

HEPPNER SHIPMENTS.

That Heppner is a very important shipping point may be seen from the following figures, which show shipments made by rail from here during the past year:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Quantity. Includes Wool, pounds (3,245,750); Cattle, cars (220); Sheep (175).

PEOPLE WANTED.

Thousands of good people are continually coming to the northwest in search of homes. Most of them have sold grain and stock farms in the middle west at high prices, and come to the Pacific States in search of new homes and a better climate.

They are desirable people to add to any community, and they should know that Morrow county has room for thousands of them.

Here they will find a region of great diversity. Near the Columbia they will find great stretches of sand and sagebrush that looks dreary and desolate, but if they can get water upon it and irrigate it, it will produce anything.

Further south Morrow county has ten townships of mountain land, well watered and covered with a growth of valuable timber, fir, pine and tamarack. It is a beautiful summer country, and has no heavier snowfall in winter than many sections that are densely populated.

Morrow county could easily furnish homes for double its present population without crowding anybody, and homeseekers who come here may rest assured that they will find the price of lands lower than in any other part of the Pacific northwest.

UPBUILDING OF HEPPNER.

A gradual growth has marked the development of Heppner town, and it has kept pace with the surrounding region. No boom or mushroom growth has ever been here. Dwelling houses have been built only as needed, and as no For Rent advertisements can be found in the Heppner newspapers, all dwellings must be occupied.

While the upbuilding of Heppner has been reasonably rapid during the past year, the town has not straggled ahead of the country. New houses have gone up on all sides, and all of them have had occupants as soon as built. In fact, they were built by the occupants, for use of the occupants. It has been a year of homebuilding by householders.

The growth of the town has recently been up the main Willow creek, and new dwellings have been springing up all winter.

Home-building will continue in that direction, and soon the bench land between the court house will be covered with sightly homes, and the vicinity of the mouth of Hinton creek will witness the erection of many new dwellings.

Heppner is on the path of progress, and will easily double its present population before its residents realize it. It is a good place for newcomers to come to. It has a good water system and electric lighting plant, and one of the largest and best public schools in the northwest. Heppner is a railroad terminus, has a tributary trade from a very extensive surrounding country, and its stores carry full supplies of all kinds of goods.

LEASING LANDS.

Judging by the large amount of antagonism it has stirred up, it is very evident that the people are not in favor of leasing out the public lands, and regard such a move as one that would give several years set-back to the settlement of the country. The people of Crook county have held a mass meeting and loudly disclaimed against the proposed leasing, and their feeling seems to be general in sections of the country directly concerned in the proposed leasing.

The whole scheme of leasing seems to be a concession to Mr. Wilson, secretary of agriculture, who knows nothing about the west

except what little he saw of it from the window of a palace car when he made a sky-rocket trip through here last summer. He is overflowing with theoretical ideas and has not room to test them on his little farm in Iowa. He knows a few things about fine hogs and sugar-beets as raised in the cramped confines of civilization, where he lives, but he knows practically nothing about the further west, where there is room, room to turn round in.

Mr. Wilson should content himself with drawing his government salary of \$8000 a year, and keep his theoretical hands off of the west.

Congressman Moody in writing about the land leasing proposition, says:

"I think it will be found by reading the different bills offered in relation to leasing the public domain, that they are drawn with the idea of protecting the individual rights of settlers, and thus keeping the public lands for stock ranches as against corporations. I am satisfied from personal interviews with the members proposing these measures, that they were prompted to draft and introduce the bills solely for the purpose of reclaiming the arid lands, and the protection and improvement of native grasses for the benefit of the settlers and pioneer occupants."

"The authors also say that the measures were proposed for the purpose of bringing the matter before the public for a free and fair discussion. If after that is had, the practicability of protecting the individual settler's rights to better advantage is not apparent, I am satisfied the authors themselves will not urge the passage of the bill."

"No law that does not safeguard all the rights of the settlers and small stock growers, I can safely say, will be favorably considered by the committees on public lands."

Winter Weather.

The balminess prevailing at Heppner was broken in upon Tuesday by a slight snowstorm which whitened the ground but seemed too soft to remain. Wednesday the snow continued and attained a depth of a few inches.

