

BURNS' PEA FOR A LONG UTILE

Harney County's Prayer for Railroad Unheeded for Quarter of Century.

RAILS SET 20 YEARS AGO

Marvelous Wheat Belt Sets Hope in Rumored Plans of Short Line to Build Through Zone—Valley Looks Its Best.

BY ADDISON BENNETT.

BURNS, Or., May 9.—(Special Correspondence.)—Burns, the metropolis of the great Harney county, is situated on high land just north of the Harney Valley, which is one of the largest bodies of level valley land in Oregon. Just how many square miles there are in this wonderful valley it is hard to estimate, for it reaches far away to the east and west up the streams and smaller valleys in various places for many miles. But taking in these valleys, like Silver Creek, Slivies Valley and the Blitzen River section, there are perhaps exceeding 500 sections of what may be called valley land.

From Burns straight south to Malheur Lake, is another town, Narrows, 18 miles and that takes one down the western side of the valley, the main portions lying to the east and south. Going straight south from Burns ten miles brings you to Wright's Point, which is a ridge about a mile wide on top and about 300 feet high, which stretches out into the valley for five or six miles. This is a peculiar formation of lava rock, with almost a sheer ascent on all sides, but level on top, with good crops of wheat and alfalfa.

Large Ranches Numerous. There are about 250,000 acres of forest reserve in the county, practically all of it being north of Burns. There are some very large ranches, notably the old French-Glen holding, which William Hanley has charge of. This is commonly called the "P" ranch, but it is made up of the Bell and O'Ranch and the various ranches in Catlow Valley, Diamond ranch, Happy Valley ranch and others, embracing in all something over 140,000 acres. The old Miller & Lux ranch, now owned by the Pacific Livestock Company, has 85,000 acres, the old John Devine ranch has 14,000 acres and the Trout Creek ranch about 10,000 acres, while the various road lands amount to 245,000 acres.

As the number of acres of deeded land in the county amounts in round numbers to 500,000 acres it will be seen that considerably over half of it is held by these various large owners.

The Assessor has given me the following figures as to the amount and value of livestock in the county: Horses and mules, \$20,000; cattle, \$5,000; sheep, \$88,745; swine, \$12,000; value \$127,745, and 547 hogs, valued at \$17.25.

But these figures are very misleading as to the actual number and value of range stock fed in the county, for I have often been told that during the Spring months, just after shearing time, over 250,000 sheep graze around Stein's Mountain alone.

Speaking of this mountain reminds me that it is one of the finest bodies of grazing land to be found anywhere. The mountain proper shows on the map as perhaps 50 miles long from north to south and 20 miles wide. This would be measuring from Pueblo Mountain on the south to the Harney Valley on the north and from the Blitzen River and Catlow Valley on the west to the Juniper Valley and the Alvord Desert and Wild West country on the east.

rare. There is no place in the world where the really unfortunate are so well treated as here. The response of neighbors and friends in the hour of trouble is instant and generous. Any decent, industrious man or woman can get a helping hand, a little stake of credit or property for the asking—more than likely it will be volunteered without the asking.

I may cite a case to show the feeling here toward the really unfortunate. A man who had lately arrived was overtaken by sickness before he got well on his feet. He had a dependent family. He struggled along until finally, unknown to his neighbors, he was practically in want. He had nothing available in security save his team, which was not much value. But he went to a merchant nearby and said he wanted to mortgage the team, wagon and harness for a small bill of groceries and clothing. The merchant talked the matter over and finally sent the man home with his wagon loaded with goods to the amount of \$150, and his own time to pay, without security. And the best part of the tale is that while this happened less than a year ago the unfortunate is now on his feet, with a fair prospect of becoming one of the prosperous ones of the county.

Another thing that strikes one is the open doors of the jails as a rule, and the absence of petty thievery. Western Canada in the direction of Oregon and other Northwestern states is the opinion of William S. Jones, business manager of the Minneapolis Journal, and of C. K. Blandin, business manager of the Post, the latter of Pioneer Press, who arrived in the city yesterday and are staying at the Portland Hotel.

Practically unknown. You will now and then see, particularly as the shearing season approaches, a man wending his way in from the railroad with his little bundle of blankets strapped to his back, but he is really and honestly looking for work, and as a rule he finds it. I do not think it fair to call such chaps tramps—certainly not hobos.

As the future of this great country here can be no argument. The land here will, when the country is once opened up, be found to be wonderfully productive. I saw a field yesterday that produced 40 bushels of barley to the acre, and 40 to 50 bushels of wheat is not uncommon. But this is with irrigation. And there are many indications of a rich soil close to Burns and Harney that have the water and will do that well when there is a way to get the grain to market.

Mr. Hill and Governor Eberhart, of Minnesota; ex-Governor Sarles, of North Dakota; and other westerners interested in the project. A secretary will be employed and paid to conduct a campaign of publicity and to visit commercial clubs throughout the proposed field of endeavor, arousing interest. It is proposed to create a sentiment in the Northwest already, throughout the Northwest for the exploitation of the advantages of this region. It is proposed to give free rein to the people, by publishing all of the information possible in Middle West publications. The St. Paul Dispatch, the Minneapolis Journal and the Omaha World will devote a department to the publicity of the sections within the territory of the association.

