

THE PICTURE PAPER.

Work is being pushed on the special illustrated edition of the Heppner Gazette, and barring accidents the papers will be ready for issue on Thursday, Jan. 31.

Such an illustrated issue involves great labor and expense, but as the engravings will be of the very best and will show scenes from actual photographs, it is hoped that the edition will make Morrow county better known to the outside world and prove of benefit to the entire community.

The illustrated edition will be sent to all subscribers, and a few cords of extra copies will be printed and be for sale at Gazette office at 15 cents each. People who want extra copies should send in their orders at once.

SENATORIAL.

All sorts of reports are reaching out from Salem as to the present status of the senatorial struggle. There are several candidates, and each has his enthusiastic clansmen. It is thought that some one will be elected soon.

On the first ballots Tuesday Mr. Corbett led with 28 votes; Senator McBride 19; Binger Herman 8; Wm. Smith, Dem., 25; scattering 7.

The contest is being fairly conducted, and for the sake of all, it should speedily end.

For a man of his age and infirmity Mr. Corbett is nursing an unjustifiable ambition. He has had his business and financial triumphs, and could well afford to retire from the political field.

His giving way to a younger man would be an appropriate action, for he knows that Senator McBride's activity would be of the most advantage to the State. As a senator Mr. McBride has done his full duty, and deserves a re-election. While Mr. Corbett might be willing to do his duty if elected, his advanced age and infirmity would certainly tell against any results being achieved.

BRUTAL BUSINESS.

The investigation of the hazing and pugilistic practices at West Point has brought out facts that shock and disgust the country. That representative American young men, supposed to be intelligent gentlemen, and being educated at the nation's expense, should engage in such brutal business seems beyond belief.

It is a dark blot on the face of boasted American civilization, and the strong arm of the government should be used in forever stamping it out.

SLIPPERY SWINDLING.

Oil is naturally pretty sleek stuff and is intended to make things slip. For some time past oil has been found in California in some spots, and in other spots it has refused to be found.

The excitement incident to the new oil business has caused oily men to go into the promotion and booming of the business, and they have invaded Oregon with their grips full of beautiful stock certificates which they are willing to distribute at ground-floor prices.

Before buying such stocks Oregon people should find out if they are getting any real return for their good cash.

Hills are greenest and oiliest far away, and powerful field glasses should be used to examine them.

A Portland man is now suing to get out of a \$5000 oil speculation he went into. When he went to California and looked into what he had bought he found that he had been swindled.

Oily stock-sellers are liable to now invade the Heppner Hills, and the people should carefully take their measure before buying.

COYOTES.

In his travels over Morrow and adjoining counties Harry Cummings has found that everybody is in favor of keeping the bounty on coyote scalps. In his own experience Mr. Cummings says that his loss by coyotes in sheep, pigs and chickens will foot up to \$50 a year. He regards each coyote as good for \$10 worth of damage every year, and says that the theory of the coyote being a benefit by reducing jackrabbits is a mistake. He runs down and catches a few jacks only just after a cold spell, when the jacks can't lumber up as usual.

A few years ago, Mr. Cummings says his sheep were safe in a corral, but now the coyotes fear fences no longer, and go through, and kill sheep, and dig under chicken-houses and steal poultry right off the roost. They also kill young calves when hidden by mothers on the range, and get away with good-sized shoats.

The scalp bounty has reduced the number of coyotes, but it takes eternal vigilance to keep them reduced. Mr. Cummings considers that the 48,000 killed during the past two years represent a saving of \$480,000 in live stock.

While it costs the State \$2 to kill a coyote, it costs the farmer and stockman \$10 a year to board him.

ATTRACTING ATTENTION.

The fact that there are at present in Portland many timber men from Michigan and Wisconsin shows that Oregon's great timber tracts are at last attracting the attention they ought to.

These timber lands contain untold wealth in lumber, and on account of the small demand heretofore made upon them, their valuations are ridiculously low.

Morrow county has her fair share of merchantable timber, and its value is not yet appreciated.

People who take it up under the timber and stone act at \$2.50 an acre can hardly fail to make good investments.

IN MORROW COUNTY.

The Sunday Oregonian says: George Conser, cashier of the First National Bank of Heppner, is at the Perkins, accompanied by his wife. He thinks Morrow county is forcing its way to the front as one of the richest producers in the state. "We have over 2,000,000 pounds of wool still unsold from last year's clip," he said, yesterday, "and there is another clip of 3,000,000 pounds nearly ready for the shears. Morrow county also sold 250,000 sheep last year, besides 1,000,000 pounds of wool and nearly 1,000,000 bushels of wheat, so our stockmen and farmers are all right financially.

