

It would seem that the people of Oregon are at last becoming aroused as to the value and necessity of advertising our resources. Considerable interest is being taken in every county in the State in preparing an exhibit for the Lewis and Clark fair next year in Portland. Oregon can furnish the goods and all that is necessary is for the people to furnish the energy and enterprise to get our products together in an attractive manner. A good showing will be of great and lasting benefit to the state and the most enterprising county in furnishing the best exhibit will be rewarded with the greatest results. Here in Morrow county we have 1,313,280 acres of land, an empire in itself with not enough population to make a good sized country town. Less than 5000 people. There is certainly room for more people and with them a few new ideas.

Enough interest should be taken by the people of the State of Oregon to make the organization of the Oregon Development League which will be organized in Portland next week a great success. The city of Portland is taking the lead in this. If it helps Portland it will help us. Every town ought to have a Development League, and Heppner is no exception to the rule.

Prospects for a fair sheep market this Fall are now encouraging. Already inquiries are beginning to come in from buyers. There is a decided improvement in the Eastern demand. This will be a great help to the business interests of Morrow county, but it will be small when compared with the great volume of business in connection with our bumper wheat crop.

From reliable information as to the wheat yield of Morrow county this season, the Gazette is of the opinion that this county will this year export more wheat per capita than any other county in the state of Oregon. With less than 5,000 population we will have 1,300,000 bushels of wheat to sell.

The farmers and producers of Morrow county are now bringing in quite a number of samples for our exhibit at the Lewis and Clark fair. While some interest is being taken there should be more. Bring in more samples.

Roosevelt clubs are growing. What an immense club there will be along about next November.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The battleship South Dakota was successfully launched at San Francisco, Friday.

Eleven million dollars have been appropriated for improvements to the Trans-Siberian road.

The widow of the late Henry George died in New York City Friday, aged 60 years.

The rebellious Caucasus and Bourat tribes on the Russian frontier, worry the czar more than the Japanese.

The Grand Lodge of the A. O. U. W., gave \$1000 toward a fraternal temple to be built in Portland for the Lewis and Clark fair.

# ONE WEEK MORE OF THE CLEAN-UP SALE AT MINOR & COMPANY'S

See last week's ad. for prices.

IN FOREIGN LANDS.

P. O. Borg Returns Home After Five Months of Sight Seeing.

P. O. Borg returned Tuesday from a tour of the Old World, having been absent from Heppner since the first of February. Stopping briefly at Chicago and Washington, D. C., he took an ocean liner on February 27 from New York City, arriving at Naples. He successively visited Alexandria and Cairo, spending considerable time in the land of the ancient pharaohs. From Cairo he went 450 miles into the interior, returning again by steamer on the Nile. He took in the catacombs, but shrank from exploring the interior of those mammoth piles of rock whose structure gave us one of the seven wonders of the world, and which have withstood the ravages of the centuries—the pyramids. From Cairo he experienced the questionable delights of a camel ride to Port Said. He then proceeded to Joppa, whose modern appellation has been transformed to Jaffa, and thence took the cars for Jerusalem. He observed that the railroads are not nearly so well equipped as those in our own country. Another point that bothered him was distances, travel being measured by hours instead of miles. At Jerusalem there is a wailing place, where the Jews daily congregate to bewail the departed glories of the Holy City, a ceremonial which seemed to be far more than perfunctory, as they beat their breasts and poured malediction upon the conquering Moslem. Bethlehem, the birthplace of Christ, was next visited, then Jericho. He inspected the shores of the Dead Sea, 2000 feet below sea level, and gazed at the alleged spot on the Jordan where Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. He saw the spring whose bitter waters Elijah bade be sweet, also the caves where the prophet retreated from his enemies and where the ravens came to supply him with food. From a hill near Jericho he saw Mt. Nebo, from which point Moses saw the promised land and from which he never returned. The grave of Moses is one of the unsolved problems:

"No man dug that sepulchre  
And no man saw it e'er;  
For the angels of God upturned the sod  
And laid the dead man there."

