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UMATILLA RANCH ON THE MARKET

Rich Body of Irrigated Land at Foster to be Sold in Small Tracts.

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Twenty-Five Hundred Acres of Intensely Rich and Productive Land Is Placed on the Market at Once—Adapted to Fruits, Berries and Gardening—All Under Fence and Cultivation—Three Offices to be Maintained.

The Umatilla ranch, formerly the G. W. Hunt ranch, near Foster, is to be placed upon the market and its 2500 acres of bottom land sold out in small tracts. It will mean another colonization project for the west end of the county and since the land is already under cultivation it will undoubtedly prove a popular one.

The announcement that the Umatilla ranch is to be colonized was made this morning by James Johns, of the Hartman Abstract company, who will be the Pendleton sales agent for the company. Another office will be maintained at Echo by Louis Scholl, Jr., while W. H. Daughtrey will have the Portland end of the business.

The Umatilla ranch has 2500 acres of first class fruit and alfalfa land, all fenced and under cultivation. The land is well watered from a private ditch from the Umatilla river. Part of the land is already set out in fruit trees, but the bulk of the ranch has been used for raising alfalfa. It has been used as a stock feeding ranch by the Portland stockyards company. Last year 2000 tons of alfalfa were raised upon the ranch. The ranch lies about a mile from Foster station, six miles from Hermiston and is four miles from Echo.

According to the present owners of the big ranch they have found it is impracticable for them to properly farm such a vast acreage of irrigated land and as a result have decided upon the colonization scheme. The land will be offered in tracts of five acres up and at prices ranging from \$100 to \$150 per acre. As an investment they claim their proposition cannot be beaten, for they say that the land cannot help doubling in value.

Is Historic Ranch
The Umatilla, or Hunt, ranch was secured by G. W. Hunt in early days. In the early sixties Mr. Hunt freighted between Umatilla and Boise and his attention was attracted to the rich land now under the ranch through the fact that the Indians used the place as a winter camping ground, because of the mild climate and the rich pasturage.

In later years after Mr. Hunt had led a busy life as a railroad builder he purchased the ranch and held it until about two years ago, at which time it was sold to the present owners for a price said to have been \$75,000.

There are now 114 voting precincts in Multnomah county and the county court is considering the matter of adding a large number to accommodate voters of the county. Fifty-seven of the 114 precincts have more than 325 voters each.

Voting Places Named.

This morning the deputy sheriffs commenced upon the work of distributing the ballot boxes, ballots and other equipment for the primary election to be held Saturday. The following are to be the voting places for Pendleton: East Pendleton, at the residence of D. Turner, East Court street; Pendleton, at the city recorder's office; South Pendleton, at Mrs. Bishop's house on West Webb; North Pendleton, at the Hotel Pendleton sample room, corner of Main and Water streets.

TEN HEAD TEAM HORSES MAY BE STOLEN

Storie, Ritner & Strand, reservation ranchers, are now mourning the loss of 10 head of work horses and are fearful that the animals have been stolen.

Saturday evening the work horses were turned loose to graze in a pasture on the firm's reservation land and they have not been seen since. When they were not to be found Monday morning it was believed that

FORTUNES IN OHIO STAKE.

Driving Club Offers Stakes Amounting to \$100,000.

Columbus, O., April 14.—Entries close today for seven stake events, worth \$40,000, that will be features of the \$100,000 program that the Columbus Driving Park company has decided to offer for its next grand circuit meeting which begins September 21, and lasts two weeks.

The Hoster-Columbus stake for 2:16 trotters is worth \$10,000 and will be raced the first week with the Hotel Hartman \$5000 event for 2:14 pacers as a companion. In each event every heat will be a race and four horses, instead of three, will share in the money division.

The Columbus \$3,000 for 2:09 trotters and the board of trade \$3000 for 2:07 pacers, will be raced the first week under the old novelty plan.

For the second week the board of trade and bankers' stake of \$10,000, will be the richest one. There will also be the King for the 2:07 pacers and the Merchants for 2:19 trotters. Each is worth \$5000.

All three of these stakes will be decided on the three in five plan that provides for a race to end with the fifth heat. The money will be split between the first six horses instead of the first four as customary. The winner of the Board of Trade and Bankers will get \$4000. Others will receive graded amounts, the sixth being allotted \$800.

