

GOOD MAN.

The appointment of Hon. John Mitchell, of The Dalles, to a responsible federal position at Washington is a deserved recognition of an able man who has been one of the pioneer workers for the development of Eastern Oregon.

A FARMER'S TRUST.

As almost every other industry has organized a big trust, H. G. Guild, the able editor of the Oregon Independent, thinks that it is full time that the farmers were organizing a trust of their own.

Mr. Guild is ably advocating such a movement, and his arguments are certainly sound and logical. They have set many farmers to thinking and acting, and the results may be a national surprise.

If organized and conducted on right lines, such a trust would be able to accomplish great good to a mass of men who truly earn their bread by the sweat of their brows.

GOOD GRASS.

The slopes of the western spur of the Blue mountains that slope toward Heppner are the north slopes, and the spring sunshine does not have a fair show at them, and so snow lingers on them in spots, and their grass is of slow growth until later May or early June.

But just over the summit, on the mountains sloping toward the John Day, spring comes early, and the sunshine warms up the grass-roots and sends shoots into blades in no time.

Indians who have just returned from there say that good grass is everywhere, and that stockmen who take their bands there now can rest assured of finding good feed.

FENCING VACANT LANDS.

Landowners who have small homestead holdings up toward the timber are complaining that large land holders up that way are fencing in large tracts of vacant government land and turning all stock except their own on the outside of the fence.

Such action is not only unlawful, but is also very unfair and sure to be stopped. The poor man, with a few head of stock, has certainly a good right to the use of government land until someone takes it up, and no one has a right to drive stock off such vacant lands.

The man who fences government land and thinks he is going to have it for his pasture for all time is fooling himself, especially when he turns other men's stock outside the fence.

When a common pasture is fenced in and all people having claims on the inside are allowed free use of the vacant land, that is a fair proposition and a good thing.

COL. DONAN'S BOOK.

The noted Col. Plummer, of Maine, speaking of the beautiful book on the Northwest, issued by the O. R. & N. Co. and edited by Col. Donan, says:

It reads enchantingly. The Garden of Eden was a desert in comparison to the glorious Columbia River Valley. Donan is a wonderful drawer of words. If that pamphlet could be read at every fireside in New England, it would result in the migration of thousands to distant Oregon.

Col. Donan's descriptions are charming, his command of strong English is most perfect and he is always in dead earnest. He is worth thousands of dollars to the state of his adoption. The people out there ought to be made to appreciate him. The colonel is an accomplished gentleman, true in his friendships, and equally at home in the highest social circles of the east or in the rough mining camps of the west.

TAX SALES.

The last legislature passed a law requiring the sheriff to sell all the property bid in by the county at tax sales, which remains unredeemed on July 1. This new law was undoubtedly passed in the interest of the mortgage companies, as it is claimed that it nullifies the decision of the supreme court in the mortgage tax cases. In Multnomah county there is over \$200,000 due from the mortgage companies on delinquent taxes, and it is now claimed that these delinquents can bid in their unredeemed property at their own figure as the brokers would not likely bid against them, and vice versa. The law also specifies that the property shall be sold only once, therefore if 10 years' back taxes are due, by bidding in the property for one year the other back taxes are wiped out.

JUST SO.

A petition from Douglas county signed largely by women has been presented to the court asking him to pardon a man sent up from that county for the crime of rape. The morals of Douglas county must be at a low ebb when mothers will sign a petition for the release of a convicted felon, that he may be allowed to again prey upon society.—Oregon Independent.

Always reliable—The Weekly Oregonian.

GOOD OLD AGE.

Just how one should live to attain a good old age is always a specially interesting subject to all those who passed their forty-year milestone in the journey of life, as well as to thousands who have not yet reached it.

A consensus of opinions of several prominent English medical men may be briefly summed up as follows: Physical exercise is not good for a man who is mentally tired. Conservation of energy is an absolute necessity. Moderation and system should be followed. Take plenty of rest, but do not eat, drink or smoke too much.

And now for the details. Ten days to three weeks' solitary confinement, spent chiefly in bed, is the latest English prescription for tired and ailing men and women. Well ones also are advised that such a penance faithfully performed once a year would solve the whole problem of health and longevity.

DOLLS.

