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LIVE STOCK SHOW.

To Be Held Here Some Time in October.

Should Be Encouraged.

It Will Be of Great Benefit to Local Stockmen and Farmers.

Tuesday night a number of the local stockmen and others held a meeting to determine whether there would be a stock show and fair held here this fall or not. The general opinion was that there would be no races, but that there would be a strong effort made to hold a stock show and agricultural fair at some time in the future that would be the most convenient for all concerned. There is considerable interest being manifested by the stockmen of the county in such a show and it is well for us to do so as all the other counties in the state are preparing for something of the kind this fall, and Crook county certainly is not so far behind her sister counties that she cannot hold a show that will be worthy of notice. We can show fine stock with any county in the state and come off winner, for the world's winners are owned in this county, then why not bring them out once a year and let the home people have a look at them and thus encourage others to try and improve the breeds now owned by them. This kind of show is good for the stockmen to get together and talk over their individual methods of handling stock and it will promote a spirit of friendly rivalry among them to outdo anything heretofore shown in the county, besides it gives each one a chance to see what his neighbor has and to make trades and buy or sell as the case may be. These shows are of great importance from numerous standpoints and should be encouraged, by not only the stockmen, but the business men of this town. They bring together an aggregation of the populace of the county and scatter a little ready money in the town, besides they will foster the stock industry and help to make the county more wealthy by improved methods of breeding and farming thus building up business. As the business of the merchants of this town depends solely on the stock and farming industries it would seem no more than just that they should support such a move liberally and no doubt they will do so. The idea of fall races was given up as not being practicable at this time and it is far better to have a stock show and fair any way for the races bring in a crowd from outside sources that is composed of undesirable characters and do more harm than good as a rule. Let us have the stock show and fair and then form a permanent organization and have something of the kind every fall and it will not be long until the benefits derived from these shows will be apparent even to the most unobserving person in the county.

More Fine Sheep.

Tuesday evening J. P. Van Houten, accompanied by E. H. Dean, arrived in Shaniko from the East

where he had gone to receive some fine sheep for the Baldwin Sheep & Land Co. Eight of these sheep are French merinos direct from France, two rams being from Gilbert, and one ram and five ewes from Si'reau, both celebrated breeders of fine merinos in the land of the frog-eaters. To fully appreciate these sheep a person should be a grower of fine breeds, though a novice can tell that in sheep lore such fine specimens belong to a royal family. Along with these French merinos were twenty rams and seventy-four ewes, the pick from the best flocks of Spanish merinos in Ohio. This new blood taken to the B. S. & L. Company's ranch, will constantly elevate their grade of sheep and there will be no danger of deterioration from in-breeding.—Shaniko Leader.

Labor Day Proclamation.

SALEM, Aug. 14.—Governor Geer celebrated his return from Crater Lake by issuing the first Labor Day proclamation ever issued in Oregon yesterday. The governor having climbed the hills of Southern Oregon, and instilled with the mountain roads and hot weather, realized, as he never did before, that labor needed a holiday. The proclamation reads as follows:

"Whereas, The legislature of Oregon has set apart the first Monday in September of each year as a legal holiday to be known as Labor Day:

"Therefore I, T. T. Geer, governor of said state, do hereby recommend, that all places of business of whatsoever kind, as far as possible, be closed on Monday, September 1, 1902, and that the day be devoted to an observance of such exercises as may contribute to a better understanding between labor and capital, the great moving forces behind modern industrial development, and it is especially urged that employers co-operate with their employes in a mutual observance of the day in such manner as will fittingly recognize the reliance which each must place upon the other before the best results from both may be expected or attained.

"In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the state to be affixed hereto. Done at the Capitol, in the city of Salem, this 13th day of August, A. D., 1902.

"T. T. GEER, Governor."

Damages from a Defective Bridge.

The county court of Linn county at last week's session offered to pay \$90 for damages sustained by Fruit & Schick by the loss of a horse that had to be shot recently as a result of going through a defective bridge on the east side of the Willamette, four or five miles northeast of Corvallis. The bill presented by the liverymen was for \$100. The matter will be amicably adjusted between the two parties in the near future. At the same session the court paid Logan Hays \$20 on account of personal injuries sustained in the same smash up.—Corvallis Times.

This should be a warning to our county court to look to some of the bridges in this county before a similar case happens here; especially the Newsom creek bridge across Crooked river.

There is urgent demand for harvest hands in Eastern Washington

A NEW RAILROAD.

The Dalles to Biggs By Fifteen Mile.

Is It a Wind Pudding?

New Company Now Organized to Build It as a Branch of the C. S.