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It will be the longest automobile trip of its kind," said Mr. Blandin. "It will exceed the world famous Glidden tour. It will run from Minneapolis to Helena and along side of the tourists will be run a special hotel train that will be one of the finest things known in the country. The automobile will be in sections of the Nation will be in attendance and take part in the affair. Already a pathfinder has been sent out. More than \$50,000 will be expended in the making of good roads. The Portland Dispatch offers a trophy in connection with the tour. We believe that the town will advertise the country widely."

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ington, officers, according to a decision reached by Sheriff Quine today. Hankins said today that he would return to Spokane without extradition papers, but that he would fight extradition in the event he was requested to return to Chicago. Hankins spent the morning conversing with his wife and appeared quite cheerful this afternoon.

CANBY Plans for Fourth. The band boys here are taking subscriptions for funds to celebrate the Fourth of July. The celebration will be held in the grove at the fairgrounds. They intend to make the event the best ever held here. Fireworks will be prohibited.

TURNING OF TIDE OF TRAVEL'S IMM

Northwest Development Association Plans to Keep Settlers at Home.

AUTO TOUR BIG FEATURE

Hardy Citizens of Middle West to Be Told That There is No Reason for Going to Another Country to Prosper.

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BEND HAS LAWN CONTEST Prizes Offered as Incentives to Residents to Beautify Their Property.

BEND, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—Prizes that will tend to make this place more than ever merit its title of "Bend the Beautiful" have been offered by the local Commercial Club. A prize of \$50 will be given to the owner of the most attractive lawn in Bend, which is put under cultivation after May 15, and one of \$25 to the person who keeps the neatest back yard from this time until the distribution of the awards, which will take place in conjunction with the coming of the automobile tour.

LAND SCHEME DISCUSSED Members of Oregon Delegation Reply to Algerman's Suggestion.

SALEM, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—Superintendent Algerman's suggestion that some of the Oregon Delegation at Washington relative to his suggestion that the Oregon and California land grants be turned over to the State School Board, provided the higher courts uphold the opinion of Judge Wolverton. Representative Lafferty says he favors an act of Congress which will provide that these lands be sold to actual settlers. Senator Chamberlain is inclined to think that Mr. Algerman's suggestion is premature and Senator Bourne raises some objections. Representative Hawley has not answered.

Educational Board Named. DALLAS, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—County School Superintendent Seymour has appointed the following members of the new County Educational Board, created by a recent act of the Legislature: T. W. Brunk, of Eola; G. W. Meyer, of Dallas; G. A. Wells, of Buena Vista; and Mrs. Mahoning, of Falls City. Mr. Mahoning was elected clerk and Professor H. H. Parsons, of Cook public school at McMinnville, was named county supervisor of schools.

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\$35.50 Sewing Machine for \$24.85 The "Supreme"—Model B, ball bearing, automatic lift and automatic tension. Case of best quarter-sawn golden oak. As good as the best high-priced machines. 25¢ Graniteware Special—Regular Prices Up to 75¢—New Stock of New Ware. In the Basement. It has just been unpacked—this shipment of "Standard" enameled ware—dark blue and white, triple coated and acid proof. The best ware at its regular price that has ever come to Portland. The shipment consists of Berlin Covered Sauce Pans, Preserving Kettles, Lipped Sauce Pans, Pudding Pans, Wash Basins and Dippers. Values Range Up to 75¢. Choice at 25¢.

SOME PRICES FROM THE FURNITURE DEPARTMENT These in Dependable Leather-Upholstered Pieces. Many Other Such Opportunities. \$17.50 Arm Rocker with leather upholstered seat and back—now \$12.50. \$37.00 Arm Chair, upholstered entirely in leather—now \$21.50. \$36.00 Turkish Rocker, upholstered in leather—now \$23.25. \$52.00 Turkish Rocker, upholstered in finest leather—now \$33.75. \$48.00 Large Easy Arm Chair, upholstered in leather—now \$27.50. \$77.00 Fine Leather Sofa—now \$38.50. \$55.00 Leather Couch with oak frame—now \$37.85. \$65.00 Leather Couch with oak frame—now \$44.00.

ROSE CLAIMS ADJUSTED SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS LOWER COURT'S DECISION. Present Possessors of Property in Southern City Will Not Be Disturbed as Result. SALEM, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—In an opinion of importance to the City of Roseburg, the Supreme Court today affirmed the lower court in the case of George H. Chauncey against H. Wollenberg, and others, holding that the present holders of property in certain large sections of Roseburg shall not be disturbed in their right to the land. The suit was to partition land. In the statement of facts it was shown that the United States granted to Aaron Rose, founder of the City of Roseburg, the north half of a donation land claim in Douglas County and to his wife, Sarah Rose, and the heirs thereof, the south half. Mrs. Rose died in 1896 owning the land so granted except such parts thereof as she and her husband had conveyed, which are not involved in the present suit. At her death she left her husband, four brothers, six nephews and a niece. After her death Aaron Rose continued in possession of the remaining part of the land. The plea was dismissed on motion of the Attorney-General. The divorce case of Phelps vs. Phelps, appealed from Tillamook County, was dismissed on stipulation of the attorneys. Stove Contract Not Renewed. SALEM, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—Still another conference tonight between Governor West and representatives of the Loewenberg-Ging Company, who have controlled the stove foundry at the Penitentiary, resulted in no definite action as to a new contract. Governor West, following the conference, said he hoped for a

