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SEEING THE COUNTRY.

A Gazette Man Takes in Butter Creek and Sand Hollow.

One of the Gazette men spent part of last week visiting the valley of little Butter creek, returning via Sand Hollow. He was surprised to notice such evidences of substantial prosperity as were everywhere apparent, and returned to Heppner with unbounded faith in Morrow county resources.

Before reaching Butter creek the farm of T. I. Matlock was visited, and where he has resided for over twenty years Mr. Matlock's energies have been devoted to horse breeding. He has bred some famous trotters from Alta, sired by Altamont, dam Black Hawk Vermont. At present he is the owner of a mammoth English Shire stallion, whose weight closely approximates a ton. Hassalo, now owned by a Pendleton man, was bred by Mr. Matlock.

Jack Hynd has recently leased for three years the Kilcup place, situated in a short canyon leading into Butter creek. Mr. Hynd is one of four brothers who are rapidly making their mark in the West, and who now own among them about 7000 sheep. The home place is in Sand Hollow, 14 miles distant from Heppner, where the brothers have erected a beautiful and roomy residence and two immense and well finished barns.

Mrs. Kate Johnson, widow of the well-known Felix Johnson, has resided for thirty years past at her present farm on Butter creek. She came direct from the old country (Ireland) to Morrow county. She is a correct type of the keen witted and warm-hearted people of Erin and we bear cheerful testimony to her excellent cooking and hospitality. She has two bright boys, James and Felix, now young men of liberal education and culture, who latterly have taken much of the burden of "running the ranch" upon themselves. However, Mrs. Johnson was much younger than her husband and seems competent to administer the business interests of the ranch for many years yet. The chief pursuit is cattle raising. These are summered on the John Day ranges.

From this ranch the complexion of the country rapidly changes to alfalfa raising. Three crops are usually raised, aggregating six to eight tons to the acre, and even higher. One of the representative alfalfa growers is A. E. Wattenburger, 21 miles from Heppner. Mr. Wattenburger is a young man, recently married, but has, nevertheless, twenty-five years of experience farming in Morrow county. His two brothers also have ranches near by. He is proud of his Shepherd dog, "Colonel" who in truth is a very intelligent and valuable animal. He saves the expense of keeping up a saddle horse, besides the doubtful pleasure of riding one, on account of his usefulness in bringing in the stock. He may be depended upon to bring the cows in, and he won't forget any of them. Sometimes he makes two trips without being bidden to do so.

While the valleys are given over to alfalfa and stock growing the ridges are useful for wheat growing and range, at

the pleasure of the owner. The bunch grass of early days has mainly disappeared, but in its place grows a short grass which the farmers call red-top. It is surprising, but the result is yet much good government land lying vacant which is as good for raising wheat as any that has yet been taken. There is almost a section in one body within three miles of Mr. Wattenburger's which is still waiting to be filed on.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Wm. Weichel Shoots Himself With Probably Fatal Results.

Wilhelm Weichel, a well-known and prosperous stockman living on Deer creek about four miles east of Monument, attempted to commit suicide about 8 o'clock Tuesday evening. He left Monument Tuesday with a four-horse team enroute to Heppner after freight. He drove about four miles out of Monument, stopping at H. J. Scott's place, fed his team and struck out for home. Upon his arrival there he found that his wife and daughter were not there. It was then that he executed the rash act.

The cause of his desperate deed, says the Monument Enterprise, was that the prison stared him in the face. A warrant was out for his arrest charging him with the crime of rape on his wife's daughter, his step daughter.

She confesses that his ravish acts have been continuing since she was 12 years of age. At the age of 16 she gave birth to a child. At all times he threatened her life if she ever revealed the secret. But this continuous inhuman treatment was getting unbearable, so she informed the citizens of his vile deeds, and the girl accompanied by Constable Fred DeFord and Deputy Sheriff Orin Stubblefield at once proceeded to Long Creek and secured a warrant for his arrest, arriving at R. S. Blackwell's place about midnight.

