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### IT'S EITHER HAY OR CATTLE.

A Proposition with Serious Aspect Which Is Confronting the Stockmen and Grass Raisers.

Stockmen over the county who a short time ago were alarmed at the high price asked for hay, are gradually regaining their peace of mind. The results of high hay while detrimental to the general interests of the county are not far reaching enough to cause a slump in the Crook county fall beef sales. While the Journal has absolutely no criticism to offer regarding the high price asked for hay, still it does seem that \$7.50 hay is much better than \$10 for one season and then \$5 hay until the stock interests have recovered from the effects of \$10 hay. It is an inevitable result that the latter will force all surplus cattle out of the country, as every man who can not feed from his own stacks will see. When this has occurred where will the demand be that regulates the price? In the meantime several local sheepmen have declared their intention of driving their bands to Idaho and other places where range and cheaper hay can be had. Be it said in favor of the surplus hay raisers that their demand for \$10 per ton is not unwarranted for that price and higher is general through the whole inland empire. The question we want to illustrate is: Is it best for our country and how can the local stock raisers who have to buy hay counteract it? Certain it is that they cannot afford to pay \$10 for hay with which to winter their stock. Rather than have a general unloading by our county cattlemen who have to buy, we believe they could better buy oats or barley at 50 cents, have them chopped, and feed them in place of hay. It has been demonstrated that chopped grain at that price is a great deal more economical than \$10 hay. Over in Malheur county a couple of years ago fodder was imported from eastern states and was said to have been much cheaper and nearly as satisfactory as hay, the latter selling for \$6.

Could the local stockmen who are short of hay get together and make a general effort, it is possible that something could be done to relieve their situation. As an encouragement they should take the outside stock prices. The latter show a good substantial raise and it is anticipated that the good figures of a year ago will soon again be a reality. At any rate let there be no rush sales, but careful consideration instead; and let every stockman ask for his cattle just what he thinks them worth instead of accepting the cheap offers from transient cattle buyers who are looking only to their own interests.

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### WHEAT CROP SHORT.

Estimates Now Being Made Show a Great Decrease in This Year's Yield.

If the estimated wheat yields for this year, which are coming in from the various grain producing counties in Oregon and Washington, are to be relied upon, that cereal is likely to experience a steady increase in price. Figures compiled during the past week show a total shortage this season, compared with last year's production of these two states, of 7,200,000 bushels, or about 20 per cent.

Umatilla county heads the list in this state with a yield of 2,750,000 bushels, which is not far below its production last year. Morrow county, however, drops down over 50 per cent with a total production of only 450,000 bushels. Several of the minor producing counties are also short in their yields as are most of the grain counties in Washington.

The total yield for the Pacific Northwest is estimated at 34,750,000, which is 12,000,000 bushels less than was produced in the same territory in 1901.

Threshing operations in Crook county show a strip of good grain and others not so good. On the whole our home wheat is said to be fair in both quantity and quality, and the Bryan talk of dollar wheat is a reality here. However, all raised in this section will be consumed at home, and our present isolated location justifies that price.

### PURSES SHOULD BE LARGER.

No Team Likely to Come Unless More Money Is Put Up.

If the Prineville Jockey Club, which has arranged for a series of races here during the last part of October, had put up a trifle larger purse for the baseball game, the results would probably justify the means.

Fifty dollars is not a very big sum with which to invite an outside team to come here for a match game, especially when it is practically impossible for a visiting team from any desirable point to get here for that amount.

If the Prineville team goes to Antelope, the latter will expect a return game and it is only reasonable to suppose that she will expect the courtesy extended to her at the time of the races. In the meantime satisfactory arrangement should be made with the Jockey Club, either for a larger purse or else for the present purse and the gate receipts the day of the game. A good game with a reasonable sum up for the winners will draw almost as large a crowd to town as the races themselves.

### PRINEVILLE AND ANTELOPE

Baseball Team Left Wednesday to Butcher the Buckskins.

Prineville's baseball team, hot and ready for the fray, left yesterday morning for Antelope to play three match games commencing with today. The purse for each game is \$50 and the boys feel confident of winning at least two. The team left in good trim and spirits and whether the games are won or lost, Antelope will probably be asked to play a return game here during the race meet of the Jockey Club in October.

The line up follows:— Newsome, 1b; Richardson, c; Knorr, 2b; Rowell, 3b; Boyd, ss; Sharp, lf; Rayl, cf; Myers, rf; Lewelling, p.

### CENTRAL OREGON'S FREIGHT

Some Remarkable Features of Transportation Extant in This District.

The most cursory observer who visits Eastern Oregon does not fail to notice the heavily laden freight teams which are constantly passing through Prineville to different points of distribution. So common have these miniature trains become that scarcely one person out of ten realizes, and only then in a vague way, the enormous tonnage handled by these freighters and the mileage covered by them in a year's time.

