

WEEKLY BUDGET

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BRIEF NOTES.

Babbitt-metal for sale at this office. Wheat is turning out better than was expected.

Charles Pierrot is now at Remote, Coos county.

Mrs. M. J. Penland left last Friday for a visit to Boise City, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Halley and Mrs. Bishop are visiting relatives on Eight Mile.

Mrs. Henry Padberg is seriously ill and will probably be taken to Portland next Saturday.

One firm in Lexington has this season sold extras for harvesting machinery to the amount of \$1,000.

Mrs. Dr. Geoghegan has been pronounced out of danger and is now in a fair way to speedy recovery.

The town is rather dull just now, as the farmers are in the midst of harvesting and come in only when necessary.

Wheat of good quality and top price this season, and the prospect now is that the ruling price will be higher than last year.

After an illness of only about a week, G. W. Brians, died last Tuesday at his home near Gooseberry. He leaves a wife and six children.

All who can spare the time have either gone, or are making preparations to go to the mountains in search of grouse, trout and huckleberries.

William Penland will buy wheat this season. A shipment of sacks and twine has been received at the store for the convenience of grain growers.

Henry Parkins, formerly of Lexington, but now of Albina, came up last Saturday and returned yesterday morning. His mother went down with him.

Rasmus Larson, of lower Willow creek, was in town last week and called on the Budget. He had quite a round with the railroad company but is still in good trim.

Thomas Ward, who accompanied the remains of John Reaney to Lexington last week, left for his home at Central Friday morning in company with Frank Reaney.

Harvesters this season get three or four sacks of shattered wheat from the header boxes, where last year they got nothing. This means good wheat and plenty of it.

The famous Blythe case, involving the heirship of \$4,000,000, which has been in progress in San Francisco for the past year, has been decided in favor of Florence Blythe.

The invention of smokeless powder has been followed by a counter invention in the shape of a "smoke rocket," to be used to screen the advance of a body of troops. It has been tried with success.

Another huckleberry party, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Lead, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Benefiel, Miss Minnie Worthington, Thomas Nichols and Ray McAlister, will start for the mountains next Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Benefiel, Miss Minnie Worthington, Mrs. Dr. Lewis and Master George Lewis returned last Monday from the mountains. They didn't find the right place for many huckleberries, but found plenty of fun, freckles and yellowjackets.

The Gazette says Otis Patterson, editor of that paper, is in Portland suffering from injuries received in a railroad accident near Indianapolis. We hope he will soon be all right again. Mrs. Patterson and Dr. Swinburne went below last week to attend him.

Any one who thinks corn will not do well here should examine E. P. Sine's field just west of town. There are also some fine fields out on the hills, the area planted being larger than usual; and as more attention has been paid to it, the yield promises to be large.

Beginning with the largest in size, the area of the country's chief cities is: Chicago, 172½ square miles; Philadelphia, 129½; Washington, 72; St. Louis, 62½; New Orleans, 60; San Francisco, 42½; New York, 41; Boston, 37½; Baltimore, 32; Brooklyn, 26½, and Cincinnati, 24.

Farmers say that when the grain now being cut comes out of the thresher-spoil there will be many agreeable surprises, as it is heavy and plump, and a little straw means a lot of good wheat. It was the other way last year, and the tendency this season is to underestimate the yield.

W. H. Benefiel this morning brought in a sample of little club from his field of eighty acres, now being headed. The sample was taken from the bottom of a header box, and ought to be a fair average of the field. There are some small grains and some that are slightly shrunken, but take it right through and it is far ahead of last year's No. 1.

Dr. Lewis' cow was caught by the down train this morning and injured so badly that the fireman with his coal-cracker finished the job. Two fine heifers belonging to J. D. Ambrose were killed above here only a few days ago, and such incidents are of frequent occurrence. When the train is ditched and several persons killed, probably the company will fence the track.

