

Has anybody heard anything about the Nicaragua canal recently? Some senatorial or congressional committee ought to go down there during vacation and make the dirt fly.

BETTER RANGES.

It is a matter for congratulation that the great stock ranges of Morrow county are improving and becoming more valuable every day as a business proposition.

These ranges have been for 30 years producers of vast wealth in wool, meat and horses, and instead of wearing out, use has improved them and increased their capacity.

One of the finest features about this increase is the growth of that natural nourisher, fillaree. It came to Morrow county of its own accord, made its own start, and is now well spread and becoming more so. It grows on rocky ridges and on places where there is no depth of soil, and it furnishes feed of the most palatable and nourishing kind.

In the Heppner Hills at present there are great patches of fillaree 6 inches high, and although it is now at its best, it will fatten stock when quite dried upon the ground. In California fillaree is known as one of the best of grasses, and its coming to Eastern Oregon is a sure symptom of the permanency of the great stock industry here.

The outside world can continue to rest assured that live stock is still at home in the Heppner Hills, and that its value as an investment is on the increase.

TALE OF THRIFT.

The Pacific Northwest is a great region and a rich region, and its condition today tells a tale of thrift.

The early pioneers have hewn down impenetrable forests and built a commonwealth that is attracting the earnest attention of the civilized world. Its foundations are solidly built on the rock of integrity and every timber of the superstructure has been seasoned by experience and tested by time. Slowly, courageously, with thinning ranks, have these grizzled hosts of sterner days climbed the rugged mount of achievement and on its sun-kissed summit they are furling their banners and pitching their tents.

This region stands in the grey dawn of a splendid new era, bottomed on the inexorable experiences of the past, canopied over by the genial sky of present thrift and facing a future that is all ablaze with hope and permanent prosperity.

A GOOD FLEECE.

Morrow county sheepraisers are alive to the fact that the modern mutton sheep must also be a wool producer. Future wool supply must come largely from sheep grown primarily for mutton. It is essential, then, that a mutton sheep have a good fleece as well as a good carcass. This combination is both practicable and profitable. It is no longer regarded necessary to grow one sheep for a fleece, another for a carcass, and another for a lamb. The intelligent flock-master combines them all in one class. Some of the best mutton sheep are producing as profitable fleeces as those kept exclusively for wool, and their lambs are decidedly superior.

One of the first essentials in a good fleece is compactness or density. This quality not only insures a better yield of wool, but it affords a better protection against storms and indicates a harder animal, better able to withstand exposure. A close, even, dense fleece with no breaks should cover all parts of the body, including the head and limbs and under parts. The tendency in improvement of the wool-producing qualities of the modern breeds has been toward carrying the fleece more completely over the head, face, limbs and lower line. The advantage is not so much in the increased yield of wool grown on these parts, as that of little consequence, but in the accompanying tendency to a larger and better yield of wool in all the parts. A barefaced and barelegged sheep is a relatively light shearer.

AS IT SEEMS.

It is just now between hay and grass in the wool market. The manufacturers have apparently done all the heavy buying they are going to do for awhile, and the dealers have not yet begun to negotiate in any large amounts for the 1901 domestic clip, says the Reporter. There is nothing, therefore, to stir the blood of those interested in wool. Everyone is now waiting for something to turn up; all are disposed to hope for better things than have characterized the market in the recent months, but as a matter of fact, no one possesses very much light on the situation.

The start of a few weeks ago seems to have practically exhausted the buying capacity of the mills. The biggest concerns are represented as likely to be out of the market for some weeks to come; that is for a month at least. The initial orders for heavy weight goods were not so large as they were in the past, and the mills have accordingly had to sufficient raw material to take care of these.

MAYFLOWER MINES.

Work is to be begun at once and pushed with vigor on the mines owned by the Heppner Mining Co. D. B. Stalter, president of the company, has started across the mountains for the mines, accompanied by Gus Adams, one of the stockholders, who is also a hard worker and practical miner. At the mine other workers will be engaged, and development will be pushed with vigor.

Mr. Stalter took with him a wagon load of supplies bought from Heppner merchants, as the company believes in patronizing home industry. Heppner people have bought considerable of the company's stock, recognizing it as a good investment which may return them very large profits.

They all know that Mr. Stalter is a hard worker and a reliable man, and have the fullest faith in his ability to achieve success.

IS NOW RICH.

L. F. Williams, of Spokane, is a man who had a fortune thrust upon him. A few years ago he was a stenographer, and did considerable clerical work for the Le Roi mine.

He had to take his pay in stock, for the company had no cash. The mine turned out rich, and made every one of its stockholders rich.

Now Mr. Williams owns brick blocks. The same good fortune may come to the stockholders of the Heppner Mining Co.; its ledges are located in a very rich mineral belt.

SMALL FIRE.

