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## GET BEST PRICE FOR BEEF CATTLE

### J. H. Gray & Son Receive Record Price for Cows

### BLOOD IN STOCK WILL TELL

### Second Successive Year that the Gray Cattle Have Brought Top-Notch Price.

Crook County stands at the head of the list as a producer of fine cattle. J. H. Gray of the Bonnyview Farm returned Friday from his trip to the Portland market where he received the highest price ever paid at this time of the year for beef cattle. He received \$4.25 a hundred for cows, which was 65 cents a hundred above the top-notch price paid to other growers in the Portland market.

What more do growers need to convince them that it pays to keep only the best on the range, and when ready for the market, see that the beef is in prime condition.

You can not do this with scrub stock. Mr. Gray is a firm believer

in the blooded animal. Last year he paid \$400 for a Hereford bull calf under a year old that took the first premium in his class at all the big Northwestern state fairs. The animal was purchased of Paul Clagstone, of Clagstone, Idaho, who is a breeder of national reputation.

For two years in succession Mr. Gray has received the highest price paid in the Portland market for his stock. This is a distinction of which he is very proud. He says that he hardly expects to walk away with the honor again this year as his stock was 32 hours on the road from Shaniko to Portland. He says he was held 12 hours at Biggs, for what reason he can not tell. Add to this 32 hours that the cattle were on the train the seven-day drive from his range to Shaniko, and you can picture what his Herefords must have looked like when they were taken right off the grass. They were perfect, Mr. Gray says.

"If we ever get a railroad in here," said Mr. Gray, "so that we can save the shrinkage in the drive to the railroad—about 80 miles—I can market as perfect stock as ever stood on four legs. Others can do just as well if they will use the same care."

In speaking of J. H. Gray's shipment the Portland Telegram says:

That in livestock as in other things it pays to produce the best is illustrated in the case of J. H. Gray & Son, of Prineville, one of the best known stockmen of the state, who sent a shipment of 20 fancy cows to

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## NEW TEACHERS TRAINING COURSE

### Part of High School Work This Year

### CAPABLE INSTRUCTOR IS HERE

### Course Will Result in Raising Standard of Teachers Efficiency Throughout County

Crook county bears the distinction of being the first to add a teachers' training course to its regular high school work. The need for this step has been felt for a long time but an experienced teacher capable of giving the work was not to be had until the state normal schools were put out of commission. This was Crook county's opportunity and no time was lost in securing the services of Mrs. Emma B. Wickersham, who for five years was connected with the Southern Oregon State Normal. Her training and experience in the work has placed her at the head of her profession.

The teachers of Crook county have been drawn largely from the high

schools and the county schools themselves so that practically the only opportunity these teachers have had for any special preparation has been afforded by teachers' institutes which are usually of short duration and totally inadequate for the proper preparation of teachers. The problem of securing better prepared teachers for the rural schools has now been met by the establishment of a two-years teachers' training course in the Crook County High School. In this new course an emphasis will be placed upon securing a reasonable mastery of the subjects taught. Mrs. Wickersham, the teacher in charge of this course, will aim to carry on the work of instruction in such a manner as to keep the professional idea constantly before the student. In other words, the teacher recognizes that she is not only to teach the academic subjects of the course of study, but must teach the students how to teach these subjects in the schools in which they will be employed later. The advantages of this course will be of inestimable value to every teacher and prospective teacher in the county.

The indirect benefit to the county schools will also be very great and its effect upon the children will soon become marked. Every step that is intended to raise the standard of our schools should be encouraged by the parents of the county.

The first year's work will deal with all subjects in grades one, two

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## CENTRAL OREGON'S GREAT FUTURE

### Suggestive Ideas of John F. Stevens

### "THIS IS NO TIME TO TALK"

### Curtain is Raising on Vast Empire—Region Will See Amazing Development

"Central Oregon is a great country," said John F. Stevens to a Telegram reporter. "That region is rich in timber, livestock and agriculture. The latter will mainly advance by the dry farming method of cultivation. You know what that will do. But why repeat that which has been stated so often? There is an empire big enough to support a city the size of Portland."

In sweeping terms, rich in their unexpressed details and heavy with promise, the great engineer referred to Oregon's latent empire. Mr. Stevens sees only big things, for he has been doing big work for big people. Central Oregon in his eyes is a big country. He sees in it the potential, not the present. In the lonely ranches of upland there is rising another Spokane or Boise, railroads hasten to tap another Yakima valley, and the Oregon wheat yield is lifted from 14,000,000 bushels to 40,000,000 or more a year.

A man selected above all other engineers of a great engineering nation for the construction of the costliest enterprise yet undertaken in navigation improvement sees only what Oregon has seen for years, and he thinks it idle to repeat.

"If Oregon has seen these things so long that the people are no longer impressed, and if your people have any doubt as to developments in the central region and the south, let them wait a little while and they will behold something to arouse them," said Mr. Stevens. "What is the use of discussing details now? A good railway will be built at once into the region. You will need no other argument. The railway will do the rest."

