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VISITED BY FIRE

Harbin's Planer Burns Causing Heavy Loss.

Explosion in Furnace.

The Residences of Dr. Rosenberg and Mrs. Anderson Narrowly Escape.

Just as our forms were being closed the fire bell rang and on gaining the street the view of Ed Harbin's planing mill all ablaze met the eye. The building was almost entirely filled with shavings and other combustibles and burned like tinder. No power on earth could have saved any part of the building or contents. A new dry kiln had been built this spring and was full of lumber. A portion of the machinery in the building belonged to the C. L. Salomon estate and the shingle mill was the property of C. E. McDowell.

The firemen did noble work and by their efforts kept the fire from spreading any further. One end of the woodshed on Mrs. Anderson's property was pretty badly burned, but the fire was extinguished by the hook and ladder boys. The poplar trees around Mrs. Anderson's house were a great protection to it and every property owner in the city should have a grove all around their houses.

By strenuous efforts the dwelling of Dr. Rosenberg was saved from any serious damage. A hand hose was kept constantly playing on the roof and sides.

The fire originated from an explosion of gas in the furnace caused by a lot of fresh green shavings having just been thrown in. The loss cannot be estimated at the time of going to press. There was \$1000 insurance, which will scarcely replace the lumber in the building. The loss falls heavily on Mr. Harbin, especially at this time when there is such a large demand for building material.

Brains, Brawn and Breed.

Charley Cartwright, one of the owners of the Oregon King mine at Ashwood, was in the city yesterday. The Oregon King is in litigation, but is one of the big mines of the world. Mr. Cartwright is also one of the principal stockholders in the Baldwin Sheep & Land Company with the home ranch at Hay Creek in Crook county. There are probably few people in Oregon who know that this state has the best and biggest sheep ranch in the United States. Yet such is the fact. The Baldwin Sheep & Land Company own a strip of land running from Upper Trout Creek to the Deschutes river, nearly 30 miles. They carry 15,000 thoroughbred sheep. Merinos, Rambouillets, and other Merino types.

About a year ago this company procured from the French government 30 bucks and ewes from the government flock. This is the first and only shipment ever made from that government flock. It may also be a matter of news to know that bucks from Crook county have been sent to lead the fine herds of Ohio and Vermont. When the Coast can send sires to Vermont sheep breeders, the cli-

max has been reached. The West is hereafter to furnish the brain, the brawn and the breed.—Portland Journal.

Wool Growers' Meeting.

Chairman Belts, of the Eastern Oregon Wool Growers Association was in the city today and announced progress in the arrangements for the September meeting of the association, says the East Oregonian. He has already secured a number of able speakers and expects several others, with whom he is now in correspondence.

Congressman-elect Williamson will deliver an address, as will as Mr. C. J. Mills, of the O. R. & N. besides several other prominent speakers. The Hon. Binger Hermann has been invited to address the association on the subject of the forest reserve, and several prominent speakers from Idaho are expected. It is expected to continue the meeting for at least two days and to occupy this time with pointed addresses from the best posted men on the subjects assigned them.

The following program has been arranged:

Opening address by President Belts, of the association, covering general topics.

Address by the Hon. J. N. Williamson: "The Scalp Bounty Law."

C. J. Mills, livestock agent of the O. R. & N. railroad, "Sheep Industry; Its Past, Present and Future."

One of the Ruggs Bros.: "Feeding."

James F. Wamsley, local agent of the O. R. & N. Co.: "A Centralized Shipping Point."

About Dogs.

PRINEVILLE, OREGON.

Sept. 2, 1902.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—"The powers that be," of course, will consider me presumptuous, and far beyond the propriety of a poor plebeian, but I am impelled to mildly speak of a few—well oversights, I'll call them.

First; the decadents of some of the "Four hundred" of our city can get drunk, "Whoop it up" and make some nights hideous with their howlings, while "the people's guardians" are asleep, attending bar or dealing 21.

