

WALLOWA'S CROP IS AIDED BY SNOW

Melting of Present Fall in Spring Will Mean Big Yield in 1912.

RANGE STOCK NOT INJURED

Though Cold Wave Strikes Enterprise Hustling Eastern Oregon Town Falls to Notice Greatly Little Matter of 28 Below.

BY ADDISON BENNETT. ENTERPRISE, Wallowa County, Jan. 1.—(Special Correspondence.)—The cold wave that has been sweeping across the north for the thermometer showed a temperature of 28 degrees below zero last night. And this morning it is somewhat lighter. But the sun is shining brightly, there is not a breath of wind, and one scarcely feels the cold when a glance is taken at the bulb of the thermometer.

Town Owns Water System. Enterprise has a splendid gravity water system, owned by the town. The water being taken from a spring-fed stream a few miles to the south. When the system was put in, the bonds bearing 4 per cent interest were issued. The water rents are low, and yet the revenues not only pay interest and sinking fund, but allow some \$2500 per year for extension of the system. It would be difficult to find a better system or one better managed.

The Enterprise people are proud of their town, and particularly of their courthouse. It is one of the handsomest buildings owned by any county in the state. It is built of native stone, quarried only two miles from town, and is as handsome and durable building material as can be found anywhere.

The next great source of civic pride is the high school building. This cost even more than the courthouse, and the people here make the claim that no county, aside from Multnomah, in the state can equal it. It is assuredly a splendid appearing structure. It occupies a corner site on an elevated prominence east of town, the plot of ground belonging to it being ten acres. Any city, regardless of size, might well be proud of it.

Wallowa Folk Proud. Its interior arrangements are said to be as modern and as near perfect as any school structure in the state. Indeed it is the pride and boast of the Wallowa County people that their sons and daughters can be as well educated at home as in any school in Oregon.

In the way of business places, the town shows up well. The Enterprise Hotel, the Fraternal building, and many of the other stone and brick structures show a fine display of wealth. There are two strong banks, the Wallowa National having a capital of \$50,000 and a surplus of over \$100,000. This bank was organized by the late Joe Church, of La Grande, and others in 1888, and W. P. Holmes, its present cashier, has held that position since the first organization. Its total resources amount to \$211,158.85. About a year ago the Enterprise State Bank was started with a capital of \$25,000. Its resources by the last statement were almost \$100,000.

Enterprise has a splendid newspaper, the Record Chieftain. H. A. Galloway and his sister-in-law, Miss Snow V. Houston, have heretofore been responsible for this paper, and are still running it. But they sold it recently to George P. Cheney, a Kansas City newspaper man, and he is expected here this week to take charge of it. He will come into possession of a splendid property. Mr. Galloway and Miss Houston have made it pay well. Neither is likely to leave here soon, as they have large holdings of real estate in the valley, and no doubt will be as successful at farming and stock raising as they have been in the newspaper field.

Wallowa Great Hog County. As stated in my Joseph letter, there are some 75,000 acres of irrigated land adjacent to these towns, and the output of hay, grain and livestock is growing by leaps and bounds. If you will notice the report of stock receipts and sales at the Portland stockyards you will often see that the Wallowa County sheep, cattle and hogs top the market. It is said that for hogs this is the banner county of the Northwest. And remember, the railway company recently made it possible to ship stock from here. Year by year the output will increase, and the quality will gain steadily. There is a disposition to raise the best of all sorts of stock, and to this end the growers are paying fabulous prices for the best breeding animals to be found. And among those already having as good stock as there is in the state are making large profits by selling high-class animals.

The altitude of the valley is from about 4200 feet down to perhaps 3500, and in some of the valleys along the Grand Ronde much less. The yearly precipitation is about 20 inches, making it possible to get a crop of grain two successive years by summer fallowing one year. Some even do better than this. And the average yield of wheat is better than 30 bushels to the acre. When you consider that these lands are in no case held at over \$50 an acre, the best irrigated lands

around \$100, and the second rate dry farming area as low as \$15, it will be seen that the homeseeker can find as good opportunities here as any of them ought to ask. I take the following from the last issue of the Record Chieftain:

Finished Stock is Best. There is a growing tendency here to ship only finished stock, to eliminate the shipping of hay and grain—to feed it here in the valley, and also to get into the dairy business. There is a creamery here doing a good business, and its output will increase rapidly.