"Although large sums of money have poured into Morrow county for sheep, wool and wheat within the last 12 months, there is no idle money to speak of in the county. Our people invest their surplus cash in additional lands and stock, and so the money keeps in circulation. Sheepmen are buying up the adjoining ranches to extend their ranges, as they realize that the sheepraiser cannot depend much longer on the free range of Uncle Sam. They have also been adding to the numbers of their bands, and we will have another 100,000 head to turn off to Eastern buyers after shearing, as the natural increase of lambs will add materially to the stock of the county in the spring.

"The winter thus far has been favorable to stock on the bunch-grass ranges, and feeding was only resorted to for a few days." He considers the wheat outlook for the year 1901 fully as favorable as can be thus early in the season.

"But see the amount of money we are liable to have on hand this year in Morrow county," Mr. Conser concluded. "By the sale of the wool now in the warehouses added to that on the sheeps' backs, we will dispose of probably 5,000,000 pounds. At even the low rate of 10 cents a pound this means \$500,000. Add to this the proceeds of over 100,000 sheep sold to outside buyers, and the stockmen will simply be rolling in wealth. The wheat harvest of 1901 is also approaching and the sale of cereals will make the farmers money-loans instead of borrowers, if the price is anywhere near right."

Mr. Conser has been in business east of the mountains for 12 years, and is entirely satisfied with its climate and resources.

MOVING THE DEPOT.

The Heppner committee on moving depot met in Portland the first of the week and consisted of Mayor Frank Gilliam, Geo. Conser, S. P. Garrigues, Senator J. W. Morrow and Henry Heppner.

The committee had a conference with President Mohler and the O. R. & N. officials, who were very favorably impressed with the proposition to move the depot uptown. But they want to move the whole business, and need ground 300x2000 feet. They said they were willing to meet the people of Heppner more than half way, and would soon submit a proposition to the committee.

HOMES ARE HERE.

The Heppner Gazette receives many letters from men in the middle west, asking it to answer by return mail a great many questions about the Heppner country.

To personally answer so many letters and so many questions takes too much time.

When such people are thinking of coming here, the Gazette freely mails them sample copies and copies of its circular describing the main points of interest.

FREE FOR ALL.

When Morrow county becomes better known, many sturdy stockraisers and industrious farmers will come here and buy lands and double their value and double the population.

If you know of any man who would be a desirable addition to Morrow county, write his address below, cut it out and mail it to the Heppner Gazette, and a description of Morrow county will be sent to him free of charge.

His name..... P. O. .... State.....

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IRRIGATION.

The Oregon legislature will be helping the State to make a great, long step forward when it takes such action as will result in the irrigation of its arid lands. Congress arranged it 6 years ago so that a State may reclaim 1,000,000 acres by bringing water upon it. When the State has arranged irrigation systems it gets from the government free title to the lands so irrigated, and can transfer the title to settlers or home-builders.

The irrigation of the northern part of Morrow county means much, and there are many other spots to which water would be a blessing. Millions are spent by the government in the improvement of rivers in the interest of commerce, and it is but just and fair that a few millions be spent in irrigation for the benefit of agriculture, horticulture and stock raising.

DR. SHOBE DEAD.

At his Heppner home last evening Dr. A. J. Shobe died of dropsy and old age. A few years ago the doctor suffered a stroke of paralysis, but Dr. Swinburn skillfully pulled him through, and he was getting along very well until dropsy set in.

Dr. Shobe was over 81 years of age, and was one of nature's noblemen. He was Heppner's pioneer physician, coming here a quarter of a century ago. He was a most energetic man and an honest man, and has done much good in the world.

Dr. Shobe was also a California pioneer, coming to Sacramento in 1848, and was one of the originators of the plan of building the great Pacific railways.

The funeral will occur this afternoon under the auspices of the Heppner Masonic Lodge, of which Dr. Shobe was an honored member.

MORROW'S TAX FIGURES.

Gross value of all property... \$1,191,343 Exemptions..... \$ 73,562 Total value of taxable property as equalized by county board of equalization..... \$1,117,781

ART AMATEUR.

An indispensable aid to anyone interested in art is the Art Amateur, the old reliable magazine published in New York.

It is a periodical of rare beauty, and every issue is an education in itself. Besides good counsel and general news on art matters, it contains studies of various subjects and plans of interior decoration. The subscription price of this beautiful magazine is \$4 a year, and each subscriber gets \$1's worth of art materials free. Sample copies may be seen at Gazette office.

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BURNT ETCHING.

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Queen Victoria died Tuesday evening, and the remains will be laid beside her late husband at Frogmore, which is a very ugly name for a cemetery. The Prince of Wales is now King.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of deafness (caused by catarrh) that can not be cured by Hall's Cure. Send for circulars, free. P. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

First to arrive with the telegraphic news—The Weekly Oregonian.

SHEEP.

Wasco county sold 55,000 sheep in 1900, and still has 137,000 left. The 3000 ewes that P. J. Connolly bought from F. M. Temp'eton will be ranged along the main John Day. Colorado is this winter feeding for market 750,000 lambs.

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