The snow is welcomed by most people here, because it will benefit grain and the grass will grow under it and make better feed for sheep when the snow goes off and lambing time comes on.

Throughout the Heppner hills sheep are now being fed hay, of which there is an abundance. A few sooner lambs have already been dropped, but the habit will not become general here until March 29 and a little earlier down toward the Columbia.

Wednesday night the thermometer showed 10 above zero, and this Thursday morning it is 15 above, with weather threatening.

There is an abundance of alfalfa hay here valued at only \$5 a ton in the stack, so all stock will have plenty of feed. It takes only two pounds a day of alfalfa hay to feed a sheep.

Talks With Travelers.

C. H. Carter, the well-known railroad man who was here Saturday, said:

"I find Heppner rapidly increasing in importance as a shipping point. Its volume of business is immense. It has a vast territory tributary to it, and its merchants are fortunate in their location."

"It is a pleasure to come here now and find such a good table and such modern conveniences at the Palace hotel. Railroad men and commercial travelers know a good table when they see it, and they find it here. It is one of the corner stones of life."

Palace Hotel Arrivals Last Night.

C. H. Lee, Long Creek; David Harold, Ilwaco; W. R. Hunt, S. F.; H. W. Akin, Wagner; A. J. Powell, Wagner; A. J. Davis, Butter Ck; M. S. Maxwell, Jones; J. N. Ferry, Pendleton; J. J. Cleland, Portland; R. N. Standfield, Butte Cr.; W. H. Smith, Chicago.

Wool Was Never Better.

R. F. Hynd, secretary of the Morrow County Land and Trust Company, made a trip Monday to his sheep ranches in Sand Hollow, and says that he never saw sheep in better condition. The wool has made a remarkably good growth and is keeping it up right along without intermission. It has had no setback or stoppage all winter, so that its growth has been uniform and regular.

Morrow county's wool clip for this season will be one of the best for both quality and quantity that was ever produced in any country, and everything indicates that the price will be the best obtained for several years past.

What Mr. Hynd says about the condition of his sheep is right in line with reports from woolgrowers all over Morrow county and Eastern Oregon. This is truly a banner year in the sheep business.

John T. Kirk was in Tuesday from his ranch on Ithea creek, at the mouth of Sanford, and brought some samples of wool from his sheep. It is three inches long, very clean, and without a joint. Shearing at the Kirk ranch does not occur until the middle of May, and the wool is already longer than it generally is at shearing. The Kirk band numbers 1230 ewes, and they give every indication of yielding 11 to 12 pounds to the fleece this season.

The greatest danger from colds and grippe is their resulting in pneumonia. If reasonable care is used, however, and Chamberlain's Cough Remedy taken, all danger will be avoided. It will cure a cold, prevent an attack of grippe in less time than any other treatment. It is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by Conser & Warren.

LATEST WAR NEWS.

In South Africa.

General Joubert with 6000 Boers is threatening Buller's right at Grey, and another Boer army is advancing through Zululand and threatening to destroy British communications. This causes England to expect better results, for Roberts and Kitchener are at Modder river, apparently about to begin an aggressive movement. People at Kimberly are living on horseback. Lord Roberts, with 35,000 men is trying to get to Roberts. Fever is raging there, and the death rate is appalling. The Boers continue to bombard the city. Making has been besieged by Boers for six weeks.

On the 13th brisk fighting and heavy pressure from the Boers caused the British to retire from the Colaburg district. Fighting lasted all day, and the British outposts held their own against big odds until it was deemed advisable to order a retreat. The Boers numbered 5 to 1 in all fights and are now actively pressing around Beaufort.

Indications are that Lord Roberts is about to make a forward move from Modder river.

In the Philippines.

The insurgents in Albay province, Luzon, have adopted harassing tactics against the towns which the Americans have garrisoned. They camp in the hills and maintain a constant fire upon the American outposts. When the troops sail against them, they scatter, returning when the Americans retreat.

They shoot burning arrows, and have thus burned a large part of the town of Albay. Most of the towns in that province are deserted, except by the garrison. Scarcely any of the inhabitants return to their homes. They are camping in the interior, and insurgents prevent them going back. There is much suffering among them, owing to lack of food.