The origin of the word doll is curious. Centuries ago, when saints' names were much in vogue for children, St. Dorothea was the most popular, and her name the best and luckiest that could be given to a little girl. The nickname was Dolly, or Doll, and from giving the babies the nickname it was an easy step to pass it on to the little images of which children are so fond.

Thuringia is the land where most dolls are born—puppetland, as it is called on this account. About two hundred years ago most of the dolls were made in Flanders, and they were called, not dolls, but Flanders babies.

There used to be an old English couplet which ran thus: "The children of Holland take pleasure in making what the children of England take pleasure in breaking."

WHAT IS WRONG?

Right at its doors, in the Blue mountains, within 15 to 20 miles, Heppner has an immense area of timber, almost all vacant government land, to be had for the taking.

And yet Heppner and Morrow county send away every year thousands of dollars in hard cash to pay for fuel and lumber cut in the Cascade mountains, 150 miles away.

This cash should be kept in Morrow county, which has plenty of lumber and fuel and timber of its own.

A small army of men employed in Morrow county timber would mean much trade for Morrow county merchants.

STRANGE SPRING.

Sandy Hancock tells of a spring he found out in the wildest part of the Blue mountains. It does not come to the surface, forming a rivulet as other springs do, but is a hole in the ground one foot across. The water comes up on one side of the hole and goes out on the other side, underground, on, on it goes, in a rush, no one knows where. The water is always icy cold, and clear as crystal, and it is always in a rush. The depth cannot be measured, and the stream being so swift the measuring poles are forced out of the hands and carried on underground, never to be seen again, and so with everything dropped into it, it is gone forever. Standing near this spring we can feel the earth slightly tremble, and we can hear a roaring underground like water falling over a precipice.

IT PAYS.

Good printing, attractively arranged, is almost always a paying proposition. Noble & Co., of Heppner, make good stock saddles, but not all stockmen know it. The firm recently had printed at the Gazette office some folders with pictures of the different style saddles they make, and mailed them through the stock country.

The response was immediate, and already the profits on orders from Idaho alone have more than wiped out the cost of the printing.

The folder shows exactly what the saddles are, and what they cost, and is surely a good investment. It will talk for the men who sent it out at hours when they will have to sleep.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET.

Boston, May 10.—The American Wool and Cotton Reporter says:

The wool market has been very quiet since our last review, and at times the trading has been absolutely stagnant. Prices of wool are very steadily held, and, except on one-half and three-eighths blood stock we can hear of no concessions being granted. Most of the traders are figuring on securing new wools on a clean cost of 40c, but a number of those who have recently bought wools of the growers say they are actually costing only 37c to 38c, except where they contain a considerable amount of staple, in which case they have cost 40c, and in some instances 42c.

The sale for the week in Boston amounted to 1,875,000 pounds domestic and 135,000 pounds foreign, making a total of 2,010,000 pounds, against a total of 2,577,000 for the corresponding week last year. The sales since January 1 amount to 81,170,000 pounds, against 85,432,000 pounds for the corresponding time last year.

A HOME ON TIME. A good ranch of 100 acres, 140 of good plow land, and 100 of good pasture, with a fine school, and a good house, is for sale at a low price. Apply to the proprietor at Heppner, Oregon.

CUTE TRICK.

The Indian of South America employs this peculiar method of capturing monkeys.

Taking a coconut he cuts a hole in each end just large enough to enable a monkey to insert its paws, puts some lump sugar inside, then places it in a promising spot and awaits the capture of his game.

When the monkey finds the shell, in its greed it inserts a paw at each opening, closes them on the sugar, and then cannot withdraw his paws without opening them again and dropping the sugar. Rather than do this the monkey will attempt to escape with the coconut on its paws, and so is easily captured.

POOR BOY.

He was away at boarding school, and wrote to the old folks at home as follows:

"I hope Matilda's cold is better. I am glad she is not at skule. I think I have got consumption. The boys at this place are not gentlemanly. I will try not to get bad habits. The pants have worn out at the knees, the tailor must have cheated you, the buttons have come off and they are loose behind. The food is not good, but I shud not mind it if it was only stronger. I have a tame beetle as a pet. Do not mind my being uncomfortable, as I do not think I shall last long. Please send me some more money. I have 10 or 25 cents. If you cant spare it I think I can borrow it of a boy who is going to leave. You loving but retarded son."

