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THURSDAY.....June 30, 1904

Morrow county farmers and stockmen are now busy with hay harvest. This with the near approach of grain harvest has increased the demand for labor. There will be plenty of work for all who want to work in Morrow county until late in the fall.

While business is very quiet in Morrow county and has been for some time, there is every indication of good times for this fall and winter. The wool is now practically all cleaned up and sold and the big price received has been encouraging to the sheepmen and the industry in general. So far this season the market has not been flattering, but the fall market promises to be better. While stock growing is still a prominent factor and this county can yet be classed as one of the prominent stock counties, agriculture is gradually encroaching on the ranges, and instead of flocks and herds, waving grain fields are to be seen, and these grain fields will add much to our prosperity. For wheat alone, the yield this season ought to be 1,500,000 bushels in this county, possibly more. At the present price of wheat which is about 60 cents per bushel this big crop will distribute a very large amount of money in a county with only about 5000 population.

PACKINGHOUSE FOR PORTLAND.

The announcement has been definitely made that Portland will get an independent packing plant. Whether the proposition will materialize depends mainly upon certain conditions that must be met in order to induce the investment of the large amount of capital which will be required to install and place in operation a plant that could be successfully conducted in opposition to the gigantic beef trust.

Among the main requirements to be disposed of are, first, the taking of \$250,000 worth of stock by stockmen and others interested in the Northwest. The guaranteeing of proper railroad facilities, and above all that a sufficient supply of livestock will be available to insure the running of the plant. While all these problems are difficult, the time has not only been forced by the methods pursued by the beef trust in which the great stock interests representing capital to the amount of \$3,500,000,000, as against a capitalization of \$100,000,000 by the beef trust, when the stockgrowers must do something in the way of independent action, but the time has also arrived when a suitable far western plant is the logical outcome of conditions caused by the rapid settlement of our vast domain.

Owing to the advantages of both railroad and water transportation facilities within the grasp of Portland which will be greatly improved by the opening of the Columbia river which is now a certainty beyond a reasonable doubt, the Oregon metropolis is the logical site for the construction of a big packing plant.

The independent packing house idea is the outcome of the deliberations of the National Livestock Association, composed of stockgrowers who desire to protect their interests, and for this and many other reasons, the actual stockgrowers of the Northwest should take action in fostering a concern

of their own in the Northwest in order to relieve bad conditions which are growing worse under the manipulation of the beef trust which now has the grower at its mercy.

Owing to the rapid advance of immigration, the once great Western ranges are being contracted and this condition will be continued more and more. Instead of a vast area of government range the growers must cut down their herds to their own holdings and do more feeding.

Here in Eastern Oregon this spring there were thousands of sheep and cattle for sale, but they were run to get quantity more than quality. The market was bad simply because the only market for them was in the East and there was no Eastern demand for feeders.

Immigration is certain, and as the herds are cut down, the stock will be fed for the butchers' block and the packing house, and the profits will be surer and will benefit more people.

We have a rich agricultural country and instead of sending our products a long distance in bulk when the profits are cut into by freight rates, we can grow more stock, do more feeding and have a home demand by the inauguration of Western packing houses.

LEXINGTON NEWS.

Lexington, June 29, 1904.

Roscoe Miller, of Heppner, was in town Sunday.

Some of our boys went to Eight Mile Sunday to play baseball.

R. A. Nichols and family returned from Waitsburg, Wash., Friday evening.

Frank Tyler, who has been in the hospital at Portland, several weeks returned home last week. He is much improved in health.

P. M. Christenson started for Wyoming, Thursday to visit friends and advertise Morrow county. He took several hundred copies of Woolery's descriptive pamphlet for distribution.

Weekly Crop Bulletin.

U. S. Department of Agriculture, Climate and Crop Bulletin of the Weather Bureau, Oregon Section, for the week ending Tuesday, June 28.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

The past week has been dry, with cool nights and drying winds. All growing crops need rain, and unless it comes soon spring grain and the second crop of hay will be unusually light. A heavy frost occurred Friday morning in the eastern high level sections, and tender vegetables were badly nipped and some grain was damaged. On the same morning light frosts were reported in a number of localities west of the Cascades, but they did no material harm.

Fall grain is filling nicely, but spring grain is heading short. Haying has made rapid progress during the week, but nearly everywhere the returns show a falling off from previous expectations. Pastures are drying up, but feed is still good and stock continues in excellent condition.

Hops, gardens, field onions, potatoes and corn, although needing rain, have made fairly good progress during the week. Early potatoes are being marketed. The season so far has been remarkably free from insect pests.

The strawberry crop turned out fairly satisfactory, although it was not so heavy as it would have been had there been more rain earlier in the season. Apples continue promising and the outlook for peaches is fairly good. The yield of cherries is better than expected.

BUMPER CROP ASSURED.

Prospects Were Never Better in Morrow County.

The unusually cool weather during the latter of last week somewhat retarded the progress of haying, especially with alfalfa, keeping it from curing after being cut and causing a little delay but doing no damage.

