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NOTICE.

THE TIMES-HERALD management has concluded to change the day of publication of the paper, and hereafter will issue on Saturdays, the next number to make its appearance October 14th. The change will give us an opportunity to furnish our readers with the latest local and other news of the week.

NEEDED LEGISLATION.

The attention of THE TIMES-HERALD has within the past few days been called to a condition of affairs which exist in the southern part of this county, in the vicinity of the P-ranch and Stein Mountian. The ranges in that section are overrun every year with migratory stock—principally sheep. Thousands of head are driven into this county every summer from Lake, Crook, Malheur and Klamath counties and from Idaho and Nevada. They are pastured on the ranges that legitimately belong to the stockmen of our county who pay taxes for such privilege, and yet the county does not receive a single dollar from the owners of these migratory animals. It is stated that one man, who does not own a foot of land in the county, a few years ago commenced to pasture four hundred sheep on the public domain. Every summer the sheep have been driven in, until now the band has increased to several thousand, and yet this man has not contributed one dollar to the treasury of Harney county for the use of the grazing lands, to the exclusion of stock owned by residents of the county and assessed to assist in defraying the expenses of the county government.

Were these trespassers of our ranges excluded, or taxed the same as resident stockmen, it is safe to say that our assessment roll would show double the amount of live stock assessed. As conditions now exist, the migratory stock take possession of the ranges that would feed a like number of animals that could and would be raised here, and from which the county would receive a benefit.

A bill should be passed by the legislature licensing migratory stock pastured on the public lands, the county courts of the several counties of the state to fix the amount each animal shall be taxed.

A law similar to this has been in force in California for several year and gives satisfaction to all parties concerned.

This is a matter of vital importance to every taxpayer in Harney county, and our citizens should take such action in the premises before the next session of the legislature as will either rid our ranges of stock that has no right within our borders, or compel the owners to pay taxes on every animal that grazes on the public lands in this county.

New York gave Admiral Dewey a royal welcome last Friday. It is safe to say that no man of ancient or modern times ever received such an ovation as overwhelmed the Admiral as he stood on the bridge of the Olympia at the head of a magnificent fleet of steel thunderers of the deep, followed by a thousand vessels of peace, each loaded to the guards with people. The decorations of the city surpassed in splendor anythig of the kind ever witnessed in this or any other country. The great arch at Madison square, modeled after the triumphal arch of Titus, and upon which the most famous sculptors of America lavished their genius, stands a superb tribute to the nation's hero. It is more beautiful than the arch in Rome.

SCARCITY OF CATTLE.

Accounted for by the Reduction in Grass

One of the results of the visit of the secretary of agriculture, Mr. Wison, to the west, was to convince him that the scarcity of beef cattle and the consequent higher prices for beef at retail all over the union are due to the reduction in the amount of grass on the lands of the great western plains. Upon his return to Washington, he set to work to utilize the government's resources to obtain all the information possible on the subject.

Largely at his instance, Statistician Powers of the agricultural branch of the census, will attend the meetings in the interest of irrigation matters to be held in Montana. It is the desire of the census officials to obtain all the information possible in regard to the situation in the stock reigons, and during Mr. Powers' stay in Montana will have a conference with leading stockmen and he will also go to other regions in the west for the same purpose. The agricultural department is cooperating with the census officials in efforts to secure information as to the number of live stock in the country, and the department is following up closely the question as to the necessity for intelligent irrigation methods in order to restore the ranges of the West so they will afford grazing fields the loss of which is believed to have had an important influence in reducing the number of beef cattle in the country during the past two years.