In the meantime Mr. Blackwell had taken Mrs. Weichel to his place for the night. Messrs. DeFord and Stubblefield, leaving the two women at Mr. Blackwell's, started in hot pursuit after Weichel, who, as above stated, had started for Heppner. On arriving at Wal creek they came upon a wagon track that had turned around and started back. Following it, they reached H. J. Scott's place where they found his wagon and team. Being satisfied that he had gone home, they started for his ranch and after considerable searching found him in a fence corner close to the house in a very critical condition with a bullet hole in his head, the ball entering under the chin, penetrating the cheek bone and extricating the right eye and lodging over the skull. They at once summoned Dr. Stuart, who dressed the wound and pronounced it fatal.

During all this time the patient was conscious and able to talk. The doctor asked him why he did the deed and his reply was he had no desire to live longer. Several other questions were asked to which he readily replied.

He was removed to Long Creek in the afternoon. Up to the time of going to press he was still alive but is rapidly growing weak. The doctor says he can not survive very long.

LATER—Weichel died of his self-inflicted injuries Sunday night.

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What Effect Prohibition Has on Business.

In 1903 there was in the prohibition states of Maine, Kansas and North Dakota one failure for every 4,910 of population.

In all the license states and territories there was during the same year one failure for every 8,024 of population.

The number of failures was, therefore, 83 per cent greater, in proportion to population, in the prohibition than it was in the license states and territories.

In Maine the number of failures increased 14 per cent from 1902 to 1903. In the other New England states, taken together, the number of failures decreased 5 per cent in the same time.

Kansas had in 1903 one failure for every 4,640 of population. In all the other states comprising the "Western Group" there was in the same year only one failure for every 10,596 of population.

Kansas under prohibition, therefore, had two and one-third times as many failures, in proportion to population, as had the license states comprising the same group.

In the same year the states adjoining Kansas showed failures as follows:

Missouri one for every 9,500 of population	
Nebraska " " " 17,480 " "	
Colorado " " " 5,343 " "	
Oklahoma " " " 7,808 " "	
Kansas " " " 4,640 " "	

Kansas had, therefore, in proportion to population, double as many failures as Missouri, nearly four times as many as Nebraska, 15 per cent more than Colorado, and 68 per cent more than Oklahoma.

Comparing North Dakota with the rest of the states comprising the "Northwestern" group, it is found that the number of failures in this prohibition state increased 109 per cent from 1902 to 1903, while the increase in the rest of the group, under license, was only 13 per cent.

The above figures are from Bradstreet's January 9, 1904. They need no comment. They show that business conditions have been less favorable in prohibition than in license states and that prohibition has brought not prosperity but depression.

If the bad showing of the prohibition states occurred in a single year only, it might fairly be attributed to temporary causes other than prohibition. The record shows that the number of failures in prohibition states, in proportion to population, has exceeded the number in license states uniformly, year after year.

The items of the cost of prohibition are general depression in business, suffering and loss in non-employment of labor, animosities engendered among citizens, shrinkage in the value of property, increase in the number of vacant buildings, loss in rent, want of confidence in the stability of legislation for the protection of property, uncertainty of future, high rate of taxes, and enormous court expenses.

Sunday School Convention.

The annual Sunday School convention for Morrow county will be held at Heppner, Nov. 25, in the evening; the 26th, three sessions. The Sunday morning services may also be along Sunday School lines. Let the different schools in the county plan to send some of their workers. Further notice will be given later.

S. E. NOTSON, President.

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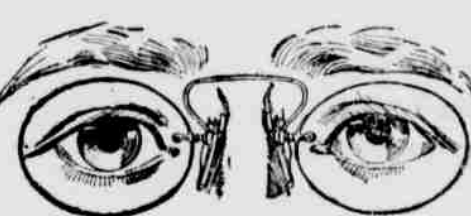
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