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January 1, 1908, opened with a beautiful sunrise in Grande Ronde valley and there is every reason to anticipate a reasonably prosperous year, a year with some limitations as compared with the first nine months of its immediate predecessor, but we of the great, prosperous northwest, with our unlimited resources, with our undeveloped opportunities and our broad acres of productive land, situated as we are on the shores of the Pacific, the nearest market to the orient, attracting as we are, thousands upon thousands of energetic home builders annually, will find upon balancing our books at the close of the year that our fears have been largely imaginary and that this great commonwealth will forge ahead. Our foundation is of such a solid formation that the evaporation of a few over-capitalized concerns in the east and a presidential election will only be looked upon a few months hence as a ripple and not as an impossible cascade to our progress. Financially we will have many beautiful sonnets as the weeks and months of the year pass on.

An Important Bulletin.

The United States department of agriculture recently issued a bulletin that should be in the hands of every wheat grower in the inland empire. The author of the bulletin, Byron Hunter, made a study of farm methods of tillage throughout the country to ascertain just what is being done by the best farmers in different parts of the country. The bulletin discusses the methods and merits of some five or six systems of summer following that are practiced in different parts of eastern Washington and eastern Oregon. It also discusses methods of tillage used in planting spring crops. In short, this bulletin is a wealth of information. In short, this bulletin deals with "Dry Land Farming" in the Columbia basin. This publication is Farmer's Bulletin No. 224. Its title is "Farm Practice in the Columbia Basin, Idaho." It is sent free to all who ask for it. To get it write to W. J. Sigmund, Office of Farm Management, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. It may also be had by writing to a congressman or the secretary of agriculture, Washington, D. C.

They Changed Tickets.

A woman with her son got on a train. The boy was just large enough to wear long pants. The woman had a full fare and a half-fare ticket. "That boy can't ride on half fare," said the conductor. "He wears long pants." "Well," replied the woman, "give the full fare ticket for him." Exchange.

AN OLD TIME OREGON FEUD

One of the darkest chapters in a feud which for age and bitterness is as noteworthy as any which have crimsoned the soil of Kentucky or of California was written after midnight Saturday when property worth almost \$800, belonging to the widow of Francis Bellinger and her five sons was destroyed by an incendiary. Bloodhounds were put on the trail of the perpetrator or perpetrators, but too long a time was permitted to elapse or the firebug or firebugs managed in some manner to cover their tracks, for after following them for about four miles, it is said, the keen scented brutes became uncertain in their movements and finally showed they had been baffled.

Having its inception in the Hamilton creek country almost 20 years ago, the remarkable feud leading to a long series of outrages has now practically developed into guerilla warfare. Incredible as it may seem, within 100 miles of Portland is a large mountain district where many prominent characters go armed constantly in anticipation of attack by their fellows; where men usually carry rifles when rounding up stock, visiting wood camps or attending to business calling them back into the densely wooded country or to points any distance from their homes; where men and even women sleep with revolvers under pillows or rifles or shotguns loaded with buckshot within easy reach; where the watchdog is a necessary and important possession, and where many ranch houses after night lowers their sable curtain.

The series of "incidents," as such affairs are euphoniously termed by these grim mountaineers, in whom the sense of honor is always a conspicuous trait, include shooting and cutting scrapes, the burning of barns and sawmills, the cow-hiding of men, the stock rustling, the waylaying and brutal beating of women and children, in which the wives of ranchers have also figured as aggressors; the putting of telephone wires, and other events too numerous to mention.

Leading spirits in this continual clashing have been the Bellinger boys—Jasper, Grant, "Deb," and "Sheer." Their brother, Nelson, has never taken part in any of the imbroglios and has successfully escaped becoming an object of the hatred of the enemies of his relatives. Grant Bellinger married Sarah Fitzwater, the daughter of "Old Uncle Jimmy" Fitzwater, and as a result the Fitzwaters, who are numerous and cut a good sized figure in Hamilton creek affairs, have in certain measure been drawn into the general strife.

Strange as it may seem, however, Bellinger once turned against a relative of his wife, Will Fitzwater, and induced young Jesse McKinney to try to thrash him at a dance at Lottia's sawmill, on what is called the "swale," in the Happy Home district. In descending himself, Fitzwater, then a mere boy, stabbed McKinney almost to death with a pocket knife. Although wounded and imprisoned for a short time, he was never prosecuted, despite the efforts of Bellinger, and to his day he and his brother cherish intense animosity toward the husband of their cousin.

A few months ago the aunt of Mrs. Bellinger appeared in court against her son-in-law when she was prosecuted for waylaying two daughters of W. M. Woolser, and a very beating she gave with a club while her husband told the other Mrs. Bellinger was convicted of this offense and fined, in all of costs aggregating to a large amount.

The hot feeling leading to the feud, and its origin about 20 years ago, when Grant Bellinger is said to have ridden a horse into a Methodist church in the Grande Ronde district. He was arrested and fined for this. The bitterness of feeling did not manifest itself until about a frequent times until after the death of Francis Bellinger, the father of the boys, about eight years ago.

It was about two years previous to the father's death, however, that "Deb" Bellinger was alleged to a only spot in the timber and at the point of a gun forced to remove his clothing. "Deb" South then lashed him with a blacksnake until he was barely able to stand and made him crawl to his home in his nude condition. Well, the facts are undisputed. In a remarkable illustration of the feud, the boys, about eight years ago, should be inseparable—that is, every boy should be taught to save, even before he begins to earn. The younger the start the more they will save and the better they will enjoy the fruits of saving. We encourage them in the young, knowing that it leads to independence and prosperity in middle age. Bank your savings with us, and watch them grow year by year. In this way your money will be earning money.

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—L. Irene King.

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Notices are posted to the effect that those desiring grazing permits on the Wenaha reserve must file the same with Supervisor J. M. Schmitz, of Walla Walla, before the middle of February. Blank applications can be secured at his office upon request. Fifteen thousand head of cattle and horses is the limit, and 102,000 head of sheep. Goats and mules are barred. The grazing period extends from April 1 to October 31 for horses and cattle, for which a charge of 50 cents for a cow and 40 cents for horses is made. The rate for sheep is eight cents per head from June 19 to October 10.

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