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### WINTER.

◆ Roar out thy rage, wild winter ◆  
 ◆ now! ◆  
 ◆ Pour down thy floods from ◆  
 ◆ darker clouds! ◆  
 ◆ Dash torrents down each moun- ◆  
 ◆ tain brow! ◆  
 ◆ Or wrap the hills in snowy ◆  
 ◆ shrouds! ◆  
 ◆ The fiercer thy cold blasts will ◆  
 ◆ blow ◆  
 ◆ The brighter shall our hearth ◆  
 ◆ fires glow. ◆  
 ◆ Let the biting frost at quiet ◆  
 ◆ morn ◆  
 ◆ Lay bloom upon the pallid ◆  
 ◆ cheek! ◆  
 ◆ Let where we gleaned last sum- ◆  
 ◆ mer's corn ◆  
 ◆ The northern gale its temper ◆  
 ◆ wreak! ◆  
 ◆ Beneath thy pall of gleaming ◆  
 ◆ snow ◆  
 ◆ Will sheltered next year's har- ◆  
 ◆ vest grow. ◆  
 ◆ —Andrew Franzen. ◆

There is some style about this kind of weather. This is the proper season in this country to have snow. It requires snow to make our irrigation project a success, and that irrigation project is going to work wonders in this valley. Just cut this out and a few years later you can quote your authority for remarking, "I told you so." There are always some who never grasp an opportunity until it is too late. It has been less than two years ago until a new irrigating ditch was promoted by the La Grande Investment company, and several months were required to induce a number of land owners, through whose possessions the right of way ran, to take stock. In fact, some would not. These same persons are now anxiously awaiting an opportunity to buy shares in the ditch, and from all indications will wait several years more before another opportunity presents itself. The land owner in this valley who does not take a water right when he has a chance, will always regret it later. He may not regret it until he offers his place for sale, and then he will find out to what extent the intending purchaser values water. The snowstorms will fill the reservoir—Nature always does her part—it remains for the land owner to do his.

As an experiment Umatilla county has this year not appointed district road supervisors, but in their stead one general road supervisor. There will be many counties watch the results. There is no question but what roads are one of the most unsatisfactory expenditures in county management. Necessarily so, for the reason there are so many roads, and new ones being petitioned for at nearly every term of county court, that there is never a sufficient amount of money to make all of the roads good, or, in fact, any great portion of them. It is always a case of doing the best you can with the money at hand.

The policy of the Union county court, we believe, is giving as good satisfaction as any system adopted in the state, and that is the commissioners and the county judge have subdivided the county among themselves and each personally works in conjunction with the supervisors. In this way the court keeps in touch with the needs of the county road improvement and they know about what it is costing and where needed the most.

What a future is in store for our great commonwealth. What a world-wide market we, situated as we are, on the Pacific coast, and then what wonderful resources and great area. Oregon contains nearly two and a quarter million acres more than New York, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey and Delaware put together, the total population of these states exceeding 15,000,000.

There is no question but what the weather conditions of this state are changing. Last year the Willamette valley had more winter than eastern Oregon, and this has been the case so far this winter.

### Proposed Game Laws.

The Oregon Game and Fish association put itself on record at its annual meeting as desiring certain changes in the Oregon laws for the protection of game. The alterations will be asked of the coming legislature. Resolutions were adopted asking that the duck season be limited to from September 1 to December 1, with a limit of 50 birds in any one week and no sale to markets, says a Portland paper.

It will be asked that pheasants be protected except from September 1 to December 1, and that a week's bag be fixed at 10 birds. It is desired that no female pheasants be shot at all and that no sale be permitted. Practically the same protection will be asked for quail, except with regard to the female birds.

The state will be asked to put bounties upon the scalps of preying animals of \$5 each for mountain lions, cougars, wild cats, coyotes and skunks and 5 cents on crows.

Dr. P. L. Longworthy was elected to succeed Dr. Churchman.

A. H. Lomax was elected secretary to succeed A. E. Gebhardt, who has held the office several years.

### CONTINUE COYOTE TAX.

Wallowa County Sheepmen Hope to Get Money Back From County.

Enterprise, Jan. 7.—The News-Record said yesterday:

The Wallowa County Woolgrowers' association met in the directors' room of the Wallowa National bank in this city Monday. There was a large attendance of prominent flockmasters. Hon. J. H. Dobbin and Thomas Morgan were re-elected president and secretary of the association, respectively.

An assessment of one-half cent a head on the 192,630 sheep in the county was levied to continue the \$1.50 bounty on coyote scalps. It is believed this fund will be swelled by about \$1,000 from the county, which was given by the wool men several years ago, in the expectation that the state would give a bounty. That act of the legislature was turned down and the money contributed by the Wallowa woolgrowers sent to our county court, which has since held it. The statutes provide the court may at its option give a bounty, and the present court will be asked to do so, thus returning the money to the purpose for which it was originally contributed.

The resolutions in regard to forest reserve and the tariff adopted by the state association at the Heppner meeting were endorsed with the further recommendation that all grazing land in the national forest not covered with timber be set out from the reserve.—News-Record.

### COUNTY CHORAL SOCIETY.


Music Lovers Talking of Summer Festival With 150 Chorus.

Music lovers in Enterprise are discussing plans looking to the organization of a Choral society to include singers from every part of Wallowa county, the intention being to unite the various sections into one grand chorus of at least 150 voices, in a summer music festival extending over two or three days. If the singers of the county will unite in the matter, it is proposed to engage Prof. Boyer, of Portland, who will give his undivided attention to the training of the chorus during the months of July and August. The good results of such training by a man of Prof. Boyer's exceptional ability are so apparent as to require no demonstration.

Prof. Boyer is now at work with the Portland chorus for the annual spring festival to be held in that city in March next. The chorus numbers 500 and everything points to a triumphant success.—Enterprise News-Record.

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