There is something grimly sententious in Mr. Stevens' style of treating Central Oregon. It is in keeping with the hour. The curtain is rising upon an empire. Pleadings and petitions have poured forth for years with no results. Without warning and from a quarter wholly unexpected comes relief, and the actual work of opening the greatest undeveloped region of the United States is at hand. What is the use of talking now? Weightier industrial elements than words are in play. Construction of transportation lines is assured greater dispatch than the message announcing the good news, and the state is suddenly called upon to the duty of developing a realm to warrant the railway outlay. It is truly not a time for words, as Mr. Stevens suggests, but the day of action.

Central Oregon is in fact unknown. With the multitude, it is believed to be arid as a rule. The scientific farmer and experimenter have found more. Soil is decomposed basalt, such as gives eternal life to the rich vineyards of portions of Italy. Altitude of arable land ranges from a few feet to 5000. Beginning with the rims of the Columbia canyon, the slopes upward to the south until Lake county is reached, where a noble plateau of marvelous fertility spreads for dozens of miles, and upon it grow all cereals, vegetables and the hardiest temperate-zone fruit. Climate is uniformly excellent. Ocean air equalizes summer and winter, taking the breath of cold or heat, while the Cascade range is the big sponge that extracts Pacific northwest moistures as ocean winds pass over to Central Oregon. Rainfall varies from a trace to 20 and 30 inches. But there is comparatively little of this vast area that can be classed arid in the present day of scientific farming. The blue mountains penetrate the eastern reaches of the country, giving off strong streams to both the east and the west.

On the west is the Cascade range, giving numerous splendid streams, price of which is the Deschutes. To the southwest are found the streams and systems of lakes marking Lake and Klamath counties, and entering to some extent into Harney. Abundant flowing water is found throughout this region for irrigation, and the rainfall is sufficiently heavy to open vast opportunities for storage basins, such as the government reclamation work usually constructs. Oregon has paid into the general land fund since enactment of the reclamation law more than \$8,000,000. Some day numerous big projects will be found throughout Crook, Malheur, Har-

## Revival Meetings.

### Harriman Forces Have Commenced Grading

### SUING FOR RIGHT OF WAY

### Crews Expect to Be Located There for More Than Year—Working Southward.

Actual construction work on Harriman's railroad has begun in Crook county. During the past week construction forces arrived at Madras and two camps have been established there, one on the south and one on the north side of the Willow Creek gorge, with the announcement that grading will be prosecuted in both directions, with Madras as a base. These camps are on the brink of the canyon on the rimrocks west of the town of Madras. Lumber has been purchased, supplies are arriving and Prineville people who were at Madras the first of the week were informed by members of the crew that in all probability operations would hold the camps at their present locations for the next sixteen months. A long and high bridge will span the canyon at this point.

Two more suits for the condemnation of right of way through lands south of Madras have been filed in the circuit court by the Harriman attorneys, W. W. Cotton and A. C. Spencer. One of these is against Wm. Ellis, whose lands are located on the Little Plain, about two miles southwest of Madras, and the other against Anton Birkenfield whose land is about five miles southwest of Madras. The condemnation suit filed last week by the railroad attorneys against Margaret C. McClure for right of way has been dismissed upon motion of the railroad people and it is presumed settlement has been effected.

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Sub-contracts for work in this vicinity have been let to Powell Bros. for the work between mile posts 102½ to 107, (mile post 102½ being at the head of Willow creek canyon) to Contractor Calahan for a stretch of line from Trout creek north, and to Twoby & Dwyer for that portion of the line between the Powell and Calahan contracts. Powell Bros. accompanied by their families, arrived in Madras last Monday, and are making their headquarters at this place pending the arrival of their construction equipment, which is expected to arrive in the next day or so and will be started to work at once.

The commencement of actual construction work by the Harriman interests in this locality, where there is no conflict between their survey and that of the Oregon Trunk Line, has had the effect of dispelling any doubt that might have lingered in the minds of the people of this section, regarding the intention to push the Harriman road through to completion.

### Death of Mrs. George Hobbs.

Mrs. Mabel Baldwin Hobbs, wife of George Hobbs died very suddenly at her home at Powell Buttes last Friday evening, death supposed to have been the result of heart failure.

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The funeral occurred last Sunday and was very largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. W. S. Cooke, and interment was made in the Powell Butte Cemetery.

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## Attend Our Remnant Sale --- Now in full blast

We are house cleaning--throwing all the Odds-and-Ends of the season into job lots that are marked down at a price that will soon clean up our stock.

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Come and look them over. All plainly priced.

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Anything at just one-third the original price to send this stock a "glimmering." Come and see what a \$1 will do.

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**Odds and Ends of Summer Shoe Lines.** Bring \$1.75, \$2, \$2.25 and see what it will buy. Canvas Shoes, Suede Shoes, Moccasins—all included in this sale.

**Men's Dress Shirt Remnants.** Come and see what you can buy for \$1, 90 cents and 75 cents.

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