

The third annual reunion of the old folks and pioneers in Heppner eclipsed all former meetings. The people of Heppner have demonstrated the fact that they know how to entertain.

Indications are that Heppner people will be burning Morrow county coal within the next few weeks. Plenty of coal is now being taken out and will be ready for hauling as soon as it can be aerted.

The highest membership of the Grand Army of the Republic was 409,489, in 1890. The number of members now is 262,745, showing an average annual loss of 14,574, and this average will increase rapidly. It will not be many years until the old boys in blue will have answered to the last roll call.

The bulk of the wheat crop in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, has been sold. It is estimated that 75 per cent of the crop is now out of first hands. Farmers have sold earlier this season than for five years. Good prices have stimulated wheat movements. As a rule early selling brings satisfactory results. Farmers of the Northwest have been fortunate with good crops and good prices.

Secretary Root has authorized the chief of Engineers to convert the army transport Grant into a sea dredge for use at the bar at the entrance of the Columbia river. The channel will be scoured to a depth of 30 feet to begin with. The cost of fitting up the dredge will be taken from the fund appropriated for improving the mouth of the Columbia. Any improvement of this great waterway will be looked to with interest by the great Inland Empire. The great work of opening the Columbia river will some day be accomplished and a grand country will be developed.

According to the Oregonian the output of the products of the state this season will be more than ever known before in the history of Oregon. The value of nine of the leading products for the year will feet up in the aggregate \$44,000,000, being an average of about \$100 for every man woman and child taking the last census as a basis. No other state in the union can make such a showing. The lumber industry leads the list with an output valued at \$10,000,000. Livestock is next in line with an output of \$9,000,000. The grain crop is a close third and is worth \$8,750,000. Other products are are valued as follows: Minerals \$5,000,00; hops \$3,500,000; fish, \$2,000,000; wool, \$2,800,000; fruit, \$1,500,000; dairy products, \$160,500,000. The above figures are conservative estimates, based on actual business as handled to date. It is unnecessary to say that Oregon is enjoying an era of prosperity.

The great coal strike is over and will go on record as one of the historic events in the annals of organized labor. For over five months thousands of honest, hard working and poorly paid men have been struggling for recognition of rights. In a measure they have won and there is rejoicing not only in this country, but all over the world. The operators could not

starve these men into submission for the hearts of the people throbbled in sympathy with them and were willing to help float the banner of justice. This feeling extended even to Germany and France where foreigners contributed to the welfare of the strikers. President Mitchell has proven himself a great man. No other one man has shown the power over labor organizations. In their president, the unions had the greatest confidence, and his honesty of purpose and keen judgment has led them to victory. In the settlement of the strike, President Roosevelt has won the esteem and admiration of every laboring man in the United States.

The Dalles Times-Mountaineer complains about the fact that that Hood River apples are selling for \$1.20 per box, while The Dalles apples of the same quality are bringing only 65 cents per box. This is only another proof of the benefits to be derived from organization. The Hood River fruit growers are thoroughly organized and their union is in a position to make a study of preparing and marketing their products. The same can be said of the woolgrowers, and in the Waldo hills in Marion county, the farmers have an organization in which they pool their grain and have realized a few cents per bushel more for their grain than their neighbors outside of the organization. The people generally engaged in the great business of agriculture, which overshadows every other line of industry and is the foundation on which the country rests have little or no organization. The Hood River fruit growers have pushed their business by advertising which has also been a great factor in furthering their interests. Hood River growers are enterprising and they will continue to get the top price.

**In Eastern Oregon**

There has been an alarming spread of smallpox in Walla Walla during the last few weeks, reports the Union. Eight cases are now in the pest house west of the city and over a dozen persons are quarantined within the municipal limits.

Within the lines of the so-called Blue Mountain forest reserve, in Grant county alone, are over 250 school children, over 700 voters and nearly half a million dollars worth of taxable property.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

Long Creek stock notes. Ranger: M. Yriberry, of Basia creek, was in town Monday, having just returned from an unsuccessful trip to Heppner to dispose of 1000 fat dry ewes.

John and Frank Saunders bought 730 ewes and some hay and pasture from Leonze Battig the past week, the price being \$2.50 per head.

There has been quite a few sheep sold in this neighborhood of late. Still there is more to sell and any one wishing stock sheep or mixed lambs would do well to visit this place.

T. J. Ennis was in the Dale country the first of the week and purchased a band of about 40 head of yearling steers from V. B. Peterson at \$21 per head.

Ed. Welch returned home Sunday from the Hamilton and Monument country, where he had been buying yearling steers. He purchased 50 head.

Wm. Hughes came in from Heppner last week to receive a band of 100 head of yearling steers

**BOYS' CLOTHING.**



- Boys' 3 piece suit, in grey mixed, bouble breasted vest, ages 4 to 10. \$2 00
- Boys' dark grey, sailor collar, two piece ..... 2 50
- Boys' blue, white stripe, three piece suit..... 2 50
- Boys' 3 piece suit, grey striped..... 3 00
- Boys' grey mixed 2 piece, sailor collar..... 3 50
- Boys' Russian blouse suit, extra quality, blue mixed, ages 3 and 4. 4 50

- Boys' 3 piece suit, single breasted vest, dark, light stripe, all wool. \$5 00
- Boys' vestee suit, Norfolk jacket, blue serge, splendid value..... 5 50
- Boys, 3 piece, single breasted vest, heavy, dark, all wool goods..... 6 00
- Boys' all wool three piece, fancy double breasted vest, velvet collar, silk lapel facings..... 6 50
- Boys' brown mixed, all wool, three piece suit, fancy double breasted vest, silk facing..... 7 00

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brought in by J. D. Wilmoth. Mr. Hughes will take the steers out to Heppner.

J. D. Wilmoth and Thos. Tuttle arrived home Saturday from Burns, each with 150 head of cows and calves and 100 head of steers for Wm. Hughes, of Heppner, making a total of 700 head.

Long Creek Ranger: W. H. Ambros was in town Monday to get supplies. He has bought 1300 ewes of Scharff Bros. at \$2.50 and 1200 wethers at \$2 per head.

**Money to Loan.**

I am prepared to make a few loans upon farm lands situated South of the Base line, on any length of time at 6 per cent interest.

9-11 A. G. BARTHOLOMEW.

A. Miller, the cattle rustler who blew his brains out when surrounded by a sheriff's posse near Pomeroy, Wash., last week, to avoid arrest, was an old Oregon stockman and had followed cattle all his life.

**Apples for Sale or Trade.**

I have a fine lot of winter apples for sale at one cent per pound cash or will exchange for wheat at the ranch pound for pound.

if J. M. HAGER, Heppner.

The Northern Pacific depot at Granite Falls, Wash., was burglarized Saturday night. Several packages of express, baggage and freight were broken open and a portion of the baggage taken.

**Out of Death's Jaws.**

"When death seemed very near from a severe stomach and liver trouble, that I had suffered with for years," writes P. Muss, Durham, N. C., "Dr. King's New Life Pills saved my life and gave perfect health." Best pills on earth and only 25c at Slocum's drug store.

The Federated Trades of Grants Pass has adopted a scale of wages which will govern the workers of that county.



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