In another column will be found a clipping from the Mountaineer, regarding the incorporation of a railroad from The Dalles to Biggs. What is to be the great gain to The Dalles from such a road is more than we can see at this time. This company has been incorporated with a capital of \$500,000, enough to build and equip an electric road from that place to Prineville. If these men had had the good of The Dalles at heart they would have organized for the purpose of building such a road, but from surface indications it would seem a scheme of the Columbia Southern to ward off any such an enterprise, as one of the incorporators is a large holder of Columbia Southern stock. The Dalles has been at one time a great distributing point for this interior country, but that time has passed never to return, unless it comes to the front with this electric proposition, or something of that nature. Besides supplying Crook county, which is a mighty empire in itself, such a road would open to The Dalles the largest part of Harney county. There would either be paid out in The Dalles, or pass through there not less than \$1,000,000 for merchandise. If this sum is not worth reaching out after then let that town sit back on its "hunkers" and see some more enterprising place reap the harvest. The JOURNAL has advocated this road early and late, and is perfectly willing to keep at it if there is any interest taken by the business men of The Dalles, but we can get an outlet to other places without having to get down on our knees to any town and that is what we will work for hereafter. Albany and Salem are after the trade of this country and they have reasonable hope of getting it in the near future. Be it understood that the sum aforementioned is not for wholesale goods, but for retail business, and we know whereof we speak, having just returned from a trip through Harney county. The sentiment of that part of the state is for an outlet to the western part of the state and they will get it at no distant day. Many of the residents of the western part of Harney county stated their intention to come to Prineville this fall for their winter supplies and if prices were right they would continue to trade with us. With cheap transportation from this place we can secure the larger part of the trade of that region and we must work to get it. A good wagon road from here to Detroit would be a great help to cheap freight rates as we can get freight delivered here at a considerable reduction over what it now costs. Even if the road does not at first meet the requirements of an all the year round road, it will be a better summer

road than the one now in use from

here to Shaniko, and the greater part of it would be level, as there are no hills until the ascent of the Cascades is reached. It has been stated on good authority that there will not have to be more than twenty-five miles of road built to reach Detroit and that the larger part of it is easy construction work. Twelve miles of the farther end of the road is practically built as the C. & E. has granted the use of its grade for the wagon road and by that reason the road will be shortened that much. This matter will be called up at the next meeting of our commissioners and there is no doubt but that they will willingly lend their aid to the proposition.

Oil Will Be Cheap.

Many of the steamboat companies and business firms of the city are seriously contemplating installing plants, for the purpose of using oil as fuel instead of wood and coal. Representatives of the oil company's have got onto this fact, and are in the city endeavoring to drum up business.

Two of them are from San Francisco representing the Associated and Union Oil Companies, while the third is a resident of Portland and is looking out for the interests of the Standard Oil Company. As a result of the competition the chances are very favorable that oil fuel will be cheap. The first two companies mentioned are looking up business locations here, and inquiring into transportation facilities.

The Standard has the best of its competitors, as it already has business quarters here and possesses its own means of transportation. It has three big tank steamers already in operation on the coast plying between San Francisco and Los Angeles. The company is now at work putting in a pipe line from the Bakersfield oil wells to the California metropolis, a distance of 275 miles, through which the fluid will be conveyed. It is therefore in a position to be able to come very nearly controlling the trade, although the representatives of the other companies do not seem to be at all discouraged with the outlook. If they can place a sufficient number of contracts here for unrefined petroleum they will make an effort to secure tank steamers which they will run north to supply the trade.—Portland Journal.

Men who are posted on hops declare that if the weather continues favorable picking will begin about two week earlier than usual this year. It is possible that picking may begin in the latter part of this month, a thing that has occurred but once in the last eleven years. It seems to be generally agreed in hop producing regions that the price paid for picking will be 40 cents per box.

The head camp of the Pacific jurisdiction of Woodmen of the World, sitting at Cripple Creek, Col., has increased the salaries of head consul from \$5000 to \$6000 and of head clerk from \$2500 to \$3000.

Another argument has been made in favor of a trip to the mountains. A man in Montana was driven thirty miles over a mountain road and cured of appendicitis.

NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There

Some Stolen, Others Not

Cullings From Our Exchanges
News Notes of the Week
Timely Topics

Several cases of smallpox are reported in the valley south of Hood River, some of the cases being quite severe.

Major Miller will send a surveying party to Alaska next Monday to make a report on the work needed on the Wrangel Narrows.

James B. Sovereign, the ex-labor leader will be a candidate for congress from Idaho, on the democratic ticket. He lives in Wallace.

Senator W. A. Clark, of Montana, has purchased the Helena Independent, the oldest morning paper in Montana, for \$125,000.

General Funston, commander of the Department of Colorado, has been operated on in Denver for fistula. His early recovery is expected.

Four companies of the Seventeenth infantry, now stationed at Fort Wright and Fort Lawton, will take station at Vancouver within a few weeks.

Cattlemen of Lake county to the number of 50, all heavily armed, moved several flocks of sheep from the ranges across the line in Klamath county.

A fire in a grain field near Colfax, Wash., destroyed thresher, wagons, detrick fork and other machinery, and 1800 bushels of wheat. Loss \$2500.

During vacation many alterations are being made at the State University at Eugene in preparation for the largely increased attendance expected for next term.

Governor Geer has appointed Dan Evans, of Ashwood, and E. G. Severson, of Greenhorn, delegates to the International Mining Congress at Butte, Mont., September 1.

The Salem city council has appropriated money for the examination of sites where water power can be developed for municipal ownership of a city light and power plant.

The steamer Senator has arrived at Port Townsend, Wash., from Nome with \$150,000 in gold. She brings news of the discovery of the old channel of Anvil Creek, which is proving very rich.

So bad has the smallpox epidemic become in Milton and Freewater that in Milton all public meetings are prohibited until the disease is stamped out. A total of about 15 persons are quarantined in both towns. The disease has gained a stronger hold than was at first anticipated, with the result that quarantine measures are being strictly enforced.

According to the Corvallis Times during the past month 437 cars have been transferred over the Corvallis & Eastern railroad between the east side and west side divisions of the Southern Pacific. Of these 211 were loaded cars and 246 were empties. Of the loaded cars, nearly all were lumber, en route from Portland and other points to California.