

SCALP BOUNTY.

The matter of repealing the bounty on coyote scalps is now being discussed.

The stockmen of this great grazing region of the Heppner Hills do not want it repealed. They think it is a good thing, and would like to see every inducement offered for the extinction of the coyote.

A robber and a sneak-thief is the coyote, and the bounty law undoubtedly reduced his number and power for evil. But this fall it seems as though he was becoming more numerous and audacious in the Heppner Hills, and new efforts are needed to be put forth in suppressing him.

At the ranches of Pres. Criswell, N. S. Whetstone and Wm. Hughes coyotes have recently become very troublesome. At the latter place they have pulled to pieces a stack of wheat hay in their search for mice.

The argument is now used that the thinning out of the coyote means the multiplication of the ground-squirrel which is so destructive to crops. The gentlemen above mentioned say that this is a mistake. That during the recent wholesale killing-off of the coyote, ground-squirrels became scarcer than ever before.

The coyote seems to get too much credit for killing off ground-squirrels. The best man in that line is the badger. He goes into the squirrels' holes and digs out and eats them. He should be encouraged, but instructed not to put so many pitfalls in the way of saddle-horses.

Instead of repealing the bounty on coyote scalps, it should be kept on, and the coyotes should be hunted down and most of the ranches should add to their equipment hounds that will run and kill coyotes.

HOME FOR TEACHERS.

The Swiss educators are taking active measures looking toward the foundation of a lehrerheim, or home for school teachers during their holidays, upon the order of the admirable elsenbahnerheim, or home for railway workers, on the Grubisbalm, upon the slopes of the Rigi. The economical question is exhaustively treated in a little pamphlet circulated among the teachers in the Swiss common schools.

In America later on it may become necessary to found a home for parents who have become financially broken up by buying books for their children and keeping up with the apparently unnecessary changes made which necessitate the buying of other books. It often looks as though the changes were made solely for the benefit of some big book company which makes all the profits and allows nothing for the retailer.

One of the most ridiculously unnecessary things in the northwest is where a child leaves the public schools of one state and crosses the line into a sister state, its parents must be put to the expense of buying an entirely new outfit of books.

If a uniform national bankruptcy law was a good thing, a uniform national system of school books would be a good thing for the parents who have to buy them.

THAT DISTANT DEPOT.

Heppner has outgrown its village clothes and has outgrown the primitive plan of having its railway depot 3/4 of a mile from its business center.

It is an inconvenience that ought to be abolished.

When Engineer Stevens set the grade stakes for the Heppner railroad along in November of '87, he ended the line a little south from the county court house. The survey line was run close to the flouring mill with the idea that some day it would become an export institution. The way that Morrow county is now producing wheat, the mill will undoubtedly later on reach out for foreign trade.

For years the Heppner depot has been 3/4 of a mile from the business part of town. It is time it were moved up nearer.

It is a subject worthy of the discussion of the people.

THANKS,—OH, THANKS!

Every Republican in Morrow county and the rest of the world ought to be truly thankful to the modest Times for its timely instructions as to how to treat their fellow-voters who happen to be in the minority.

All that was needed to smooth over the friction of the campaign was the definite instructions of the flopping Times whose somersault after the battle was won was only equalled by the absurdity of its assumption that the Republican voters were a lot of greenhorns who needed instructions from it.

But people of all parties know how to measure up flopping papers who flop at the last moment.

County court will meet tomorrow and Saturday to specially consider road business, and District Attorney T. G. Hailey will be present.

Washington State re-elected its old rainbow-chaser Rogers as governor because it could not stomach Seattle's machine methods of politics. When first elected Rogers was a Kansas sufferer who paid no taxes.

NEEDED ROAD.

Men who haul big loads of wood from the mountains at the head of the east fork of Willow creek and come to Heppner have to make a long, slow, hard pull up the Caldwell grade and away around by Hinton creek.

This long pull and four miles of distance might be saved if there was a road opened along the east fork of Willow creek.