MILTON DISTRICT AIRS ITS TROUBLES

SCHOOL CONTROVERSY REACHES SUPERINTENDENT

Recital of An Old Difficulty in Milton School District Is Given in Affidavits Which Have Reached the Office of County Superintendent Frank K. Welles—Matter Promises to Be Interesting if the Facts Can Be Substantiated.

The school controversy that has been on at Milton for some weeks past has now reached the office of the county superintendent. Yesterday a copy of affidavits from different teachers were forwarded to Mr. Welles, accompanied by a petition signed by 15 or 20 residents of Milton.

In the petition Mr. Welles was asked to read the affidavits and to "act accordingly." The affidavits are by Miss Verna Vannander, Mrs. K. B. Peck and Miss Jessie A. Wilson, respectively. All three ladies have been teaching in the Milton schools, but this spring Mrs. Peck and Miss Vannander failed of re-election.

The three affidavits are very similar and they recite that about a year ago, A. E. Troyer of the school board, asked each teacher to subscribe to \$100 worth of stock in a hotel building proposed for Milton. They declare that he insisted that teachers should show interest in local improvements and say they received the impression that unless they subscribed for stock in the hotel they could not be re-elected, though they say that Mr. Troyer made no such a threat.

According to the petitioners they will forward a fourth affidavit shortly.

What to do with the proposition that has been passed up to him Mr. Welles has not yet determined. Whether or not he has any power, should he chose to act, he has not yet ascertained.

Fulton Saw Grand Ronde.

"Seeing Beautiful Grand Ronde valley in an auto" was reality yesterday, says the La Grande Observer. Six autos left La Grande in the morning with United States Senator Chas. W. Fulton as the guest of honor. In the our the cities of Cove and Union were visited and later in the afternoon the party was banqueted at Hot Lake. It was a delightful day for a ride and old Grande Ronde always presents a panorama at this season of the year with her miles and miles of green waving grain and well kept orchards surrounded by chains of mountains whose towering peaks are white with snow.

Portland is preparing to lay over 20 miles of water mains costing about \$220,000, this spring.

SAN DIEGO'S WELCOME TO THE ATLANTIC FLEET

City and Bay Are a Blaze of Color in Honor of the Coming of the Warships.

Three Days of Celebration at San Diego Before the Fleet Leaves for San Francisco—Thousands of Visitors Through the Shores and Hundreds of Small Craft Swarm the Bay—Big Fleet Is Sighted Early in the Forenoon and Arrived Hours Ahead of the Schedule.

Fleet Is Sighted.

San Diego, April 14.—The Atlantic fleet was sighted at 11 o'clock about 30 miles distant. It will arrive about 1 o'clock.

San Diego, April 14.—Hours before the time set for the arrival of the fleet hundreds of people are clustered out at Point Loma and Point of Rocks to secure the best spots to view the coming of the fleet.

Soon after dawn many were on the way with binoculars and lunch baskets prepared for a wait. The city never looked so beautiful. The finishing touches were put on this morning and the city is a mass of bunting and streamers of gold.

Although the fleet was not expected to arrive before 1 o'clock, hundreds of craft were out on the bay by 8 o'clock. A score of sea-going vessels took on loads of passengers and went down the coast to meet the fleet.

The Coronado hotel is packed to the roof. Every room and every cot in both hotel and the tent city is taken and hundreds of people are there who have gone over for the day only.

At 5 o'clock this morning the ships were 70 miles south of her, going at eight knots in order not to arrive ahead of time. They may slow down to seven before the morning is over.

The Fleet's Arrival.

San Diego, April 14.—Amid the crash of saluting guns at Fort Rosecrans, the shrieking of steamers and factory whistles and the enthusiastic cheers of a multitude of people who crowded the shores of craft of all description in the harbor and other countless thousands that lined the beaches, the great Atlantic fleet, flower of the American navy, arrived off San Diego this afternoon.

The 16 great fighters that had made the long journey of nearly 14,000 miles from Hampton Roads under command of Rear Admiral Evans, presented a wonderful and inspiring absence of "fighting Bob" Evans. Meanwhile scores of other craft, loaded to the guards with sightseers and relatives and friends of the men on board the battleships, hovered around the big fighters.

Little in the way of reception was possible this afternoon, owing to the lateness of the hour and the fact that the officers and men of the fleet were busily engaged in making everything ship shape for the reception of the many visitors who will throng the decks in the next three days.

This evening at 8 o'clock an informal dinner will be given at the Hotel del Coronado to Admiral Thomas and other officers of the fleet. This function will be a brilliant one.

