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THURSDAY,.....April 2, 1903

Senator Hanna has declared that he will not be a candidate for president against Roosevelt. Roosevelt will have an easy victory.

Not enough interest is being taken in the organization of a commercial club in this city. Somebody ought to make a start and the organization would soon be a success.

The Oregon Teachers' Monthly for March is a good number. It contains many half tone cuts of the members of the last legislature, and is filled with educational matter of a high order.

And now Germany is mad because Dewey criticised the German navy. If Dewey made them mad, we don't know of a better man to put them in a good humor if it comes to a show down.

Why not get up a big Fourth of July celebration for Heppner this year. Heppner could have a rousing celebration and a big crowd. Heppner has not celebrated for several years. Now is a good time to commence talking about it.

Since the Klondike was discovered it placers have yielded \$80,000,000 in gold. Last year \$5,000,000 worth of mining machinery was shipped to Dawson, which shows that the district is ceasing to be a poor man's camp.

Register E. W. Bartlett's letter in this issue of the GAZETTE, as well as the circular of instructions from Secretary Hitchcock, should be read carefully by people who intend taking homesteads on desert lands. The letters fully explain the whole situation.

Mayor Geo. H. Williams of Portland, celebrated his 80th birthday last Thursday. For almost 50 years Mr. Williams has been identified with Oregon, and his many friends are proud to see him hale and hearty after having passed the four score mark.

During the past five years 500 American locomotives have been exported to Japan. The total number of all kinds employed in the kingdom now is set down at 1200. The earliest railroad equipments were of English installation, but American locomotive manufacturers are overcoming this handicap and taking possession of the field.

During the last half of the last century the size of the average family in the United States decreased a little more than one person. In 1850 the population of the country was 18,987,000, made up of 3,598,000 families, of 5.6 persons each. In 1900 the entire population was 76,303,000, made up of 16,239,797 families, of 4.7 persons each. The largest families are now in the Southern states, where the average is five persons to a family. In New England the average is 4.6, and in New York 4.4.

Judging from the sales thus far made in the West, it would appear that this year's clip would be moved at higher prices than those which were paid last year. Recently, however, there has been a cessation of the buying fever, and

some conservative merchants are inclined to believe that later developments in the West will tend to favor lower rather than higher prices. Others are as confident that, as the season progresses, prices will harden rather than recede. In view of this contrariety of opinion, it is not surprising that there is more or less irregularity in the matter of prices in the local market, and that some holders of wool will accept bids which others would turn down.—American Wool and Cotton Reporter.

The Business Men's League is an organization just formed in Pendleton. Pendleton is a live little city and the business men are not asleep to their interests. A business men's league could include everyone, for we are all engaged in some kind of business. The object of this association is to encourage harmony in business interests, for in union there is strength. A few people can pull a long time without doing anything, but where all hands take hold, things move. Pendleton is getting a large amount of outside trade simply because she works for it. The East Oregonian is right in calling it a forward movement. This is an idea that Heppner might well think about.

The Blue Mountain Eagle says "any attempt made to range 500,000 sheep from other counties in Grant county this summer should be resented." The Blue Mountain Eagle is pursuing a policy to aggravate range troubles by continually harping about the unfortunate and much abused stockmen of Grant county. Grant county stockmen are certainly entitled and should have their share of the range on the public domain, but when it comes to putting a fence around the whole thing, the government at least, might have something to say. If a few people in Grant county persist by force of arms to control the public lands for selfish motives, then it would be better to have a liberal forest reserve where rights would be justly and equally distributed to all by the government, for this is the aim of the government.

FOR PERJURY AND LARCENY.

Duncan, DeFord and Morley Now Under Arrest.

Upon information 'phoned by Sheriff Johnson, of Gilliam county, Jesse Duncan was arrested by Sheriff Shutt, and placed in the county jail, Monday. Sheriff Johnson came Tuesday and took the prisoner back to Gilliam county where he is wanted for larceny.

Bert DeFord, who was serving a 60 day sentence in the county jail in this city, and who lacked about 16 days of serving out his term for petty larceny was also taken by Sheriff Johnson and deputy to Condon where he is wanted on a more serious charge, that of perjury.

Al Morley, De Ford's partner in the perjury case, was also in this county and Sheriff Shutt hearing that his man was at Hardman went after him Tuesday, but found that he had gone to Fossil, where he was arrested by Sheriff Keaton of Wheeler county.

Duncan is charged with larceny of wheat. In the neighborhood where he resides the farmers kept missing wheat. Duncan hauled his grain to Lone, and it was found that he delivered about twice as much as he raised and his reasons for this were not at all satisfactory, especially to the farmers who kept running short.

The affair culminated in the arrest of Duncan who was given a hearing in the justice's court at Arlington.

Duncan's main witnesses were Al Morley and Bert DeFord, and their evidence was such that Duncan could not be held. Morley and DeFord testified that they were with Duncan on a certain day, and later developments have proven that Morley and DeFord were both in Hardman on this day.

They are now in jail awaiting trial.

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