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THURSDAY, December 28, ... 1911

**OUTLOOK IS FAVORABLE.**

That the extension of the Umatilla irrigation project will be made is now practically certain. A committee of engineers has been appointed by the reclamation service, and they expect to hold a meeting in Hermiston in January and thoroughly go over the proposed work, and it is thought now that their report can not be other than favorable. Should this prove to be the case, the work will proceed without delay.

It is also reported that the O-W, R. & N. officials have such information as leads them to understand the work of the extension will be made, and as a result they are to abandon the Coyote cut-off. Should the project be completed the cut-off would be impracticable and the railroad people as a rule know what they are doing.

The extension has the unanimous endorsement of the Oregon delegation in congress, and letters received this week from Senator Chamberlain, Congressman Hawley and Lafferty, and Philip P. Wells, chief law officer of the reclamation service, are all very encouraging, and indicate little doubt on the part of the writers that the extension will be made. These letters were received by W. W. Smead in acknowledgment of the receipt of the resolutions passed by the Heppner Commercial Club on Dec. 11th and published in these columns at that time.

It is gratifying to the people of this county to feel assured that this work will be extended, and it cannot come any too soon. The reclamation of our arid lands and the settlement thereon of a thrifty lot of homebuilders will prove a great blessing to the entire state. This is bound to follow the putting of water in abundance on the north end of Morrow and Umatilla counties.

And 1912 is a leap year.

The Gazette extends to its readers the compliments of the season and wishes them a happy and prosperous New Year.

Heppner merchants all report a good holiday trade and the way Christmas goods disappeared from the shelves would indicate that the people had some money to spend.

The new railroad from Vale westward, an extension of the Oregon Shortline, will soon be an accomplished fact, as all arrangements have been made to start construction. It is expected work will be continued throughout the winter months.

The year just closing has not been one of great prosperity for the people of our county. Of this it is unnecessary to speak. Yet it has had its blessings and these are sufficient to cause us to take an optimistic view of the future and prepare for the good things that will be ours to enjoy during the year 1912.

With the object of assisting farmers along its lines, the O-W, R. & N. Co. has appointed an experienced agriculturist, creating a new department. C. L. Smith, a practical farmer, has been named for the position. He will spend much of his time among the farmers served by the railroad system, getting into close touch with their needs and helping them solve their problems. All officials of the road will cooperate to aid the farmers.

That the Pacific Northwest need not take second place with any other section of the country in feeding and fattening livestock is shown by the recent killing of a 2100-pound steer at the Portland stockyards that dressed out 72.4 per cent. So far as is known this is the best percentage ever shown anywhere. The much boasted corn belt is surpassed. The champion steer at the recent National Livestock Show in Chicago dressed 66.2 per cent.

The population of Oregon, according to the 1910 census is 672,765, which has been augmented to some extent by the colonial movement of 1911. The state has 97 cities, Portland being the largest, and Salem second,

with Astoria third and Eugene fourth. This is according to the latest bulletin just issued by the director of the 13th census. It will take a lot of boosting to put us over the line for one million population by the time of taking the 14th census.

**HUNTED BY A WALRUS.**

**The Big Bull Got Quite Sociable Before He Was Done For.**

In George Borup's "A Tenderfoot With Peary" appears an exciting incident of walrus hunting. During a raid upon a herd of fifty walrus asleep on a pan "It was blowing some, and the choppy waves made the shooting look as if the guns had spiral barrels." The ineffective target practice produced these hair raising developments a few seconds later: "Suddenly a giant bull rose out of the water just along side of Wesharkoupsi. He threw his harpoon, but as the barb came off he might as well have heaved a lead pipe. The walrus gave a derisive grunt, divined, and a second later shot out of the water on the other side, deluged us with liquid and came down slap bang on the gunwale of the boat opposite me.

"By this time Wesharkoupsi was high in the air and out for an altitude record. Instead of throwing his harpoon he threw his soul into his yells and just spat in the brute's face. The other huskies were trying to back water or hit him over the head with the oars, nearly sideswiping me and incidentally short circuiting their cussing at Wesharkoupsi, the walrus and everything is general.

