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ISSUED THURSDAY MORNING.

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They do say that there are a sick lot of sick suckers over at Airygon.

The mouthpiece of the boom townsite concerns over at Airygon is making a big kick about lack of road work over in the desert country. If the Irrigon corporation would pay a just share of Morrow county's taxes there would be more money for road work.

In Walla Walla county, Washington, there are 15 farmers who will harvest and market this year nearly 1,000,000 bushels of wheat which is worth at the present market price more than half a million dollars. Who wouldn't be a farmer?

The East Oregonian says the Pendleton flour manufacturers are feeling the effect of the Chinese boycott. Formerly a large proportion of the output of Umatilla county mills has found a market in China, but since the boycott has been on not a single order for flour has been received. Should this condition continue the result will be disastrous to mill interests.

The American Wool and Cotton Reporter in speaking of the wool situation says: It looks foolish to sell sheep even at high prices with wool at such prices. It is hard to tell where the sheep are to come from for the next year or two. The opinion freely expressed by the Reporter is that wool will hold its present prices for at least another year.

Indications are that contracts will soon be let for the building of a number of boats to ply on the upper Columbia river. It will be possible to have them ready for service by early spring, which is in time to bring the major portion of the grain crop to the portage road from the territory of the upper Columbia and Snake river valleys. In fact the river will be at a better boating stage than at any other season of the year.—Portland Journal. This is good news for the people of Eastern Oregon

As harvest approaches it is now evident that Morrow county's wheat crop will be about 25 per cent smaller than last year. Small acreage is the main cause, however, in some localities wheat was injured by winter freezing and dry weather. The main shortage will come in the Ione district where the ground had less protection from snow and suffered the greatest injury. Heppner and Lexington will handle as much or more wheat this year than last owing to the fact that grain in the vicinity of the two latter places is turning out fully as well as last season.

HOW TO GET RID OF COYOTES.

A report from Sumpter, Ore., in regard to the ravages of coyotes calls attention to one of the most serious pests against which the farmer has to contend, especially if he is raising stock to any considerable extent. Information comes from Winona, in Washington, and from other points that coyotes are frequently seen singly and in packs of five to eight.

It has been a serious problem

in several states to get rid of these despoilers of the flocks. The bounty system has been tried, with more or less beneficial results. Minnesota is spending thousands of dollars every year in bounties for destruction of wolves, but there seems to be little diminution in the number of animals. Of course, as a matter of fact, they are far less numerous than they would be if the bounty were not given. Without a bounty farmers would have to make the fight against them unaided; with a bounty there are many persons who make almost a business of hunting the wolves and derive a good revenue therefrom.

Montana has adopted a new policy. Under authority of the state Dr. Brooks, of Choteau, Mont., will have 50 coyotes captured and inoculated with deadly mange and then turned loose to spread the disease among other coyotes. It will be interesting to watch the result of the experiment. A question will naturally suggest itself as to the danger of flocks of sheep or other livestock with which the diseased wolves may come in contact. Doubtless, however, Dr. Brooks has studied out the contagious feature in this respect and has satisfied the state authorities that no harm can result. If this scheme brings about the desired result it will be quickly adopted elsewhere and will be followed by a great saving to the state as well as to the individual farmers.—Spokesman-Review.

Two Fine Dogs.

Dr. F. B. Kistner, of this city and Dr. Whitesides, of Portland, have purchased two fine Russian wolf hound pups. The puppies were received this week from the Valley Farm Kennels, of Simsbury, Conn. The pups will be taken to Dr. Kistner's cattle ranch where they will be trained on coyotes.

