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Increased advertising patronage compels the Heppner Gazette to enlarge to an eight-page quarto, all home print. The Gazette is a neat, newsy sheet and Messrs. Warnock and Michell, the publishers, are to be congratulated on their prosperity and enterprise.—Hood River Glacier.

The great forest fires in Western Oregon and Washington that have been raging for several days, have caused great damage, in fact the loss will be almost incalculable. Punishment for carelessness in putting out fires is provided for by law, but in spite of this people will start fires at this time of year and do not care what the results may be. Reports indicate that the fires are more destructive this season than for years. The great loss does not come from the destruction of buildings and improvements, but from the consuming of the valuable forests that are disappearing fast enough from increasing demand. The smoke from these fires has been dense all over the state.

In a letter to the Oregonian of recent date, Sheriff E. M. Shutt, states the exact conditions when he says that the people of Morrow county are a unit in demanding the continuance of the scalp bounty law. The main object of this law when passed was for the protection of the great sheep industry, and the fact that Morrow county is one of the greatest sheep counties in the state the results here are noticeable. Formerly where coyotes were a great pest, today they are scarce. The \$2.00 bounty on each scalp is not much but it is enough inducement for a great many people to make a business of hunting coyotes in the spring and capturing the young which is such a war of extermination that the pests are fast disappearing. Eastern Oregon should stand together on this proposition.

The new law to enforce the collection of taxes has been in force long enough to test its merits, and the results have been very unsatisfactory, so far as a large majority of the people are concerned. The near approach of the next session of the Oregon legislature is the cause of agitation of this question for it is hoped that steps will be taken at the next session to remedy the defects of this law. The complaint comes principally from the farmers, while a great many others including people in different lines of business are opposed to the present methods. As it is, taxes become due on the first Monday in April. This is just the time of year when the farmer or the stockman is least able to pay. The farmer's income comes in the fall. After paying the expenses of the winter and getting in the spring crop, the farmer's purse is usually exhausted. But this is not all. A high tribute is asked if payment is not prompt on the first Monday in April. A penalty of 10 per cent is attached, and upon this a usurious rate of interest is required, making in all 22 per cent penalty for every man who is not able to pay on time. No private individual can collect 12 per cent interest. In fact it would be unlawful to attempt it. The farmer's interests should be carefully consulted, for

agriculture is the foundation of all business.

DEVELOPMENT OF MORROW COUNTY.

It is predicted that in less than one year work will be commenced on a railroad from Heppner to the Morrow county coal fields. If the fields turn out anything like present appearances indicate, this road will surely be built for there must be some way to transport this coal.

The discovery of coal in the Willow creek basin will be of vast importance to the state of Oregon. While Morrow county will receive immediate results, Eastern Oregon as a whole will be benefitted. Not only will Eastern Oregon look to the development of these coal fields, but the city of Portland is already showing an active interest in the proposition. It means much for Portland.

The O. R. & N. Co. has been looking for a deposit of coal for many years, and much money has been spent in trying to find a supply of fuel tributary to the lines of this company. The supply of fuel necessary to operate this great system is a serious problem which would be solved by this new coal discovery.

For the convenience of the Harman system, the Morrow county coal fields are admirably located. It will mean a supply of fuel which can be obtained at a central point and shipped both ways which would be a saving of great expense.

Take for instance at the city of Spokane. It is claimed that it costs the O. R. & N. Co. \$1.50 a ton more than any other line running into that city. The O. R. & N. Co. cannot get coal without

shipping it over other lines.

The O. R. & N. people have already informed the Heppner Railroad & Coal company that they want this property, and furthermore have stated that they will pay more than anybody else for the coal fields.

As to the disposition of the property by the Heppner Railroad & Coal company yet remains to be seen. The coal company already has a right of way over the only practical route to the mines, and capital outside of the O. R. & N. is ready to construct the road.

Should the O. R. & N. buy this property and construct this road, the matter of further extension is a question of speculation as to the effect upon Heppner. Some people are of the opinion that an extension of this road would ultimately be injurious to Heppner interests.

The working of the mines would undoubtedly bring trade to Heppner, for miners are people who spend money and naturally would come to the larger town.

At any rate the county at large would be greatly benefitted, for a home market would be opened up that would demand the products of the farm. The tax roll would be swelled and the amount of advertising that the mines would give Morrow county would bring people here who would rapidly develop the county.

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