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CATTLE IN MIDDLE OREGON

Mr. Summerville-of the firm of Breyman & Summerville, of Prineville, who was here last week-represents the stock interests of the southern part of Wasco county, and lives one hundred or more miles south of where Mr. Dufur lives in the same county. In that part of the country there is little or no farming done, and stock raising is the chief dependence for business. Cattle and horses are owned in numerous herds and sheep to some extent, but are increasing. Mr. Summerville gives us many interesting particulars concerning stock-raising in that section, and we briefly describe it as having the Blue Mountains on the East of Princville, affording a great Summer range for stock, with the valley and table lands of Crooked river affording good grass, while the extensive upland region known as "the desert," reaching along the Cascade range from the Warm Springs reser-

To give an diea of the cattle interests, the firm of Mays & Son own 10,000 head; Breyman and Summerville own 5,000 head, and there are a number of other heavy owners in Southern Wasco; while to the East, in Grant all open timber. With Autumn instinct causes county, Peter French owns 20,000 head and Riley & Hardin, of Santa Rosa, Cal., own over that number, and there are many others who own less. Breyman & Summerville are new beginners, comparatively, having closed out an extensive mercantile establishment at Prineville to make a specialty of stock, in which line they have already had experience. They expect to have 1,000 calves to brand

the coming Spring. There is something almost romantic about cattle raising as practiced in this wild region. where settlement is confined to valleys along the streams, and for hundreds of miles in all directions extend wide areas of table lands great expanse of waterless and treeless wastes called "desert," and wide regions of moun tains and foot hills that abound in grass that grows amid forests of scattered pines without underbrush.

Ten years ago cattle bore a high price and there was probably more stock than at the present time. Bands had more owners, man being satisfied to own a few hundred head where now they own thousands. At that time cattle were worth more money than now, but the price went down fearfully so that many became discouraged and sold out, and in that way the bands were consolidated. At that time whole bands were disposed of for and the price has not from \$20 to \$21, in 1880. Ten years ago a hand was worth \$20 a head, all through where it would now average \$15, but there are plenty of people who find money in it.

Some pains has been taken to improve cattle but the the time seems to have come when stock men appreciate more highly than heretofore the need of raising the grade. Of course, putting good males on a range is folly unless a combined effort is made. The cattle men around Prineville talk of owning good males in common and putting enough of them on the range to bring the stock up. Mr. Summerville has the purchase of short horn bulls in view before his return. The mcrease of weight and quality of beef will soon show what is the value of a good cross. The stock that has been so graded up speaks for itself, but any one can see the difficulty of making improvement, except on a wholesale plan and by co-operation, where stock range in common over such an unlimited extent of country.

A description of the work of caring for stock through the year will be interesting, and we give it from Mr. Summerfield's re

It is spring time, and in May and June the cattle men go out in force for the annual "rodero," or "round up," as they call it in Colorado. Those who have cattle on the range come in person and frequently bring assistants, each band being represented by three to five men and horses, and perhaps fifty in a party. The object is to find all the stock and brand the young calves. It is a busy time with them ; some are driving stock together and others breeding. The calf recerves the brand on the cow, and if any calf has become weaned before it is found and cannot be identified by its mother's presence, then the first comer puts his own brand on it and there is no question. Occasional trouble comes from this, but when the owners are all represented all goes smooth. When an owner is absent, his brand is put on all calves known to belong to him. At the time of the Spring " all the beef steers are driven up and turned over to the buyers who may have con-tracted for them.

We have described the "Spring Drive," but there is also a "Fall Drive," which takes place when the stock comes out of the high mountains in September. Then the same effort is made to find and brand the calves that were omitted in June, or that may have been born in the interval; then all the Spring calves years, but very necessary.

