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During the long evenings of Fall and Winter nearly everyone feels the need of something to read and to supply this want we have made arrangements with the publishers of the Weekly Oregonian, the Semi-Weekly Oregon Journal, of Portland, "Madame", and The American Farmer, of Indianapolis, Indiana, and The Town and Country Journal, of Los Angeles, California, by which we can club their papers with the CROOK COUNTY JOURNAL, at a price which is within reach of all. Following is the liberal clubbing rate we have to offer you:

Town and Country Journal	\$ 1 00
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DUG-OUTHOLDS A MYSTERY

Man of Peculiar Actions
Lives in Strange House

RIFLE GUARDS HUT

Bear Creek Resident Has Novel
Dwelling Near the Road and
Guards Well His Identity

"The Mysterious Man of the Desert" is the appellation which has been given an occupant of a dug out near the Kitching ranch, in the Bear creek district. Who he is or where he came from is as yet unknown, and intimate information concerning this peculiar hermit is not sought for because of the danger which, it is said, lies in wait for a person who trespasses too closely to the juniper brush over the dug-out, where a rifle muzzle can be plainly seen whenever the mysterious man is home.

For seven weeks this man of mystery has lived in his dug out, and for the same length of time he has baffled the efforts of the ranchers in the vicinity to learn his identity. Nearly two months ago he went there, and during the night dug a hole in the embankment near the road leading to the Bear Creek buttes. Over this he piled loosely a quantity of juniper branches which he had cut from surrounding trees, leaving a space at the top of the structure large enough to permit entrance to his peculiar abode. Two blankets constitute his bed, and his food he gains by forage during the night.

A short time ago two residents of the vicinity visited the mysterious man's home, after making certain from a safe distance that neither he nor his rifle was behind the hand made house. One watched on the outside while the other inspected the premises and the dwelling which had excited their curiosity some time before. They found the bed, but nothing on the blankets or in the entire enclosure, which is just large enough to permit the presence of one person, was found which would lead to the identification of the owner. No ashes remained of any fire which might have been built since the curious dwelling was erected. The mystery surrounding its owner and the reason for his actions is complete.

Since first visiting the place ranchers in that neighborhood have often passed near the desert dug-out. But between the juniper twigs a rifle barrel has always gleamed a questionable welcome, and no closer investigation has been made.

Both puzzling and mysterious the solution of the strange man's actions is no nearer than it was some weeks ago, and probably only through some mishap or unintentional exposure will this latest man of mystery disclose his identity and the reason back of his secluded life.

COUNTY IS FAMOUS

Fine Land Around Cline Falls Is
Attracting Attention

We have heard much of the Bend country, but little of a section not many miles away, which is promising great things; and not only promising but fulfilling says The Dalles Chronicle. We refer to Cline Falls on the Deschutes, which furnishes almost unlimited water power and is now being utilized to some extent by the Cline Falls Power Company, represented by some of our leading citizens.

In conversation with Mr. Charles Lord, who is on the ground, having charge of their interests, we learn that the main fall is good for 20,000 horse power, while the lower fall is equally as powerful. It is the intention of the company

to put in a dam, which will assure them 6000 gallons a minute, and with this they have reasons to expect to accomplish much.

It has been proven that the soil in this section, when properly irrigated, is equally as productive as any soil in the state. At present the company has large alfalfa fields and finds that three good crops can be harvested. It is their intention to plant from 600 to 700 acres in alfalfa.

Two rival companies, the Deschutes Irrigation Company on the east side of the river, and the Columbia Southern on the west, of which we have heard so much recently, have put in many miles of ditches and will accomplish what heretofore has been considered next to impossible in the way of irrigation.

Cline Falls, like the remainder of the country out in that section, is looking forward to the advent of the iron horse, which will bring with it a future for what has within it great possibilities.

TO BUILD TO BURNS

Sumpter Valley Road Will Open
Harney County

Sumpter is congratulating herself on the running of regular trains to Austin, opening up a rich country for business here. The first regular train went to Austin Tuesday, and carried a large excursion of business men, who are already laying plans for getting their share of the business of that country.

The country through which the road travels after leaving Sumpter is covered with a heavy growth of pine timber. Much of this is owned by the Oregon Lumber Company, whose big mills are located at Baker City, and logs are hauled 50 miles over the road to the mills.

The Government reserve embraces much of the vacant land in the vicinity of the present terminus, and the action of the Sumpter Valley Company in building into this territory demonstrates it has the object of opening up that vast section of country beyond the present stopping place.

The road, it is declared, cannot be made to pay from the present traffic. It has long been a matter of conjecture where the objective point of the road is located, but this matter is pretty well settled by the admission that the town of Burns, in Harney County, is the place selected. Further extensions of the line point directly to Prairie City and Canyon City, on the John Day River, but there is a prevailing impression that these towns may be left a few miles to one side. The company has not made any statement.

After leaving Sumpter the road climbs to an altitude of more than 5000 feet, where the summit of the mountain between Powder River and Burnt River Valleys is reached; then plunges immediately down to the little town of Whitney. As soon as this point is reached another ascent is begun with a continual upgrade until the village of Tipton comes into view. This place also occupies a point over 5000 feet above sea level. From Tipton it is eight miles to Wright's Station, and three-quarters of a mile more to Austin.

The road is a narrow gauge, but has been built to accommodate a broad track, and has cost more than \$12,000 a mile. Grades are so steep in places that the wonder is expressed that trains can be run over them.

