

The normal condition of the average farmer throughout the East is one of inquiry as to weather conditions. His face is upturned to the sky, he watches the appearance of the clouds and asks anxiously: "Will this rain hold for a day more?" or, "I am afraid these are only wind clouds," as the case may be. He must wait for rain in order to plow or to plant, or he cannot plow or plant because of rain. The greatest proof of the value of irrigation lies in the fact that no farmer who has once practiced it is ever willing to change to farming under conditions where he is dependent upon natural and unevenly distributed rainfall. The farmer who has his moisture supply under his control knows what he can do, and goes ahead and does it with almost as much certainty of results as the contractor projects and builds his house. The satisfaction to the farmer of knowing that the labors of a half a season will not be rendered void because of a week of untimely drouth, is one that cannot be fully appreciated except by those who have tried both systems.

The ordinary farmer is looked upon largely as a man who plods along without responsibility, worry or thought. As a matter of fact, his worries, where he is dependent upon the elements, are constant, and far in excess of those of many business men. Never a season goes by that he does not hope and pray for rain at some time to save some partially matured crop, or fidget and stew about in impatience and fear lest his crop already made shall be ruined before it can be harvested or cured. The brow of the irrigator is sure to have many less lines and furrows across it than that of the farmer who does not know the control of water in his agricultural operations.

THE EAST OREGONIAN SAYS: The sheepmen will have to leave the forest reserves. The department at Washington has already cancelled the grazing permits to sheepmen to the Rainier forest reserves in Washington, and it is thought that sheep will be excluded from the Cascade reserves by another summer. The sheepmen will be heavy losers by this action. Thousands of sheep will have to be disposed of in Oregon and Washington and their owners driven out of the business by it. The grazing of sheep in these reserves is harmful to the government interests. The forest are set on fire by the careless sheep tenders and much valuable timber destroyed. It is contended that if the sheep are excluded from the reserves of fire will be brought down to the minimum. In other words, the department considers the timber interests of these reserves of more value to the government and the people than the sheep interests, so far as they are advanced by free range.

WE NOTE the Portland Chamber of Commerce has decided to ask Senator Simon to go to Washington in behalf of Portland, in the matter of having that city declared as a shipping port for supplies and men for the Luzon campaign. This is good work. But it would be more effective if the entire delegation were called to assist in this matter. Senator Simon resides in Portland, but Portland is our metropolis and the pride of the state. Therefore there should be combined effort in the desired direction, and it should not have the appearance of a Portland move, unsupported by the rest of the state.

A GREAT many country newspapers have been active in trying E. L. Mims for the shooting of Miller, of Pendleton. This is the duty of a judge and jury, and the Gazette is opposed to these self-constituted judges and juries. Give the law a show, but do not try to convict a man on hearsay evidence. Mr. Mims claims self-defense, and he is innocent before the law until proven otherwise. Too many newspapers in Oregon, and not country papers either, are wont to jump at conclusions and then see their efforts to influence verdicts, which is wholly wrong.

WHEN questioned concerning the space devoted by the state press to Ex-Congressman Ellis' ambition to become sergeant-at-arms of the house, Mr. Ellis emphatically denies that he ever authorized his name used in this connection and that he seeks no office nor has he any ambition for the place mentioned. He is now looking after his business affairs and is not seeking office.

THE WORLD knows just as well as France that Dreyfus is not guilty. Everybody knows, too, that if Dreyfus is guilty positive proofs would be forthcoming. On Sunday last every civilized hamlet on the globe was commenting upon this shameful act, the second conviction of an innocent man. This bodes no good for the approaching Paris exposition, and France will be made to feel it.

THE CONFERENCE CLOSES.

A Most Enjoyable Session Acknowledged—Appointments Made. The annual conference, in session here from September 7th to 11th, closed one of its most successful meetings with the reading of the appointments Sunday night.

There were an unusual number of preachers and delegates present. The reports from the various charges showed decided gains on nearly all lines. There was an increase in membership and in the gifts to the cause.

The preaching and lectures by Bishop Duncan, Dr. Whisner, J. C. Thomas, L. P. Shearer, S. P. Wiggins, E. P. Greene and A. Y. Skee were of the high order. The bishop's presidency gave general satisfaction.

