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ISSUED THURSDAY MORNING.

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The Lone Proclaimer has changed management and ownership. Reed and Carter are now at the helm. The paper looks well and deserves success.

There is considerable speculation as to the results of the direct primary law which will be given a trial at the next elections in Oregon. Senator Fulton is a strong advocate and believer in the efficiency of the new law.

Mexican Indians claim that there is in every rattlesnake a small sac, about the size of a bean, attached to the intestines that is filled with a brownish or black fluid. This fluid is said to be a speedy and sure cure for the bite of a rattler.

Oregon's total wool clip this year is estimated at from 15,000,000 to 16,000,000 pounds. Shaniko was the largest receiving station. Wool sold higher this year than for 25 years. This with the high prices for sheep has made a very prosperous season for the sheep men.

Dunnite is a new explosive that is being experimented with in the United States navy department. It is said to be the world's most effective explosive and will crumple in the side of the heaviest armor clad vessel, though the shell fall short of its mark by 20 feet. It might be well to keep the secret away from the Japs.

Morrow county's jail seems to be noodo. Within less than two years two of the inmates of this institution have committed suicide. This week there was another attempt at suicide in the jail and the attempt was almost successful. It is getting such a hard name that it is difficult to find anyone that wants to go there. Moral: Keep out of jail.

The sheep industry in America is on the increase owing to the demand for mutton which is on the increase yearly. The department of agriculture on the first of this year reported 45,000,000 sheep on the farms and ranches of the United States. Within the past six years the number of sheep in the United States has increased over 7,000,000.

Morrow county's exhibit of her commercial products makes a very creditable showing at the Lewis and Clark fair. The wool exhibit is probably the finest of any county in the state. For this exhibit which will do the county much good, Judge Ayers has borne a big share of the burden. It shows that a little enterprise and work will bring success. This is an object lesson for the town of Heppner.

At the London wool auctions last week a further advance was established in the price of wool. The shortage in wool is reported to be as pronounced on the other side as it is in the United States. Cotton has also advanced sharply within the past week. This will naturally mean an advance in the price of manufactured products, but an advance in price in what the producer has to sell will bring greater prosperity and a little higher price for clothing will not be felt among the masses.

More wheat in the straw is wanted for Morrow county's booth at the Lewis and Clark fair. If the Morrow county farmers who have good samples will bring it to Judge Ayers in Heppner, the wheat will be properly labeled and shipped for exhibition.

The wool clip of Wallowa county for 1905 was all disposed of to Koshland & Co., of San Francisco, at 16 cents per pound in December, 1904, and the same firm have an agent there at present taking contracts for the 1906 clip, and our correspondent writes us that unless other buyers put in an appearance, Koshland & Co. will get the 1906 clip at their own figures. The great complaint at this point is in regard to the high freight rate to eastern points.—American Wool and Cotton Reporter.

A single Oregon sheep that fed on the open ranges in Morrow county produced a fleece which weighed 36 pounds. At 20 cents a pound this means \$7.20 for the income of one sheep in a year. At the Lewis and Clark exposition the 36-pound fleece is exhibited in Morrow county's section of the agriculture building. There are also a number of other fleeces which weigh 25 pounds or more, which tell convincingly of the marvelous possibilities of this wonderful grazing country.—American Wool and Cotton Reporter. The above coming from a Boston paper shows that Morrow county's products are attracting some attention.

"MINERAL EARTH."

Morrow County Product Shipped for Soap Making.

D. C. Gurdane shipped Monday, 15,000 pounds of mineral earth to the Luckel, King Cake Soap Co., of Portland. This substance which is used in the manufacture of soap is almost as white as chalk and as fine as flour. It can be found in large quantities in Morrow county and is easy of access. The name mineral earth has been given this substance by the soap manufacturers, but just what it is has never been determined for the reason that no one has ever taken the trouble to have it analyzed or classified. Geological proofs indicate that the stuff is a volcanic ash having been created when Eastern Oregon was a roaring furnace during the warm days of active volcanoes. The deposits which are common, are usually termed alkali beds by the older residents, but this is a popular delusion. Anyhow, the stuff makes good soap and the demand for it is on the increase. The state of Idaho also furnishes a similar material and this is where the supply has been coming from heretofore for the Portland Soap manufacturers. Morrow county's freight rate advantages for the Portland demand over Idaho will shut out the latter named state in the Oregon metropolis. Should this white deposit, whatever it is, be enough value to pay to ship to Eastern soap makers, the industry of mining it will become of some importance.

Officers Installed.

The officers of Wilow Lodge No. 66, I. O. O. F. were installed yesterday evening as follows:

Clyde Brock, N. G.; Lewis Campbell V. G.; Geo. Noble, Sec.; E. C. Ashbaugh, Treas.; C. L. Keithley, W.; J. B. Klein, Con.; E. G. Noble, R. S. to N. G.; Frank Noble, L. S. to N. G.; J. R. Simon, R. S. to V. G.; H. C. Ashbaugh, L. S. to V. G.; E. E. Beaman, L. S. S.; Sherman Shaw, I. G.

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LEXINGTON NEWS.

Harvest is in full blast.

Sunday was the hottest day of the season.

Mrs. E. A. Beymer returned from Portland, Saturday.

Vawter Crawford, of Heppner, is assisting W. B. McAlister in the bank this week.

P. M. Christenson has gone to Lone to take charge of J. A. Woolery's threshing outfit.

Leach Bros. are fitting up a large room for their stock of hardware. It is adjoining their general store.

Blacksmith Klein, of Heppner, was assisting on the water works a day or two the fore part of the week.

J. A. Brown, Ralph Benge and Frank Smith went to The Dalles on business in the Land Office last Saturday.

Ralph Benge's new residence in McAlister's Addition will soon be enclosed. It will be a creditable addition to that part of town.

N. S. Phelps, A. Reaney and T. W. Collins returned from The Dalles, Monday. They had been transacting business at the Land Office.

The gasoline engine for the city water system was received a few days ago, and has been installed this week. It is working very satisfactorily.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Riggs came in from Portland, Saturday. They will remain several weeks as Mr. Riggs expects to work at harvesting. Mrs. Riggs is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Leach.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Utterback and daughter, of Bridgeport, Okla., are visiting at S. E. Notson's this week. Mrs. Utterback is a sister of Mr. Notson. They are accompanied by Misses Jennie, Effie and Ruth Notson, of Hamburg, Iowa, sisters of Mr. Notson. They are on their way to the fair.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Keta C. Gentry has filed in the County Court of Morrow County, Oregon, his final account as such administrator, and that said court has made an order fixing Monday, the 7th day of August, 1905, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day at the county court room in the court house in the city of Heppner, Morrow county, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing said account and the settlement of said estate.

All persons having any objections to said account are required to offer same on or before said date.

F. H. GENTRY,
Administrator.

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