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MORROW COUNTY'S GOOD FORTUNE.

The news from the Morrow county coal fields this week is the cause of rejoicing among Morrow county people. While the field has shown all the time the phenomena associated with all first class coal fields, and the prospects have shown marked and gradual improvement from the grass roots, and expert opinion has been positive as to the final results, still, the old adage that a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush has pervaded the minds of many.

The big strike this week in tunnel No. 5, where the miners are now penetrating a six foot measure of pure and clean bituminous coal, has removed all apprehensions of failure. The disturbed crust overlying the coal seam through which the coal has blossomed has been passed through and the true measure undisturbed has been discovered.

As to the existence of the field the drill records have been verified. It is not now a prospect with good indications or what might be, but a mine with a measure of high quality coal in sight.

It is a bituminous coal of precisely the quality needed for the big market and great demand that will follow. The location and accessibility of the field is such as will immediately attract the attention of capital.

As to disposition of the property at this time is only a matter of conjecture. One thing is certain. The Morrow county coal fields will be worked in the not far distant future. To transport this coal it will be necessary to have a rail road and the most feasible route is from Heppner up Willow creek a distance of only 21 miles with an easy grade and not a tunnel to be constructed.

Nothing could have a greater tendency to promote the welfare of Morrow county than the development and operation of extensive coal mines within her borders.

Our disadvantages of isolation will be greatly eliminated. Our vast territory capable of supporting so many more people will furnish homes for people who through the advertising that the coal mines will give us, will come here to take advantage of the opportunities offered and our great resources will soon respond to the hand of capital and enterprise.

The development of these coal fields will mark an epoch in the history of this portion of the Inland Empire. It will help everybody.

The announcement of this discovery of coal will be looked to with great interest by Portland, the commercial center of Oregon. The discovery of coal in the Columbia river basin with such an easy haul to the metropolis is a matter of importance, for Portland's increasing ocean commerce demands a greater fuel supply than obtained under present conditions.

It certainly indicates a bright future for Heppner, and is a matter over which we have good cause for rejoicing.

The result of the first annual irrigation congress which recently closed in Portland, will be of great benefit to the Inland Empire. Nothing has ever been done with the great arid districts which are

only waiting for irrigation to bring forth abundant crops and add wealth to the country, as well as to make homes for a great many people. To accomplish anything, there must be a start. The irrigation convention sounds the keynote and opens the way for organization and agitation that will impress the need and advantages to be derived from irrigation, let it come any way possible. The formation of a state irrigation association is opportune. Other semi-arid states have organizations that are aiding irrigation. It is estimated that Morrow county alone has 100,000 acres of arid lands. Most of this is along the Columbia river. This land now has the appearance of a great waste or a desert. With the introduction of water this would become one of the great fruit districts of the Northwest, especially for early varieties. With irrigation this land would grow almost anything. On this great question, a friendly feeling should be cultivated in all sections in order that there may be hearty co-operation by all classes.

If \$500,000 is appropriated for the Lewis and Clark fair, the Oregonian has figured out what it will cost the farmers as follows: "Oregon farmers will pay about 28.4 per cent of the Lewis and Clark appropriation. The Exposition will, therefore, cost them \$142,000, or \$71,000 in each of the years 1904 and 1905. In Oregon are, approximately, 58,490 people engaged in agriculture, as calculated on the basis of 1900 census statistics. The per capita tax for farmers will, therefore, be \$2.43, or \$1.21½ per year, or about one-third of 1 cent per day. The true valuation of farm property in Oregon in 1900 was \$172,701,287. In paying \$142,000 for the Fair, farmers will contribute less than one-tenth of 1 per cent of their capital."

The GAZETTE will issue a new year edition on January 1, 1903, of 24 pages, the same size as the regular weekly edition. The paper will be illustrated with half tone cuts and the resources of Morrow county will be made prominent in a plain and reliable manner. It will be our aim to make the New Year GAZETTE worthy of the patronage of the people of Morrow county.

Homer Davenport, Oregon's gifted son, will take a lay off from his work as cartoonist on the New York Journal during the winter months. He has been engaged to deliver a course of lectures for 25 weeks at a salary of \$1,000 per week.

Correspondence from any section of Morrow county is invited for the New Year edition of the GAZETTE. It is our intention and desire to have the entire county well represented, and to do this we ask the co-operation of the people.

In the death of J. S. Stubblefield, of Walla Walla, the Northwest has lost a philanthropist. In his will he left \$100,000 of his estate for the maintenance of an orphan's home in or near Walla Walla.

W. R. Hearst who was recently elected to Congress from New York, will start another paper in Washington, D. C. Hearst wants something to play with in whiling away his hours at the National Capital.

The directors of the First National Bank of Grant county held a business meeting, Wednesday, with a full board present. At this meeting F. S. Slater, of La Grande, was elected as cashier and Judge R. R. McHaley, assistant cashier, says the Blue Mountain Eagle. The bank was opened for business last Saturday.

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We have some Children's Jackets in ages 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12—in colors, blue, red, grey, brown, tan and Oxford. All this season's goods, and beautifully trimmed and finished. They range in price from

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We will give you back **\$1.00** for every Jacket you buy.

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Minor & Company ..General Merchandise..

General Marhovich has formed a new Cabinet. The majority of the Ministers are moderate Radicals, and three of them are military men, namely, the Premier, the Minister of War and the Minister of Foreign Affairs. The latter is Lieutenant-Colonel Eutonic.

Asleep Amid Flames.

Breaking into a blazing home, some firemen lately dragged the sleeping inmates from death. Fancied security, and death near. It's that way when you neglect coughs and colds. Don't do it. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption gives perfect protection against all throat, chest and lung troubles. Keep it near, and avoid suffering, death, and doctor's bills. A teaspoonful stops a late cough, persistent use the most stubborn. Harmless and nice tasting, it's guaranteed to satisfy by Slocum Drug Co. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free.

A Chicago preacher warned the girls of his congregation against dudes, dead-game sports, the man who promised to reform after marriage, and the young man who didn't believe in religion. Girls there's only one thing for you to do. Come West.

One Minute Cough Cure.

Is the only harmless cough cure that gives quick relief. Cures Coughs, Colds, Croup, Bronchitis, Whooping Cough, Pneumonia, Asthma, LaGrippe and all Throat, Chest and Lung troubles. I got soaked by rain, says Gertrude E. Fenner, Muncie, Ind., and contracted a severe cold and cough. I failed rapidly; lost 48 lbs. My druggist recommended One Minute Cough Cure. The first bottle brought relief, several more. I am back to my old weight, 148 lbs. One Minute Cough Cure cuts the phlegm, relieves the cough at once, draws out inflammation, cures croup. An ideal remedy for children.

Rival Steamship lines plying between New York and South Africa are waging a vigorous war in rates. The rates on general cargo has been cut repeatedly until now it is only \$2.43 a ton.

Luck in Thirteen.

By sending 13 miles Wm. Spirey, of Walton Furnace, Vt., got a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, that wholly cured a horrible fever sore on his leg. Nothing else could. Positively cures bruises, felons, ulcers, eruptions, boils, burns, corns and piles. Only 25c. Guaranteed by Slocum Drug Co.

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Farmers who drill their seed reap good harvests where the old ways fail.

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