

HEPPNER'S FALL TRADE.

As the beginning of the fall trade is at hand the business men should unite in their efforts to secure all they can by pulling together. Rival towns are wide awake. The Dalles, Arlington and Pendleton have their lieutenants in the field. Catalogues of all descriptions, from Portland to New York, are arriving by each mail; peddlers of all descriptions are at work all around us. To protect your own business interests is to stir yourselves and meet them on every turn. Heppner has the location and the goods and it is her duty to apprise the surrounding country with these facts. She must not sit idly by and suffer the loss she has in the past. Instead of cutting prices, and running down each others business right here in town, they should stand united and resort to a slaughter with outside competition only. All residents, from the woodsawyer to the banker, have like interests, which are dependent upon the success of each other, and when a ruinous strife is on between them each one pays the cost. To make a thriving town we must stand together. Whenever a town's growth ceases its down-fall is in sight, and its funeral comes swift when the enterprise and profits of the business men are turned against each other. As business men come to Heppner they have studied the field and it with the knowledge that opportunities are offered and the business men already here should extend to them every encouragement and not allow their jealousy or indifference to weight them down.

SECURE A FARM.

The thousands of abandoned farms of New England are being purchased by people from many countries and are disappearing. The old farms have a new value. The Portuguese, the Italian, and the Canadian is found in almost every community, and it behooves the thrifty New Englander to receive his Latin neighbor well, for he has come to stay and vote, and his many children are to vote. The outcome of these changes we cannot foresee. But of one thing we may be reasonably sure, that an honest man can have no more honorable or stable possession than a New England farm, in which no mortgage remains, accompanied by the protection of a sum equal to its value in some solid bank.

So I would repeat, whether in New England or elsewhere: If you have a farm, keep it; if not, get one, for the time may come when this country will be largely divided into monopolists, dependents, and farmers, and the farmer will be the most independent of all men and the saving power of our institutions. The relief from the perplexing problems of the time is a simple, honest, character-building, faith-sustaining life on the soil.

The permanency of the New England schools and historical scenery, the assured stability of her manufactures, with a tendency to create the finest fabrics, the prospective revival of commerce, the grange, and the enterprises incidental to these conditions make the New England farm an ideal possession. The New farmer who says that the farm is a thing of the past is himself but a product of the past. The man who has a five-thousand-dollar farm in New England, with five thousand dollars in the bank, and who will live within his means, is a millionaire, and his possession and contentment are likely to outlast that of the millionaire. From "The Future Value of the New England Farm," by Hezekiah Butterworth, in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for September.

SALEM has made a success of "a popular loan." She placed an issue of 4 per cent bonds at par among home people. The subscriptions were in small amounts. But one Salem banker offered to take the whole issue at par. Salem has succeeded in borrowing money at the lowest interests of any town in the state and from home people, too. The success of this loan speaks volumes for Salem and those in charge of Salem's affairs.—E. O.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY has signed a proclamation to the people of Cuba, which will be made public in this country after it has been published in Cuba, that will put an end to all the silly talk about this government not intending to allow the Cubans to have any say in the government of that island. This proclamation tells the Cubans that the census order taken in Cuba, work upon which will shortly be started and which it is hoped to have completed in ninety days, will be the first step towards an independent government, and that when the census is completed arrangements will be made for the holding of local elections throughout the island, in order to give its citizens an opportunity to show their capacity for self-government, and that as fast as the local authorities get their government in good working condition, the United States troops will be withdrawn. Copies of this proclamation have been forwarded to General Brooke at Havana, who is charged with the duty of having it widely published throughout the island.

THERE is a lesson for those who believe that America is behind Europe in medical science, or in anything else, in a cablegram received several days ago by Surgeon-General Sternberg from the director general of the army medical service of Great Britain. The cablegram asked that three hundred copies of a United States official publication, entitled "Sanitary Lessons of the War" be sent for distribution among the medical officers of the British army and that if that number of copies could not be furnished, permission be given to reprint the pamphlet in London. This cablegram is proof of the newspaper statement that England is preparing for war with the Transvaal Republic, as well as very complimentary to the medical branch of our army.

COUNTY COURT.