Magnificent Spectacle.
While the banquet is taking place the Coronado shore will present a striking picture. Great baskets of red fire will line the shore at short intervals for a mile. The warships also will be illuminated, but the great feature will be the lighting of the city.

A quarter of a million incandescent lights will outline the principal buildings of the city and ropes of lights will twinkle from the great light masts which rise above the dwellings in the high residential districts. In addition to these there will be 250,000 Japanese lanterns which will be employed principally on the launches, ships and other craft in the harbor.

It will be practically one blaze of lights from the ships off shore to the highest elevation of the city. The most striking piece in the scheme of illumination will be an electric flag flung between the two wings of the magnificent Grant hotel building and of such ingenious construction that it will seem to be constantly waving.

Five Thousand in Line.
Tomorrow will be the great public day. Five thousand sailors and twice as many citizens, school children and others will march through the principal streets, accompanied by 16 bands as they steam into the first American port since the memorable cruise began in December last. Each vessel was in dazzling white and from every mast there fluttered innumerable pennants.

Unbounded Enthusiasm.
As the fighting ships steamed slowly into the bay and made for their anchorage, the enthusiasm of the immense concourse of spectators gave vent to continuous cheers and thousands of flags were waved. It was a welcome as must have gladdened the men on the ground during the coming summer and thrash out the whole problem. If it is found that a limited number of sheep and goats can be allowed to graze on any of the ranges on the watersheds of the streams in question, the order prohibiting grazing will be modified so as to protect the interests of the sheepmen and at the same time check any tendency there may be to over-graze the forests or damage the water supply used for irrigation.

Because of the important bearing of the problem on grazing matters in the west, I deem it wise to make the correspondence public at this time in order that there will be no chance of misunderstanding on the part of any interest.

The protection of the watersheds and streams supplying irrigation reservoirs depends primarily upon the possibility of giving full protection to all areas where grazing is allowed. The fewer forest officers there are to attend to the grazing business on the national forests the more land will have to be closed to grazing.

It must be remembered, therefore, that any reduction in the force of the forest service would necessarily be an attack on the entire grazing industry of the west.

Past experience has proven that stock can be allowed to graze, under proper regulation, on areas from which it would be necessary to exclude it if the range could not be properly patrolled. The same situation is true regarding the permanent improvements. The more water that is developed, the more division fences that are constructed, the more roads, trails and bridges that are built, the more permanent the range will be and the more stock it will carry.

heart of every officer and man in the fleet.

The ships hardly had come to anchor when a committee headed by Director General Clayton, Mayor Forward and other prominent citizens of San Diego on board a launch steamed swiftly out to the flagship to pay their respects to Rear Admiral Thomas, in command during the temporary of music, and the procession will end at City Park, where the formal exercises will be held. Director General Clayton will extend San Diego's welcome to the officers and men of the fleet.

In the afternoon there will be a big wild west show and the sailors will be admitted free of charge.

In the evening the illumination of the city and the fleet will be repeated and a grand ball held at Hotel del Coronado.

Thursday will be given over principally to a regatta, in which crews of the fleet will participate, and to field sports.

At 8 o'clock in the evening an elaborate display of fireworks will take place from a barge anchored in San Diego bay, the city will again be a blaze of lights and the fleet will be illuminated from 8 to 10 p. m.

On Friday, the last day of the fleet's visit, the sailors will amuse themselves by engaging in baseball matches and attending the theaters, where all men in the uniform will be admitted free.

As a finale to the entertainment a

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LEAGUE SEASON OPENED TODAY

INITIAL GAMES OF TWO LEAGUES AT CHICAGO.

Detroit Tigers Meet Chicago White Sox on Home Grounds—All the Big Teams Are Playing This Afternoon and Interest in Baseball Is Intense Chief Game of the Day Is the Contest Between the Tigers and White Sox.

Chicago, April 14.—The opening games in both the National and American leagues are scheduled to be played here this afternoon.

The National league, Chicago team will open at Cincinnati; Pittsburgh at St. Louis; New York at Philadelphia, and Boston at Brooklyn.

Detroit starts trouble in the American league at Chicago; St. Louis at Cleveland; Philadelphia at New York and Washington at Boston.

Ovie Overall will pitch for Chicago against the Reds.

Interest in the American league centers in the game between the Detroit Tigers and the Chicago White Sox.

FORAKER SAYS INSULT.

Negroes Must Not Be Subjected to Coercion.