Guerrilla warfare continues south of Manila. Two attempts have been made to ambush the Americans. Colonel Bacon with six companies of the Forty-second infantry, had a two hours' fight with General Pila's command, which attempted to ambush the Americans along the trail through Morong province, near the lake. The insurgents were dispersed, but the Americans had several wounded, among them a captain.

In Old Kentucky.

The republican members of the legislature are holding sessions at Frankfort, while the senate and 28 in the house. The troops are still under arms at Louisville. Attorneys are arguing the case at Cincinnati. The democratic members are holding sessions at the capital, and have invited Governor Taylor to vacate and disperse the soldiers. They have offered a reward of \$100,000 for the detection of Governor Gobet's murderer.

FOOTBALL FACTS.

Heppner's Team is Getting Ready For Pendleton. The Heppner football team will leave here Wednesday, 21st, to play a great game with the Pendleton team there on the 22d, at 3 p. m. There are 15 young men in the Heppner team, and 49 or 50 others will go over with them.

The Heppner boys are practicing persistently. Matlock at left tackle carries the ball well, gets in all plays, and is a good, sure man. Bisbee at right end, for a new man plays the game like a veteran. He gets down the field well on punts, and is a sure tackler. Stott at left end is also doing very good work.

Halfbacks Natter and Clarke are doing the best work. They are both speedy men and are good live blockers, and will no doubt give a good account of themselves in the game. Clarke was formerly captain of The Dulles team, which was a very strong one.

Oney at full back played for two years in Pacific University team at Newberg. Although light for the position, he is a good live blocker, holding his punts well.

McAllister at center is an old football player, having been six years with the O. A. C team at Corvallis before he went to Manila in the volunteers. He was the best center in any of the college teams, and is a sure and reliable man.

Hart and Cowins at right guard are both doing good work. Thompson at left guard is doing better work, and will no doubt be able to handle his man all right. Driscoll gets in the plays well, and Leland at right tackle, is one of the strongest men in the line. He breaks up plays well, and is very aggressive.

The line-up is as follows: Center—McAllister. R. G.—Hart and Cowins. L. G.—Thompson and Driscoll. R. T.—Lalonde. L. T.—Matlock. R. E.—Bisbee. L. E.—Stott and Hamilton. R. H.—Natter, L. H.—Clarke. Q. B.—Robertson. F. B.—Oney.

Howard Grove, of Lexington, will act as one of the officials. He has had two years experience playing in the Portland high school team.

Hops Walking at Niagara.

The man who wanted to walk across Niagara Falls on a rope was wisely restrained by the authorities. Probably he is thankful that such was the case. Death comes soon enough. Take the ailments of disease for example. Common ailments like constipation, dyspepsia, biliousness, malaria and nervousness, do much to shorten life. There is a medicine that will cure these, if taken faithfully, and that is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Set the stomach right, and good health is sure to follow. This peerless remedy has a record of over fifty years of cures to back it up. Who is in need of a medicine of this kind, get the old reliable Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, with a private revenue stamp over the neck of the bottle.

OLEX AND ROCK CREEK.

Condon Globe: Email Johnson and Frank Farnsworth were down from Hardman visiting the sheepherders this week.

Grain is looking fine in this section. Alfalfa on the creek will soon be ready to cut.

C. Sobott has returned from the Valley where he purchased 30 head of calves.

Ernest Taylor and his bride have returned from Arlington and are now at their home on the creek.

Mrs. H. S. Moore has gone to The Dalles where she will spend a month with her daughter, Mrs. Hanna.

The business men of Arlington are going to build a good road from that city to Rock creek. Good roads pay.

Shelly Edmondson, Charley Wilkins, Frank Toby and Frank Little went to Arlington last Saturday night to ride the A. O. U. goat. Fran, being a feather weight, was bucked so high that he looked over Mt. Hood and says it was rising at Portland.

Quite a big bunch of saddle-horses have been rounded up on lower Willow creek and sold to the government for use in the Philippines.

Blanket Bargains

Regardless of the fact that everything in the line of Blankets and Comforts has advanced from

Twenty-five per cent to Thirty-three and one-third

we will continue to sell at our present low prices until they are all gone. Fortunately we anticipated the advance and laid in an extra stock. We intend that our customers shall have the benefit of the most careful and judicious buying, while we content ourselves with a reasonable profit.