Along with the pups is a pedigree showing the best blood to be obtained in America. Among fanciers and lovers of the hound family, or in fact all classes of dogs, beyond any question, the aristocrat of the dog family is the Russian wolf hound, otherwise the borzoi or barzoi, which is the Russian name for coursing dog. The borzoi is larger and almost as speedy as the grey hound. They are used in hunting the great wolves of Russia where they have been kept and trained for this purpose for centuries. While different breeds of dogs have different instincts or natural inclinations to do certain things such as the stop of the setter upon a keen scent or sight of game, the sheep dog is at home with stock, the Russian wolf hound has a peculiar instinct of self protection when making an attack upon such a dangerous antagonist as the large gray wolf by seizing the animal just back of the ear, in such a manner that the quarry cannot use his teeth on the dog. It is said that one well trained wolf hound is able to handle the largest wolf.

GRAND ATTRACTION.

Secured For Opening of Theatrical Season at Heppner.

The Madison Square Theatre Company will play a week's engagement, commencing Monday, August 28.

Since assuming the management of the Heppner Opera House, Messrs. Wells & Keithly are endeavoring to furnish only first-class attractions, and by so doing win the confidence of the theatre going people of Heppner and vicinity, which will assure good attendance at the opera house, which means that when a first-class Metropolitan company is passing along the main

line between Salt Lake City and Portland they can be guaranteed a paying stop at Heppner. And, therefore, the lovers of refined amusements will be able to witness the same at home instead of journeying to the city.

For the opening of the seasons of 1905 and 1906, the celebrated Madison Square Theatre Company has been secured and open a week's engagement, commencing Monday, August 28, with a change of play, scenery, wardrobe and specialties each evening, and playing at people's popular prices.

As to the merits of the coming attraction, the press comments where the company has appeared while on the coast are some of the best ever, and they are too numerous to mention.

The company numbers 14 acting people, including specialty artists, song and dance teams, etc. The list of plays to be produced are of a class seldom seen outside the larger cities, are chosen with the one aim (which means success) to please the masses.

The people from surrounding towns and country are especially invited to attend and it is the aim of the new management of the opera house to let all our neighbors know when we have a meritorious attraction coming.

The management of the Madison Square Theatre Company herald every promise as a sacred pledge and as a profit, guarantees his attraction the best ever here or money refunded at the box office.

Help the management of the Heppner Opera House by patronizing good attractions and you can be assured nothing but the best in the dramatic line.

The Madison Square Theatre Company one week, commencing Monday, August 28. Opening play—"A Mountain Waif." Seats now on sale at usual place.

A rumor was in circulation in this city this morning to the effect that two parties were hanged yesterday near Hamilton in Grant county, for horse stealing. Investigation proves the report to be canard.

New Suits Winter Jackets Rain Coats at MINOR & CO'S

We are pleased to announce to the ladies who have been so patiently waiting the arrival of our

New Fall & Winter Cloaks and Suits

and any others who may desire to purchase early, that our first shipment is here and ready for your inspection which we most earnestly solicit. This may seem a little early to select a suit or coat for the winter, but the Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland seems to have created an early demand for such goods, and the late visitors to the fair will find it very convenient to be able to select the latest styles so early in the season before leaving for the fair.

FASHIONS STAMP OF APPROVAL

The long winter coat extending nearly to the bottom of the dress and made from the heavy manish mixtures have the stamp of fashions approval on them. We have them and no two alike—be exclusive and buy your coat here. The suits have both long and short jackets. Both in evidence here. We can't describe them to you, we want you to see them. Come in and let us convince you by showing you these beautiful garments that they are correct.

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MINOR & COMPANY

Reduced Rates to the Seaside.

The Southern Pacific Co. has placed on sale at its Portland offices, round-trip tickets to Yaquina Bay and Newport at rate of \$6.00 for season tickets and \$3.00 for Saturday to Monday tickets. This is a fine place to take your family for a few weeks out at a moderate cost.

Hurricane Kills Hundred.

Sydney, N. S. W., Aug. 17.—Confirmation of the report that the Ma-

shall Islands were visited by a hurricane and tidal wave on June 30 has been received here. One hundred lives were lost.

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