The Drapery, Upholstery and Bedding Departments Are Now Located on First Floor 67¢ Yard for "Lundour" Drapery material that was \$1.50 yard. In six good colors. 97¢ Yard for "Lundour" Drapery material that was \$2.25 yard, in two-toned effects. 47¢ Yard for Drapery Linings that were \$1.00 yard. 50 inches wide and in six colors. 12 1/2¢ Yard for Ecu Curtain Muslin that was 30¢ yard. In four patterns. 17¢ Yard for Ecu Figured Serim that was 40¢ yard.

In Bedding These a Few of Many Bargains. 67¢ Pair for \$1.50 Feather Pillows. \$1.90 Pair for Feather Pillows that were \$3.50. \$1.35 for full-size Cotton Summer Blankets that were \$2.75. \$5.00 Pair for Live Goose Down Pillows that were \$9.00. \$5.60 Pair for Live Goose Down Pillows, covered with fancy ticking, were \$10 pair. 25¢ Yard for Ecu Serim that was 65¢ yard. 63¢ Yard for Fancy Curtain Net in ivory tint. Was \$1.65 yard. 12 yards of Imported Linen Serim—slightly soiled—at 87¢ yard—sold heretofore at \$2.50 yard. 25¢ Yard for Monk's Cloth that was \$1.00 yard. In red only and 50 in. wide. 47¢ Yard for Plain Repps, in green, red and blue, 50 inches wide. Was \$1.00. 50¢ Yard for blue Table Felt, suitable for desk and table tops, etc., was \$1.50 yard. 72 inches wide. 97¢ Yard for best quality Imitation Leather that was \$1.75 yard. 50 inches wide and in several colors. \$1.50 Yard for Imported Velours that were \$3.50 yard. In blue and green and 50 inches wide. Round Asbestos Table Mats for Dining Tables: \$2.50 for \$4.50 Mats 45 ins. diam. \$3.50 for \$6.00 Mats, 54 ins. diam. \$2.75 for \$5.00 Mats, 48 ins. diam. \$4.50 for \$7.50 Mats, 60 ins. diam. All Drapery, Fringes, Cords and Gimps at about ONE-THIRD LESS Than Their Original Values.

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Hatchery Building Begun. ASTORIA, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—The lumber for the construction of cottages at the proposed new salmon hatchery on the Klaskanine River has been framed and hauled to the site. Yesterday a force of men went out to begin the erection of the buildings. The materials for constructing the main hatchery building have been ordered and as soon as the cottages are completed the erection work will be commenced. The plant will be finished in time to handle eggs during the coming season, and the intention is to care for about 10,000,000 there. Rain Aids Sherman County. WASCORO, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—A general rain over Sherman County Sunday night assures a good crop. About half an inch of rain fell. This morning was sunny. Conditions now are all that could be wished. The wheat crops of Willamette Valley are reported to be in as good shape as the Sherman crops, with color in favor of Sherman County. Pendleton Doctors to Tour Europe. PENDLETON, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—Dr. Eldred B. Waffle and his wife, Dr. Clara Waffle, will leave this week for a 6-months' tour of Europe. They

Alveolar Dentistry In a majority of our advertisements we lay great stress on our specialty, Alveolar dentistry, replacing missing teeth with a work of art, and the curing of Pyorrhea (loose teeth). This work is so remarkable in its character that it is apt to overshadow these other cases which come to us—the simple cases. We don't want the idea to obtain that we are Alveolar specialists alone. We are that, but something more—general practitioners of the first class. We do dentistry in all its branches from the simple piece of filling up. It's a beautiful statement to make, but we can do anything that is possible in dentistry and what we do is always of the very highest class. Our bowlers, Alveolar Dentistry and examinations are free. There are 13 Alveolar Dental Co. offices in the West. About 50,000 people are wearing our Alveolar teeth. About 2000 people in this city and state have been supplied by this office. 99 per cent—if not every single one—will tell you if asked that it's the best investment they ever made in dentistry. In many cases where bridgework is impossible and all cases where it is possible, we can replace your teeth with beautiful, artistic, comfortable, clean and everlasting teeth that will defy any one, dentist or layman, to tell from natural teeth. For full information see our Sunday ads. The Alveolar Dental Co., Dentists, 211 to 214 Abington Bldg., 106 1/2 3d St., Seattle, Haight Bldg., 21 and Pine, Terms to relatives people, but were recalled when they had reached Baltimore and a message announcing the death of Mrs. Waffle's father, Samuel Young of Astoria. Having settled the estate they returned to Pendleton recently. While in Europe they will attend a number of clinics and will visit a number of prominent medical institutions.