N. B. Williams, of Ione, was in town last Tuesday. He reports the crop on Jordan Fork to be a good average. J. M. Hamblet's grain was threshed last week and made between thirteen and fourteen bushels to the acre. S. E. Jones started up his thresher last Monday. Wilson Bros. will commence next Monday. J. M. Keen is said to have the best crop in the neighborhood.

Mrs. Homer McFarland, formerly of this place, died at Hood River on the 1st instant, after a long illness, from consumption. She leaves a husband and two bright little children, who reside at Heppner. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Mahaffey, live at Pleasant Hill, Ohio. She had many warm friends here who learn of her death with sorrow and with sincere sympathy for Homer and the little ones.

THE FORFEITURE BILL.

Its Provisions Fully Protect the Settlers on Railroad Lands.

Below we present so much of the forfeiture bill as concerns residents of eastern Oregon. The bill is now in the hands of the conference committee and the news of its final enactment is liable to come at any moment. It will be observed that in Section 3 all settlers on railroad lands who have exhausted their rights and have not written permission from the company would be shut out were it not for the words, "or where persons may have settled said lands with bona fide intent to secure title thereto by purchase from the state or corporation when earned by compliance with the conditions or requirements of the granting acts of congress." The bill was originally drawn without these words, but Hon. Binger Hermann, always alert to the interest of the settler, introduced them as an amendment, and through his efforts they were inserted. Indeed, the passage through the house of the act itself was due largely to his able and faithful labors. As the bill now stands the settlers are fully provided for. Read it, and give due credit to the man who has proved himself, not by empty bungling but by effective work, to be the solid friend of the struggling settlers:

Be it enacted, etc., That there is hereby declared to be valid and effectual all grants of land heretofore granted to any state or to any corporation to aid in the construction of a railroad opposite to and coextensive with the portion of any such railroad not now completed, and the grants of land made by any state or corporation to any person or persons having heretofore been granted, and all such lands are declared to be a part of the public domain: Provided, That this act shall not be construed as forfeiting the right of way of any described ground, or any railroad company heretofore granted, or lands included in any city, town, or village site.

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Harvesting is finished at Virgil Moore's farm on Stage gulch. He obtained in the neighborhood of ten bushels to the acre. Other crops in that section will average about the same.

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Jerry Stanton and A. S. Kees, who are harvesting at the Kirk place on Wild Horse, cut and threshed 1,060 bushels Friday and 1,020 on the Saturday following. The yield will average thirty bushels of good grain.

The aggregate receipts of the Pendleton postoffice for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1890, were something over \$6,000, and the receipts for the last quarter were \$1,084.13. This last would indicate that the receipts for the next year will be \$8,000 or more.

Appraisers of the reservation lands have been appointed, and the department has consented that the outlying lands should first be appraised, and the allotments in severally to the Indians made afterward. This is an important advantage for the people of this and other towns and their vicinity, as it ought to insure the sale of the lands this fall. The commissioners should make as speedy a job of this as possible.

Sec. 2. That all persons who, at the date of the passage of this act, are actual settlers in good faith on any of the lands hereby forfeited and granted to the state or corporation, and claim on said lands under the homestead law within six months after the passage of this act, shall be entitled to a preference right to enter the same under the provisions of the homestead law, and the land and shall be recorded in such manner as to entitle the actual settler or occupant; and any person who has not heretofore had the benefit of the homestead or pre-emption law, or who has failed from any cause to perfect the title to a tract of land heretofore granted, held under either of said laws, may make a second or third entry under the provisions of this act. The secretary of the interior will make such rules as will secure to such actual settlers these rights.