The expense of cattle raising is literally almost nothing, the original outlay being the extent of the investment. The rancher puts up no feed, and stock take their vation South to the Klamath, and East of Prineville for over one hundred miles, affords unlimited Winter range, as will hereafter apcattle to leave the mountains for the plains, and as soon as snows fall they work their way onto the "desert," which dry region is somekeep stock alive, so the grass makes its Summer growth and waits for the stock to eat it off in Winter. One great virtue of this grass is that when dry it retains all its nutritions properties and makes good Winter feed. On the desert are scattered junipers that give

then Nature does all the rest. There is no as good as a burglar proof lock to prevent their being driven of by thieves. No thief could get

nade the attempt, and no one ever tried. We published last Winter the experience of cattle owner in Harney valley, which shows now well the business pays, but even he asserts that some men cannot carry it on without failure, as is the case with all other kinds of stock.

Owing to the neglect of late years the ncrease of cattle on these ranges has been lesn less than it should be. Since the advance in value more interest is taken. Cows will live and bring calves to 20 years of age, and life on the bunch grass range seem to be prolonged, but cows lose their teeth, or they wear down so that they cannot munch the dry Winter feed to good advantage, so a ten year old cow, if in good order, is sold for beef. Of late many whole bands of stock cattle havo been driven East. The demand for beef is both from the East and from California, and it seems safe to count on a good market for

SHEEP IN MIDDLE OREGON

Sheep are becoming an important interest n Southern Wasco county, and Messrs, in Southern wasco county, and messrs.

Breyman & Summerville own six thousand head. Mr. Summerville gives it as his opinion that sheep can do well wherever cattle can live, and when the coarse bunch grass is eaten out and cattle no longer thrive, then sheep do butter than ever, because a fine grass, known out and cattle no longer thrive, then sheep do butter than ever, because a fine grass, known as sheep grass, comes up in place of the original growth, and a crop of weeds also grows, which grass and weeds furnish sheep with more congenial food than the long bunch grass. It is a fact well known to all sheep owners that sheep prefer the finer and shorter grass to any of the coarser growths. It requires more care and expense to care for sheep than for cattle, as they require to be herded and also to be be dipped twice a year to keep them clear of the acab. But sheep do not exhaust the range, on the contrary, when carrying only what it can properly support they improve the range for sheep is in the foothulls, and through the open pine forests in the near mountains, and in Winter they are herded on the open country, the table lands adjoining Crooked river valley and on the edge of the "desert." Flocks in Southern Wasco are

born in the interval; then all the Spring calves are put into pastures to wean and allow the cows to gain in condition, so as to be able to winter well. This weaning of the calves is a winter well. This weaning of the calves is a county to be driven again in the Spring to county, to be driven again in the Spring to the railroad in Nevada, destined for the San Francisco ma kets or to Cheyenne in Wyo-ming on their way East.

HORSE BREEDING IN WASCO COUNTY. Herse raising has become a very important chances in the mountains in Summer and in the desert in Winter. He doesn't even buy salt, because the presence of alkali supplies that need, and stock will not eat salt if offered. No help is required except to make the in all, and in 1880 the return was 17.761 Spring and Fall drives. The Summer range of | head; Grant county increased from 509 head cattle is towards the head of Crooked River to 9,709; Baker county, from 287 to 9,680 head, certainly a great increase. Thousands (which is the main branch of the Deschutes, heading in the Blue mountains,) and in foot hills of the ranges: as Summer deepens they work into the higher mountains, finding good grass among the pine trees. There is some the foothills but the mountains are browse on the foothills, but the mountains are mals are not owned in such great numbers as cattle. Persons making a business of it own 100 to 300 head, of which 50 per cent. are marcs. They buy work stallions and breed generally for size and strength, often using full-blood Percheron or Clyde sires costing times good soil but more often rocky and unfit for cultivation, but on all parts of it there is the best of bunch grass that will never be caten out, for in Summer there is no water to make a businesf of breeding good stallions depending chiefly on the demand from east of the mountains for their market. Half-blood

