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STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Happenings Here and There Throughout Oregon.

A mule deer was killed last week near Granite. Its horns were webbed near the sprangles like an elk's. The races at Prineville have been postponed from the published date of October 8th to October 7th. Hon. J. L. Morrow, a pioneer of this state, and after whom Morrow county was named, died at his home in Heppner last week. Sumpter's water works will be finished by December 1. The pipe line is three miles long. The supply will be sufficient for 15,000 people.

The Lakeview Examiner says it expects a railroad connection, via Reno, Nev., by November of next year. When the freighting season shall open in the spring it is expected the railroad may be met at Lakeview. One hundred and ten tons of straw a day is being hauled to the paper mill at Lebanon, and there will be sufficient for the coming year's run. About the biggest load reported on a single wagon was 8000 pounds.

Crook county's assessor returns \$48,862 in money this year. The Prineville Review shows that one bank, by its published statement, had \$139,458 not long ago, and wonders why tax laws are so generally evaded. A proposition is being considered in Baker City involving the connection of that town with Pendleton, by means of a railroad line running from the present terminus of the Washington & Columbia River railway. The proposition is to run the line up the head of some creek emptying into the north fork of the John Day river, thence to Sumpter.

Circuit Judge Lowell, of Umatilla county, has decided to summon a grand jury to pass upon the case of E. L. Mims, who awaits trial for the killing of J. H. Miller at Pendleton. It was deemed best to pursue this course on account of the gravity of the case in question, and a doubt having been raised as to the constitutionality of the late law abolishing grand juries. Prospects for Grass valley to be a railroad town are very bright as we go to press Thursday afternoon. The right of way between here and Moro has been secured with one or two exceptions, and almost five thousand dollars subscribed. Contractors are now in Moro and it is highly probable that before another week passes around that active work will be in progress.—Grass Valley Journal.

A man named Johnson, while clearing land 2 miles below Bandon last Thursday, found a human skeleton in the brush. With it were a silver watch and a pearl-handled knife. It had evidently been there a number of years, and there was nothing by which it could be identified. The case is a mystery, as no one has ever been missed in that vicinity, who could be accounted for by the finding of these remains. The people of the town of Arlington will endeavor to secure the relocation of the county seat of Gilliam county at that place at the next session of the legislature. Arlington is on the railroad and the present county seat. Condon, is inconvenient, so Arlington claims to a large portion of the taxpayers. The government geological survey is at work on the Sumpter geological sheet. The geological survey follows the topographical survey, which is still at work on the Sumpter sheet, but has removed its camp up to near Bourne. Both survey parties will prosecute their work until checked by cold weather and mean to resume as a yearly

practicable next summer. The maps will not be finished for about 15 months.

The grand jury of Josephine county has returned an indictment against Michael Daly for the murder of Frank Enright.

Claude Williams was found dead by the side of the railroad track at New Era Wednesday. He boarded the train Tuesday night to beat his way to Eugene.

At Grant's Pass last Thursday, T. P. Lee loaded his 18th carload of melons and J. Christie and R. A. N. Reymers completed their 13th carload. Both parties expect to have one or two more carloads before the season ends.

An admiral's salute of 17 guns was fired in Salem at noon last Thursday in honor of the arrival of Admiral Dewey at New York. A cannon was brought up from Portland for the purpose, and it was fired by Lieutenant Strain, of Battery A, O. N. G.

A large number of people were in attendance at the Walla Walla fruit fair last Thursday evening to witness the ceremony that joined in wedlock Robert E. L. Davis and Louise Schaeffer. The couple were presented with many useful articles to start housekeeping.

The O. R. & N. has bought 33 acres of land at Winona Junction, in Whitman county, on which it will establish carshops and division and dispatcher's headquarters. The shops now at Tekoa and Starbuck will be removed there before January 1 next. From Winona five divisions will be established, ranging from 102 to 133 miles.

News was received by the county officials at The Dalles, Wednesday, of a shocking tragedy which occurred near the free bridge Tuesday afternoon, when Mrs. W. T. Gytton drowned herself and her two children—a boy of 3 years and a girl of 1 1/2 years in the Deschutes river. The Gyttons formerly resided at The Dalles, and the tragedy is said to be the result of a family "jar."

In the circuit court in Coos county last Thursday, Ed White, Thomas Drew and Charles Nosler were sentenced to fifteen, five and four years respectively in the penitentiary, all three having pleaded guilty. Nosler is a relative of White and was convicted of perjury in trying to prove an alibi favorable to White. White and Drew burglarized Nosler's store in Coquille City last December. They broke jail, and after considerable trouble they were recaptured a few weeks ago.

Price of Horses Advancing.

The price of good range horses is advancing. They were selling at St. Louis last week, says the Reporter, from \$30 to \$50, and the large proportion that brought \$35 to \$45 shows that strictly good branded horses will sell at very profitable figures. Until this season nearly the entire receipts of range horses were common. Ranchmen saw in horses only a means of riding themselves of their common evils, meanwhile keeping their best horses for sale at home; market buyers naturally disregarded them because they were so common and prices were always low because no representative Western horses were ever offered and sold.

State Fair a Success.

A statement prepared by Secretary Gabrielson, of the state board of agriculture, shows that the year's state fair netted better than any other in several years, the surplus of receipts over disbursements being at least \$166,91. Provided the \$717.50 unpaid race entry fees be collected the surplus will be \$884.41. The gate receipts were \$1,700 less than those of last year.