Sec. 3. That in all cases where persons being citizens of the United States, or who have declared their intentions to become such, in accordance with the naturalization laws of the United States are in possession of any of the lands affected by any such grant and hereby made available for the use of the state or corporation, under written contract or license from the state or corporation to which such grant was made, or its assignee, executed prior to January 1, 1888, or where persons may have settled on lands granted to the state or corporation, and have made improvements thereon, and have not heretofore been granted a second title thereto by purchase from the state or corporation when earned by compliance with the conditions or requirements of the granting acts of congress, they shall be entitled to purchase the same from the United States at the rate of \$1.25 per acre, at any time within two years from the passage of this act, and on making said payment to receive patents therefor, and where no such payment is made within the time限, the right to such lands under written contract, or license as aforesaid, or his assignee, has made partial payment, to said railroad company prior to the first day of January, 1890, on account of the value of the land and from the amount of the amount of such payments shall be entitled to have the same to the extent and amount of \$1.25 per acre, if so much has been paid, and not more, credited to him on account of and as part of the purchase price hereinabove mentioned. Persons holding such lands, or such persons may elect to abandon their purchases and make claim on said lands under the homestead law and as provided in the preceding section of this act: Provided, That in all cases where parties persons, or corporations, or their assignees, are in possession of and have made improvements upon any of the lands hereby resumed and restored, and are not entitled to enter the same under the provisions of this act, such persons, or corporations, or their assignees, may remove any buildings and other improvements from said lands, and within which time they shall also be entitled to remove all buildings and other movable improvements from said lands. * * * Provided further, That nothing in this act contained herein shall be construed to limit the rights granted to purchasers or settees by "An act to provide for the adjustment of land grants made by congress to aid in the construction of railroads and for the settlement of unclaimed lands for other purposes," approved March 3, 1883, or any subsequent amending or amending act, nor as in any manner affecting any cause of action existing in favor of any purchaser against his grantor for breach of any covenants of title.

It is reliably reported that the fall and spring sown grain in the Cold Spring country is not only first-class in quality but will yield heavily.

The school house on the mountain east of Weston was burned to the ground Friday night. It is supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

The Weston brick yards are busy at work manufacturing and shipping their material. The chances are favorable for more orders than both yards can possibly fill during the season.

Freewater Herald.

A bunch of oats brought to Freewater from A. P. Woodward's ranch near Athena is five feet and a half in height and a truly superb sample.

Jerry St. Dennis, an extensive reservation farmer, has already threshed 2,800 sacks of grain, the yield and quantity being better than for ten years past.

On July 26th Mrs. John Lane left her home, seven miles northwest from Freewater, and going to a deserted cabin on an adjoining farm, deliberately saturated the building with kerosene, set fire to it, remained inside and was burned to death. Mr. Lane was in Walla Walla at the time getting some repairs for his threshing machine. Deceased was 45 years of age. No reason is assigned for her action except poor health.

Sec. 4. That no lands declared forfeited to the United States by this act shall be by reason of such forfeiture, in the benefit of any state or corporation to which lands may have been granted by congress, except as herein otherwise provided, shall be compelled to contribute to enlarge the area of land originally covered by any such grant, or to confer any right upon any state, corporation or person to lands which were excepted from such grant.

No shall the moiety of the lands granted to the state or corporation be liable to be taxed, and a branch line appertaining to uncompleted road, and hereby forfeited, within the confining limits of the grants for such main and branch lines, when but one of such lines has been completed, therefor, and the lands forfeited hereby, devolve to the benefit of the completed line, and the price of all lands affected hereby and hereby restored when in any way sold, is hereby reduced to \$1.25 per acre.

Sec. 5. That nothing in this act shall be construed to waive or release in any way any right of the United States to have any other lands granted by them, as recited in the first section, forfeited for any failure, past or future, to comply with the conditions of the act.

AMONG THE PINES.

For the BUDGET.

After a long and tedious hunt for berries we are at home, having had a nice time. We were within three miles of Camas prairie and on the breaks of the John Day. Were in sight of Hale prairie, but did not go in, for it would take all the teams in the mountains to pull an empty wagon out again. We drove back to Tab Spring and camped for the night. The owls and panthers disturbed our rest nearly all night. We then started for home. Master George Lewis is a good shot; he killed one squirrel, one grouse and many smaller birds. Mr. Benefiel came within one of killing a bear, for he saw a fresh track. Mrs. Dr. Lewis says she can't dance usually, but she can dance to the music of yellowjackets and do her own calling when George is a few feet away and yellowjackets in her hair. TRAMP.

LEXINGTON, August 5, 1890.

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