The National Irrigation Association, in supporting the effort to further interests of the irrigationists, sends out the following statement in this connection:

The secretary of agriculture, Hon. James Wilson, of Iowa, who has recently completed an extensive tour of the West, is much impressed with the possibilities of the Western country through irrigation. Out of an appropriation of $35,000, made by last congress, his department is making a broad investigation of the subject in the arid region. The co-operation of the agricultural department and the geological survey will bring together information about irrigation, water supply and lands suitable for reclamation, wich will enable congress to determine exactly what can be done in the west. It then only remains for the Western people to state their demands, through their congressmen, as one voice, to secure the recognition from the national government which they have been denied thus far through inability to "get together" on a board national irrigation policy, thus giving the Eastern men a good excuse for refusing the West its proper share of recognition and appropriation.

The State Exposition of 1899 was inaugurated at Portland Thursday evening of last week. Addresses were delivered by Governor Geer and H. C. Breeden, President of the board of managers of the fair. The display of agricultural resources of the state is said to be the best ever made. A large crowd of people from all parts of the state witnessed the opening ceremonies.

The big trusts and corporations that are wanting "the earth, with a fence around it," would have it almost accomplished should the proposed bill to lease government land be passed by congress. There should and must be a different plan to build up the impoverished range than the leasing of public land.

The Grant County News comes to us much improved in typographical appearance. The editorial department is presided over by able writers.

Patronize Home Merchants.

Take your orders to your home merchant and give him an opportunity to quote you prices on articles needed before sending abroad for goods that can be purchased at our stores as cheap, if not cheaper, besides giving customers the advantage of examining the article before purchasing. If you pay cash for what you buy our merchants will give you better bargains than any outside firm. We have always found the business men of Burns fair in all their dealing, and have no hesitancy in saying that their prices are as reasonable as obtains in any town in the state similarly situated. Our motto is: "Patronize home industry, and keep your money in circulation here."

Additional Locals.

Coal oil at N. Brown & Sons

Read the new ad of James Smith in this issue.

C. W. Clevenger, the undertaker, has a new ad in this issue.

Stock salt railroad price freight added at N. Brown & Sons.

The fall term of public school at Canyon opens next Monday.

The new ad of J. J. Tupker, the blacksmith, appears on second page.

A good second hand lady's bicycle for sale cheap. Inquire at the postoffice.

Your attention is called to the change in the ad of C. S. Biggs the furniture dealer.

Flour, Sugar, Beans and all groceries railroad prices freight added at N. Brown & Sons.

Sheriff McKinnon, J. C. Foley and families came down from the mountains Monday. Their little folks are much improved in health.

For flour, rolled barley and alfalfa feed call on or write to S. O. Cressler, dealer in General Merchandise, Lake City, Modoc county California.

The teachers' annual institute of Grant county is being conducted at John Day this week with a fair attendance. State Supt. Ackerman is pregent.

Geo. Buchanan brought his wife to the Calkins restaurant last Friday to be near medical aid. The lady is suffering from erysipelas and is under the care of Drs. Marsden & Geary.

Mr. Sanders, a millwright has arrived in Burns for the purpose of going to work at the grist mill of Brown & Sturtevant. Mr. Brown informs us another man will come in the last of the week to help put the machinery in place and start it to running.

The public bears a great deal about the fitting of glasses, but if they are not fitted on scientific principles it is time and money wasted and an injury to the eyes. If you go to Jorgensen you will be fitted correctly and on scientific principles and not hap-hazard guess-work.

"Grandma" Haskell brought us some apples this week that were raised on her home place adjoining Burns. Way back in the '80's "Grandma" ate an apple and planted the seed in her yard, with the result that she has been raising apples for the past three years. The fruit if of excellent flavor and good shape, which is unusual for seedlings.

Wm. Wallace, a man confined in the Grant county jail since last July, awaiting his trial on a charge of horse stealing, made his escape last Sunday morning by digging through the stone wall. He had been let out of his cell the evening before to get some wood and when he returned instead of going back into the cell, went behind the door and down the corridor. The cell was locked for the night, leaving the prisoner out. Wallace is still at large and $50 reward is offered for his capture.