The Mount of Temptation where Christ was tempted of the devil and the Mount of Olives were next observed by Mr. Borg. He then visited the Garden of Gethsemane, the scene of Christ's passion. Here a branch of the olive tree, upon which Christ was said to have been crucified, is still living. Mr. Borg securing a bit of the bark. This is so old that worm holes can be seen through it in many places. An ancient Jewish graveyard at the foot of the mountain, with the gravestones lying flat upon which are carved Hebrew inscriptions, proved not the least interesting. Mr. Borg next went to Damascus, said to be the

oldest city in the world.

Leaving the Holy Land with its countless memories of historic and sacred moment, he visited Constantinople, Athens, Rome, Florence, Venice, Vienna, Berlin, Hamburg and Copenhagen, interesting and ancient cities of the five great world powers of today. Then he devoted the remainder of his time to his own fatherland, Sweden. We will perhaps tell of this portion of his experiences in a subsequent article. He proceeded to London and Southampton, sailing from the latter port on July 2d for America, visiting the St. Louis fair, of which he spoke in high praise, before arriving home again in Heppner.

The satisfaction of such a long sight seeing trip to a man of Mr. Borg's temperament and information may readily be imagined, but even novel scenes pall on the appetite after five months of it, and our fellow citizen was as glad to get back to the scene of his long labors and triumphs as his neighbors were glad to welcome him. But the sensations he experienced brighten up all that he has read, and will remain an indescribable pleasure as long as life shall last.

More Samples Wanted.

Five large bundles of wheat and rye have come in from Morrow county farmers and have been placed in charge of Mr. Gilliam for exhibition at the big fair next year. These exhibits are undoubtedly fine, but there is not nearly enough. Farmers throughout the county are urged to bring in specimens of this year's product. Let us have samples grown upon every kind of land and enough of each to properly represent us. It is not expected that luxuriant growths will be developed on semi-arid land, but we want an honest exhibit of this nevertheless. The intention of the committee is to show what may be expected from every part of the county. An attractive, generous and well-arranged display will be the most effective agency for fast peopling our county with a thrifty and well-to-do class of citizens. Each should take a personal interest in this matter, and if you have nothing to exhibit yourself talk to and encourage your neighbor who has, to save samples.

We are glad to announce that almost all of the counties throughout the state, ably seconded by the Development League, are working hard along these lines, and the fact is already assured that the state will be given perhaps more advertising next year than she has had in all the years heretofore, which will have a wonderful effect in the rapid increase of population and development.

How She Kept the Secret.

"A woman can't keep a secret," declared the mere man.  
"Oh, I don't know," retorted the flattered lady; "I've kept my age a secret since I was 24."  
"Yes; but one of these days you will simply have to tell it."  
"Well, I think that when a woman has kept a secret for 20 years she comes pretty near knowing how to keep it."

Lo as a Weather Prophet.

Poor Lo is discredited as a prophet. For some mysterious reason the white people generally were looking for a big flood Friday. The Indian had said: "July 22d heap big flood come down Willow creek; flood white man's fields; wash away white man's cattle and horses; float white man's house; and drown white man's wife and children." After an especially hot day black-looking clouds gathered in the south and west toward evening and for a time it looked as if the red man's prophecy might be fulfilled, but beyond a few hailstones and a few drops of rain the precipitation amounted to nothing. The clouds soon dissipated and the sky became as clear as before. The cold logic of events shatters another dream concerning the primeval inhabitants of the Golden West.

Death of Miss Walton.

Miss Irene Walton died at Jefferson, Oregon, Monday, July 18, 1904, aged 28 years. Her remains were laid at rest in the Syracuse cemetery near Jefferson.

