

Barnes

WSS NEWS NOTES WSS

Weather still continues to be very hot and dry here.

Hugh Swagert, who has been employed on the county road, left for his home in the Fife district last week, where he will do some harvest work.

Calvin Sherman passed through Barnes yesterday on his way to Fife after a short stay in Prineville.

Ray Morgan made a business call in Prineville last week.

C. A. Sherman, road commissioner, was a business visitor in Prineville last week.

Chas. Barnes, who has been employed in the Bend mills for a time, is home to help with the haying.

O. I. Davidson is home now, looking after business matters at the "96" ranch, but expects to leave for his home near Prineville in a few days.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Saunders, who has been ill for the past two months, is reported a little better.

Lew Bennett of Beaver Creek passed through here on his way to his home on Hampton Buttes to put up his hay. He states that everything looks well on the river.

Henry Carlin was a business caller at Barnes last week.

James Inglis, who has been employed on the Herb Angel place at Cold Springs, went to Prineville last week for a few days' vacation.

A very hard thunder storm that visited us a short time ago, set several fires in the reserve but they were soon located by Forest Ranger James Anderson and did little or no harm before they were extinguished.

Ira Cox is the first on the Creek to be through haying. He states that he will have enough hay for the coming winter.

Eleanor and Dorothy Hackleman visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hackleman, who are at the Jagers ranch, finishing their haying.

Chas. Parrish, formerly of this place, is up from his home near Prineville, looking after the interests of his cattle on the range here. His two sons, Lorren and Gail accompanied him.

Mr. Carpenter of Pringle Flat, who has been helping F. A. Hackleman in haying, completed his work and left for his home Friday.

R. J. Engstrom is helping George Tackman with his haying, as help is very scarce.

SKILLFUL IN USE OF POISON

South African Bushmen Had Weapon Which in Other Hands Might Have Been Invincible.

The bushmen, Africa's pygmies of the South, who succumbed so quickly to civilization, are becoming rarer every day. Famine, wars and the white man's encroachments have killed off thousands.

The one great achievement of these children of the woods is their skillful use of poisons. In the hands of a more subtle people the poisoned arrow might have been an invincible weapon, but for the bushman it only delayed inevitable defeat.

The bushman's arrow is a toy of light reed until he turns it into a certain death dealer by covering the tip with one of his favorite poisons. A certain caterpillar of the jungle, the most venomous snakes and spiders, poisonous roots and leaves all yield their power to kill to the use of these natives.

Special men of the tribe prepare the poisons for their purpose, usually heating them in a dish before dipping the dart into them. While waiting for their poisonous brew to cook, the poison concoctors dance about the fire in excitement at the coming hunt or combat. Skulking in breathless silence upon an imaginary enemy, they suddenly leap up and discharge the fatal arrows, after which they shift easily to the part of the victim, and writhe and howl with all the agony of the hunted. Exhaustion and the completion of the poison put an end to this vivid rehearsal.

Death valley, California, is said to be the lowest dry land in the United States; it is 276 feet below sea level. The name of Death valley is gruesome enough in itself, but to enhance this effect the mountains thereabouts are called the Funeral range.

While Death valley is the lowest dry land in the country Mount Whitney, which is less than eighty miles from the point of lowest depression, is one of the highest points of land in the United States, its summit being 14,501 feet above sea level.

Death valley was formerly the bed of a salt lake and is 150 miles in length. A small salt marsh still occupies a part of it. There are few places in Death valley where fresh water is obtainable. The best known are Bennett wells and Saratoga springs.

For the greater part of the time Death valley is a gigantic furnace of burning hot shifting sand dunes. At times this strange desert is filled with wonderful colors. The air is very dry, and at dawn the light is very white and minus the mist usually associated with that time of day. Gradually a faint azure tint appears and deepens above the gray-tan dunes. As the sun rises over the desert the pastel tints of sky and sands burn into brighter shades until at noon the very atmosphere vibrates into hot vividness. Toward twilight the reds of sky and desert shade into deep purples and black.

LIES FAR BELOW SEA LEVEL

Forbidding Death Valley, in California, Was Formerly the Bed of a Salt Lake.

W. S. S.

BEND BULLETIN AWAKENS

The Bend Bulletin has just discovered that Prineville has city delivery of mails. In a recent issue that paper states that "Prineville has a carrier service as well as receiving mail by train. . . . Both started yesterday, and mail for the Crook county seat, instead of coming through Redmond, now is unloaded at Prineville Junction."

Prineville has been enjoying city delivery of mails for these many months. The Bulletin should keep better posted on the progress of the towns neighboring with Bend.

W. S. S.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OCHOOCO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That on the 16th day of August, 1919, between the hours of 8 o'clock a. m. and 5 o'clock p. m. of said day a Special Election will be held in and by said Ochooco Irrigation District for the purpose of determining whether or not bonds of the District in the amount of \$150,000.00 with interest not to exceed 6 per cent per annum shall be issued by the Board of Directors of the Ochooco Irrigation District to complete the dam and distribution system of said Ochooco Irrigation District. Said election will be held at the Lower McKay school house in said Irrigation District.

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Old Publications.

An odd bit of the past turns up in a list of old publications soon to be sold at auction, namely, to give it its full, imposing title, "A Sermon Preached at White-Chapel, in the Presence of Many Honorable and Worshipful, the Adventurers and Planters for Virginia," and "Published for the Benefit and Use of the Colony, Planted, and to be Planted there-and for the Advancement of their Christian Purpose." The Rev. William Symonds preached that sermon, notes the Christian Science Monitor, and described Virginia as a land "with the fruitfulness whereof England, our mistress, cannot compare, no, not when she is in her greatest pride." Yet he preached to rather a sorry congregation, says history, largely composed of immigrants who had failed at home through bad habits little calculated to help in a new country.

Battle of the Giants.

According to Brewer's "Historic Note Book," neither the battle of Waterloo nor the battle of Austerlitz was known as the "Battle of the Giants," but the battle of Marignano was so designated. This battle was fought on September 13, 1515, and during which the allied French and Venetian armies under Francois I and d'Alviano defeated the allied Italian and Swiss armies. The carnage was very great, as 12,000 of the conquered and 4,000 of the victors were left dead and dying on the field. Trivulzio, who had been present in 18 pitched battles, called them all child's play compared with this "combat of the giants."

Question for Debate.

Judging by union standards, the good lady in Proverbs, belauded as she has been for centuries, set a most questionable example. Her price might be above rubles, but what business had she to "rise up early in the morning, before it was yet light" and continue all day her industrial pace-setting? It couldn't have been good for her husband either, for all we hear of his activity is that he "praised her" and that he "sat in the gates"—which latter I take to be the Biblical equivalent of sitting on the porch of a country store with his feet on the rail, taking all her labor for granted.—Exchange.

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