

The Gazette is not heralding its coming with a brass band but its circulation can be determined at the Heppner postoffice. Advertisers will please note this.

ENCOURAGE YOUR LOCAL NEWS PAPER.

Newspapers, like other lines of business, fall from a lack of patronage. The people of Heppner recognize the fact that the Gazette has been an important factor in the upbuilding of the town. During the stringent times it has struggled along sharing the fortunes of the community, and now, that a bright future seems in store for us, we shall expect the business men of the town to appreciate our efforts in their behalf. The management will try to conduct the paper on strict business principles. Its columns will be replete with local telegraph and general news, furnishing a medium through which the business men of the town can be brought in close touch with the farmers and stock men of the county. Directing the distribution of the county's products, Heppner should be entitled to the entire volume of business tributary to it. Just as the county court recognizes the necessity of its local paper for disseminating among its people the news of its proceedings should the local advertisers see the practical and far-reaching results to be obtained from a well displayed advertisement in its columns. The trading season is not far distant. Now is the time announcement of your preparation should be made.

UNTIL we are familiar with this territory and better acquainted with its people the Gazette may seem a trifle short of local news. We will make up the deficiency with telegraphic news from the seat of war which is probably of most interest to its readers.

A POP statesman was roaring around town yesterday, because, binding twine was too high. He said the republican tariff was the cause of it. Finally he ran up against a man who told him that binding twine was on the free list, then he shut up and went home disgusted.—Plaindealer.

THERE is the usual difference of opinion as to the quality of this season's clip of Eastern Oregon wool. A reasonable conclusion from the various statements is that the wool is decidedly dirty and heavy, but the quality of the fiber better than usual. The sheepmen of Eastern Oregon have been improving their methods of taking care of sheep in the winter and there are fewer occasions for complaint of weak places in the fiber than was the case when sheep were often subjected to spells of starving.—Oregon Agriculturist.

NONE of us in Washington is disturbed to any noticeable extent on account of the story from Berlin that Germany, France and Russia had formed a combination for the purpose of opposing either the United States or England taking permanent possession of the Philippine islands, after the war is over. In the first place, nobody believes that such a combination has been formed, but even if it were officially known to be in existence it would not influence this government in the slightest degree. The final disposition of the Philippines will be settled by this government alone, when the proper time comes, and it will be settled in accordance with what we wish, and not what any European power or powers may wish.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY probably, all things considered, never passed a more satisfactory Fourth of July than this one. General Shafter has justified all the confidence reposed in him by winning a series of glorious victories at Santiago, victories in which Admiral Sampson and his gallant sailors won no honors for the American navy, and which add no little to the respect felt by the world for the fighting qualities of Americans. There is only one drawback to the general rejoicing and that is the large number of killed and wounded on our side. The victories have been glorious, but they have also been bloody. But such is war. The

peans of victory are with rare exceptions, such as the victory of Dewey in Manila bay, always mingled with mourning cries for the gallant dead and sympathetic tears for the brave men wounded. Shafter's victories were won by assaults upon an enemy strongly fortified, and could not have been otherwise than bloody.

GRANT COUNTY NEWS.

From the Long Creek Eagle. C. H. Lee has disposed of his blacksmith property and outfit on East Main street to T. E. Hinton, the consideration being \$350.

Prairie schooners by the score pass through Long Creek daily enroute from Southern California to the wheat fields of Eastern Washington.

The huckleberry find will soon be enjoying high life. The crop will be a large one in sections of the lower ranges of the Greenhorn mountains.

John Shrier and Martin Dunlap, of Fox, were in Long Creek on business Wednesday. They each inform us of heavy frosts in Fox valley of late.

Ira Remington and Newt Livingston have sold their entire band of cattle, Mat Jones buying the steers and W. E. Frank the cows and calves. Good figures were realized on the band.

Bear are committing depredations among many sheep camps in the mountains. One certain camp in the mountains has been visited almost every night by the marauder for the past three weeks.

Wm. Butler returned last week from Montana and took the band of 1,000 head of yearling steers belonging to J. M. Boardman from Fox valley to the South Fork country where he will raise herd ten until fall.

Malheur lake, a body of water about 20 miles long and 10 miles wide, in Harney county, is to be tamped and a large section of sage brush land is to be irrigated with the water through a canal 45 miles long. Work is to commence at once. The project has been under consideration a year or more.

W. E. Frank, who recently came to this section from Sioux City, Iowa, succeeded in purchasing a band of 300 head of cattle principally yearling steers. These he started for Pendleton this week in charge of O. L. Williams, from which point he will ship about July 15th. Mr. Frank informs the Eagle that he is well pleased with the cattle of this country, and will likely return again this fall and purchase another band.

Quite a large crowd gathered at Hamilton last Friday to witness the quarter-mile match race between Red Jacket owned by W. H. Jenks, of Monument, and Tip, owned by Monron Horgan, of Long Creek. The horses were in excellent condition, and had staunch supporters in the pool box. After scoring for some time the horses were let go. Tip winning, with Red Jacket a close second. It was a pretty race and all were satisfied with the result.

Billy Welch returned from Pendleton Sunday evening, where he went only a short time ago with a band of 25 head of good horses. He found quite a number of good horses on the market at Pendleton, but he succeeded in disposing of his band to a man named Guydale, at Wadala, to which point he assisted in driving the band before returning home.

While the Eagle did not learn the consideration of the sale, it learns that the same was at very satisfactory prices. Mr. Welch informs the Eagle that horsemen are generally experiencing slow sales, which is largely due to the high figure for which they sell their stock.

The Sultan and Our Missionaries. The Porte has demanded the recall of two American missionaries from the province of Aleppo, on the pretext that their mission is likely to cause disturbances. "The sick man of Europe", is as unreasonable as his political health is feeble. As a bright contrast to his obstinacy and stupidity, the people of America are acknowledging her and wide the beneficiaries of the mission of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, namely, to relieve and prevent malaria, rheumatism and kidney complaint, chronic dyspepsia, constipation and liver trouble. The nervous, the weak and the infirm derive unresponsible benefit from its use, and it greatly mitigates the weakness and irritability which are specially incident to advancing years.

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Advertisement for Scott's Emulsion featuring an illustration of a man carrying a large fish on his back. Text describes the benefits of the cod liver oil product for children and adults, particularly for those with weak constitutions or respiratory issues.

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The county court held its regular session, beginning Wednesday, July 6, and ending Saturday, July 9, Judge Bartholomew and Commissioners Beckett and Howard, present. The proceedings of the session complete are as follows:

Table of court proceedings including election expenses, miscellaneous bills, and various court orders. Lists names and amounts for various parties and officials.

Advertisement for Hood's Pills. Text describes the benefits for various ailments including constipation, indigestion, and general weakness. Includes a testimonial from a man who suffered from a 'narrow escape' and another who was cured of a long-term ailment.

Multiple 'NOTICE OF INTENTION' sections. Each section details a land claim or survey in various Oregon counties (e.g., Lakeview, Madras, Heppner, Madras, Madras, Madras). Includes names of claimants and dates.

Large advertisement for E. W. Rhea & Co. and T. R. Howard's Wool Growers' Warehouse. Text promotes their wool products, stationery department, and drug store. Includes the slogan 'The Leader Of Course!' and 'Wool Growers' Warehouse.....'.