The county court convened in regular session Monday and will conclude the docket today, with Judge Bartholomew and County Commissioner Howard present. The following bills were allowed:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes A. G. Bartholomew, salary \$150.00; Mat Lichtenhal, salary \$83.85; A. Andrews, sheriff's salary \$367.70; J. W. Matlock, deputy sheriff \$166.66; W. Crawford, clerk \$100.00; Wm. Smith, deputy clerk \$156.66; J. W. Matlock, court house & jail \$16.00; O. Shater, stock inspector \$40.00; C. H. Hama, pauper acct \$40.00; Dr. Hunlock, county physician \$16.66; W. L. Saling, assessor acct \$75.00; W. L. Saling, school supt acct \$9.71; Wm. Barton, pauper acct \$8.00; W. P. Snyder, pauper acct \$13.25; W. W. Smead, hall of court \$8.00; L. E. Jones, county expense acct \$7.10; C. M. Spencer, constable fees \$3.30; D. H. Jenkins, justice court \$3.10; Otis Shater, road acct \$2.50; Parker & Gleason, road acct \$14.48; Jurors and Witnesses, circuit court, May term \$50.00; Heppner Gazette, stationary \$11.50; Jas. Hart, court house and jail acct \$15.00; Chas. Telford, jury acct \$4.00; Luther Hamilton, road and bridge acct \$7.71; I. B. Eteb, county expense \$288.54; Rhea & Welch, pauper acct \$112.00; A. M. Slocum, court house and jail \$18.00; J. W. Shipley, school supt \$42.63; Conser & Warren, stationary \$2.00; A. T. McNair, county expense \$15.00; E. R. Weinburne, pauper acct \$13.00; State of Oregon vs. Geo. Yates, cost bill \$20.50; Jas. Fritson, county expense acct \$10.00.

THREE CONDEMNED FOR A SPY.

Man Paroled by Lincoln on His Own Death Day Dies in Missouri. George S. E. Vaughan, who was the subject of Abraham Lincoln's last official act as the president of the United States, died at Marysville, Mo., the other day.

He was a resident of Canton, Lewis county, Mo., at the outbreak of the war, and followed the fortunes of General Mark E. Green, who raised a confederate regiment, until after the battle of Shiloh. He had made a visit to Canton and carried a message to General Green's wife from her husband, and was attempting to return when he was captured near LeGrange by a company of Union soldiers.

He was tried twice in St. Louis and once in Alton, Ill., as a spy, and each time sentenced to death, but the intervention of Senator John B. Henderson, who was acquainted with him and who induced President Lincoln to interfere, saved him each time. The president finally signed his pardon the evening of April 4, 1865, just before he left for the theatre, where he was assassinated. Mr. Vaughan had been a Mason for 54 years, and was the oldest member of the order in northwest Missouri. For 10 years he had been a helpless invalid.

Still More Counterfeiting.

The secret service has unearthed another band of counterfeiters and secured a large quantity of bogus bills, which are so cleverly executed that the average person would never suspect them of being spurious. Things of great value are always selected by counterfeiters for imitation, notably the celebrated Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which has many imitators but no equals for indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, nervousness and general debility. The bitters sets things right in the stomach, and when the stomach is in good order it makes good blood and plenty of it. In this manner the bitters get at the seat of strength and vitality, and restore vigor to the weak and debilitated. Beware of counterfeiters when buying.

SUNDAY NIGHT'S EXPERIENCE.

Gussie Ayers Spends the Night on the Summit of a Bald Mountain Alone and Unabated. Ed Day's buggy team got away some time Saturday night and on the conclusion of Mr. Day that they had gone to his Butler creek ranch, Gussie Ayers, aged 14, son of Johnnie Ayers, and beyond a doubt a "game" little horseman as a majority of men at twice his years, mounted on his saddle pony, started in pursuit the next morning, and looting them that evening on the range 16 miles away. He rested up his pony and started at dusk on his return with them, it being his ambition to be at the opening of school the next morning. Dark clouds overhung the sky and those at the ranch felt some misgivings, but the little fellow was determined. All went well until the summit was reached at the head of Sand Hollow, when a mixup occurred and the horses pulling away from him made their escape in the darkness. Gussie rode right and left for some time in a vain endeavor to find them, when he gave up and turned his horse in the direction of the road leading to town, as he supposed, but coming in contact with a barbed wire he realized that he was lost. Equal to the emergency he tied up to the wire and lay down to await the break of day. Already thunder and lightning signaled the approaching storm and in a few minutes a downpour of rain began, which continued the long night through, and the little fellow, lying out on the bald ridge without even a sage brush for protection, was subject to the fury of the storm. When daylight came at last he was in the saddle, and from his prominence saw his horses in the canyon below. Gus soon had them and drew rein for the first time at the ranch of Mrs. Johnson, on Lower Butler creek. The little fellow joking told his experience, and his drenched appearance confirmed it sufficient for Mrs. Johnson to have him in close quarters with a roaring fire in short order. Warm, dried and filled up on a good substantial breakfast, Gus was started for town and reported at the opening of school with the other pupils.

MEETS DEATH ALONE.

A Suspicion of Suicide in the Old City Hotel Building.

Yesterday morning at 11 o'clock Coroner Hunlock was summoned to the old City Hotel by Wm. Tillard, who had just discovered the remains of Harry G. Peters in a small bedroom, in the upper story. A coroner's jury was at once summoned together with Dr. Swinburne, and at 2 o'clock began an investigation into the cause of the death. When found he was lying on his face with both hands clutching his abdomen, indicating his death from convulsions. On a chair at his bedside was a partially filled flask of whiskey and a glass. Under his pillow was an emptied morphine bottle, which at first seemed to solve the mysterious death, but from the position of the body and other indications the doctors concluded that death was possibly due to cramp colic. His clothing was searched and only a few trinkets found, among which was a letter received last Friday from his sister with a \$40 remittance, as interest from a share of an estate belonging to him in New Jersey.