Crook county's jail is enjoying a rest, after housing from one to seven occupants for almost a year. Not since early last spring has the county's prison been free of boarders before. The October term of the Circuit court took away all of the lodgers then resting free of charge, but before a day had passed another prisoner was confined within the walls. With his dismissal to Salem last week the jail is again empty, and county officials are hoping it will stay that way for some time.

FROM DUFUR INTO TYGH

Great Southern First to
Extend Southward

TO TAP WHEAT BELT

Grain District in Crook County the
Coal of the Hill Line Now
Ready to Advance

Pursuant to the announcement made several weeks ago by President John Heinrich of the Great Southern Railroad, completed from The Dalles to Dufur, engineers are now engaged in setting grade stakes for the further extension to a distance of 22 miles to the grain district further toward Central Oregon and the yellow and sugar pine timber belt to the southeast of Mount Hood. W. F. Nelson, vice-president of the company, left Portland yesterday morning accompanied by a corps of 12 men to take up the field work. Yesterday a conference was held at Tygh, at which interested landowners of that district met officials of the company and just as soon as satisfactory arrangements are completed for right of way and other details it is understood that the road will be started.

Although the management of the company is saying nothing about its business developed before the last rails of the present line were laid, it is learned that traffic has far exceeded expectations. Warehouses at every station along the line and at Dufur are filled to their capacity and a large tonnage of grain has already been delivered to the warehouses at The Dalles and turned over to the O. R. & N. at that point for movement to Portland and other destinations. Apparently the tonnage will be far in excess of the first season of the average new railroad.

HOMES FOR MANY

Irrigation Officials Find Crook
Project Flourishing

Officials of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power company have concluded an inspection trip over the company's property in Crook county. The party included President Turney, Vice-President Johnson, Secretary Stanley and Second Vice-President Baldwin. They made the trip in an automobile, and examined the company's entire tract of 215,000 acres.

"While I knew that changes and growth had been going on, I was surprised at the great advance that is being made by that region. There are great numbers of settlers going in, and those who went there a year ago are making splendid demonstrations of the theory of irrigation," said Mr. Baldwin.

"The settlers who have taken lands have cleared their tracts and planted crops, and wonderful results have followed their efforts. The fruits of an experiment prove its practical value, and these men certainly have the proof. I have not a moment's uneasiness as to the outcome of the transportation problem in that country. There will be more railroads there than we can pay freight on before we are really suffering for railroad transportation. The railroads know the value of the region's resources and they will build through it in time to give all the transportation facilities necessary."

ASK FOR NEW LANDS

State Land Board Wants to Lay
Scrip on Unsurveyed Tracts

The State Land Board has hit upon a plan which may enable it to secure desirable timber land upon which to file state lieu land

script. Under the present Federal law the state cannot file on unsurveyed land. As fast as the Government completes a survey of public land, and the plats are filed in the local land office, all desirable sections are taken up by settlers who have been located by timber cruisers. The latter make it their duty to watch out for new surveys, and are usually waiting for the plats to be filed.

The plan is to have Congress amend the land law, so that the state can file on unsurveyed land. If this is done the state land agent can examine timber in districts that have not been surveyed and select good timber lands in large tracts, upon which lieu land script can be filed. By this means the state will have a prior right to the individual, and would not be subject to competition with the timber cruisers, who are always on the lookout for desirable timber land.

State Land Agent Oswald West has just returned from a visit to Senator Fulton, at Astoria, where he submitted a proposition to the Senator for such an amendment to the National land law. Senator Fulton was favorably impressed with the suggestion, and promised to try to have such a law enacted at the coming session of Congress.

TOP STOCK PRICES

Harney County Sheep and Cattle-
men Have Prosperous Year

Almost unprecedented prosperity has characterized the present season in the stock industry in Harney County, and the outlook is more promising than ever, says a dispatch from Burns.

Prices for cattle and sheep have ruled higher this Fall than for several seasons, and several thousand head of each have gone to Eastern markets. Cattle are selling at from \$15 to \$30 a head, and sheep at from \$2 to \$5. Particularly in sheep, these prices are much better than was expected earlier in the season. Wool also promises to bring a high figure next season, and the price paid last Spring was a "topnotcher."

The outlook for the winter is good. There is an abundance of grass on the hills now, and it is not expected that feeding will begin nearly so early as last year.

Two questions are harassing the big stockmen of interior Oregon; one, the prevalence of "rustlers," and the other the attitude displayed by the Government in actively going to work to tear down fences now enclosing Government land. It is probable the big owners may unite for concerted action on each of these questions.

The trouble with "rustlers," has been increasing, and it is suspected an "underground railway" has been formed by which animals are taken across the Snake River into Idaho. The Sheriff of Umatilla is unauthorized to spend money for the capture of a criminal after he has once crossed the county line, and the delay caused by notifying the proper official in another county usually results in the criminal getting away with his booty.

When the Government officials leave off their work this fall on account of the approach of the winter season, it is with the promise that they will complete it next year. This will go hard with the larger stockmen, but will be a boon to the smaller raisers, who will be able to share the free pasture until the land is taken up by settlers.

The Athletic club is preparing for another High Jinks which will be given in the club hall on the evening of December 2. The winter's social calendar promises to be an active one, dates having been scheduled for Athletic hall for every week between now and New Year's. "Charley's Aunt," which is on the list for the Christmas holidays, will probably be given two nights during that week.