INTERESTING ITEMS

Called From Exchanges Surrounding Burns.

(Grant County News, Sept. 28th.) The baseball enthusiasts have all returned from Burns.

W. J. Coleman, court stenographer, is in Huntington for a few days on business.

Sheriff Livingston left for Portland, via Heppner, last Tuesday on a short business trip.

M. M. Glen, brother of Robert Glen of this city, arrived here yesterday on his way to Burns.

Dr. Ashford went over to Izee on professional business Tuesday. His wife accompanied him.

Circuit Judge Clifford left for Vale today, to preside over the court to convene in a few days at that place. Mrs. Clifford and daughter, Erma, accompanied the Judge as far as Baker City.

Irving Hazeltine and Lee Van captured a fine, large, fat buck last Sunday, while hunting in the mountains about three miles above Hazeltine & Lamont's placer mine. Each of the boys shot at the buck and both shots took effect in the heart.

A little stir of excitement was created on the street last Monday, when Tom Morrison's fine black team came tearing across the bridge at a break-neck speed. They ran the entire length of the street and were stopped in their mad career by running into Cunningham & Harsley's stone building. No damage was done to the team or wagon.

Dave Sweitzer was in from West-fall Saturday for a load of supplies.

The majority of the farmers of the upper Malheur valley are done thrashing. Grain has turned out much better than was expected at harvest time.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Cawfield of the Narrows, Harney county, parents of Mrs. J. E. Roberts, arrived here Friday evening on a visit to their daughter and family.

E. H. Test and wife, accompanied by their sons Harvey and Owen, went to Boise Sunday afternoon, to be in attendance at the opening of the intermountain fair.

Bennie Richardson of Vale and Miss Eva Goodrich of Grove were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at Vale Friday last. Both are natives of Malheur county, having been born and raised in this favored land, and are young people of worth, popular, well connected and deserving. The Advocate joins their numerous friends in wishing them long life and abundant prosperity on their matrimonial journey.

(Malheur County Herald, Sept. 28th.) Mrs. Frank O'Neill of Warm Springs is reported on the sick list.

Joe Sturtevant, one of the P. L. S. Co. foremen, was in the city Monday.

The Misses Ida Roberts and Susie Lovce came down from Iron-sides Wednesday and proceeded to Ontario Tuesday to attend the institute.

W. D. Hanley, one of Harney county's prominent cattlemen, was a visitor to Malheur county's capital Tuesday. A band of 1,000 head of cattle are now on their way from Harney county to Ontario, which Mr. Hanley will ship east.

While Earl Ashler was relating his experience with the stage robbers, one of his listeners asked him if he had a gun with him at the time. He said he was unarmed and that it was a good thing that he was. "Why?" asked one of the bystanders. "Because they would have taken my gun, too."

making some comparisons of the heads of Dreyfus and Mercier, not much to the latter's credit. The pictures indicate that Dreyfus is a gentleman and Mercier a brute.—Roseburg Review.

Lambs Held Too High.

J. L. Carson, manager of the Wyoming Livestock Association, of Rawlins, Wyo., who has been trying to buy 25,000 lambs in Oregon this fall, says he has given the project up as a bad job, as sheepmen are holding the stock too high for him. He thinks the fine fall gross is largely responsible for this as sheep-rasers think they can carry their lambs over until spring without much expense, and then sell the lambs as yearlings, after taking about 60 or 70 cents' worth of wool off each of their backs. He could find no lambs in Eastern Oregon under \$2 25 a head, while \$3 each was asked for dry ewes. Ewes and lambs in pairs cannot be bought for less than \$5, which is too high a figure, he says, to justify shipping to the feeding yards at Central City, Neb., where the animals have to be fed on corn for the winter market. He will therefore postpone all attempts at purchasing until spring, when he thinks sheep will be cheaper. He says the exclusion of sheep from the cascades reserves next summer will tend to drive sheepmen out of the business, and they will thus be forced to sell to Eastern buyers.

Mr. Carson says his company is now carrying 55,000 head of sheep on the ranges in Wyoming. These are what he calls "native sheep" meaning those raised on the Wyoming hills. They range on lands leased from the Union Pacific railroad, which owns all the old sections near the Union line, and as big stock companies have managed to obtain possession of the watering places in that part of the state, the sheep have the country to themselves and have lots of room to range in. The small-flock owner, he says, has no show in that country, and sooner or later is obliged to sell to his wealthier neighbors.

FINAL NOTICE

LAND OFFICE AT BURNS, OREGON.
September 15, 1899.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof to support his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver U. S. Land Office at Burns, Ore., on October 1, 1899, viz: SILVER SPRING, 1/4 Sec. 22, T. 20N., R. 22E., S. 22E., and 1/4 Sec. 23, T. 20N., R. 22E., S. 22E. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: James Paul, D. H. Smith and John Anderson, all of Smith, Oregon, and Geo. M. Henscott of Burns, Oregon.
Geo. W. Hays, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

U. S. LAND OFFICE, BURNS, OREGON
Sept. 6, 1899.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof to support his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver U. S. Land Office at Burns, Oregon, on October 1, 1899, viz: HOUSE CREEK, 1/4 Sec. 15, T. 20N., R. 22E., S. 22E. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Geo. Paul, Frank R. Hays, Frank W. Mendenhall and George Henscott, all of Smith, Harney county, Oregon.
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