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HERE'S A CHANCE FOR THE SKEPTICS.

The interview with F. T. Hurlburt, printed in the Bulletin last week, to the effect that the Columbia Southern railway would never extend beyond Shaniko, has drawn from a responsible man, who does not desire personal notoriety in connection with the matter, the following:

A CHANCE FOR KNOWING ONES.

"From \$1,000 to \$5,000 deposited with the editor of The Bend Bulletin on or before August 6, as a wager that the Columbia Southern railway will not be extended into Crook county before August 1, 1905, will be covered at once."

The Bulletin has assurance of the bona fide character of this offer and vouches for its genuineness. A certified check is offered to cover any sum within the limits named.—Bend Bulletin.

AH THERE, KENNEDY.

The sissy who edits the Prineville Review ought to be looking for another job. When he tried to play funny in commenting on the change in administration of municipal affairs in The Dalles, and predicted the failure of the new mayor to carry out the promises he had made, he showed that he was one of those unfortunate imbeciles who go off half-cooked without knowing what he was talking about. Had the Review sissy been here this morning and seen gambling devices going into hiding he would probably have changed his mind.—Dalles Mountaineer.

Judge George, of the state circuit court, has handed down an important decision affecting the sales of tax property. The decision was in the case of C. D. Edwards versus L. G. Wright, trustee for others, and the action was to quiet title to property in an addition to St. John's which was bid in and bought at a tax sale by the defendants. Edwards claimed that the assessment was void and filed suit to recover possession of the property. The question of interest arose and upon this question Judge George gave his decision sustaining the plaintiff's demurrer to the answer of the defendant. In his decision Judge George held that, while bidders at tax sales may bid anything they like in the matter of interest, the sheriff could not legally accept a bid with interest greater than 10 per cent, the legal amount. This decision will have the effect, practically, of preventing the bidding of interest higher than 10 percent at subsequent tax sales, and will at least prevent the sheriff from accepting a bid bearing a greater interest.

Three weeks the farmers prayed for a little rain. They got it. Then they prayed for a little more rain, and they got that, too. Last week some few more drops than were necessary descended. They spoiled considerable hay, but made up for the loss by stimulating an abundant and verdant growth of range grass. The cattleman in consequence cannot be justified in registering a very heavy kick. Plenty of hay this year, good range. Sooner or later he will, under these favorable conditions, realize a just price for his beef. Waiting is a slow process, he is likely to complain, but in the end he will profit by it. On the other hand the sheep owner has received the highest price for his wool which has been paid in many years. He got that without paying for it. They say a sheepman is not religious enough for that, but his fondest hopes were realized just the same. Altogether the outlook is favorable for the country's greatest industries.

A convention will be held in Portland Tuesday and Wednesday August 2 and 3, under the auspices

of the Portland Commercial Club for the purpose of organizing an Oregon Development League. Every editor in Oregon will be a delegate at large. The mayor of every city and town, the county commissioners, president of every commercial, industrial, mining, horticultural, agricultural, stock-growing, irrigation, dairy and other associations in Oregon, which have for their purpose the upbuilding and betterment of this state, have the right to name delegates and upon the floor the smallest locality will have the same vote as the city of Portland. The official call for this convention will be issued just as soon as a few important details, now under consideration, are consummated.

TWO LIVES LOST IN MITCHELL FLOOD

Town Nearly Wiped Out of Existence—Loss Will Be About \$75,000.

One of the worst disasters which has been recorded in Central Oregon for years, and one which vividly recalls the Heppner catastrophe of a year ago, occurred last Monday evening when a large portion of the town of Mitchell was destroyed by a flood in which two persons lost their lives. The dead:

MARTIN SMITH, age 30 years.

Mrs. BECHAM, age 80 years.

The flood occurred at 6 o'clock in the evening at the close of one of the hottest days of the summer, and originated in the foot hills above the town where a cloud burst took place. The water accumulated with lightning rapidity and swept down the narrow canyon 25 feet in height carrying death and destruction in its path.

Mitchell lies in a canyon closely surrounded with hills. It is only a few hundred feet across the widest portion of the little city and the torrent of water found no outlet except through the streets as it swept its way through the town. Two livery barns, six dwellings and a saloon were lifted bodily from their foundations and carried down the stream. Three or four other buildings were raised from their foundations and turned completely around. The church and school house, which are built on a ridge above town, escaped the waters.

Monday evening heavy clouds were seen gathering on the mountain tops above the city. Two hot and sultry days preceding had served as a warning to the residents of Mitchell who were watching for a heavy storm. The flood in the city, however, was not accompanied by rain and only the roar of the rushing waters above the doomed village served as an alarm. Fifteen minutes before the wave of water, carrying with it tons and tons of brush and trees, reached the town, the tumult of the gathering waters reached the ears of the residents. A general alarm was sounded and the people left their homes for the higher ridges. This move was all that saved the entire population from being drowned. Mrs. Becham and Mr. Smith either did not hear the alarm as it was sounded or else their age prevented them from seeking a place of safety in time to escape death. Their bodies up to this time have not been recovered and it is presumed that they were washed a considerable distance down the canyon.