LONDON WOOL AUCTIONS.

London, May 8.—At the wool auction sales today 14,000 bales were offered. The attendance was large. Competition was sharp at hardening rates. Scoured and merinos were fully maintained. Cross breeds were 5 per cent above the opening and good medium grades suitable for America were also 5 per cent higher. Americans secured several parcels of good merinos and lambs. Best quality sold freely at an advance of 5 per cent. There was a sale of fine Cape of Good Hope and Natal scoured and greasies at an advance of 5 per cent. Up to the present time 104,961 bales have been offered, of which 64,000 have been withdrawn.

GROWING ROSES.

Most people do not make the beds for roses sufficiently deep, that is, the soil is not loosened to a depth sufficient to enable the roots to penetrate to the depth they desire in order to obtain the food and moisture in the soil. In part shallow planting accounts for the short season of bloom with some roses, the plants not having vitality enough to sustain the blossoms except for a short period, nor to produce a second crop when the first is gone. If the plot selected for the roses is soil that has been cultivated for two seasons or more it may be safely spaded to a depth of two feet unless a layer of hard clay is found at that depth, in which case the clay should be loosened, but not worked in with the top soil, and the fertilizer used worked in until it is thoroughly incorporated with the soil. The soil cannot be made too rich—that is, of course, within reason—for the rose plant is a gross feeder and the richer the soil the stronger will be the growth of the plant, and the more profuse the blossoming.

SOME SHEARING.

The Frank Kramer crew of 11 shearers has started shearing over on the John Day, having contracted to clip 30,000 head near Monument. In the crew are Frank Kramer, Edgar Mattoon, Gus Hale, Chas. Burnett, Alvah Tupper, Messrs. Beaman, Ray and others, and the 11 hands shear an average of 1200 sheep a day. They do good work, and well earn their 7 cents a head. They have just finished the bands of N. A. Kelly, Jas. Hager and Tom McCullough.

SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL.

Up at the head of Houslog Miss Maud Rush is conducting a very successful school of 34 pupils, 6 having joined this week. It is called the Blue Mountain school, and the pupils' parents speak in the highest terms of the efficiency of the teacher.

OLD SOLDIER'S EXPERIENCE.

W. M. Austin, a civil war veteran, of Winchester, Indiana, writes: "My wife was sick a long time in spite of good doctor's treatment, but was wholly cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills, worked wonders for her health." They always do. Try them. Only 25 cents at Slocum Drug Co.

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.

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The government gives its sailors only 30 cents each day to live on, but the American navy is better fed than any other in the world. In fact, "Jacky" lives better than the average mechanic on shore.

As the appetite of the seafaring man cannot be appeased by angel food, the provisions are of the most substantial kind. Naturally, salt pork, corned beef,hardtack, beans, flour, sugar, canned fruits and vegetables are carried in large quantities, and must of necessity constitute the main part of the rations. With these staples as a basis, many appetizing combinations can be made. At sea, fresh meat and vegetables are not to be had, but while in port, or within reach of the market, the navy regulations require the issuance on certain days of these desirable additions to the food supply.

SPRING IS HERE.

Everything is backward, but at last the buds are in bloom and fragrance soft and subtle fills the air. The meadow lark sings as he scorns and the robin red breast calls blithely to his mate. The lambs are skipping throughout the Heppner Hills, the grass is green, and spring is surely here.

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. Morning subject, "Names written in heaven." Evening subject, God hath spoken. Sunday School at 10 a. m. The Y. P. S. of C. E. meets every Sunday evening at 7 p. m. Subject, A Nameless Girl Heroine. 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.

Catholic Church—Rev. Father Kelly. Services 3d Sunday in each month at 10:30 a. m. Beginning Nov. 18.

GOOD DOG.

Hicks—"That's a rather intelligent looking dog."

Wicks—"He is. Why, that dog wandered away from home last week, and I put an advertisement in the Oregonian offering a reward for his return, and what do you suppose was the result?"

"Someone brought him home and claimed the reward, I suppose."

"The dog came home next morning carrying a copy of the paper in his mouth. You see he noticed the advertisement and came home of his own accord, so I wouldn't have to pay out any money on his account."

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