While the ladies of the Christian church were serving a supper in the opera house Saturday evening a serious fire and panic were narrowly averted by the prompt action of George Conser. There were nearly 200 people in the hall, a large number of whom were seated at the supper tables, when suddenly a flameshot up from the oil stove. It was so sudden that Miss Elise Bartholomew, standing near, had her hair partly burned. The alarm was sent in and the fire company turned out, but it was not needed, for George Conser had succeeded in putting out the blaze with what coffee and dishwasher there was in sight. The flame charred the wall about a yard wide nearly to the ceiling and the damage was nominal. No one was seriously injured, although Mr. Conser fell on a broken cup and cut his hand, and the ladies were badly frightened.

BUILDING UP.

That the people of Morrow county are building up many new homes is evident from the fact that every day large loads of lumber pass through Heppner from the mountain mills 20 miles away. It is used all over Morrow county to build new houses and improve old ones, and the haul from the mills is a long one. Some day some enterprising home capitalists will build a little home railway up Willow creek to the timber, and the fuel and lumber will be brought down quickly and cheaply, and the long wagon-haul will be abolished. Home industry will be patronized, and many men will have profitable employment in Morrow county's timber, where they can do well, cutting cordwood and selling it on the spot at \$1.25 a cord.

And these people, as well as many mill men, will buy their supplies in Heppner, and much money that now goes to the mills and wood-camps of the Cascade mountains will be kept at home in Morrow county.

BEAUTIFUL BEANWEED.

Close around Heppner the early buttercups and birdbills have run their race, and now the wild sunflower is shedding sunshine over the ward, and the beautiful, branching beanweed is beginning to bloom and beautify the landscape with its shades of light-blue and royal purple. It makes a flower garden of the Heppner Hills, and the yellow-vested meadowlarks sing from its branches, and its name is lupine in the books. It is an ornament to the landscape, and if the contents of its pods were a little larger it would furnish food for the army and navy on the days when they are treated to bean soup.

NEW FIRM.

H. E. Warren has sold his interest in the Conser & Warren Drug Co. to George White and T. J. Humphrey, both of whom are well-known business men, who will hold the extensive trade built up by the old firm. Mr. Warren has many other interests to attend to, and they will keep him a very busy man. The new name will be the Conser & Ayers City Drug Co.

GOLDEN GLOVE.

A farmer near Sodaville recently bought some seed wheat of a neighbor. When sowing it he came upon a glove full of twenty dollar gold pieces. The seller had been using the sack as his bank and by mistake had sold his whole banking outfit instead of the regular seed wheat.

SPRING SUITS.

Next-fitting and stylish clothing is what is now desired by the people, and Heppner's pioneer tailor, A. Abrahamson, is the man who is supplying such garments. He makes suits, pants, etc., in a stylish and substantial manner, and employs the best workmen and uses only the best materials. For style and finish he guarantees satisfaction to all. When you get your clothing made by A. Abrahamson you are truly patronizing home industry.

A HOME ON TIME.

A good patch of 180 acres, 140 of it good plow land, located on county road, 5 miles north-west of Heppner, is now offered for sale on easy terms. Any man who will want to own a home of his own, and who has the means to do so, should apply to the Heppner Gazette office.

DIED.

Clarence M. Noble died in Heppner Tuesday, May 7, aged 29 years, 7 months and 7 days. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Noble, and had lived here most of his life. An attack of pneumonia had kept his life hanging in the balance for several days, but a few days before his death there were strong hopes of carrying him through.

The funeral services were held yesterday at the M. E. Church South, and were largely attended by sympathizing neighbors. The interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

WELL PUT.

Fred E. Wilmarth, himself a graduate of the Heppner Academy of Music, has a good ear for sympathy, and is quite happy in his descriptions. In his Hartley County News he says that a coyote rendered his vocal solo that is nervous at each end and has St. Vitus' dance in the middle. Fred is always highly original.

RUNAWAY.

Going down Canon Canyon yesterday evening H. F. Robinson's team took fright at a cottontail rabbit crossing the road and frantically plunged toward Rhee creek. The brake was very weak, and did little toward stopping the team. Mr. Robinson kept them in the road, while Mrs. R. coolly clung to the children. At the end of the canyon the frantic horses were brought to a standstill and shown that the cottontail was not going to eat them up. Very fortunately no upcoming teams were met, else there might have been a bad pile-up.

THE UNIVERSAL ENTERTAINER.

The graphophone, the most versatile of all devices for making the home attractive, has made its way faster than all other music machines added together, and has taken a permanent place in the affections of all classes. And the reason for this is not far to seek, for the graphophone sings, it plays the music of the band, orchestra and simple instruments, it tells stories, gives recitations, teaches foreign languages, and is especially calculated to drive dull care away. In the parlor, in the nursery, in the sick room—everywhere the whole house over—the graphophone finds its place, for the variety of things it does enables it to meet the requirements of every taste and adapt itself to the moods of all. When it plays a march your spirits are stirred up by the martial strain, if it renders a song, the naturalness with which it gives green smiles or tears, accordingly as the song is humorous or pathetic, and by numberless means, it wins its way to the heart and when it is silent we feel as if a living, breathing member of the household has ceased to speak.

