

good wages were offered, harvesting operations were carried on short handed. During hay harvest which commenced in the month of June, \$2 a day was the ruling price, and during the threshing and heading season which lasted from the latter part of July to the first of October, hands were paid from \$2 to \$3.50 per day for the different jobs around a threshing outfit. Engineers and separator tenders were paid from \$4 to \$5 per day.

Rich Mineral Deposits.

The Blue mountains are rich in minerals. Only 21 miles from Heppner the coal mines of the Heppner Railroad & Coal Company are being developed. This is one of the features of the county which is given space in another column of this paper.

Morrow county from the Columbia river southward for a distance of about 50 miles to the foot hills of the Blue Mountains is an open country with only a small amount of timber along the creeks. The principal timber supply comes from the Blue Mountains. The mountains are covered with a good growth of yellow and black pine, spruce, tamarack and fir which is the great water reservoir that feeds the numerous creeks that flow through the country on their way to the Columbia river. In the timber belt there are several sawmills that supply a good portion of the home demand for lumber. It will only be a short time until the fuel supply will be an easy

farming. Large tracts of land are farmed by a few people, the agricultural operations being carried on on a large scale, and farmers haven't the time or do not care to pay attention to the detail of mixed crops. No poultry, eggs, fruits, or vegetables are shipped from Morrow county to speak of. In fact, there is not enough to supply the home demand, and these commodities are shipped in, often bringing fancy prices. Take for instance, strawberries. Good strawberries can be grown along any of the creeks, and the fancy prices that are paid for this fruit could be kept at home. The climate is admirably adapted to poultry raising.

Mixed farming will be a success here and will come with the increase of population, and when the land is divided up into smaller tracts. With our small population, the home market is not yet large enough to justify extensive diversified farming.

The opening up and development of the Morrow county coal mines which is now an assured fact, is looked to with great interest in Eastern Oregon. Nothing could be more conducive to the welfare of the country than the opening and operation of these mines. Being in Morrow county, we will feel the first results. The building of a railroad from Heppner to the mines, will mark an era of prosperity and activity in all lines never before known in the history of the county. Then diversified farming will be intro-

WILLOW CREEK COAL

Will Be Great Industry for the Future.

MINERS ARE AT WORK

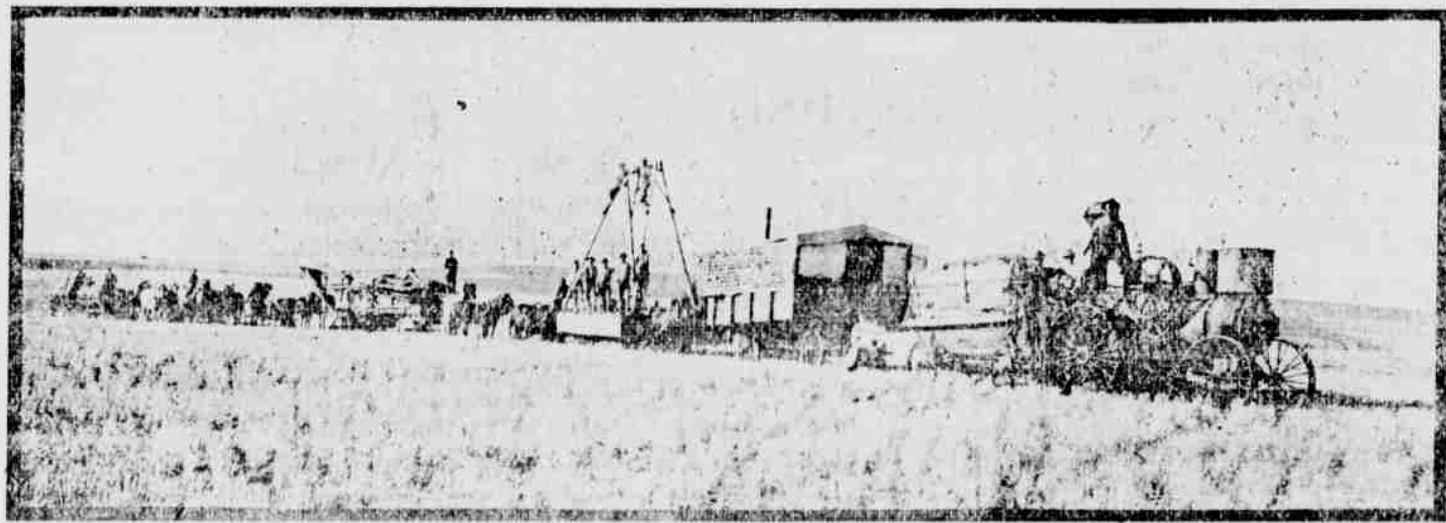
Owned and Controlled by Company of Heppner People.