Scarcely had the residents of Mitchell gained the heights when the torrent of water struck the outskirts of the village. A few minutes afterwards and every building in the path of the flood was submerged. Those which the waters struck first were carried off their foundations and battered to pieces by the waters.

A message to The Journal from Mitchell Wednesday afternoon stated that Bridge creek, the stream which flows through the town and down which the torrent of water came was converted into an immense river in less than twenty

minutes. The waters over flowed the channel of the creek and filled the canyon from bank to bank. Half an hour after the first torrent swept down upon the canyon the stream had again assumed its normal size. Until the debris has been cleared away and an accurate estimate made of the property destroyed it is almost impossible to approximate the loss. It is stated however that it will reach in the neighborhood of \$75,000.

INJURED IN A RUNAWAY

A runaway accident in which two persons were painfully injured last Friday night came near resulting seriously. L. E. Allingham, who was driving the team, was thrown about fifteen feet through the air, striking on his face and shoulder. He was picked up unconscious, the wounds proving to be deep skin abrasions and a badly lacerated eye brow. His right knee was also injured. Miss Jackie Brock, of Bend, who was with Mr. Allingham in the buggy, jumped from the vehicle when the horses started to run. Her right ankle was sprained and she sustained a deep cut above the ankle from her foot striking on a sharp rock.

The accident occurred just as the buggy with its occupants reached the bottom of the grade west of the city. Sam Collins at the time was coming along the lower road on horse back and the other animals took fright at the rider. They gave a quick plunge against the embankment, breaking one of the whiplike trees, which let the tongue drop to the ground. Mr. Allingham had reined up the horses as soon as he saw they were frightened, but the steep incline ran the vehicle against the horses' haunches and they sprang forward again down the grade. Miss Brock jumped just as they started the second time, but Mr. Allingham remained in the buggy endeavoring to bring the frightened animal to a stop. The tongue of the vehicle ran into the ground turning the buggy straight up in the air and throwing out its remaining occupant.

As soon as the accident happened Mr. Collins rode into town and secured another buggy and team and Dr. Rosenberg went along to care for the injured ones. The latter were brought to town as quickly as possible where their wounds were dressed. Mr. Allingham was around again the first of the week, but Miss Brock will be confined to her bed for a week or ten days yet, or until the injured ankle is able to support her weight.

Additional Locals

N. F. McCain and J. S. McCain were in the city, Tuesday from Grizzly.

C. B. Allen was in from Lava Monday attending to business matters.

W. H. Staats was a business visitor from Descent the fore part of the week.

E. H. Sparks was over from Sisters this week transacting business matters.

G. Springer was in the city from Culver the first of the week on a business trip.

Andrew Morrow was in the city the first of the week looking after business interests.

S. G. Douthett was a business visitor from Trout creek during the first of the week.

James Shaw of Bend, was in the city several days this week attending to business matters.

Levi Tillotson and two sons, accompanied by H. W. Gould left Tuesday morning for Lookout mountain mines.

P. E. Davis and W. T. E. Wilson of Sisters arrived in the city from The Dalles Sunday. They were in attendance at the operation performed there on Mr. Wilson's brother whose eye was removed.

J. E. Bendingfield, assistant postmaster at Hay Creek, is in the city spending the week on a vacation. Mr. Bendingfield stated that Hay creek was visited by a heavy storm last Friday which caused considerable damage in that vicinity.

L. B. Laollett and wife of Prineville arrived here on the evening of the 4th. Mr. Laollett came here to meet the sheepmen of this county at the woolgrowers meeting and learn the prospects for selling a lot of his fine bunks this fall. Every thing looks favorable to him and he will drive a bunch over.—Lakeview Examiner.

H. C. Rooper, J. D. McAndie, J. N. Burgess, Joseph Bauman, of Antelope, the committee appointed by the Antelope Wool Growers Association to look into the range difficulties in the Blue mountains arrived in the city the first of the week. They left Tuesday for the seat of trouble where they will use every effort to adjust conditions satisfactorily. They will be met there by some of the cattlemen in the eastern part of the county.

Expert Wanted.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by Crook County Oregon, for the experting of the officers books of said county for the six years ending July 1, 1904.

Bids to be in and opened and contract awarded September 7th 1904, at 11 o'clock a.m.

The court reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Done by order of the county court of Crook County, Oregon, July 8, 1904.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court this 8th day of July, 1904.

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J. H. GWINN,

Secretary Oregon Wool-Growers Association, PENDLETON, OREGON.

H. C. ROOPER,

Secretary Antelope Wool-Growers Association, ANTELOPE, OREGON.

\$1500 REWARD

In addition to the above \$1000

reward offered by the Oregon Wool-Growers Association the Antelope Wool-Growers Association offers a

further reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction, or for such information as may lead to the arrest and conviction of any party or parties who may be guilty of killing, maiming or injuring any member of the Antelope Wool-Growers Association, or any person employed by such member, while attending to their duties in caring for the sheep of a member, or for killing, maiming or otherwise unlawfully destroying the livestock of a member.

Antelope Wool-Growers Association.

J. D. MCANDIE, President.

H. C. ROOPER, Secretary.

E. H. SMITH

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