At the conclusion of the investigation the jury rendered the following verdict: "We, the undersigned, coroner's jury, empaneled to ascertain the cause of the death of Harry G. Peters, find that he came to his death from causes unknown, but are satisfied from evidence produced that there has been no foul play."

GRANT COUNTY NEWS.

Blue Mountain Eagle. James Innes, of Heppner, arrived in town Wednesday with a load of freight for W. G. Keener, of this city. Prairie City will have a race meeting October 4th, 5th and 6th. Five hundred dollars in purses have been hung and a general good time is anticipated. James McHaley and family, of Monument, passed through town last Friday, enroute to the mountains in the vicinity of Susanville. A horse race Tuesday, between Tiger, Ed Anthony's horse, and Lark, owned by Sam Carter, was won by Lark. They ran three-eighths of a mile for a small purse. Dave McAtee and Frank Griffith, of Heppner, were visitors in town this week, enroute home from an extended trip to the famous summer resorts of Grant county. Everybody calling at the postoffice should ask Postmaster Kahler for the petition calling for a daily mail from this city to Austin, and after duly reading it, sign the same, as the route is badly needed. It is reported here that several bands of sheep belonging to Gilliam county parties, which are being summered in the mountains east of Prairie City, have been seized and will likely be quarantined and dipped before being allowed to leave the range. Walter Caverhill and Charles Cannon returned on Friday night's stage from Portland, where they had gone to receive treatment for falling eyesight. Mr. Cannon returned with his eyes much improved, but Mr. Caverhill is somewhat disappointed, as the eye specialist visited gave him but little hope of effecting a cure. Mrs. C. H. Lee and children returned home on Sunday night's stage, by way of Heppner. They left Mr. Lee and daughter, Mrs. Owens, at Bridge, Coos county, Oregon, where they will likely remain during the winter. While absent they visited Garberville and other points in California, where friends resided, but failed to find any country they liked so well as the old home in the Long creek valley. After an extended trip to San Francisco and the larger towns of the state, W. G. Keener and C. W. Blackwell returned on Tuesday night's stage to this city and to their respective homes. They left some two months ago to travel with a break in the shape of a two-headed calf, which they bought for show purposes. They state they had been doing a fairly good business when, shortly after their arrival in "Frisco," the calf suddenly died, which caused their return home at this time. Their many friends here had a hearty welcome for the boys on their arrival.

Damage to Crops.

Just as the hopes of the grain producers in our county had revived from an estimate of the slight damage done to crops by previous rains, Sunday night deluged the county with a torrent of rain which continued at times until yesterday. It is to be feared that this completely drowns the crops, besides damaging a great deal of hay. However, before going to press we are encouraged by some of those most interested who report that they yet have hopes of threshing a good share of the crop, which is sorely encouraging. Those looting have the consolation of bright prospects for next year's crop, as this rain makes conditions most favorable. While the farmers who have no stock interests suffer a discouraging loss, others feel their loss will come back to them in the additional feed on the ranges, and, without doubt, taking the country as a whole, the benefit of the rain will outweigh the damage.

LEXINGTON ITEMS.

Homer Stanton, of Eight Mile, was in town Sunday. W. P. Snyder, the livery man of Heppner, moved here Tuesday. George Guesby, of Umstills county, is in Lexington on business. Mr. John Barton, of Black Horse, was here Tuesday, visiting with relatives. A heavy rain Monday evening caused the men a hard day's work on the roads. Walter Hill left on Sunday evening for Spring Valley, to begin his school Monday. Elder Gibbs preached here last Friday night, accompanied by Rev. St. Clair, of Heppner. J. R. Clybert has returned from Eight Mile, where he has been at work for the Wilson brothers. The Lexington school will begin the 15th of this month, with three teachers and a large attendance. Miss Dona Barnett went to Eight Mile Sunday to begin her school on Monday, the 4th, at the Williams school house. Those who attended the teachers' institute from this place were well pleased, and thank the people of Heppner for the hospitality shown them while there. E. X.

Full to Overflowing. The house is full to the brim with a bright new stock of goods in all lines. Never before in our history have we displayed so immense and varied stock of goods. Everything is opened up for inspection. Our Ladies' Jacket Suits. Are beyond comparison. They were purchased from an exclusive suit house—the largest in America. They range in price from \$6.00 to \$19.00. You need have no fear as to style. The same goods bought from the same house are displayed by Portland department stores. We guarantee a fit and make the prices right. Before the rush comes we believe it would be wise to come in and look them over. A beautiful line of Furs and Collarettes. Are attracting attention. Ask for them. They are very stylish and you'll need them later. Our Ladies' Jackets, Cloaks and Capes. Will be a welcome surprise to you owing to beauty of style and finish combined with prices much lower than last year. We invite the ladies of Heppner and vicinity to come in and look these goods over to their hearts' content. We want to show them to you. Agents for Butterick Patterns. October Delineator now in. Minor & Co., Heppner, Oregon.

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