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NOW.

Centuries of color may burn
In the west,
And whole seas of dawn in
the east reply,
Before the sun's heart shall at
anchor lie,
Before the moon and star
grown tired of quest,
Or heavenly lips to this earth
are pressed.
Yet ever, anon, through the
spirit's cry,
There cometh a breath, a vow
from the sky,
That sinks the soul into fathoms of rest.

Already befallen is day of
doom,
And, woven fast in eternity's
loom,
Glistening the threads of the
past shine clear;
While afar in the deeps of the
atmosphere
The rays of the future separate gloom,
And soul of the farthest dream
draws near.
—Liska Stillman in Outlook.

ORGANIZE FOR THE FAIR.

It seems that Umatilla county should take some active steps to collect exhibits and statistics for the Lewis and Clark fair, and be in position to make a showing of the great resources of this county in that exposition.

The time for collecting and classifying such an exhibit is passing rapidly. The last grain and fruit crop that the county could produce before the opening of the fair is now ripening and being gathered, and yet no organized effort, except that of the Commercial Association, alone and unaided, is being made.

There should be a county organization similar to that just organized in Morrow county, for the purpose of making an official collection of every imaginable resource of the county, and this organization should be in force and effect until the doors of the fair close, and the last visitor to Oregon has left the exposition grounds.

The county producing one per cent of the wheat crop of the United States, should have the best agricultural exhibit seen at the fair. There should be gathered from this year's crop at least three carloads of sheaf grain with which to decorate the space allotted to Umatilla county.

A committee should now be at work collecting this grain, before the harvest is over and the crop gathered. Wool, fruits, grain and imperishable stuff of all kinds should and must be gathered this year, or it will be too late.

The East Oregonian suggests that a mass meeting of citizens be called for the purpose of forming a permanent Lewis and Clark fair club in the county. The Commercial Association is the proper body to issue the call, and the county court should co-operate with such an organization. The county is permitted to spend $1000 per year in advertising the county, and this money could not be more wisely expended than in collecting an up-to-date, complete exhibit for the county at this exposition. It would be an everlasting shame to have it said that the banner county of the state takes least interest in its resources and future development.

Following the general features of Morrow county's organization, the East Oregonian suggests that a meeting be called at once, and a Lewis and Clark club organized.

As the county court is in position to do more than any other body in the county, the East Oregonian suggests that County Judge Bean be made president of the club, and that an executive committee of 10, consisting of the three members of the county court, three members of the Commercial Association and four other citizens from different parts of the county, be elected at this meeting to have complete charge of the collection and arrangement of this exhibit. It is time to do something. The year is passing, and the county must be second to none in the exhibit of resources at the fair.

OUTLOOK OF SHEEP MARKET.

C. H. Shurte, one of the most prominent sheep salesmen of Chicago, and always considered a conservative man, writes the following hopeful review of the sheep market for the July number of the Shepherd's Bulletin, of Boston.

As Umatilla county is one of the leading sheep counties in the state, this review will be of especial interest to many readers of the East Oregonian and it is therefore given in full. Mr. Shurte says:

"The most important matter in which the sheep men from the producer to the consumer are interested at this time are the range conditions, the supply of mutton sheep and lambs and the latest and most reliable information on all subjects pertaining to this branch of the livestock business.

"The supply of sheep during the past winter has been the largest in the history of the trade, and with an extraordinary demand for mutton and the high prices for wool, prices of both sheep and lambs have been very high.

"The supply of sheep during June, up to the present time, has been mostly Texas and a few trains of Northwestern range sheep, together with the usual number of natives with the cleaning up of the various feed lots throughout the country.

"While the export demand is practically nothing, the general market ruled active and prices strong throughout, and the writer sold a train of Washington ewes and wethers this week at $4.90 and $5, which is as high as Western range sheep ever sold on this market.

"While both shee pand lambs have sold at very high prices during the first two weeks of June, no one can expect such high prices to rule very long, especially after the range sheep and lambs commence to be marketed freely.

"Just how much decline or when this condition will take place remains with the future, and while we do not care to deal in futures to any extent, we are never afraid to give our honest ideas regarding any and all branches of the sheep business.

"From the latest and best information, from public and private sources, we are satisfied that the liquidation of the past two years, and the winter losses throughout the West, has caused an enormous reduction in the available supply of sheep on the range.

"We also believe the supply of native sheep and lambs has been reduced. These severe and far-reaching droughts in the Southwest lessened the lamb crop in that section over 50 per cent, and the sheep something less.

"But the range conditions are now much better in that territory. South America, Australia and New Zealand will not be in shape to offer any more competition than they did last year. The active demand and strong prices prevailing for wool is a strong factor, and will doubtless cause flock masters with ample capital and range to hold more of their sheep, especially should prices not rule satisfactory.

"The present and prospective high prices of beef and pork, together with the increased consumption demand for mutton, will also act on the side of the producer. The railroads have promised better service, which they should carry out.

"The trade should always bear in mind the changed conditions regarding the method employed in handling range sheep, and realize that the great bulk of the fat sheep and lambs are bought by comparatively few competitive interests, and this element in my judgment, often has considerable to do with the selling price.

"The demand for feeders will not be very great before September, and as much depends upon the growing corn crop, it will be well to hold back everything but strictly fat sheep and lambs.

"Taking everything into consideration, I feel friendly to the market this summer and believe the situation warrants faith in a better range in prices than last year, and a prosperous condition for the conservative and up-to-date flockmaster."

The East Oregonian takes pride in calling the attention of the surrounding country to the excellent school facilities of this city. It knows that no better facilities are offered anywhere in the entire Northwest, not even in the larger cities, because of the worse moral surroundings and increased temptations to attract from study, in the larger places. Pendleton high school is the leading institution of the kind in the state. Of the four high schools in Eastern Oregon, Pendleton stands highest with outside educational institutions. Pendleton Academy is the only academy of the kind in the entire Inland Empire, and should be patronized especially by friends of the Presbyteian church, which is making self-sacrificing efforts to place it at the very front rank of private institutions in the Northwest. St. Joseph's Academy is growing in strength every year, and offers additional facilities for caring for students with each succeeding term. Between these three high-grade institutions Pendleton can supply any grade of education, and offers one of the cleanest atmospheres in the Northwest, for students. There are eight active churches with a membership of about 1500, all the auxiliary organizations, of all the churches and an active, literary, book-loving community in which to associate.

A series of heavy rains has visited the Cable Cove district in the mountains west of Sumpter, during the past week, doing immense damage to mining ditches, and also to Sumpter's city reservoir. Many of the rains were small cloudbursts.

When hope wanes strength goes.