

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

THE RIGHT VIEW.

While the people of Oregon expect the legislature at its coming session will revise and overhaul the laws which provide for the expenditure of public moneys and abolish every useless office and commission to the end that every dollar possible shall be saved to the taxpayers, we do not believe that the people of Oregon ask that a single dollar be withheld from any educational or charitable institution in the state, which is necessary to maintain its usefulness or efficiency.

The San Francisco Argonaut reports a rich reward for a diligent perusal of the Madrid newspaper press. In one of the Spanish people's chief sources of news and information there was a rare biographical sketch of Lieut. Col. the Hon. Theodore Roosevelt.

INTEREST in the war has not made those who are interested in keeping the government printing office under the civil service rules cease their efforts to prevent action by the president that will take the office out of the control of the civil service commission.

The stamp section of the war revenue law has not been so troublesome to put into effect as many had predicted. So far as Washington was concerned, the new law, which went into effect on the 1st of the present month, made more amusement than real trouble.

Beats the Klondike. Mr. A. C. Thomas, of Marysville, Tex., has found a more valuable discovery than has yet been made in the Klondike.

MATTHESON DISTRICT ITEMS.

Our correspondent, under the sobriquet of "Blue Mountain Bell," sends us the following interesting correspondence under date of July 15th:

Harvest is in full blast, and everybody busy. Albert Matteson has just cut 65 tons of rye from a 10-acre field, which is a fair average of other fields.

Gardens, generally, are looking fine. Harrison Hale's orchard of apples, pears, apricots, crabapples and cherries is doing fine, and proves that our section is not behind in the fruit industry if we do live at a higher elevation than Heppner.

Our school of 28 pupils is in a flourishing condition, with Mrs. Mollie Johnson as teacher.

We held our first literary society and spelling-school meeting last evening, which was a success in every particular.

Miss Maud Bush starts on Saturday evening's train for Portland, where she remains a few days, and then she will proceed to Yamhill county for an extended visit with relatives.

Engene Matteson has gone to the harvest field of Morrow ranch on Rhea creek.

Charlie Fuller goes to Eight Mile with his team for the season's work.

The following program was rendered at the Matteson school house July 24: Song and march. The school Opening address. Mable Cox Welcome, concert. Little boys Recitation, "Two Little Handicapped Children."

After the program was finished, a literary society was organized to meet every Saturday night, with Mrs. Mollie Johnson as president, and Miss Myrtle Brown as secretary.

THE NEXT LEGISLATURE.

Senators and Representatives—Their Politics and Counties.

Following is a complete list of the 20th biennial session of the legislature, as compiled by the secretary of state, furnished us by the state printer:

SENATORS. Adams, L. J., rep, Marion county. Bates, Geo. W., rep, Multnomah. Brownell, Geo. C., rep, Clackamas.

REPRESENTATIVES. Bayer, J. C., rep, Multnomah. Backbay, J. B., dem, Malheur. Beesh, B. C., rep, Multnomah.

REPRESENTATIVES. Jones, D. M., rep, Clackamas. Kruse, L., rep, Clackamas. Lamm, E. F., rep, Yamhill.

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It left him. "I was weak and nervous and could not do more than half a day's work. I procured a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla and began taking it and soon I was able to work, the nervousness had left me and I was feeling well. My wife has also been helped by Hood's." B. WEINER, Neady, Ore.

LATEST TELEGRAPH.

Brief War News, Telegraphic News Notes, Etc., Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 18.—The First Montana volunteers and about 300 recruits for the First California volunteers broke camp at Camp Merritt this morning and marched to the steamer Pennsylvania, which is scheduled to sail for Manila some time this afternoon.

HONG KONG, July 18.—The German cruiser Cormorant, from Manila, July 15 has arrived here. She reports all quiet at the capital of the Philippine islands when she left there. The insurgents had not advanced. The second American contingent had not arrived, and all the ships of the American fleet were at Cavite.

LONDON, July 18.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, telegraphing Sunday, says: Riots have broken out at Huelva, capital of the province of Huelva, in Andalusia. The inhabitants marched to the municipal buildings, shouting for cheap bread.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—The United States will take immediate steps to collect customs revenue at Santiago as a war contribution, and it is not improbable that a government customs office will be opened there and be ready for business as early as tomorrow.

OREGON'S FINANCES.

Semi-Annual Report of Hon. Phil Metcahan, State Treasurer. Office of the Secretary of State, Salem, Or., July 7, 1898.