Miss Walton was a former resident of Heppner and was well known in this city. She was endowed with a cheerful and sweet disposition that won for her the respect and love of all. Miss Walton was one of the survivors of the Heppner flood having had a very narrow escape from drowning.

Resolutions of Condolence.

At a regular meeting of Willow Lodge No. 66, I. O. O. F., held July 20, 1904, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Whereas, it has pleased God to remove from our midst our late Brother M. Lichtenthal, and

Whereas, it is but just that a fitting recognition of his many virtues should be had, therefore be it

Resolved, by Willow Lodge No. 66, I. O. O. F., that while we bow with humble submission to the will of the Most High we do not the less mourn for our brother who has been taken from us.

Resolved, that in the death of Brother Lichtenthal this lodge laments the loss of a member who was ever ready to proffer the hand of aid and the voice of sympathy to the fraternity; an active member of the order, whose utmost endeavors were exerted for its welfare and its prosperity; a friend and companion who was dear to us all.

Resolved that the heartfelt sympathy of this lodge be extended to his family in their affliction.

Resolved that these resolutions be spread upon the records of this lodge, and a copy thereof be transmitted to the family of our deceased brother and to each of the newspapers of Heppner.

CLYDE BROCK,  
GEO. NOBLE,  
L. C. CAMPBELL,  
Committee.

The Pelly River Indians are now in destitution, according to reports from their reservation. Great suffering prevails among them.

The first altar ever built in a Catholic church in Oregon, is being preserved in the destruction of the old church building at Oregon City.

A POSTAL WILL DO IT.

The Purchase of a Piano by Mail Made Safe, Simple and Economical.

By dealing with a reliable concern a piano can now be purchased without ever seeing it, with perfect satisfaction and safety. Every instrument sold by Eilers Piano House is fully guaranteed and a further agreement goes with it to refund all money paid in case the instrument fails in any way to prove exactly as represented, so that buyers are perfectly secure.

If you are thinking of purchasing a piano or an organ, drop us a line on a postal, giving your address and you will immediately receive an abundance of circulars and handsome booklets showing a variety of instruments and giving full description of them. A letter from the head of the Mail Department will also accompany them, giving full information concerning our low prices and easy payment system.

If we have any especial bargains in second hand instruments which our immense business is continually bringing to us, these also will be fully described and prices given.

Your reply, whether it be a request for further information or an order for an instrument will be promptly and courteously attended to.

When mail orders are filled the instruments are personally selected by the head of our mail order department, who is an experienced and expert piano judge. He thoroughly inspects every piano and organ he sells and sees that it is in perfect condition before he permits it to leave the store.

We make a specialty of packing our instruments so that no matter if they have to be hauled by wagon a long distance no injury can possibly come to them. Remember this is the house acknowledged to be the lowest priced and most reliable on the Coast. Drop us a postal. Eilers Piano House, 351 Washington street, cor. Park. Large stores also San Francisco and Sacramento, Cal., Spokane and Seattle, Wash.

Increased Rainfall.

East Oregonian.

Is nature reversing her ancient program in Oregon? Is the gradual settlement and cultivation of the arid regions of Eastern Oregon having a tendency to increase rainfall? and is the denudation of forests on the Coast decreasing rainfall in some districts in that part of the state? It is true that portions of Umatilla county north and west of Pendleton are increasing in fertility every year. Land scarcely considered worth plowing ten years ago is now considered to be the safest and most certain wheat land in the county. Where it yielded from five to 12 bushels in 1890 to 1895, it now yields 18 to 25 bushels and it is needless to say that prices have increased accordingly. Wells have been recently found on farms in that dry district upon which numberless holes were bored years ago, which did not show a sign of water. All this shows increasing moisture and greater precipitation. There are those who believe that the gradual settlement along the outer borders of the arid district will gradually reclaim the entire area, as cultivation induces moisture and the natural rainfall of the country is increasing. Umatilla county is experiencing a natural transformation for the better.