

BOYS ACQUITTED.

The interest of the community was centered in the case of the State vs. Jud Hart, Johnie Morgan and Joe Cresswell, the sixteen-year-old boys, tried at this term of circuit court, who were indicted by the grand jury for horsestealing. Arraigned in court, the trial began and available witnesses examined, proving clearly that the boys were amenable to the law. Then the judge called each youth to the stand, questioning him as to the motives prompting his recklessness. Concluding the examination of the boys several prominent business men, besides the parents of the boys, were questioned as to the general character of these boys, and fortunate for them was the testimony of these men, as to their general good behavior. Weighing the evidence carefully, the considerate judge called the young men to their feet, and proceeded to administer advice to them in a quiet yet impressive manner that not only held their serious attention, but at its conclusion not a man in the court room failed to feel the purport of his remarks, when he announced his intention to give the boys another chance without subjecting them to the everlasting brand of a criminal, he won the heart-felt approbation of the court room, and the boys dismissed left the court room, doubtless with a feeling that Judge Lowell is responsible for their future career as straightforward, upright citizens.

EX-CONGRESSMAN ELLIS returns to the practice of law with the same ability credited to him previous to his election to office, judging from the successful defense of every case entrusted to himself and Attorney Phelps before the circuit court the past week.

THE post office department wishes old glory to fly from the top of every post office in Porto Rico, and having no fund from which the flags could be bought, asked the war department if it could not supply them. Acting Secretary Meiklejohn was compelled, much to his regret, to answer that it could not legally do so. But, Perry Heath, Asst. P. M. G., who is pushing along the movement of the flags, says the Porto Rican post offices shall have them if he has to solicit private subscription of the money to buy them. Flags for the school houses in Porto Rico were contributed by the New York G. A. R.

HON. M. S. TAYLOR, of Ohio, who has been closely allied with President McKinley in political matters in that state, and who is United States Consul at Glasgow, Scotland, is in this country on a short vacation, and will attend the Ohio republican convention, although he says he will not take an active part therein. In a verbal report to the department of state, Mr. Taylor said: "The war with Spain was of great benefit to the United States, considering the advertising given us in the world. Among the ordinary classes in Europe there were not many who had any appreciation of our size, power or commercial importance. The truth is, they had not given us much thought. But now every person abroad is talking about the victorious nation and giving it some study and examination. In my judgement, it will not be a great while before this will have a wholesome effect upon our trade, and give us markets where our goods have not heretofore been admitted."

THE GAZETTE of last week and this ventures into every Morrow county home. We hope to enlist your interest in our city.

State Fair Premium List.

Secretary Gabrielson writes that the premium list for the Oregon state fair this fall will be out in a few days. He wishes every stockman in Oregon, Washington and Idaho to write for one, which will be sent out free upon application. The speed program is now under consideration by the speed committee and will be published soon. The track is being put in good condition and will be kept so for training purposes this summer. Stall rent has been reduced to \$1 per month, and everything will be kept in good condition from now until the fair.

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CAME THROUGH ALL RIGHT.

Editor Patterson, of Long Creek, Speaks of Livestock Interests.

East Oregonian. Orin L. Patterson, the editor and proprietor of the Blue Mountain Eagle, of Long Creek, talked thus today on the subject of the condition of the livestock interests of Grant county:

"At the present time livestock in our county is in good condition and everything looks favorable for the men who are engaged in that industry. Stock looks well, and the range appears to be in fine condition, as fine as at any time previously to my knowledge.