Receiver Chas. Newell and family have returned from their short outing at Gold Gulch, the weather being so cold causing them to return. Mrs. Newell informs us Sam Roach has about reached his ledge at that camp and tainks he will strike it rich. Mr. Roach sunk a shaft and found what he considered a good ledge sometime ago and then went down the mountain and begun a tunnel drifting in to tap it. He tunneled 200 feet into the mountain, working for days at a time without making much perceptible headway, but always with faith in his prospect. We sincerely hope he will be rewarded for his labor and paitence.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

A Synopsis of Its Annual Meeting Held Last Week.

Sept. 25th the board of equalization met with J. A. Sparrow, county judge; J. W. Buchanan, assessor, and H. Richardson, clerk, present.

The assessment of W. H. Hogan was reduced in the sum of $3200, it being a double assessment.

It appearing to the satisfaction of of the board that I. N. Hughet was not the owner of 75 head of cattle on the 1st day of March, '99, and C. R. Peterson was over-assessed for 250 head of cattle, their assessments were reduced in the sums of $1040 and $3500 respectively.

The application of the W. V. & C. M. W. R. Co. for a reduction on the assessment of section 21, Tp. 26, R. 36 was denied.

The Oregon Stock & Butchering Co. were allowed a reduction $2500 on its land.

O. W. Porter being over-assessed in the number of 2700 head of sheep was allowed a reduction of $4050.

W. H. Shirk, D. L. Shirk, S. F. Hutton, Lincoln Hutton and Geo. S. Miller were cited to appear before the county court on Nov. 8, to show cause why their assessments should not be raised.

Call on N. Brown & Sons for your supplies. They can and will undersell any house in Eastern Oregon.

In order to make some extensive improvements in our office, we find it necessary to call upon our delinquent subscribers to come forward with a little remittance. This is something we have never done and some of our subscribers are in arreas several years. It is our intention to order some new material immediately and cash would be very acceptable at this time.

Fur over coats something never carried in the interior now at N. Brown & Sons.

John Barkley and Forest Farrens, two of the highwaymen that held up the O-B stage last week, have been captured at Pendleton, as was stated in our last issue. They took $1000 in greenbacks remitted by the Caldwell bank to Jones & Biggs also several pieces of commercial paper among them a $3500 draft in favor of Jones & Biggs from the Caldwell bank. The drafts were all burned. Sheriff Huntington of Baker county went to the mother of one of the robbers in Huntingten and made her disgorge $680 of the $1000 taken. He also found a young lady that had been given $25 and $65 was found on the prisoners when taken, making up the greater part of the whole amount. Their hearing before U. S. Commissioner Hailey comes off today at Pendleton.

Climax, Sawlog, Star and all leading brands of tobaccos at railroad prices at N. Borwn & Sons.

THE TIMES-HERALD is glad to announce to its readers that it has secured the service of a first class newspaper man and job printer. M. M. Glen, of Salem, a man of wide experience in the newspaper business, arrived in Burns last Friday and has taken full charge of the mechanical department of THE TIMES HERALD. The plant will be improved in the way of new type, etc., just as soon as the material can be ordered and shipped, adding greatly to the appearance of the paper. The job department will also be under the supervison of Mr. Glen, who has spent the past year in the state printing office at Salem.

Felt boots and overshoes for men and boys at N. Brown & Sons.

SHINGLES! SHINGLES! Parties desiring shingles can find them at I. S. Geer & Co's saw mill McKinny & Sparrows saw mill, Seth Bower & Co's and Lon Seaward's at Harney, at the post office in Burns or A. K Richardsons shingle mill.

J. F. Boyle, the photographer, is now prepared to do all kinds of first class work.

We are informed the big cattle companies of this county are receiving propositions from beef buyers for the spring delivery. This is an unusual procedure and indicates that beef will be scarce next year and, without doubt, higher.

If you want a piano or organ call or write the City Drug Store for prices.

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