While the cool weather kept haying back a little it will be of benefit to the grain crop, being of more benefit to spring grain than that sown in the fall. Instead of drying out it is helping grain to fill.

Within the last few days reports from different sections as to the grain crop of Morrow county have been more favorable than at any time this season. It is now considered that fall grain is past all danger, as the grain is well filled everywhere and turning very fast.

For awhile it was thought that it was too dry for spring wheat and that the yield would be cut down on account of the dry weather, but within the last week there has been a great improvement in spring grain of all kinds and the yield will be good.

J. A. Woolery who is making some investigation and who is well posted stated to the GAZETTE that he had found spring wheat better than the average. "I am of the opinion that Morrow county wheat will average 20 bushels to the acre all around this season. Of course some fields will not make this, but there are fields that will yield from 35 to 40 bushels to the acre," said Mr. Woolery.

Everywhere the wheat is well headed and the indications are that there will be good quality as well as large quantity.

The heading of barley is now already under way and in some localities wheat will be ready to cut about the first of July.

Another Grim Relic.

Many relics and gruesome finds of the terrible Heppner flood are still being found along Willow creek where the great torrent rushed with such awful destruction. These sad reminders will probably be picked up for years to come. Last Thursday John Hughes and son Joe were hauling hay out of an alfalfa field along the creek on Mr. Hughes' place and while looking for some stakes in a willow thicket young Hughes found a human foot. The foot which had been taken off at the ankle joint, was encased in a Congress shoe, and from the appearance had been torn from the ankle by some powerful agency as several tendons five or six inches in length were hanging in strings from the top of the shoe. An examination of the foot which was in a good state of preservation, showed the amputation of toes which corresponded with the foot of Millard Beighly who was drowned. It is the supposition that it is his foot, but like the hundreds of other tragedies that occurred on that awful day, the account was hushed forever by the cruel waters, never to be known, which is probably better for the living.

Mrs. John Turley, of Baker City, formerly of Heppner, who has been visiting friends here left for Eugene, Tuesday.

T. A. Stout and H. Burns, of Sheridan Wyoming, yesterday shipped 6000 head of sheep from Heppner. The sheep were mixed yearlings and were purchased in the vicinity of Monument, Grant county, for \$1.50 per head. Mr. Stout stated that they would return to Morrow county this fall and purchase more sheep.

Impaired Digestion

May not be all that is meant by dyspepsia now, but it will be if neglected.

The uneasiness after eating, fits of nervous headache, sourness of the stomach, and disagreeable belching may not be very bad now, but they will be if the stomach is suffered to grow weaker.

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will be given free to every one purchasing for cash a \$20.00 Summer Suit before July 4th.

Gift of \$5.00 in Cash

will be given free to every one purchasing for cash a \$25.00 Summer Suit before July 4th.

This offer will hold good till July 4th or till the 104 Suits will have been closed out.

WATCH FOR THE

Mill End Sale of Laces and Embroideries

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Deputy For Umatilla County.

G. W. Phelps, District Attorney-elect has tendered the appointment of deputy district attorney for Umatilla county to the law firm of Winter & Collier who have accepted it. Mr. Phelps has been in the city for a number of days for the purpose of appointing a deputy. The position was tendered Judge James A. Fee but he declined it owing to the extensive business which he now has. Also the friends of John McCourt urged him to accept the appointment but Mr. McCourt could not possibly take the time from his increasing business to devote to the cares of the office.

In the appointment of Winter & Collier Mr. Phelps has secured able representatives and capable attorneys to look after the business at this end of the line. Mr. Phelps will have an office adjoining that of the firm of Winter & Collier and will spend considerable time in this city.—Pendleton Tribune.

Miss Elizabeth Matlock returned Wednesday from a visit of several weeks in Portland.

To the Ladies.

A lady from Chicago will open a millinery store at Heppner with a full line of Gage hats and trimmings the first of September. 93-4t.

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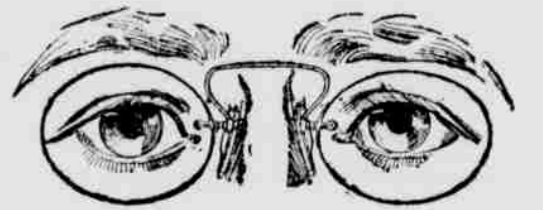
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CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, LaGrande, Oregon, May 6, 1904.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by George W. Swaggart, contestant, against homestead entry No. 12345, made January 12, 1903, for the sec. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, by Henry W. Bretall, contestee, in which it is alleged that Henry W. Bretall has wholly abandoned said claim and has totally failed to reside upon the same for the past nine months; that said Henry W. Bretall has made no improvements of any character on said land and has failed to comply with the homestead laws of the United States in any particular; and that said alleged absence from said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine Corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer, seaman or marine during the war with Spain or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged.

Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m., on June 22, 1904, before Vawter Crawford, County Clerk, at his office at Heppner, Oregon, and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m., on June 28, 1904, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in LaGrande, Oregon.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit filed May 6, 1904, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

E. W. DAVIS, Register,
A. A. ROBERTS, Receiver.

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