state, they outstrip us in point of numbers by twenty-five to one.

Their lands are no longer fertile as ours, and the average of waste land is fully as great as that of Oregon. These facts must make it apparent to the most casual observer that Oregon's greatest need is more people.

If we are to judge by the experience of Atlantic Coast state, the direct steamship communication which will follow the opening of the Canal will bring to this Coast immigrants by the tens of thousands. It is also the experience of the Eastern states that a large percentage of these is not of the most desirable class.

Too many of them flock to the already congested sections, nor are they competent to go onto land and become producers. We do not want our Western cities overrun with more undesirable. We do want our vast areas of vacant lands settled with thrifty producers.

It is therefore believed that in order to discourage the less desirable immigration and to encourage that which is needed, a campaign of education should be started at once by our state among the better class of Europeans who can be induced to come here, and not only improve their own condition, but become developers of our latent resources and producers of wealth for themselves and the commonwealth.

In order to do this and compete successfully with other parts of the world such as South American countries, South Africa and Asiatic regions, it will be necessary for the Pacific Coast to place attractive and truthful information before the desirable people of over-crowded Europe in their own language and by co-operation with our foreign representatives. The other Coast states are already active in this work, and Oregon should no longer lag in the race for population and development.

The commercial organizations of Oregon have expended vast sums of money for the settlement and development of our state, but they cannot be asked or expected to assume this new burden, and the only hope Oregon has to keep pace with her neighbors will be for the state to provide funds to do the work.

The details of just how this work should be done have been studied by the Board of Immigration, and while no definite plan has been outlined or proposed, they feel confident that some of the most effective results can be obtained by such an undertaking with a very reasonable expenditure of money.

One of the original Mona Lisa pictures has been found.

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Beared without schooling, beaten by a step-father who hated him and finally driven from his home on a ranch in Elbert County, Colorado, when 12 years old, he was told to make his own living.

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SANTA CLAUS FINDS STOCKINGS ARE FILLED

Open-Work Affairs Give Owners Away and So He May Decide Not to Call This Year as Usual.

THIN, PLAIN, BLACK STOCKING IS ALL RAGE AT THIS TIME

Tango and Split Skirts Demand That Much More Attention Be Paid to Pedal Extremities.

BY MARGARET MASON. (Written for the United Press.)

Since open work dressing has come into style Old Santa Claus feels that he must quit. The females all fill their stockings as well. He sees he's not needed a bit.

New York, Dec. 20.—Speaking of Christmas stockings the showing for the holidays is enough to turn a head—masculine as well as feminine and often one good turn deserves another. There seems to be a regular understanding that hoisery must live up to the diaphanous texture of the rest of the toilette and this is certainly going some. Yea verily our Puritan Forefathers could but see the guazy, gaudy and gorgeous covering on 1913 models would them aptly limbs of Satan. Such riots of embroidery and color, such ornate insets of lace were never seen before.

As always the thin plain black stocking is ever and everywhere in the best of taste, and only nowadays its thinness has positively reached the last stages of emaciation. If you are wearing the new cloth topped boots your hoisery must carry out or rather up the color theme of the cloth top to be it taupe, tan, gray or the more distinctive shades that match up your entire street costume. Of course your hoisery and slippers must match up your evening gown and the more elaborately embroidered and the more brightly dyed they are the more chic you are. Only with smart gowns of black velvet or silk are black stockings and slippers used for evening wear and even then the hoisery is richly inset with medallions or strips of fine lace.

There has been a mighty effort on foot to revive the plaid stocking of yester-year but in spite of the craze for plaid touches in her frocks fair woman has frowned on the Hoot Mon hoisery as well as upon the freaky laced stocking which has met the contempt which it deserves.

The tango as well as the slit skirts demand that much more care and attention as well as expense must be expended upon the pedal extremities today and tonight than ever before and apropos of the tango the laced slipper or othurn which is the last stop in chic evening footgear has created a new Xmas gift to tax poor Percy's purse. For rhinestone othurns alides and buckles are among the newest and most attractive holiday gifts for the swain to lay at his ladies' feet.

Time was when the correct gifts for the lover to offer his adored one at the merry Yule Tide were flowers, fruits or bonbons with perhaps a book, a lace mouchoir or a box of gloves if his ardor were intense. Now he is expected to come through with either a cigarette case, a walking stick or a monocle. How times and women have changed indeed.

It is safe to hazard however that more of the tango slipper sets will be presented this Xmas than any other gift and the Christmas countess are ashine with them ranging in design and materials from rhinestones set in silveroid at \$5 a set to silver and gold and platinum mountings incrustured with semi-precious or precious stones costing up through two or three figures.

The strings of Chinese beads and new jeweled hair combs and hairpins, wrist watches and tiny enameled boxes for the ubiquitous beauty patch are among the new fashions in Xmas gifts while for the male a marvelous new walking stick which carries in its slender insides the werewithal to turn itself into a three-legged picnic seat, a quaint old monk's teapot and a monk's hooded lamp of dull metal that conceal bottles, flat watches, hexagon shaper and thin as wafers, are among the many novelties.

If you are clever with your fingers, out of brocaded moire, dull galloon and

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The Great Undrained Morass.