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## RIDGE AND VICINITY

**HEAVIEST FOG SEEN FOR MANY YEARS.**

**Personal Notes—Fred Fletcher Poisoned by Handling Poison Oak—Mrs. Ogle Has Smallpox.**

Ridge, Jan. 17.—There was a large hail given at Doherty's barn on Butter Creek the 16th of this month.

James Kinney, who has been running his sheep near Nye for awhile, has moved them back to his home ranch for feeding purposes.

William Thorwald, the man who was thrown from a load of hay and received a sprained ankle, is getting so he can use his foot a little now.

William Jones, of Milton, formerly a resident of Gardane, is visiting friends and relatives in the latter vicinity.

Fred Fletcher, who has been employed by the Rugg Bros until lately, has contracted a severe case of poison oak in his face and made a trip to Pendleton this week to get treatment from the doctor.

Ed Chapman, the blind musician of Butter Creek, was a visitor in our neighborhood this week. Mr. Chapman is a very skillful man, more so than some men with good eyes, that is with some things. Ed is a good, honest, kind-hearted man and makes friends with all.

Dr. Snap, of Ukiah, was called to the home of J. M. Ogle on Butter Creek last Wednesday. Mr. Ogle is bothered with an abscess in his side and Mrs. Ogle with the so-called smallpox.

We have been having some of the heaviest fog in the past few days, that has been known for years. It has ranged from 26 to 38 degrees above zero, and the frost which fell therefrom, has been so heavy that the barbed wire fences look like plank fences at a distance. And the telephone wire is about five inches thick and is breaking down all the rotten posts and swagging the line till it is dangerous in places. We tried to have a Chinook today, but it failed.

### RETURNED FROM THE EAST.

Asa Moore, of Milton, Tells of His Visit to Old Home in Missouri.

Asa Moore, a pioneer farmer of Milton, who crossed the plains from Cameron, Mo., in 1879, and settled in Umatilla county, has just returned from a five-weeks' visit to his old home. Mr. Moore has lived continuously in this county since his arrival here in '79, and this is his first visit East.

He reports crops good in that section of the country, prices for products very high and farmers in a most prosperous condition. So many changes have taken place that he says he would not have known the country. He says the farms are highly improved, roads kept in much better condition than in this country, and while the farmers do not own such large tracts of land as here, its state of productiveness is very high.

He says at points on the Union Pacific, during the trip East, the trains had to be abandoned by the engine that started out of the terminals, and other engines picked up along the road to finish the run. Traffic is congested and the west-bound passenger trains into Denver are so heavily loaded that traveling is exceedingly uncomfortable. While east, Mr. Moore also visited at Newton, Kan., and Pawnee county, Oklahoma, but in all his travels saw no spot as enticing as his Milton wheat farm in the shadow of the Blue Mountains of Oregon.

### Coyote and Rabbit.

Montana, like Eastern Oregon, paid good bounties for the killing of the sleuth-like coyote at the behest of sheepowners, who lost a few mutton now and then—made a meal of by coyotes. Now it is found out that with the coyote almost exterminated the pestiferous jackrabbit has increased to the extent that they eat all the vegetation in sight, starving the sheep out. The coyote was man's best friend, but he did not know it. He almost lived off jackrabbits, a sheep now and then being but incidental to his diet.—Eugene Guard

### Where Kearney Conquered.

An old historic landmark in Las Vegas, N. M., is now giving away to the spirit of progress which is dominant in that territory at this time.

There are few landmarks of the early '50's left, and the latest to give way to the Americanization is the two old adobe buildings in what is known as the Kibler block in the old town portion of Las Vegas.

There is to be erected here a fine two-story brick office building.

The work of demolition has already begun, and the buildings, on the roof of which Gen. S. W. Kearney accepted the allegiance of the people of Las Vegas and New Mexico, will be one of the things of the past.—San Francisco Examiner.

### Oldest Postmaster.

The oldest postmaster was Elias Leinbach, of Leinbach, Berks county, Pa., a republican, who resigned in April, after serving continuously since 1852, thus refuting the old adage that "officeholders die and never resign." The youngest high school graduate was James Mansfield Cleary, of Chicago, aged 15.

## GRAND OPERA COMPANY.

The Gordon-Shay Company Will Present a High-Class Attraction Here. J. Saunders Gordon, of the Gordon-Shay Grand Opera Company, is in the city today making arrangements for the appearance of his company at the Frazer next Tuesday, January 27.

This company carries 50 people, their own orchestra and scenery. They will produce "Il Trovatore," Verdi's masterpiece, in this city.

The Denver Times, of Denver, Col., has the following to say of the company:

"A new prima donna of unusual brilliancy, flashed across the local opera firmament of Denver last night. The city had previously heard of the successes made abroad and in New York by Miss Rose Cecilia Shay. A fascinating stage presence, a superb mezzo-soprano voice of exceptional quality and fineness and a magnetic personality, are the attributes of the new prima donna. She was at her best in "Down by the Walls of Old Seville." The costumes of the company were pretty, fresh and new. The chorus is excellent and displayed natural ability of high order. The scenery was greatly above the average of that seen in like productions.

"Taken in its entirety, the Gordon-Shay company is one of the best class aggregations that has appeared before a Denver audience this winter."

This company will appear in "Il Trovatore" at the Frazer, Tuesday, January 27.

## WOOL CLIP POOLED

WALLOWA COUNTY SHEEP. MEN ENTER AGREEMENT.

Will Not Sell Wool Before July 1—This Method Has Raised Price of Wool in Different Localities—The Woolgrower Becomes Independent of the Buyers.

The Wallowa County Woolgrowers' Association, at a meeting held in Joseph last Saturday, decided to pool the wool clip of 1903, and formally agreed not to sell a pound before July 1.

This method of selling the Oregon wool clip has been in practice at The Dalles, Shaniko and other wool centers for a couple of years, with the beneficial result of increasing the price from one to three cents a pound. Under this method, buyers from the great wholesale and commission houses appear at the point where the wool clip is held, at the time specified by the woolgrowers, as the opening of the wool sale, and proceed to bid for the clip. The market is open to all.

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all bids and the wool may be held indefinitely. This places the individual woolgrower beyond the caprice of the buyers. The wool that is included in the pool is protected by the association from the danger of a concerted "cut" in prices by brokers, and each individual sheepman who belongs to the pool is independent of the cross-fire plays of the buyers.

The great Wallowa county herds are either driven to the shearing pens near Elgin or the Wallowa bridge, 12 miles from the city, and the clip is hauled to the warehouses at

that place. Heretofore, each man has sold his own clip and has fought the battles of the market alone. There has been no uniformity in price and no good understanding among woolgrowers.

Hereafter the sheepmen of that county will follow the example of Crook and Wasco in handling their output.

The Daily East Oregonian is on sale in Portland at the Rich news stand in Hotel Perkins, and at the Hotel Portland.

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