Rev. S. W. Davies had died during the past year and suitable memorial services were held Sunday evening in his memory, at which time a number of his old comrades spoke feelingly of his worth and of their loss.

Much to the regret of the brethren, two of the young men from Georgia returned, Revs. S. P. Wiggins and Joseph Christian.

Five new preachers were added to the working force—one from West Virginia, one from Tennessee and three natives.

The next session will be held at Dayton, Washington.

Our citizens manifested great interest in the conference and large congregations were present at all the services.

In the main the appointments gave splendid satisfaction. We give them as follows: Spokane district, G. H. Gibbs, Presiding Elder; Spokane, M. V. Howard; Wilbur, J. G. Carrick; Wilbur circuit, S. A. Woods; Edwall, Sidney Grenfell; Okanada, D. E. Vernon; Palouse City, R. C. Michael; Genesee, C. R. Howard; Troy, J. W. Compton; Leland, W. O. Miller; Nes Perse, S. E. Crow; Cottonwood, to be supplied; Dayton, R. S. Truesdale; Covello, A. Y. Skee; Walla Walla, E. P. Greene; Buse Creek, A. L. Thoroughman; Heppner, Fred St. Clair. Pendleton district, J. C. Thomas, Presiding Elder; Pendleton, W. B. Gray; Weston, L. P. Shearer; La Grande, E. B. Jones; Summerville, F. C. Adkins; Wingville, F. M. Canfield; Eagle and Pine, E. G. Michael; Boise Valley, C. C. Eagle; Mabeur, J. B. Chamberlain; Nampa, D. W. Yokum; Wallowa, to be supplied.

Rev. R. C. Michael lost his baby boy during the conference. It died Sunday morning, and Rev. Gibbs preached a suitable sermon on Monday morning, after which the precious little one was laid to rest in our cemetery. The parents have the sincere sympathy of the whole community in their bereavement.

Bishop Duncan and Dr. Whisner departed on Monday's train for Grant's Pass, where the session of the Columbia Conference opened on the 14th.

Pendleton Will Respond.

East Oregonian: Pendleton is asked to contribute \$200 to \$300 towards making a road from the county line of Umatilla to Susanville and building a wagon bridge over the John Day river, to enable the people of that section to better come to Pendleton to trade. Pendleton will respond to the appeal. The Susanville section is about the richest part of Grant county and contains some of the most promising mines in Eastern Oregon. There are many fine ranches along the river and a thrifty community of people who desire to enter into trade relations with Pendleton. At present the route to Pendleton is round about, difficult and dangerous to travel, but by the expenditure of a little money the route can be shortened, a good road made and a direct line established. The amount Pendleton is asked to subscribe to the enterprise is small, considering the advantage afforded. With a good wagon road opened to Susanville, a telephone will follow.

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 restores vigor to the weak and debilitated. Be wary of counterfeiters when buying.

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MOUNTAIN VALLEY FARM.

On Saturday we had the pleasure of a visit to the Mountain Valley Farm, in company with Oscar Minor. There we found Mr. Maris applying the finishing touches to the sleek coats of the thoroughbred Shorthorns, preparatory to their departure on Monday morning's train for the State Fair at Salem.

The following contribution to the Rural Spirit by Mr. Maris recites the important point of his prize-winners, and is of interest to every stockraiser in the Northwest:

Among the front ranks of the matrons of this herd is the grand old cow Reality, an undepicted champion in her day and the dam of a lot of good ones. She is a cow of great substance and vitality, carrying a deep, heavy, well turned body on the shortest of legs. She is past her prime, but bringing a calf every year, and is now sold in calf to Conqueror. We expect something extra fine from her this time and if a heifer calf would hardly put a price on it.

Ross Lady is too well known to the Shorthorn fraternity to need any introduction. A member of H. F. Brown's noted show herd of '96, that won Illinois state fair; second prize cow at Salem in '97, being beaten by the best daughter of Reality—Woodruff Bell, whose son, Munson, was first prize aged bull at the same show, and has stood at the head of this herd for the last four years. She was first in the aged cow class last year at the Washington state and The Dalles District fairs. She will be in our show herd this year, and although she has lost some of her form and become a little patchy at tail and head, she is still a pretty good show cow and settled right down to business as a breeder. She has a fine brifer calf by Munson, and is now well along in calf to the service of Conqueror, and should she drop a bull calf it ought to be good enough to head anybody's herd. We are anxious for it to be a heifer, how ever.