J. C. Conn's freight team, which passed through town last Friday on its way to that merchant's store in Silver Lake, is perhaps the most typical example of these horse-power trains which wind their way day after day across the deserts and mountains carrying food and merchandise to the isolated portions of Central Oregon. The Conn outfit which consisted of four spans of mules and one span of horses hitched to the three wagons—two of them trailing—carried an average load of general merchandise weighing 28,000 pounds. This freight team had completed 65 miles of its haul from the railroad at Shaniko to Silver Lake, the total distance being 187 miles, consuming 26 or 28 days for the round trip. Summing up the year's work of this interior caravan, which makes twelve round trips annually between these two points, some interesting figures are produced. The average round trip load is approximately 42,000 pounds, making a sum total for the year of 504,000 pounds or 252 tons. The total number of miles covered amounts to 4488 or 1000 miles farther than the distance from New York City to San Francisco.

When the fact is taken into consideration that this team alone in a year's time hauls in as much freight as 21 average freight cars, and that it is only one out of scores of others which are seen daily in the streets of Prineville, some idea may be gained of the enormous traffic which is carried on in this section of the state, independent of railroad communication. The Journal in the near future will present to its readers some carefully compiled statistics, obtained from the various freighters, showing in detail the net tonnage handled by these men who form one of Eastern Oregon's greatest branches of commerce.

### STOCK RUSTLERS TO SUFFER.

Judge Barnes Leaves for Fossil to Prosecute Several Cases.

George W. Barnes left last Thursday for Fossil, where he will argue several important cases before his honor Judge Bradshaw. Among the cases on the Fossil docket for this term of court are those of the cattle rustlers who have operated on Crook county's ranges for years past. In the meantime they have made Wheeler county their home, where they disposed of their stolen cattle, and were consequently hard to detect. It is confidentially thought that several examples will be made during this term of court, and that the penitentiary tailor will take several new orders in the near future for up-to-date prison garbs for one Arch McCay and his associates.

However, the thieving business has created so strong a feeling against these marauders that should they be cleared and be again caught at their old work Judge Lynch would undoubtedly preside at their next trial. Their work has resulted in an uncalculated amount of loss to Crook county cattlemen.

### CANALS NEARLY COMPLETED

About Forty Miles Have Been Completed by the Columbia Southern Irrigation Co.

Construction work on the canal lines of the Columbia Southern Irrigation Company, operating in the Tumello basin, has been carried to the limit during the past five months, and it is expected that the main line with its numerous laterals will be completed early in the fall.

Practically 40 miles of ditch have now been dug, inclusive of the main canal 17 miles long and 5 laterals ranging from 3 to 10 miles in length. The main canal runs to a point just east of Cline Buttes and covers a vast scope of sage-brush territory to the south and east. The laterals which have been completed up to the present time are confined to the southern part of the company's segregation, but more will be constructed until the farthest outlying tracts can be covered with water.

The Columbia Southern Irrigation Company is the first organization of its kind to begin operations in this immediate portion of Eastern Oregon and the immense amount of work accomplished is a credit not only to the company but to the district as well. It is not a remote possibility that the major portion of the company's appropriation will have settlers upon it next year. Three-fourths of the segregation have been sold and an early settlement and cultivation of the land is believed to be at hand.

### HORACE MCKINLEY HERE.

Timber Operator, Under Indictment, Still Dealing in Pine.

Horace McKinley who was associated with Miss Marie Ware, the Eugene U. S. Commissioner, in the alleged timber frauds, arrived in the city last Friday in company with Dan Tarpley and Jos. O. Story, of Portland. The gentlemen left the following day for the Pine Mountain country where they will spend 10 days or two weeks investigating the quality and quantity of yellow pine.

Mr. McKinley is a jaunty young man of perhaps 30 years and looks the typical sport. Whether or not he and his alleged paramour deserve the publicity given them by the press of the Northwest we do not know, but his friends confidentially claim that Uncle Sam's case against the pair is a weak one, while on the other hand others say they will face the most severe charges and convicting evidence ever brought against timber operators in the Northwest. Just now they each carry a \$2000 bond to secure their appearance in the next U. S. Circuit court at Portland.

### PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMENCE.

The Attendance Much Smaller Than Our Population Justifies.

Our schools opened Monday with a very small attendance, compared with last year. Just why there is so much difference in the first days enrollment is not known, though the outside parties have as yet not commenced to move to town. When this has occurred and the school gets down to running order it is thought that the attendance will be more than doubled. Our population is constantly increasing and one naturally wonders, "why this small attendance." It is possible that parents are not taking proper interest.

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Our School Board Taking Commendable Action to Prevent Contagious Diseases.  
It is a matter of interest to parents in our district, who send their children to school, that before the opening Monday, our school board had had every room thoroughly cleaned and fumigated, and that in the future every precaution will be taken along sanitary lines. Should any of the children be afflicted with any contagious disease, during the coming school year, they will be re-admitted only upon the certificate of their attending physician. At the present time there is no contagious disease of any form in the city, and this action of the board reduces the danger of infection of our schools to a minimum.