A GOOD BITUMINOUS COAL

Railroad Survey to the Mines Has Been Completed--This Will Be Great Help in Development of the County

Twenty one miles southeast of Heppner, at the headwaters of Willow creek in the Blue Mountains is a great field of very high quality of bituminous coal. From assays some of this coal contains as high as 70 per cent fixed carbon.

The existence of coal in the Blue Mountains has been known for over 20 years. In the early history of the county, prospectors found particles of coal in different localities along the creeks and crop-



problem, for there will be extensive coal mines within the borders of the county.

The timber lands are now about all taken under the timber and homestead acts.

The principal streams of the county are Butter, Rhea and Willow creeks, with their headwaters like the branches of a tree coming in from their sources in the canyons among the foot hills.

Good Fruit Country.

Like wheat growing and other lines of agriculture, the people here were under the impression that this was not a fruit country, but this theory has since been exploded. Apples, prunes, peaches, apricots, pears and other fruits grow here to a high state of perfection. Apples grown by Jas. Neville, of Heppner, which were placed on exhibition were admired by people from all sections. One of these apples weighed 22 3/4 ounces and was without a blemish.

Grain of High Quality.

Wherever exhibited Morrow county products have compared favorably with all competition. At the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo, New York, five diplomas of honorable mention were awarded Morrow county farmers for wheat, oats, rye and barley. This honor speaks well for the county, for this grain was in competition with grain from all over the United States. While the yields are good, it shows that the quality is of a high standard. The grain from this section always commands the very top price in the markets.

Favorable Climatic Conditions.

No other section in the great Inland Empire has more favorable climatic conditions than Morrow. The climate is salubrious and healthful. There are only a few days during the summer that the thermometer reaches 90 degrees, while zero weather is unusual in winter. Occasionally there are extremes when the mercury falls below zero, especially next to the foothills where the altitude is high. Outside of the mountainous districts the snowfall is not excessive.

Lack of Diversified Farming.

Morrow county farmers have not yet commenced the practice of diversified

ducing for there will be a demand from a home market.

In a brief summary, Morrow county's wheat crop for 1902, was worth at the least calculation, \$650,000.

The wool clip was worth \$220,000.

There are about 225,000 sheep in the county valued at \$500,000.

There are about 6000 head of cattle worth in the neighborhood of \$150,000.

There about 3000 good horses and probably 1000 range horses, valued at about \$50,000.

And with the thousands of head of sheep, cattle and horses that have been driven and shipped to outside markets the reader can form some idea of the business and why Morrow county people are prosperous.

Morrow county is a good country for hog raising. This industry would pay if carried on more extensively.

pings mixed with shales were found at different places.

The first prospector to become interested in coal mining in the Blue Mountains was Frank Maddock, a pioneer who opened up a prospect about 20 miles south of Heppner and took out a small quantity of coal. With crude appliances and small capital Mr. Maddock was not able to get through the crust and encountering faults finally entirely abandoned his property, and his visions of wealth from the black diamonds faded away. The extent of Mr. Maddock's prospect was never determined. The coal that he took out was consumed in Heppner. His mine gradually filled with water and there it rests today. The Matteson brothers, four in number, residents of this section were the next people to become interested in coal mining.

Near the Maddock prospect they commenced operations. Their bull dog de-

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