Mazurka Napier 5th is one of the best cows that I imported along with Conqueror. She was a champion winner in her younger days, and at fourteen she holds her own like a better, and one would hardly take her to be more than six years old. She is a cow of good style and wonderful quality; has a remarkable springy rib, and a back like a dining table. One of her daughters and three granddaughters and a grandson in our show herd will show what she has been doing as a breeder. Mazurka Napier 12th, one of the best daughters of M. N. 5th, is a genuine beef block. She has the ribs and back of her dam, heavy quarters, well set on short legs. We think her a pretty fair producer, as she contributes three to our show herd this year, and we would be foolish enough to show them against a number from anybody's cow, one of them being the yearling heifer that won the female championship for us last year at the Washington state fair.

Another cow that produces nothing but show calves is Mazurka Napier 14th. Her yearling heifer won second prize last year, and her bull calf, Oregon Monarch, first. If her present bull calf, Conqueror 21, don't get a blue ribbon there will be some mighty good calves in the ring.

Three others of the Mazurkas I imported—9th, 11th and 2nd, now owned by Mr. Minor, are right along with 12th and 14th as producers and will each contribute one or two apiece to our show herd this year.

There are fourteen of the Mazurka-Conqueror heifers in the herd, and they are uniformly good. All have good style and quality, fine ribs and back, good quarters and short legs and without exception are fine producers. There will be two calves in the show herd from these heifers that will speak for themselves.

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Following are the proceedings of the county court in addition to those published in last week's issue of the Gazette: The petition of Jacob Bortzer et al on road application No. 150 was granted and report of viewers accepted, and cost bill amounting to \$20.30 ordered paid.

Jurors' and witnesses' fees for the term of court, to the amount of \$67.80 were ordered paid.

Miscellaneous bills allowed as follows: Conner & Warren, expense acct. \$ 2.00 Dr. E. R. Swinburne, painter acct. 15.00 J. W. Shipley, school supt. 142.00 A. T. McRay, pauper acct. 3.00 Heppner Gazette, expense acct. 55.65 Jas. Fruto, road acct. 8.00 I. N. Frater, court house acct. 130.00 State vs. George Yates, cost bill amounting to \$30.50 ordered paid.

Court ordered warrant issued for sale of property for payment of taxes of 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897.

Claim of Ellis & Phelps for attorneys' fees in McGonnigall case allowed.

Scalp bounty certificates examined and approved.

Warrant of \$14.10 paid to H. M. Beardsley for redemption of property erroneously sold for taxes.

Miscellaneous bills allowed: J. B. Mullis, road acct. \$ 2.00 J. L. Howard, commissioner's salary 10.00 J. F. Willis, assessor 129.00

CONTEST NOTICE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, LAND OFFICE at La Grande, Or., September 8, 1899. A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Jennie Gilmore, contestant, for the southeast quarter section 18, township 20 north, range 27 E. W. M., by Quitilla T. Mounts, contestant, in which it is alleged that the said contestant has wholly abandoned the said tract; that she has changed her residence therefrom for more than six months since making said entry; that the said tract is not settled upon and cultivated by the said party as required by law; therefore said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer such evidence as they may have concerning said allegations at 10 o'clock a. m. on October 27, 1899, before J. W. Morrow, United States commissioner, at his office in Heppner, Oregon, and that final hearing will be held before the register and receiver of the United States land office at La Grande, Oregon, at 10 o'clock a. m. on October 31, 1899.

The said contestant having in a proper affidavit, filed in this office September 7, 1899, set forth facts which show that after due diligence, personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by proper publication.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON THE 21st day of August, 1899, Nathan Cecil, of Portland, Oregon, was duly adjudged bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at room 348, Worcester Building, Portland, Oregon, on the 22nd day of September, 1899, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting. Dated, September 13, 1899.

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