"All this time the walrus was sitting alongside of me, asking if there were any more at home like Wesharkoupsi. It was easier to pull his whiskers or smash his mug with my fist than shoot. If I held the gun to my shoulder the muzzle would stick beyond his head, so, firing from the hip, I gave him the entente cordiale."

**GETTING THE FACTS.**

**His Second Story Probably Differed From the First One.**

Long experience as a consulting attorney has given Mr. Mooney a judicial habit of mind. He never accepts the facts at par value, but always leads those facts into the rear office and drops acid in their eyes. The other day a friend rushed in, warm and red.

"Mooney," said the friend excitedly, "I've been insulted. Hinks just met me and called me all sorts of names. We've had trouble over that partition matter, you know. He said I was a pettifogger and a thief and a scoundrel and a perjurer and a wire haired thug."

"Um," said Mr. Mooney, sitting farther down in his chair and looking at the speaker over his glasses. "Um! And what do you propose to do about it?"

"What do I propose to do about it? Why, I was so astounded at the moment that I could make no reply at all. But, now that I have somewhat recovered myself, I have determined to go down to Hinks' office and knock his block off. I'll beat him to a quivering froth."

"Um!" said Mr. Mooney, slipping down a notch. "Um! So would I if any one called me the names that Hinks called you. But before you go suppose you sit down with me for a moment."

The indignant friend took a chair. "Now," said Mooney, dangling his eyeglasses, "what are the facts in the case?"—Cincinnati Times-Star.

**No Caste in Snores.**  
The cause and cure of snoring concern all classes, says the London Chronicle. We have record that both the house of lords and the workhouse have suffered from it. There was a former Duke of Norfolk who fell into the habit of sleeping audibly in the lords, and it happened that he was hard at it on one occasion when a bill concerning the parish of Great Snoring, in Norfolk, came before the house. The roar of laughter with which the bill's title was greeted awakened the duke and relieved his fellow peers. At the other end of the social scale we have the poor law commission minority's commendation of the inebriated workhouse master who divided the old men at night so that the snorers and the deaf men slept in one ward and the rest in another.

**Johnnie Know.**  
A teacher in an uptown school was giving her small charges a lesson in politeness the other day.

"Now, when," said she, "should you say 'Excuse me, please?'"

There was a moment's silence, then a very small boy put up his hand.

"Well, Johnnie?"

"Please, ma'am, you should say 'Excuse me, please,' when you sneeze at the table and don't turn away your head quick enough."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Fish and Brain.**  
The saying that fish is the best brain food comes of an old long tongue winking years ago saying: "Thought is impossible without phosphorous." So a Swiss chemist, knowing that fish contained phosphorous, put two and two together, and brought forth a saying that will never die.

**She Knew All Right.**  
"You don't know what that's a picture of, Johnny?" said Mrs. Lapping in a tone of reproof. "You ought to read your ancient history more. That is the temple of Dinah at Emphasis."—Chicago Tribune.

**Sand Hollow Items.**

Claud White has his telephone in now.

Mrs. Redding entertained the Scott family on Xmas day.

Mrs. Claud White has returned from her visit in Portland.

O. S. Hodsdon has been on the sick list for several days.

School will begin again Wednesday after a week's vacation.

Roy Campbell and Miss Winnie Smith went to Heppner Xmas day.

Miss Boblit went to Heppner last week to take the examinations and spend Xmas.

Miss Winnie Smith is home from Corvallis. She will return to that place the first of the year.

Mrs. O. S. Hodsdon entertained some of her friends Xmas day and served a most excellent dinner.

R. B. Rice was called to Heppner last week to act as witness for Mr. Town who filed on an additional quarter of land.

Quite a number from around this vicinity attended the Xmas tree at Pine City and report a splendid program and a good time.

Bargains in S. C. Rhode Island Reds. 1911 Breeding Pens for sale to make room for new stock. All prize winning stock. Call or write. L. W. BRIGGS, Heppner, Or.

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**BUMPER YEAR FOR 1912**

**A. M. Phelps** The Grocer

**Stock Taking Sale**

We are now busy taking stock and are throwing out all broken lines and remnants on the bargain counter.

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