

HARNEY WED "GOAT" OF OWNERS OF BIRDS

Land Proposed for Refuge Found to Be Valuable.

EXCELLENT CROPS RAISED

Addison Bennett Finds Oats as High as a Man's Head and Yielding 125 Bushels an Acre.

BY ADDISON BENNETT.

BURNS, Or., Oct. 13.—(Special).—I have just returned from a trip around Malheur lake and all of the lands in the withdrawal as made by President Roosevelt in 1908, when the bird refuge was established. All of the 70 sections in the original mean-

The trip I have just returned from embraced a drive of something like 150 miles. We got an early start from Burns and went via Wright's point and Sunset valley to the Narrows, so-called because that is the passage by a short bridge over the water-way leading from Malheur lake westward toward Mud lake and Harney lake.

No Alkali is Found.

We wove our way as best we could through the eastern edge of the reserve, and finally passed the end of the railroad, where we had a good chicken dinner. Immediately thereafter we turned along to the west and explored many, many miles of the lands in the reserve, which many proponents of the bill allege is too high and too high for agricultural pursuits.

Land Worth \$100 an Acre. We passed through miles and miles of land that will eventually, when placed upon the market and provided with water, be cheap at \$100 an acre. We passed, in a round-about way, on westward to the little town of Lawen, 22 miles southeast of Burns. Now, if you will take a map of Harney county you will say that we must have crossed Silves river, the principal feeder of Malheur lake; we did cross the low places where the Silves river, the principal feeder of Malheur lake, flowed, but these low places were dry, in fact, in fact, in fact.

Conditions Have Changed.

Conditions have greatly changed here since I first visited the county, something like 15 years ago. Harney lake, for many years the finest looking body of water in the county, has entirely disappeared, dried up. That lake differed from Malheur lake, as it was of an alkaline nature. There never were any fish or other forms of life in it, save millions of "weevils," each about an eighth of an inch long. In the meantime Christmas lake has almost disappeared and Summer lake is drying up. I have also heard that Silver lake is falling rapidly, but I can speak of that lake only from hearsay, and I am dealing with actual facts.

Job Dissatisfies; \$20,000 Asked.

W. H. Goodenough brought suit yesterday in the circuit court against Mr. Bruen for \$20,000 damages. Goodenough alleged that Bruen was instrumental in getting him to leave a position which was paying him \$400 a month as superintendent of the Crown-Willamette Paper company's mill to go into new work with the Astoria Paper company's factory. He said that the agreement with Bruen was that he was to receive \$200 a month and \$10,000 worth of treasury stock in the Astoria company. He alleged that this was a false representation and that he has suffered great loss by his change of position.

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with the cormorants and sea gulls; they are a liability and not an asset. I do not suppose any county in the west has been the "goat" in as many instances as has Harney county. I think because it is about the smallest in population and the largest in area that the people generally consider its few people have no rights to respect. For many, many years it was the most remote county in the country from railways, and now its railway facilities are mighty limited. It costs around \$50 to get from Burns to Portland by rail. The forest lands in the county, embracing practically all of the profitable timber, would bring in taxes of some \$20,000 a year if the county could tax them.

The mail facilities in Harney have been the heretofore and carried until the service is not as good as it was in the old stage coach days. The Sunday Oregonian, for instance, does not reach here until the following Tuesday morning, and the Saturday Oregonian does not reach here until the following Monday morning. It takes more than three days, about 84 hours, for mail matter to reach Burns from Silves postoffice, 40 miles from here.

If the people here wanted help to finance a deal, the bankers, in effect, told them to do their own financing. Many, many times the leading citizens of the county have endeavored to get water on the lands in the valley, the largest contiguous body of agricultural land in Oregon, but they could get no outside help. Always Harney county has been left out in the cold.

Few Persons Know County.

Not one person in a score living in the Cascades knows anything at all about the county. But in spite of all that Harney has grown in the past, waiting for all of the interests here and by having large resources of their own, they found the day practically in sight when they could get water on a hundred thousand acres and more of this fine wheat land and make Harney the granary of Oregon, as it should and will be.

The irrigation district was formed with a view to a dissenting vote. Good many thousand dollars of Harney county money was expended in getting the surveys and getting the reservoirs and ditches started, and the day seemed almost on the horizon when the water would be put on the market; now come the lovers of bird life in conflict with the interests of bird life. In conflict with progress, in conflict with the school fund, in conflict with every material interest of Harney county, and presto, the bond buyers see the conflicting interests, see the taint of adverse rights, and refuse to bid on the bonds.

Just how this is I will make plain in another letter. But before closing I wish to say that soon after the reclamation law was passed surveyors from the reclamation service were thrown into Harney and found here two projects—the Silves project and the Silver creek project—as outstanding, worthy enterprises. But, as a result of a dissenting vote, the Umatilla and Klamath county got the money for their systems. Harney got nothing.

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PICKERS RACE WITH RAIN

APPLE CROP IS THIRD HARVESTED DESPITE SHOWERS.

Growers Continue to Ask for Help Although 100 Hands Arrive by Auto Over Highway.

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WOMEN BIT BILLIGERENT

CLASH NARROWLY AVERTED OUTSIDE COURTROOM.

Mrs. R. A. Keller and Mrs. Jeff Cabler Exchange Recriminations and Nearly Collide.

Profound family differences developed yesterday afternoon in the hall outside of Judge Jones' court, following the suit of R. A. Keller against Jeff Cabler, a policeman, for a \$4.75 telephone bill.

Traffic Men to Meet.

Problems arising through administration of consolidated ticket offices will be considered at the meeting of the Pacific Northwest Passenger association in Spokane today.

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