stock parcial shelter, and to pounds drink from pools that stand of Polymer has a most time or space for fun descriptions, when the snows melt. This region is not overstocked and singularly enough the not overstocked and singularly enough the Winters are not so severe as near the Columbia. Comparatively, no stock died in Southern Wasco last Winter, when heavy losses were experienced in the northern part of the breeding season, and bands of horses take were experienced in the northern part of the county. The same was true of all Middle and Southeastern Oregon, including Baker and Grant counties, as well as in Lake county that the county of Wessel Scowfall was so light that south of Wasco. Stowfall was so light that stock made an easy living and did well. So long as that region shall be left alone and not invaded by railroads that will induce settlement and cultivation the stockmen will have a good thing of it. The man who owns 100 stock, the farmer here sells his old team and replaces with young animals ment should be walk to the country. \$8 to \$9 a head. Then there came a demand cows needs 4 bulls with them, and has only to replaces with young animals sewly broken.

On Eastern buyers who took off 150,000 head brand his calves and drive up his beef steers, northern Wasco, and Mr. Summerville, 100 northern Wasco, and Mr. Summerville, 100 miles south, which show very little difference vanced again to pretty good figures; 3 to 4 danger, even, that they will stray beyond his in modes. Neither of these gen lemen are in year old steers sell for \$22 to \$25, an advance reach, for they carry his brand, which is also their observations. Unbroken animals ar sold at \$100 to \$125, and the purchaser shoose being driven of by thieves. No thief could get out of the country with a stolen band if he made the attempt, and no one ever tried.

out of a band, breaking and making a profit on the sale. Good work teams sell at, 4 and 5 years old, from \$250 to \$350 the matched span, weight 1,000 to 1,400 pounds. O course teams can be had at \$150 to \$200 the span. Horse breeding is carried on more or less extensively in all the region east of the mountains, in both Oregon and Washington, and our description will apply to the whole region.

vacated and a great part of the public property and supplies having been removed, the Commissioners of Indian Affairs calls atten tion in his annual report to the desirability of Congress taking action to provide for its apcongress taking action to provide for its ap-praisement and sale. A memorial from the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, praying for the restoration of the lands in-cluded in this reserve to the public domain for pre-emption, settlement and sale, was referred to this office in February last by the chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. The proposition to dispose of the land in the manner therein indicated did not hand in the manner therein indicated did not receive the approval of the office, and it may be well to aid that any plan looking to the disposal of the reservation that does not con-template and provide substantial return to the Indians, for whose sole benefit it was es-tablished and set apart, should not receive the sanction of the department. These Indi-ans will need anisten print the fortier in the tablished and set apart, should not receive the sanction of the department. These Indi-ans will need assistance in the future in their efforts at self-aupport, and the proceeds of the sale of their reservation will be properly in-vested to afford such assistance and relieve the government of the burden. The Indians who

ITEMS BY TELEGRAPH.

Yellow fever has become an epidemic on one of the West Indies.

In the Senate, Vest introduced a bill to in-orporate an inter-ocean company. Morrison, of Illinois, introduced a bill to reduce all tariff duties one per cent.

The committee on finance approve Shor-man's bill for issue of three per cent. bonds. Secretary Folger will appear before the ommittee Thursday and give his views to the Senata.

Mrs. Garfield has been elected the first honorary member of the Loudon Shakespeare Society. An expert says that the shape of Guiteau's

head and one-sided tongue are symptoms of Martin Pachett, for the murder of James Barnes, sentenced to be hanged the 20th of January in St. Louis.

It is reported that ex-County Clerk Stuart, of San Francisco, who skipped town some months ago, is back again in a demented con-dition.

The Chinan bark "Twenty first of May, bound for Port Townsend in bailast was wrecked on Race Rocks in the Straits of Fuca

The Southern Pacific seeks Oregon trade, and will run two steamers to the Columbia and Puget Sound, to carry wheat to railroad connection for New Orleans.

James Brown committed suicide in the United States Hotel, San Francisco, on the 13th, by taking strychnine. Family troubles and drask are attributed as the cause of the deed

The Poughkeepsie bank defalcation is \$50,-000, and is thought to be a deficiency in county funds. Halloway, the cashier, is at home in a state of extreme nervous prostration and threatened with brain fever.