There is now a road along the east fork from Tom McCullough's ranch to the mouth of John Beeler canyon, and if this road were extended a few miles it would give direct connection with several roads running into the timber, and also with roads running to the head of Butter creek and toward the John Day.

Such a road would give a natural water-grade all the way to and from Heppner, and would be a great convenience to a great many people.

Its cost would be very slight, as the east fork is open and unfenced, and its benches and bottoms are well adapted to road-making.

CHRISTMAS COMES.

The season for sending Christmas presents will soon be here, and it will be, as it always is, a season of activity for express companies and post offices.

People at a distance from Heppner will be sending presents to friends in Heppner, and will prepay express charges on their packages, and will labor under the delusion that their gifts are put right into the hands of their Heppner friends free of all expense, as all gifts should be.

This is a mistake. The friends in Heppner will have to pay delivery charges on all gifts they receive by express, or else walk 3/4 of a mile from the business part of town to the distant express office.

These delivery charges should be paid by the express company. They cost Heppner people \$20 to \$30 a month, and much more in the holiday season.

In towns where the express company does not deliver packages it keeps its office located close to the business center, convenient for the people.

It should do this in Heppner or pay for the delivery.

People who send gifts to Heppner friends would feel much annoyed to think that those friends had to pay charges on the gifts.

So the thing to do is to send packages to Heppner by registered mail.

In that way they are safe, the sender prepaays all charges, and they are delivered in the center of town, where Uncle Sam, with true business sagacity, has located his office. And the express and telegraph companies would do well to follow his example.

HOW IT CLIMBED.

The population of the United States in decades for more than a century past has been as follows: In 1790, 3,929,214; 1800, 5,308,483; 1810, 7,238,881; 1820, 9,663,822; 1830, 12,866,020; 1840, 17,069,432; 1850, 23,191,876; 1860, 32,443,321; 1870, 38,558,371; 1880, 50,155,783; 1890, 63,069,756; and 1900, 76,295,220.

WHEAT.

Chas. Johnson, the well-known wheat-buyer, was in Heppner this week, and gave interesting facts and figures concerning grain growing in Morrow county.

Mr. Johnson thinks that Morrow county's production this year will now total up to 900,000 bushels, of which 750,000 bushels will be shipped away.

He divides up the receipts at the different stations on the Heppner railroad as follows:

Heppner 100,000 bushels; Lexington 120,000; Jordan 70,000; Lone 300,000; Douglas 250,000.

Mr. Johnson says that wheat is now moving out fairly fast over the Heppner railroad. The company is furnishing about 15 cars a day, which is about all the warehouse people can attend to.

At Lone there is still stacked on the ground about 10,000 bushels, but at all other points it is off the ground.

Mr. Johnson reports no recent sales, and says that the wheat raised near Douglas averages 1 to 4 pounds per bushel lighter than that raised further south toward Heppner.

He says that if favorable weather continues, the grain acreage of Morrow county will next season be about the same as this.

WOOL.

The Heppner market has not yet had its expected opening, but there are symptoms of the important event soon transpiring.

Frank Johnson is on a hurry-up trip to Boise, but will return to Heppner very shortly.

Boston, Nov. 13.—With the exception of last week, the sales in the wool market here this week were the largest in many months. Dealers are firm in their demands for the market prices, and some are holding for an advance. Territorial wool was the leading feature of the sales. Fine medium and fine scored staple is quoted at 47@48c, while for strictly staple article 50c is asked. Fleece wools are moving slowly, with prices firm.

Territory, scored basis—Montana and Wyoming, fine medium and fine, 17@18c; scored 47@48c, staple 50c. Utah, fine medium and fine, 16@17c; scored, 47@48c; staple, 50c. Idaho, fine medium and fine, 15@16c; scored, 47@48c; staple, 50c.

Australian, scored basis, spot prices—combing, superfine, nominal, 73@75c; good, 45@70c.

Authorized authority—The Weekly Oregonian.

REWARDS FOR WORKERS.

Anyone can make money getting up Clubs of Subscribers for the Heppner Gazette.