NEXT WEEK We will enumerate more fully, giving prices, etc. Following are a few of the many

Blanket Bargains:

- A pair of Cotton Blankets 10-4 - 60 cts
A pair of All-Wool Blankets, dark gray, 66x80, weight, 6 pounds - \$5.00

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GOOD ROADS.

People who are contemplating long hauls to the railroad may rest assured that the roads leading to Heppner will soon be in the best of shape.

Business men of Heppner are alive to the mutual benefit derived from good roads, and are raising a fund to make the roads good. Systematic work will soon start, and it is hoped that every road supervisor will do his best on the roads in his district.

Shorthorn Premiums.

Oscar Minor returned Saturday from his trip through the Willamette valley. At Salem he ascertained the fact that Shorthorn cattle are going to be properly recognized at the next state fair. The state will offer premiums of \$500, and this amount will be duplicated by the National Breeders' Association.

This organization has a surplus fund of \$30,000 in its treasury to distribute as premiums among the Shorthorn breeders of the United States, and this will be the first year that Oregon received its share. At the last state fair the premiums for Shorthorns amounted to only \$240. Several Oregon breeders of Shorthorns have started in within the past two years, and the Heppner specimens that Mr. Minor will take to the state fair next summer will rank up among the best of them.

Sheep Sales.

George Gray on Tuesday bought from Bartholomew & Co 3500 yearlings; 1400 of them were mixed, the balance straight wethers. Price paid was \$235 for mixed, \$215 for wethers. They are good sheep, and are to be delivered after shearing.

J. M. Carson, who buys sheep here every spring, returned to Heppner this week.

Cold Steel or Death.

"There is but one small chance to save your life and that is through an operation," was the awful prospect set before Mrs. L. B. Hunt, of Lime Ridge, Wis., by her doctor after vainly trying to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. He didn't count on the marvellous power of Electric Bitters to cure stomach and liver troubles, but she heard of it, took seven bottles, was wholly cured, avoided surgeon's knife, now weighs more and feels better than ever. It's positively guaranteed to cure stomach, liver and kidney troubles and never disappoints. Price 50c at Conser & Warren Drug Co.

NOTICE TO VOTERS.

All Must Register on or Before May 15, 1900.

From the 24 day of January, 1900, at 8 a. m., until the 15th day of May, 1900, at 5 p. m., the records for the registration of voters will be open at the office of the County Clerk of Morrow county.

Naturalized citizens appearing to register will be requested to produce proofs of citizenship, either declaration of intention, or certificate of citizenship, except where the same appears on the records of Morrow county, and also their street and number, if living in town, or if living in country, section, township and range.

The law requires that if the elector is unable to conveniently appear before the county clerk for registration, he may be registered by a notary public or justice of the peace in the precinct in which he resides.

Dated at Heppner, Morrow county, Oregon, this 31st day of January, 1900. V. A. CRAWFORD, County Clerk, Morrow County, Oregon.

O. E. FARNSWORTH, PRESIDENT. R. F. HYND, SECRETARY AND MANAGER.

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Sheep are High in Wyoming.

J. M. Williams, of Moorcraft, Wyoming, is looking over Oregon sheep this week, and says he finds them much cheaper here than in his state, where yearlings will bring \$4 a head this year after shearing, and 2-year olds \$4.50.

Wyoming threatens to try a new state law this year and quarantine for 60 days all outside sheep at the state line, where they must be dipped and inspected. This has been a comfortable winter in Wyoming, the thermometer only going 20 below, while last winter it went 33 below.

Canyon City is said to have one case of smallpox, and a man who has come over from there says that "they have quarantined the town; chloroformed the mail, and are building a pasthouse."

Lady Macabers.

A very pleasant social was given on Saturday night, when the Lady Macabers entertained their friends at the K. of P. Hall. The program was interesting and given in a very acceptable manner. The numbers were a vocal solo by little Miss Mathews, recitation by Mrs. Beal, solo by Miss Raymond, recitation by Anna McBride, song by four little girls and recitation by Heppner Black man, after which came the Conversation party, next came supper and the evening wound up with Ticker, etc. All expressed themselves as having a very enjoyable time.

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