DEAR SIR:—I have the honor to report I examined, July 1, 1898, as required by law, the books and accounts of the state treasurer and the money belonging to the state and I found the amount to be as set forth in the semi-annual report of Hon. Phil Metcahan, state treasurer, received from him this day, July 7, 1898, a copy of which report and letter transmitting it are hereby referred to as a part of this report, showing a total balance belonging to the state, July 1, 1898, of one million three hundred and sixty-eight thousand nine hundred and seventy-one dollars and forty-five cents. (\$1,368,971.45.)

Very respectfully, HON. H. R. KINCAID, Secretary of State. Treasury department, Salem, July 7, 1898.

Very respectfully, PHIL METCAHAN, State Treasurer.

Table with columns for RECEIPTS and DISBURSEMENTS. RECEIPTS: Balance on hand January 1, 1897, \$368,044.82. Received since that date to the credit of the various funds: General, \$92,005.07; Common school principal, \$1,481.21; Agricultural college principal, \$2,589.70; University principal, \$12,833.12; Five per cent land, \$2,766.80; Tule land, \$7,788.02; Thurston monument interest, \$14.44. Total, \$1,222,886.37.

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Hood's Pills

Cure all liver ills, biliousness, headache, sour stomach, indigestion, constipation. They act easily, without pain or gripes. Sold by all druggists, 25 cents. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

RANCHERS FEARFUL.

Brigands Rob and Raze in Umatilla County. From the Pendleton Tribune.

It has just come to light that a reign of terror exists in the Bear creek region of Umatilla county, and that the farmers are planning to organize vigilance committees to stamp out the bands of cattle and horse thieves that are infesting their region.

It seems that for the last 18 months there has been going on more stealing than was ever known even in the palmy days of border troubles. Thousands of cattle and horses are yearly being taken from the ranges and eaten and sold by these thieves.

The most atrocious case occurred early this week, when a man, hunting for some stray cattle in a canyon near the headwaters of Butter creek, found the half eaten remains of the carcasses of two heifers. The cadaveric were stripped of their hides and the choicest parts taken and eaten, the remainder being left to rot on the ground.

It seems that there are several bands of men that have been terrorizing the people of that region. They camp in the mountains, and come down to the ranges during the night, making off with horses and cattle. The cattle they kill and eat the tenderest portions, throwing the remainder away; and the horses are shipped to Portland and other places, where they are sold to packing establishments.

These robbers are apparently not satisfied with thus taking the animals, but are sending threatening letters to some of the most prominent farmers in that region swearing they will shoot them on sight if they dare to interfere with their depredations.

One of the gang is said to have openly threatened to go to a rancher's house, call him out at night and shoot him down.

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Several times the farmers have started to organize committees of vigilance, but it always resulted in their disbanding before anything was done.

Practically the same condition exists now; but there is a more determined effort being made to get the innocent victims together than ever before, and it is reported that within a very few days there will be formed a vigilance committee that will follow the thieves into the mountains and fight them until the whole gang are either killed or captured.

This trouble in southern Umatilla county has not however availed nothing in the hope that they would get a clue to the guilty men. Another reason for not notifying the sheriff of the trouble was that the gang sent messages to all stock and horse growers that the first man who did a thing to help them in their business would be visited at his home and shot.

It is said that a man was before the circuit court in Pendleton a few months ago on trial for cattle and horse stealing who was certainly guilty, but that the main witnesses refused to swear against him on account of being threatened with death by the other members of the gang if they did not clear him. The man was acquitted, and it is presumed went back to his partners.

It is not known just how many cattle have been taken by the gang; but a careful estimate of the horses stolen places the number at 1,000 during the last 18 months. Every farmer that raises horses and cattle has been a sufferer.

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Advertisement for NEW DRUGS, featuring a decorative border and text: 'We are receiving a New Invoice of Goods almost every day. Our Rapidly increasing trade demands it, consequently Our Customers receive their Drugs Pure and Fresh.'

Advertisement for Slocum Drug Co., featuring a decorative border and text: 'Our Stationery Department Is Complete When in Heppner give us a call.'

Advertisement for HOP GOLD, featuring a decorative border and text: 'THE ART OF BREWING Was Perfected by the Production of... HOP GOLD.'

Advertisement for STAR BREWERY COMPANY, featuring a decorative border and text: 'On draught at all popular saloons. STAR BREWERY COMPANY, 203 Washington St., Portland, O.'