

MOVING WESTWARD

Spring Emigration to Northwest States Will Exceed 20,000.

VERY FEW OF THEM FOREIGNERS

Many Have Already Purchased Farm Lands and Will Work Immediately on Arrival.

ST. PAUL, March 20.—It has been estimated by the officials of the various Northwestern railways centering here that the emigration movement now under way from the older states to the Northwest will exceed 20,000. This is said to be one of the largest emigration movements for several years and one of the most remarkable points about it is that it includes but a very small percentage of foreigners. Four hundred settlers went out on the Northern Pacific last night, and as many more from Wisconsin and Iowa have gone through on that line to Montana and Washington. The usual homeseekers' rates from this city to any point in the Dakotas have been announced by all the railroads for today and March 23 and April 4, so that these days show the greatest number of colonists. The largest movement comes next week, when upwards of 5000 actual settlers have secured tickets, many of them having purchased their farm lands so that work can be started immediately.

SALES OF LIVESTOCK.

Eager Demand for Morrow County Sheep and Cattle—Wheat Situation.

JEFFERSON, Or., March 20.—Among the recent sheep sales are the following: John Diehl sold 45 yearling ewes to William Stahler, of Wyoming, at \$2 50 a head after shearing.

E. E. and H. W. Bartholomew sold to Charles White, of Pappas Creek, who ships East from here, 2200 1-year-old wethers, at \$1 per head after shearing.

There are several sheep-buyers here, and many inquiries coming from others in Idaho and Montana, and indications are that every sheep for sale in Morrow County will be soon snapped up, as the demand is immense, and sheep are now scarce producers in the hands of owners are in no rush to part with them.

Morrow County sheep are of the very best, full of youth and vigor. All old sheep have been sold off during the past few years, and the standard of quality has been raised right along.

Lambing has already commenced north of Heppner, and the increase is immense. The grass is most excellent, causing an abundant supply of milk.

The Ayers Cattle Company has bought of George Perry and R. C. Robinson, of Lone Rock, 150 head of mixed cattle, and have collected here 700 head to take to its range at Junction Bar. Cattle are now double former prices.

The area of Morrow County in growing grain now is immense, and the fields never looked better. They are three weeks ahead of other seasons, and promise a great crop.

The Heppner mill pays 44 cents for wheat now, 2 cents above the market price. Along the 45 miles of the Heppner Branch Railroad there are now stored in warehouses about 90,000 bushels of wheat, some of it of the '08 crop.

In turning a corner here, the seat of Bill Garrigue's wagon tilted over, and he was thrown against a tree and very severely injured.

SUMPTER STAGE LINE SOLD.

Deal Said to Involve \$60,000—Improvements to Be Made.

BAKER CITY, Or., March 20.—The S. O. and McEwan stage line, of Sumpter, was sold today to Harrison & Cade, of Illinois, the price paid, it is said on good authority, being \$60,000. It is one of the largest commercial deals yet made in Sumpter, and includes all the stock, vehicles, barns, stations and stage lines of Eastern Oregon, including the routes to Grants, Canyon City, Bourne, Bonanza and Prairie City, the United States mail contracts and all the Sumpter real estate owned by S. O. and McEwan, which amounts to considerable. It is the intention of the purchasers to erect a three-story building 100 feet square at once, and otherwise improve the property. They have already contracted for six new Concord stages and 200 head of horses, and will put on a fast freight line with 12 trailers to each team. The new owners propose greatly to improve the service. Several new relay stations will be built along the line, so that the stock may be better cared for and faster time made.

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce met for the first time in the new clubroom, over the Citizens' Bank, Monday night. The furnishing of the rooms is not yet completed, and the grand opening will not take place until the latter part of the week. Secretary Miller will notify the members when the rooms are ready for occupancy, and the opening will be made the greatest event in the history of the Chamber of Commerce.

The new pamphlet under preparation by the Chamber of Commerce will be the handsomest and most elaborate yet published by that body. It will contain a complete description, illustrated with cuts of the mining, logging, stockraising and fruitgrowing industries of Eastern Oregon. The pamphlet will be issued in 30 days.

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Big Reward for Conviction of Guilty Man Brought to Result.

WALLACE, Idaho, March 20.—Peter Bernier was arrested today charged with complicity in the murder of Frederick D. Whitney. Whitney was foreman of the Helena-Prisco mill, on Canyon Creek, on the night of December 2, 1887. He was taken from his room by masked men, led down the railroad track and shot. Whitney came here from Butte, where he had infamously relatives, and a reward of \$1000 was offered for the arrest and conviction of the guilty men, and Governor Steunenberg offered an additional reward of \$500 for each guilty man convicted, but the reward was never claimed. The general impression is that Bernier was not a member of the mob, but that he knows much more than he told on the witness-stand at the inquest.

NICK BURLEY STILL CHAMPION.

Defeated "Kid" Lewis at Seattle in Seven Rounds.

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Mike Burns, Curley's backer, offered to substitute Fred Russell, the giant, leaving the stakes and side bets unaltered, but Burley's backers would not listen to this, insisting that the substitute be a man of Burley's weight. The result was that Burns forfeited \$50 in cash to Burley's backers, and "Kid" Lewis fought Burley.

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