"During the past winter, however, things looked rather dubious for a time, and once it seemed likely that the livestock interests would suffer irreparable loss. It was such a winter as perhaps was never before seen there. Absolutely all the feed was consumed by the live stock and the owners resorted to extreme measures to keep their bands alive until the spring should bring the fresh grasses for the almost famished cattle and sheep. First; all the old hay was fed out, and then the new hay went, until there was not a ton of hay that could be bought in all the country. The hay was not there, and one might safely offer any price with the assurance that no one would take up the offer. When the hay was exhausted, people fed anything that could be found, and it was surprising how long the stock could be kept alive after every ton of food, apparently, had been consumed. Imagine the stockmen using flour and other millstuffs that commonly are used only for feeding human beings, and then, when this was all gone, even emptying their bed ticks, and feeding straw that, in some instances, had been used in that manner for months or even years. One would think stock would refuse to eat such old straw, and, of course, ordinarily they would. But, with nothing else, they ate it, and it kept them alive until the snows went away and grass came on the hills of Grant county, when all the troubles of the Grant county livestock breeders were over, and things assumed a brighter aspect.

"As a matter of fact, the limit had been reached. Stockmen could not have gotten along very many more weeks, or even very many more days, for the country was stripped bare and an even weight in gold could not have procured hay or grain, since it was all consumed, and we were an hundred miles from any railroad, and the intervening mountain ranges made it impossible to haul food in or drive out the stock. Commonly, our section of country is the most prosperous in the North Pacific region, and we are not now complaining, for we came through the winter all right, and are now over all our troubles. Our losses of sheep, in my opinion, did not exceed 10 per cent, which is but a few per cent more than normal losses sustained every winter, and in cattle the loss certainly did not run higher than 7 per cent. It was but a trifle above the loss of other winters.

"The experience merely demonstrated that the stockmen have become forehanded and nowadays prepare against such contingencies as extra long winters and abnormally cold weather."

Mr. Patterson tells about one precinct in Grant county in which there are only 20 votes cast at any election, and yet in that precinct there are owned over 2,500, probably 3,000 head of cattle, besides the sheep and horses, the cattle alone representing on present valuations an average of \$3,000 to the vote, while the sheep and horses will bring this up to considerably more. That the livestock interests of such a region were in jeopardy meant something, and that they came through the unprecedentedly long and severe winter with barely more than normal loss is most fortunate.

Postage to be Reduced to One Cent.

The enormous increase in the number of letters carried in the U. S. mails makes it certain that the rate of postage must eventually be reduced to one cent an ounce. The president who succeeds in getting such a measure through congress will hold a high place in the esteem of the people, but no higher than the esteem in which everybody holds Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. This medicine holds an unequalled record in reducing the sickness of mankind. It gets at the starting point of disease by acting upon the stomach direct, helping that important organ in its duty of digesting food. It makes good appetites, allays nervousness, stimulates the kidneys, and makes run-down man or woman feel like a new person. Try it.

Gone to the Races.

Jack Parker, the veteran race-horse rider, left Tuesday morning for Lakeview to be in attendance at the spring races held there, between June 28th and July 5th. Purse have been liberally subscribed and many better class horses will be on hand. He goes with "Paul Jones," a 2 year-old, the fastest colt this northern circuit ever turned loose. From Lakeview Jack will go to Southern Oregon, following the circuit, getting through to Portland to attend the fall meetings. We trust that Jack will make a good showing, and prove a good advertisement for Morrow county.

Whooping Cough.

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CIRCUIT COURT.

In addition to court proceedings published in last issue, the following cases were disposed of:

E. W. Rhea & Co. vs. J. G. Neslon, was continued over for rehearing.

In the case of T. C. Aubrey, indicted for stealing wheat, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

Dave Dean, jointly indicted with T. C. Aubrey, was, on motion of prosecuting attorney, dismissed.

A divorce was granted Iaminda Slavens against G. W. Slavens.

Court was adjourned until the close of Umattila county court's session, when Judge Lowell will reconvene here for the settlement of unfinished business.

LOOK AT THIS.

Those who are indebted to The Patterson Publishing Co. will take notice that the old firm has dissolved and gone out of business. However, there is yet owing the old firm a large amount of money, long past due. Those indebted must settle up without delay. The old books of the company may be found at the Gazette office, where money will be received and receipts given. OTIS PATTERSON.

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