Second; The larger part of us have to pay a semi annual tax for the privilege of keeping a dog within the limits of the municipality, and a double tax for keeping a female canine, but some governor, bank president, or any stranger who wears good clothes, can send their "sluts" here, put them in charge of one of the "Four hundred" and pay no tax on said "sluts," and some nights by their orgies, howlings and fightings, they would put to shame a lot of drunken Prineville men.

Third; Some one, or more, not caring for the welfare, nor the anathemas, of the citizens, has piled loose sand and gravel on many cross walks of the town.

If "the powers that be" have the right to obstruct the cross walks, as they have, why not make all the side walks of loose sand, or move the town to some extensive sand bank?

KNOX HUSTON.

Rev. J. B. Lister, of Eugene, will hold a series of meetings in the Union church, beginning September 20, in the interest of the Christian church.

MENACE TO SHEEP

Valuable Deposits of Oxide of Iron Discovered

Poisonous Potassium

This Is What Has Caused Such Destruction to Sheep in Oregon.

Ex-Mayor Thomas Morgan has some valuable deposits of oxide of iron and nitrate of potash on his place near the Heppner warehouse says the Heppner Gazette. The deposits are near the city mills which adds to their value.

The deposits heretofore were supposed to be a quartz ledge, but after a careful examination by Mining Expert Thomas L. Brophy, his report shows that his deposits are as above stated. In an interview, Mr. Brophy said:

"The first place examined, I found a deposit of oxide of iron. This is very suitable for paint as it wears well and is a great protection to a building. It also has great power of resistance to fire. Judging from the contour of the mountain and the pitch and strike, I believe there is an immense amount of this substance on Mr. Morgan's property.

This carries small value in gold and will probably carry more at greater depth which would be found near the bedrock."

"The next deposit, I examined" said Mr. Brophy, "proved to be potassium stone, which is very rich. It is of a dark blue color, and is also very extensive. After the rain saturates the potassium stone, the heat of the sun calls the potassium to the surface.

"This is not harmful to horses or cattle, but proves death to sheep," continued Mr. Brophy. "Many large bands of sheep throughout eastern Oregon have been poisoned from licking potassium off the stones. Sheep are very fond of it. After finding these conditions, I asked Mr. Morgan if any sheep ever been turned in this pasture. He told me that a band of sheep was turned in this field and all died but one and the one that was left never again had any wool."

"The next point examined," said Mr. Brophy, "was a large bank where potassium composed half the amount of soil. Mr. Morgan wanted me to examine this point, as his stock would come there and lick and eat this substance. This part of the field is very rich and can be recovered by leaching."

Mr. Brophy says that eastern Oregon is very rich in this product, which is a warning to sheepmen.

"It is usually taken for alkali," Mr. Brophy continued.

"I think the time is not far distant when the potassium deposits will prove a great source of wealth to this country."

Nitrate of potassium is the substance from which nitric acid is distilled. It enters into the manufacture of black powder, and also is used as a medicine known as saltpetre.

Antelope News.

From the Herald.

Harry Douthit of Cross Keys was in town during the week.

Dr. Harold Clark, the Prineville

dentist, is stopping at the Hamilton Hotel for a few days.

Mrs. Ernest Friday and Miss Ida Friday of Cross Keys visited with friends in Antelope, during the week.

Dan Evans of Ashwood passed through town Tuesday evening, enroute to Butte, Mont. where he goes as a delegate to the Mining Congress.

J. H. Garrett and Tom Sumner of Cross Keys are in town today. They have located a mining claim on Pine Creek in Crook county, and have some good assays from it. They will do considerable prospect work on the claim.

Last week J. N. Burgess bought twenty head of fine Jersey cows, from George Snipes of The Dalles. He paid \$50 per head for them, and will use them at his dairy on Lower Antelope. This makes about 75 head which he is now milking.

Mr. J. A. Douthit of The Dalles Times-Mountaineer is a candidate for the appointment as Superintendent of the State Penitentiary. There are a number of applicants for the position, but Mr. Douthit's chances are said to be the most promising, by the knowing ones.