Washington, April 14.—Senator Foraker of Ohio today bitterly opposed the so-called administration measure introduced by Warren of Missouri permitting any discharged negro soldier to reenlist, providing that they "Proved to the satisfaction of the president that they were innocent of any complicity in the shooting up of the Texas town."

The senator declared that the passage of this bill, if it passes, would compel all negroes to appear before a judge who had already prejudiced their cases. "To pass the bill," he said, "would be adding insult to injury."

Rev. Robert Warner to Baltimore.

The Rev. Robert Warner, pastor of the Wilbur Methodist church, and D. H. Cox, left last night for Baltimore, where they will represent the Columbia River conference of the Methodist church in the general conference of that denomination, which convenes in Baltimore May 6, says the Walla Walla Union. Several stops will be made, while en route, and visits paid to relatives and friends. The return trip will be made over the Canadian Pacific railway via Niagara.

A government school teacher, O. L. Grimes, and superintendent of a government fish hatchery, C. P. Henkel, both of the Aleutian islands, Alaska, are under arrest for assaulting girl students of the Alaskan school over which Grimes presides at Afognak island.

Jack O'Brien, famous as the advo-

cate of the four-town league which was not formed, is managing the La Grande team and is said to have an entirely professional nine. Consequently a high-grade of baseball is expected from them for the opening game of the season here.

A week from next Sunday Pendleton will go to Walla Walla for the opening game with the Garden City players.

FIREBUG FIENDS BURNED CHELSEA

Daniel Ross and Manuel Oliver Are Under Arrest as Suspects.

FOUR FIRES STARTED SIMULTANEOUSLY

Mayor Beck Is Certain That the Terrible Fire Was of Incendiary Origin and There Is Strong Proof Against the Suspects—Hundreds of Families Were Separated During the Fire and Police Are Holding Scores of Lost Children.

Boston, April 14.—Two alleged firebugs, Daniel Ross and Manuel Oliver, have been arrested by the Chelsea police and are accused of having a hand in causing the Chelsea fire which resulted in four deaths, a property loss of \$10,000,000 and of physical misery and mental anguish that cannot be estimated in any standard of figures or expression.

The evidence that the fire was caused by incendiaries is steadily growing more and more positive and direct. Mayor Beck is certain that firebugs caused the tremendous blast.

He instituted the investigation that led up to the arrest of Ross and Oliver.

Oliver is charged with setting fire to a tenement house while the fire was raging and Ross is accused with setting fire to a heap of newspapers near a lumber pile about the time the fire started. Ross lost a home in the blaze.

Mayor Beck asserts that four fires broke out simultaneously in Chelsea on Sunday.

Many Children Lost.

Boston, April 14.—One of the most serious problems that faced the authorities at Chelsea following Sunday's conflagration, is the work of reuniting members of hundreds of families that became separated during the fire. Boston Chelsea police are caring for hundreds of children of all ages. The majority of them are under 10 years of age and many are so small they cannot walk.

JOHNSON FOUND NO MONEY.

Facing Arrest for Keeping Lost Coin Tom Johnson Explains.

That he did not find any \$1120 in buried treasure is now claimed by Tom Johnson and he says that the story of his finding the Jacob's gold was a "fake" originated by his employer, Hastings.

Yesterday afternoon Johnson and Hastings were called before District Attorney Phelps to whom complaint had been made concerning Johnson. In the course of the examination, Hastings said he had "sprung" the story of the buried money as a joke on Johnson. He said the money Johnson had been spending was some he had saved from wages and that he had been leaving the cash with Mrs. Hastings for safe keeping.

A similar story of the affair was told by Johnson, who admitted that he, too, had told while partly intoxicated, that he had found \$1120, but insisted that the story was a fraud.

Thus far there has been nothing to fasten any crime upon Johnson, other than that furnished by the rumor which Hastings and himself started. Unless further developments should change matters it is improbable that any criminal action will be taken against him.

BIG STRIKE COMING.

Operators All Over the Country Are Favorable.

New York, April 14.—The sentiment among the telegraph operators all over the country is favorable to another big strike unless the wages are raised to the scale paid before the last strike, has spread to such an extent that state officers of the New York local say men will walk out on June 1.

New York operators held a secret meeting recently and endorsed the action of the Chicago local calling for a strike on the Western Union.

SERIES OF BALL GAMES WITH LA GRANDE

Final arrangements for a series of ball games with La Grande have been perfected between Manager Lorimer of the Pendleton team, and the La Grande management. On Saturday and Sunday next, La Grande will play here and return games will be given La Grande on the following Wednesday and Thursday.

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