And, besides being an entertainer of the first magnitude, the graphophone is a tireless educator. It teaches the children the newest and brightest music and in that way brings, not only them, but their parents, up to date. The Columbia Phonograph Co., No. 125 Geary street, San Francisco, headquarters for graphophones and talking machine supplies of every kind, will send you catalogues on application.

THE CAR.

The car in which the president is making his trip, the Olympia, is 70 feet long and has 5 private rooms, a spacious observation-room, and accommodations for cuisine and servant's quarters. The dining and observation room is 17 feet long, and is furnished in vermilion. The carpets, upholstery, and hangings are heavy and rich. The private rooms are finished in maple, mahogany, and oak, and have large brass beds, spaces for steamer trunks, separate toilet rooms, and large mirrors and wardrobes.

BANK WON.

The case of McGonagill vs. the First National Bank, a suit for the value of sheep claimed to have been delivered to the bank's agent, has been decided by Judge Eakin at Union, in favor of the bank, with costs. C. E. Redfield was attorney for the bank.

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 surface. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Cure. Send for circulars, free.

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HOTEL HEPPNER.

This well-kept house is centrally located on the west side of Main street, Heppner, and has good rooms and a beautiful table, at reasonable rates. The Heppner and Canyon City stage starts from the Hotel Heppner daily, except Monday, and goes through in 24 hours.

The Telephone Livery, Feed and Sale Stable, on west side of Main street, keeps first class rigs and saddle horses, and takes the best of care of them. H. A. Thompson, Proprietor of all Three.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Beware of cheap imitations. Signature of J. C. Watson.

WOOL.

In Heppner there have been a few recent sales of the 1900 clip. D. O. Justice has sold 32,000 pounds at 10 1/2 cents, and Newt. Robertson sold 32,000 pounds at 9 1/2 cents. Both lots were sold to T. B. Trumbull, and will be shipped to Hartford, Ct., after being baled at the Morrow County Land & Trust Co.'s warehouse, where they have been stored.

The latest from Boston is that markets are quiet and steady, with no change in prices. Dealers seem to see little prospect for any material advance.

Territory: scored basis—Montana and Wyoming, fine medium and fine, 14 @ 15c; scored 42 @ 43c, staple 13 @ 14c, Utah, fine medium and fine, 12 @ 14c; scored, 40 @ 42c; staple, 40c; Idaho fine medium and fine, 12 @ 14c; scored, 40 @ 42c; staple, 45c.

At the London sales on the 7th the attendance was large and competition brisk at top prices. Good scored merinos were 6 to 7 1/2 per cent above the last series. Stocks are very small and the prospects are that the advance will be maintained. American buyers continued to take suitable parcels of cross-breeds.

Stylish millinery from fashion's center is now on sale at Mrs. L. J. Estes.

Miss Florence Newman, who has been a great sufferer from muscular rheumatism, says Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the only remedy that affords her relief. Miss Newman is a much respected resident of the village of Gray, N. Y., and makes this statement for the benefit of others similarly afflicted. This liniment is for sale by Conser & Warren, druggists.

BACH, BECKER & CO., Chicago, WOOL. offer substantial arrangements for handling wool on consignment. Localized orders. Direct representation in Eastern Markets. Sacks furnished. Correspondence solicited. Reference: First National Bank, Chicago.

FORTUNES HAVE Been Founded By Buying Some Shares in new Mining Companies.

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HEPPNER CHURCHES.

Episcopal church—Rev. W. E. Potwin. M. E. church—H. L. Bright, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. M. E. church, South. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.—Rev. F. M. Canfield, pastor.

Christian church—Rev. Victor Carlson, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Rev. J. V. Crawford will preach the morning service. The evening service will be in the interest of home missions. Evening subject, "America for Christ." Sunday School at 10 a. m. The Y. P. S. of C. E. meets every Sunday evening at 7 p. m. Subject "Practical Christianity." Systematic Bible study every Wednesday evening. You are invited to attend all these services.

Baptist church—Sunday School at 10 a. m. Regular services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. W. B. Wootton, pastor. Morning subject: "Consecration." Evening subject: "Heavenly Vision." B. Y. F. U. meets at 6:45. Mrs. Brown will conduct a children's choir at the evening service. Come and "Praise the Lord" with us. Catholic Church—Rev. Father Kelly. Services 3d Sunday in each month at 10:30 a. m. Beginning Nov. 18.

A BALD NEWSAPAR MAN

Getting a New Crop of Hair, and Has No More Dandruff. Everybody in the Northwest knows Col. Daniel Secles, the veteran journalist and publisher of Butte. Jan. 10, 1890, the Colonel writes: "I used a couple of bottles of Newbro's Herpicide with marvelous results. The dandruff disappeared; a new crop of hair has taken root, and the bald spot is rapidly being covered." Herpicide is the only hair preparation that kills the dandruff germ that digs up the scalp in scales as it burrows its way to the root of the hair, where it destroys the vitality of the hair, causing the hair to fall out. Kill the dandruff germ, with Herpicide.

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