It is reported at the police station from Visitacion valley, near San Francisco, that the body of Antonia Galliano, who was stabbed by his brother, was found in a cabbage paten on the ranch on the 13th.

The grand jury, accompanied by an archii visit the theatres and public halls of
the street of the property of the property of exit, the not sufficient, it is expected. Returns from all but two precincts of Boston

show the election of Samuel A. Greene, Re-publican and citizen's nominee for mayor, by 382 majority over Albert Palmer, Democrat. l'otal vote will be about 30,000.

Leonidas Tr.plett and Arthur Davis quar-roled at Warrenton, Va., on the 13th. Davis got Triplett's head under his left arm and deberately blew his brains out. Davis was created but made his excape. Curtin and other Pennsylvania Democrats.

intend to vote against several Southern Democratic claimants to seats in Congress, because a number of them opposed the admission of Curtin last year. Considerable ill-feeling Davis, of West Virginia, will submit a resolution asking the Secretary of the Interior for details on pension frauds and what had

to punish frauds through the Senate mittee. The President has adopted rules for recep-

ion of visitors at the White House. He re erves Saturdays and Sundays for himself and on those days will receive no one. He will hold his first public reception on New Year's Day.

A News letter says the department esti-A reas letter says the department esti-mates the wheat crop of Oregon thus year at 13,8-9,000 bushels, lacking only 79,000 bush-els of equalling the production of all the Ter-ritories combined. Seven eighths of the Ore gon crop thin year was raised in the Willamette

A man named Col. E. K. Keyburn has been The Malheur Reservation being no longer arrested at Omaha on a charge of forgery and embezzlement in New York, by which he re-needed for Indian purposes, and having been alized \$8,000. About \$1,300 was found on a vacated and a great part of the public propdone with the balance. He was at once taken East by New York detectives.

Washington specials have the following conts: It is understood Congressman Page, California, who has been for some time in bitter controversy with the director of the mint, desires to be made charman of the coinage committee. Page was one of Keifer's most ardent supporters for the speakership.

Vest introduced Ead's bill for the construc tion of a ship railway across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. The bill provides that Eads Tehuantepee. The bill provides that Eads shall first demonstrate the practicability of his scheme by the expendi ure of \$75,000,000 in preliminary work, and that when the plan is proved practicable, Congress shall guarantee bonds to the amount of \$100,000,000.

A report received in San Fraccisco from Vistacion valley, the scene of the recent tragedy, that Bianca Galliano, the young women who was so dangerously stabled by her brother, is resting easily and her condition is more favorable. The condition of Marie I. salo who so narrowly e-caped instant death at the hands of the assassin, is much improved.

The World says it is reported in Irish legal circles that law officers of the crown have been considering the advisal lity of indicting T. P. O'Connor and Healey for conspiracy on their arrival in England for the part they took in the proceedings of the land league conven-tion at Chicago, which is relied upon as sufficient to insures conviction.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad formally announce a reduction of rates on provisions and grain to 12 cents per hundred. The Pennsylvauis has announced a reduction to 15 ents for provisions which carries with it the sual differential rate. This is the old bases rates in operation on the 26th of October has about a dozen pupils. If any other indian in this Territory has ever before conducted a school, we have yet to learn of it. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad formally

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Senate confirmed Frelinghuysen Secretary of State.

James retires January 1st, and become president of a New York bank.

The President accepted the resignation of assistant Secretary of State for the 31st met. Chung Tsao Ju, the new Chinese minister Washington, arrived at San Francisco of

In a drunken row at Lincoln, Neb., on the 12th, J. B. Hill was stabbed in the breast by . McKay. The wound is considered fatal. During the week ending Dec. 10th, 395,487 standard silver dollars were put into circula-tion against 485,496 for the corresponding week of last year.

Senator Jones opposes Secretary Folger's silver views, and advises Arthur to heten to the Senators and Representatives of different States in making appointments.