Until further notice the Gazette will pay \$3.75 in cash to anyone sending in a club of 5 new cash 1-year subscribers.

Will pay \$7.50 for 10 new cash 1-year subscribers.

Will pay \$11.25 for 15 new cash 1-year subscribers.

Will pay \$15 for 20 new cash 1-year subscribers.

Anyone sending in a club of 25 new cash 1-year subscribers will be given a fine gold watch.

PRAIRIE CHICKENS.

Time was, not many years ago, when the Heppner Hills were famous for big bands of prairie chickens.

It used to be that Denny the Frenchman and Willard Herren and a few friends would go up Bain fork on a Sunday afternoon and from the Tom Quaid ranch to the old McLaren place would shoot a hack-load.

Then they would squat around in the shade of the Hawthorne trees and sip bottled Milwaukee after it had stood awhile in a cooling spring.

That was in the days before John Natter's brewery had been started, and all keg beer that reached Heppner had to be jolted in the hot sun across country by stage from Pendleton, 60 miles away.

Now things are different about both beer and prairie chickens.

The sheep have tramped out their eggs, and poisoned wheat put out for ground-squirrels has killed off many prairie chickens.

So that of late years they have been pretty scarce.

But this fall a bunch of about 100 blew in from somewhere. They were at the Sperry place up on the flat, then at Bill Penland's timber-culture, then at the Stalter grain-stax.

Now they are gone again.

HORSES FOR THE ARMY.

At Billie Gordon's big corral there are now lively doings. The horses that Al Roberts is buying for the army are now gathering there, and Ot. Summers is putting them through their paces. Some of them are fresh from the range, and feel their oats and act quite gay, but all are hardy and active and quick to come under discipline.

The government inspector will be here next Wednesday, and all who have saddle horses for sale should have them in Heppner by Tuesday. Mr. Roberts expects to have 100 head here by that time.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Miss Sybil Hager celebrated her 11th birthday at the home of her parents in Heppner on Tuesday evening. The occasion was a most enjoyable one, and the house was filled with the merry children who had been invited. A very nice luncheon of chicken, cake, turkey and other good things was partaken of.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury

As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surface of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by druggists, price 75c per bottle. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

Notable among the pleasures afforded by the Shasta route is the winter trip to Southern California and Arizona. Renewed acquaintance with this section will ever develop fresh points of interest and add sources of enjoyment, under its sunny skies, in the variety of its industries, in its prolific vegetation and among its numberless resorts of mountain, shore, valley and plain.

The two daily Shasta trains from Portland to California have been recently equipped with the most approved pattern of standard and tourist sleeping cars, but the low rates of fare will still continue in effect.

Illustrated guides to the winter resorts of California and Arizona may be had on application to C. H. MARKHAM, G. P. A., Portland, Ore.

AMERICAN PLAN ONLY.

The Palace Hotel, of Heppner, is one of the home institutions that Eastern Oregon may well be proud of. It fills the field as a first-class house, and it employs only competent white help. It is conducted strictly on the American plan, and its commodious well-furnished rooms and bountiful tables give satisfaction to all its patrons.

If you want to buy some very low priced ranches, see George Wells, at Conser & Warren's drug store.

"I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and find it to be a great medicine," says Mr. E. S. Phipps, of Potosi, Ark. "It cured me of bloody flux. I cannot speak too highly of it." This remedy always wins the good opinion, if not praise, of those who use it. The quick cures which it effects even in the most severe cases make it a favorite everywhere. For sale by Conser & Warren.

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- A medium dark grey blanket, all-wool, size 72x84, weighs 6 1/2 lbs - 5 50
- A Pendleton silver grey, all Eastern Oregon straight fleeces wool, 60x80, 5 1/2 lbs 6 00
- A Pendleton blanket, Umatilla blue, guaranteed straight Eastern Oregon fleeces wool blanket, size 72x84, weighs 5 1/2 lbs 6 50
- A Salem blanket, strictly all-wool, mottled grey color, size same as above, weighs 6 1-2 lbs - 6 50
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