# WOOL PROSPECTS

LARGE CROP COMING AND OF FINE QUALITY.

**Sheep Are All in Fine Condition and the Growth of Wool Has Been Uninterrupted—This Is One of the Years When All the Conditions Have Been Admirable—Sheepmen in Good Spirits.**

Charles Cunningham has just returned from a week spent among his sheep and is in the best of spirits over the prospect for a good clip this year.

All of the sheep are in good condition, fat and healthy, their fleeces are large and the wool is strong, so that in the estimation of Mr. Cunningham the crop this season will be at least a fourth more than last, and it may yield a still higher advance.

The winter has been very favorable to the growth of the sheep, warm and open and at the same time not overly wet. The pasturage has been plentiful, the grass strong and easy to be gotten, so that there has not been a day in all of the winter when the sheep did not have all they wished to eat. This has kept them in good flesh, and has allowed the wool to grow steadily, so that there has been no break and therefore will be no dead or spliced strands.

Whenever the sheep is retarded in its growth by lack of feed and begins to lose flesh, the wool begins to die, or at least stops its growth, and from that point out the strands of the fleece become dead and brittle, having no life or strength, and bringing in the market an inferior price. This year, however, nothing of the kind has happened, and the wool will be therefore of strong fibre, heavy in weight, rich in the natural oil, or in the language of the sheepman, it will be "alive."

These are the reasons all of the sheepmen of the county are in such good spirits, for they know that no ordinary spell of weather that could sweep over the country from now on would affect matters in the least.

## LOOKING FOR LOCATION.

**R. E. Fontaine, of Billings, Would Start Ladies' Furnishing Goods Store.**

R. E. Fontaine, formerly in business at Billings, Mont., is at the Pendleton. He is in search of a suitable location for a ladies' furnishing goods establishment, and thinks Pendleton would be an excellent location for such a business.

He would put in a $20,000 to $30,000 stock of up-to-date goods and wishes to rent in a prominent location. He has been unable to secure quarters yet, and it is possible that a building will have to be erected especially for the business.

### Grant Copeland Married.

Grant Copeland and Miss Alice Hooper, of Walla Walla, were married in that city yesterday afternoon. Mr. Copeland is a well known citizen of Walla Walla county, and has many friends in this city. He is a partner of Senator Levi Ankeny in the stock business.







# PROPOSE CHANGES

PLANS FOR NEW LINE OF LIBRARY MANAGEMENT

**Present Quarters too Small and Unfit, and a Large Number of Books are Packed Away — Proposed to Enlist Co-operation by the School District — Problem for the Next Meeting Commercial Association.**

When the new administration of the Commercial Association comes into power at the next meeting one of the first things that will come up for discussion, according to the story of one or two of the members, will be the disposal of the library.

The library has been a perplexing question with the association for some time, and as yet there is no satisfactory solution. The shelves are now full of books, and there are over $100 worth of new books which have never been unpacked, owing to the lack of a place to put them. The little room where the library is placed is full, and unless there is some alteration made in the rooms there can be no place for more books.

### Many Men of Many Minds.

Some of the members take but little interest in the fate of the library as their tastes are more in the club line. Others wish to improve the library, but do not wish to sacrifice any of the room or conveniences of the association. Others would like to have the current magazines and papers but care nothing for the reference books and histories that compose a large part of the collection.

One plan now being talked over, and the one that seems to meet with the greatest favor, is the plan to make of the collection a public library for the use of the book-lovers and students of the city. The plan of these people is to arrange quarters for the books in the rear of association rooms, and separate and apart from the association proper. The books could then be placed at the disposal of the people without interfering with the members of the parent body. Students of the school, and those wishing to make use of the reference books could have the privilege free.

### Proposal to Divide Expense.

Those members who have talked the matter over are in favor of some such change as the one noted, but they would not be in favor of maintaining a free library for the use of the school district without some help from the district. If the school board will donate a certain amount each month for the maintainance of the library the proposition would be very likely to meet with favorable consideration.

If the change were made, a man would have to be placed in charge of the rooms who could give his whole time to the care of the Association rooms and the library; one who would know how to care for the books, keep them in place, segregated, and where they could be readily found. This librarian would have to be on duty every afternoon, all day Saturday and in the evenings, and would require for his services a higher salary than the Association can pay unless a special revenue is provided. This is the situation as it will be laid before the association at the next meeting, and if all the conditions are met, the scheme may be adopted.