Luke Kinned and Daniel Haloy, noted safe blowers, were taken into Indiana from Omaha by Sheriff Cosgrove of Fort Wayne, to answer the charge of burglary at Sheldon.

Richard Jennings, a hard case, without provocation, shot and killed at Austin, Nev., on the 12th, John Barrett in a barroom. The nurdered man was highly respected.

William, Joseph and Johnny, sons of John Johnson, of Manitowac, Wis., aged 8, 10 and 12, broke through the ice and all drowned. Search for the bodies proved fruitless.

In the Senate Edwards introduced a bill authorizing pay for necessary and reasonable expenses incurred in behalf of the late President, provided the aggregate shall not exceed \$100,000.

The French delegation were on change at St. Louis on the 12th, and had a pleasant re-ception. They go hence to New Orleans to examine Ead's jetties and will report to the French government.

Oscar A. Rice, defaulting internal revenue collector pleading guilty at New Orleans of embezzlement, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$10,304, the amount of defalcation, and serve two years at hard labor.

The city council passed an ordinance in Chicago on the 12th, requiring the law decrement to prepare a proper ordinance ascential to the same to on passenger cars of roads doing business in the city.

A Tribune's Washington special says the announcement is authoritatively made with regard to the appointment of women to office that the President has determined to make no such appointments in future. This rule will apply to such offices as post offices, pension agencies, etc., and will not of course have any bearing on positions in departments.

A Republican Senator on good terms with the administration says the President has not decided upon any new cabinet officers beyond Frelinghuysen; that the President intends to fill one cabinet place with any man Gen. Grant may designate and that at present Grant lesitates between Chaffee and Beals, but indications are that Beals will be selected.

STATE NEWS.

There are now 22 feet of water on the Coos Bay bar.

The Southport coal mine, in Coos county, us thirty miners at work. The Coquille river now has two passenger

teamboats plying its waters. It will cost \$10,000 to put the Coos Bay agen road in good condition.

An eight pound potato was dug up Lee Quong, keeper of a Salem opium joint has been arrested for scealing coal.

Frank Rankin's house at Eugeneently burglarized. Loss, \$15 50. Simpson's mill at Gardner, Coos county mploys 27 white men and two Celestials.

The law against vagrancy is being enforced it Salem, and might be here with good effect. One thousand dollars was raised by subscription at Peudleton for the small pox sufferers at Heppner.

A. J. Davis, the claimant of the Marsh field, Coss county, townsite is a wealthy New York broker and recently paid \$1,000 for a fast train to take him from New York to Omaha to see a sick brother.

It is reported, says the Astorian, that a vein of coal four feet in depth has been dis-covered near Jewell, on the Nehalem. Also new vein of some thickness northeast of iaribaldi, between Miami and Nehalem.

The new boom lately constructed near the mouth of Coos river is 2,200 feet long and 120 feet wide. It will hold about 4,000 average sized saw logs. Three hundred and sinety-six piles were used in its construction.

TERRITORIAL.

The Yakima hop raisers have made money this years.

The contract to build six more Front street, Scattle, has been let. Snow has disappeared from the Klickitat cattle range and stock is doing well.

It is said that \$600,000 were taken the Wood river mines in six month. The clerk at the Columbia Hotel, Walla Walla, J. Hailey by name, has been arrested

charged with larceny. Aldy Neil, his father and two brothers, were arrested in the Big Hend country charged with horse stealing and locked up in the Chercy init

MINING NEWS

Jacksonville Times.

It has been raining during the week and he miners are livening up.

Ore is now being taken out of Schumpf's edge in Willow Springs district. The miners of Leland precinct have plenty of water and are making the best of it.

A company of Chinamen are preparing to mine in Joseph Douden's field near Rogne

The rains of the past week have afforded the miners of Josephine county sufficient water to commence work.

Superintendent Engis informs us that piping is going on at the Sterling Mine, there being enough water for one pipe.