Parrish-Allen.

A quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Allen near Hay creek, on Sunday August 24th, when their daughter Miss Rosetta, and Walter E. Parrish were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. C. Clark of the M. E. church of Prineville, in the presence of a number of relatives and friends. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen, while the groom is well and favorably known in Crook County, Mr. and Mrs. Parrish will make their future home on Hay creek.

A number of useful and beautiful presents were received. The following is a list. Mr. and Mrs. Allen, syrup pitcher, mustard bowl, water set and pair of pillows; Mr. and Mrs. Godard, water pitcher, sauce dishes, salt and pepper shakes; Mr. and Mrs. R. Parrish, Bedroom set and bed, napkins rings and silver ware; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Vanhouten, pair of towels, salt and pepper shakes, and vinegar jug; Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Black, tea pot, set of plates, vinegar jug, salt and pepper shakes; Mrs. McCorkle, Jelly dish, cups saucers; Mr. McCorkle, water pitcher; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Black, sugar bowl, cake plate and creamer; Miss Deadmond, water pitcher; Mr. J. W. Robinson, cuff and collar box; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cain, two pairs lace curtains; Mrs. Wm. Combs, cake stand; Mrs. N. M. Lane, meat platter; Mr. and Mrs. F. Sherman, set of silver teaspoons; J. A. McCoy, Rocking chair; Charles Parrish, water set; Rose Booth, Quilt; Grace Parrish, berry set and sofa pillow; Florence Parrish, oil painting and sofa pillow; Little Rolla Parrish, Frying pan.

Organized efforts will be made by Alaskan interests to secure from the next congress the passage of measures which will tend to cure the ill from which it is said Alaska has long been suffering. A strong attempt will also be made to have Alaska made a lighthouse district.

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.

Twenty-three Italians were arrested at Geneva, Italy, on suspicion of being connected with a plot to derail the train bearing King victor Emmanuel to Berlin.

Judge Richardson, of Spokane, has rendered a decision that a boycott is not illegal when peaceably conducted, and when not so conducted must be dealt with in the criminal court, not by a court of equity.

A Lane county paper reports that A. C. Woodcock, a lawyer and farmer of Eugene, Oregon, is testing the business of feeding hogs on peas on quite a large scale. He has 440 acres of peas and 300 hogs and expects to prove the combination a profitable one.

The range on the Greenhorn mountains is reported so crowded with sheep that two bands have returned and are ranging along the breaks of the North Fork near the ranch of Wm. Walker. Grass is reported very short on the Greenhorn mountains.—Pendleton Tribune.

It is reported that the man who was shot last month in Bear valley, during the trouble in which a Condon sheep man lost a number of sheep, died last week near Suplee. The man is said to have been employed on the Dayville stage line last winter.—Canyon City News.

Artisans, Attention.

The United Artisans will have a lecturer here on the 15th of September in the person of Dr. J. B. Olmsted, supreme medical examiner of the order. The Doctor has the reputation of being a fine speaker and it is hoped that all Artisans will take an active interest in getting out a large attendance. A short program will be rendered before the lecture. All members in good standing are requested to be present at the hall at 7:15 sharp. By order of the committee.

Mulvahill-Martin.

Mr. Fred Martin of this place and Miss Nora Mulvahill of West Branch were united in marriage at the home of the bride, on last Monday evening. Rev. Mansfield officiating. The groom has been a resident of Antelope for a year or more, conducting a barber shop here, and at the last election, was elected Justice of the Peace for this precinct, being the only Democrat who was successful here. His bride is the only daughter of Mr. Mike Mulvahill, a well known stockman of the Mitchell country. Judge and Mrs. Martin returned to Antelope this morning, and were given a cordial welcome by their friends.—Antelope Herald.

SETTLE UP.

All persons indebted to W. H. Cyrus must settle with the undersigned or M. E. Elliott before the first day of September or suit will be instituted to collect same.

JOHN CYRUS.