Wallowa is one of the dry counties of Oregon. Three years ago the majority for prohibition was about 400; a year ago this fell to 100. If a vote were taken today—perhaps a glance at the court records will tell the story better than any theories or opinions to be advanced.

Range Country Good for Stock. But Wallowa always will shine as a stock country. The ranges around the valley are of the best for running stock at large. Even now this stock is in excellent condition, after a severe cold snap and a heavy snowfall. Much of it will go through the winter without feed and come out fat in the spring.

Another thing to remember when you consider the small population of the county, about 3500, is that there has never been issued from here any elaborate advertising matter. Perhaps the people are a little too prosperous. There are no paupers here, there is plenty of work for all classes of people with strong arms and good constitutions. And if they are not so strong the climate here will soon build them up. There is no more healthful section in the Northwest, no finer place for pleasure, profit or recreation.

NEWLYWEDS IN POVERTY
Chicago Cold Wave Makes Life Difficult for Young Couples.

CHICAGO, Jan. 13.—One of the odd features in the applications for aid during the ten days of zero weather here is the number of newly married couples who have appealed to the charity of the county for sustenance.

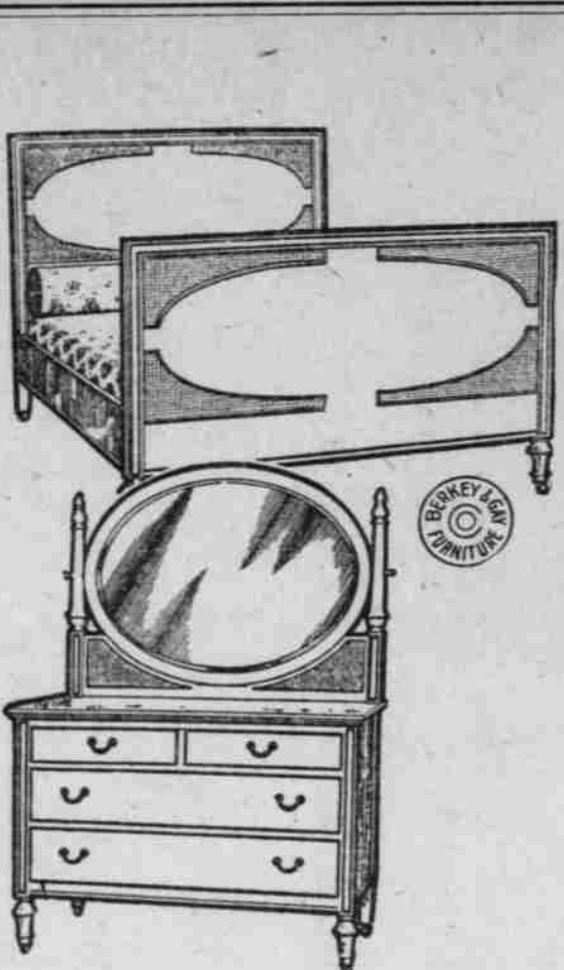
LAND SETTLEMENT URGED
Homeseekers Who Want Early Returns Have Splendid Opportunity on Logged-Off Area, Says Official of Timber Firm.

KALAMA, Wash., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—The \$25,000 payroll of the Mountain Timber Company, of this place, bids fair in the course of a week or two to be doubled, an extra night shift having been decided upon by the officers of the company.

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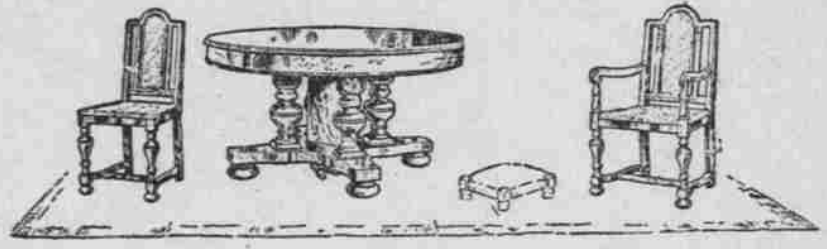
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