Dan Fisher has turned the water into his ditch running to the big bar of Rogue river and will do some work there this season. Hays and Magruder have completed a reservoir at their diggings on Rogue river and

are preparing to mine on a more extensive scale than ever. The Coyote Creek Company's property is advertised to be sold at sheriff's sale on Janu-

ary 2, 1882, by virtue of a vendor's lien in favor of H. Kelly. Newt. Haskins who is at work at the claim of Chas. E. Chappel & Co., on Star gulch, informs us that piping is now going on there with half a head of water.

Capt Ankeny, the well known mining capitalist, arrived last week to look after his mining interests. After visiting the Sterling Mine, he left for Galice creek this week.

A STARVING COLONY.

Last Spring the advance guard of some Russian immigrants arrived here from Kansas and settled in East Portland. Last Summer they were joined by others, and now sixteen families, in all numbering seventy-six persons, are living in the old building krown in East Portland as the Oriental Hotel. Early this Portland as the Oriental Hotel. Early this Winter most of the men went into Washington Territory to get work, and up to this time the little colony has heard nothing from them, nor has it been able to keep the wolf from the door. Strengers in a strange land, not even acquainted with the first words of our language, unable to obtain work, the women have been overtaken by poverty, and are now suffering with all the attending horrors of squalor and disease. A large proportion of the iningrants are either now sick with scarlet fever or have just recovered—five children having died within the last ten days—and one poor mother, who has four chil--and one poor mother, who has four chil-dren lying in one bed at death's door, made known to our reporter that she had nothing to give them but water and potatoes, nor had she been able for more than a week past to she been able for more than a week past to provide anything more nourishing for her dear ones. The dire distress of these poor helpless women was yesterday learned for the first time, and immediately some charitable East Portlander sent a doctor to them, and selected a lady and gentleman to canvass the town for subscriptions. Those whe contribute to this cause may be sure that their charity will not

PROMPT JUSTICE.

Tim Wheelan came up for sentence in the circuit court yesterday. He was somewhat astonished when Judge Stott gave him five years in the penitentiary, a punishment he richly deserved. The story he told in regard to his attempt to murder the woman Louise DuBar, proved to have been false in nearly every particular, and instead of an attempt naving been made to rob him of a one hundred dollar bill and a watch and chain, it turned out that he had no money nor watch. When interviewed by a reporter of the STANDARD a short time after the deed had been committed and informed that her wounds would not and informed that her wounds would not prove latal, he said he was sorry he hadn't killed her. The story he told was an improbable one, as was stated at the time, and his statements since in regard to the matter have materially differed. He was apparently very confident of acquittal at first, and when arraigned entered a plea of not guilty to a charge of assault with a deally weapon, but afterward changed it to guilty, thinking to escape with a light punishment. He was most diagreeably disappointed, and toughs from California can take warning by his fate.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT .- While hunting on Bear creek last Sunday morning, Alex. Berry, aged 14 years, youngest son of Squire A. M. Berry, of Jacksonville, says the Ashland Tidings, accidentally shot and kilfed himself. He and a young lad named Mensor had gone He and a young lad named Mensor had gone duck hunting, and were about to cross the duck hunting, and were about to cross the creek on a foot-log, when the accident occurred. Alex. started to cross first, giving his gun to his companion to hold. When he had crawled part way across, heasked for his gun, which was laid upon the log with the muzzle toward him. He grasped the barrel, and as he was pulling it toward him the hammer caught and the weapon was discharged, shooting him near the heart and producing almost instant death. He apparently did not know he was shot, but exclaimed: "I'm getting stiff," and fell into the water. His companion drew him to the bank and he was dead.

PORTRAIT OF ARCHBISHOP BLANCHET .-The Archangel, published by the students of St. Michael's College, in this city, comes to us this week containing a portrait of Most Rev. F. N. Blanchet, D. D., beautifully engraved and printed. The reverend gentleman, who is known and esteemed by members of all de-nominations in this State, the accompanying article says, arrived here on the 24th of No-vember, 1838, and it was under his anspices the college was founded in 1871.