## AT ASSEMBLY HALL.

**Pupils of the Eighth Grade Will Entertain Tonight.**

This evening the eighth grade of the public schools will entertain their friends and the patrons of the schools at the Assembly hall with a literary and musical program. All of those who take part in the entertainment are members of the class, and a very interesting time is promised to those who attend. The program is as follows:

Piano solo—Katherine Smith.
Essay—Pearl Harris.
Vocal solo—Nellie McMullen.
Recitation—Vialette De Borde.
Duet — Misses Fleda and Effie Parkes.
Essay—Frankie Wenber.
Recitation—Durr Edwards.
Vocal solo—Willard Bond.
Essay—Jessie Smith.
Piano solo—Ethel Hayes.
Recitation—Flora Sheek.
Vocal solo—Rena Ferguson.

## UMATILLAS WANT MONEY.

**Periodical Excitement Over an Imaginary Payment of Interest Money From the Government.**

Indian Agent Charles Wilkins is experiencing one of the periodical flurries of excitement among the Indians on the reservation, over an imaginary payment of interest money from the government, on the principal owing to the Indians for lands sold from the reservation.

The Umatillas know there is a large sum of money due them on this land, and about once each year, imagine the government is going to make a payment. They become highly elated over the prospect of a small fortune from this source, and are now making business for the agent with constant inquiries about the payment. They have sent in hundreds of names of those entitled to a payment, in case the money comes and many of them are planning what disposition will be made of the funds.

One peculiarity of the situation is that the Indians, themselves, are divided on the question of drawing this money from the government. One faction believes the money should remain with the government, and be expended in schools and improvements or be allowed to accumulate for their children, while the other faction wants to draw it all down and spend it as they see fit.

The factions have actually changed positions in the past year, the one favoring the payment a year ago now maintains that the government should keep the money for the future while the Indians opposing the payment a year ago, now believe it should be made. This change is due almost entirely to the disposition to be opposite to the other faction.

## THE "WONDERS."

**Baseball Team Being Organized for Coming Season.**

The "Wonders" are about to be organized and put on a playing basis for the baseball season.

At a meeting last night Roy Alexander was elected captain, and Tom Malarky manager. Nearly all of the old players are in the city and some new material, so it is expected to organize a stronger taem than ever before.

When the team was organized several years ago, it was composed of some of the boy players of the city, but with the passage of time, these have grown to be pretty husky young ball players, who will put up a good game when they get into harness.

### The Journal's War Service.

The Oregon Daily Journal is the only newspaper in Oregon receiving the full Hearst war service from the Orient. This special service is much better and more spicy than the stereotyped Associated Press service. The Journal has recently trebled its large subscription list in this city, showing that its enterprise in securing this Hearst war service is highly appreciated.

### Taken to Hospital.

Miss May McConnell, of Republic, who has been critically ill at the Hotel Bickers for some time, was removed yesterday to the hospital, where she was taken in hopes that the added facilities of the institution would promote a recovery.

### Will Preach at Butter Creek.

Rev. M. V. Howard, pastor of the Methodist church, South, will go to Echo tomorrow night and will preach on Sunday at the Thompson schoolhouse on Butter creek. Rev. G. W. Rigby will occupy his pulpit here, during his absence.

That old time advice about saving the pennies must be twisted. Save the dollars and spend only the pennies and you will land in the capitalists' row.









## WILD MAN AN OLD SOLDIER.

**Faithlessness of Fiancee Has Affected His Mind.**

Grangeville, Idaho, Feb. 12. — Oscar G. Hodson, the wild man found wandering in Salmon River mountains last week, has been adjudged insane and will be taken to Blackfoot asylum. Hodson was identified by Charles Lisle of the Grangeville Standard, as formerly a member of company C., First Montana volunteer infantry, Lisle having served with him in the Philippine islands.

### O. R. & N. Bulletins.

A supply of O. R. & N. Bulletins, including the report of Col. R. C. Judson, industrial agent, has been received at this office and will be cheerfully distributed to the farmers interested in the experiments made by this enterprising company.

### The Hand Painted.

The self made man will win respect,
Although of learning shy;
To self made women we object,
E'en though the paint is dry.