

"I know a valley in Oregon," said D. H. Stearns, who is stopping at the Nan Ness, "that has a river as large as the Winooski flowing out of it and mountains higher than Mount Mansfield all around it, except at a narrow pass through which the river escapes. Above the pass the valley widens out so there is at least twenty thousand acres of level bottom, one hundred and fifty thousand acres of treeless slopes; and one hundred thousand acres of timbered land up next to the snow line. The soil is rich and capable of producing 40 bushels of wheat to the acre. The climate is mild enough to produce semi-tropical fruits. The summer is long enough to admit of two or three crops to the season on the same land. At least twenty unnamed mountain streams make up the river and all are full of trout.

"In all this valley there is but one solitary claimant of land, and, his holding does not amount to 1000 acres. He has cattle, sheep and horses enough to stock a hundred farms he would gladly sell.

"It is easily practical for one hundred farmers and the school teachers, ministers, merchants and mechanics that make up a balanced community to go into that valley with all their industries and in one year establish themselves in permanent prosperity, where they will never again see lightning's flash or feel the buzzard's blast. The soil must be cultivated, the valley must remain as it is until an organized colony goes and takes possession of it. One or two farmers alone would find the rancher and his cattle an obstacle but he would welcome the hundred that could take over the stock that ranges upon the government land finding its own food the year round. The government gives the land free and the settlers does the rest.

"It is the thousand and one valleys like this now lying unoccupied in the Pacific Northwest that is going to receive millions of lucky homeseekers during the next ten years."

The above is taken from a marked copy of the Burlington (Vt.) Daily Free Press which was received at this office this week. The valley referred to is evidently this valley but Mr. Stearns no doubt visited this section years ago and does not know of the settlement and general development of the country. He is also a little mistaken about the climate. We do not raise tropical fruit, but plenty of potatoes, onions, in fact all kinds of vegetables, besides grain, hay, and fruit such as apples, pears, prunes, cherries, strawberries, blackberries, etc.

Although the valley has been settled and fine farms cultivated, we still have thousands of acres of government land awaiting the settler. Had there been a railroad through or to this valley not a foot of this vast body of land would be vacant today. As it is, those who want homes with us should make haste as the prospects are good for a railroad in a short time. The man who waits for the railroad to bring him will not find much vacant land. Nothing would suit us better than a colony of sturdy farmers from the east and now is the time to get choice land from the government. Harney Valley has the brightest of prospects with its excellent soil and its adaptation to the stock industry.

Hardly a week passes but this office receives from three to a dozen applications for sample copies of this great religious weekly. Among those this week is a man in Alabama. We are becoming famous and at the present rate will have to get a steam press in order to supply our regular subscribers from all over the United States. No well-regulated household in Harney county does without this excellent family journal and in view of the fact that it is doing its part toward building up this section of Oregon and advertising its resources, people should subscribe and have it sent to friends in other states who would like to locate in our midst.

The Oregon insane asylum now has 1,200 inmates—the largest number ever before confirmed in the state. This is no indication that our people are going crazy more now than ever, but it's owing to increasing population—weak-minded people coming from other states. We expect to hear of a big addition to the already well filled wards, however, since the Oregon Legislature has adjourned and the "push" failed to elect Mr. Corbett to the United States Senate.—Lakeview Examiner.

At the regular meeting of the city council last Wednesday evening the new officers were sworn in, a new finance committee appointed and also a committee to investigate the matter of putting in a dam to prevent the water from the Jacqueman canyon from running into the lower part of town and also to put in gates in the Sweek ditch near the fair grounds to regulate the water and keep it from running in from there.

A good-roads movement was started at the recent meeting of the Farmers' Convention held at Salem. If the county court of this county would call a meeting of the taxpayers at some convenient time, we might accomplish something along that line in this section. This idea of throwing up a lot of dirt to be washed out every spring is a loss of money and labor. Just as well save that money.

Several members of congress, democrats as well as republicans, are arranging for an extended trip to the Philippines during the summer. Their purposes is to learn actual conditions for themselves and be prepared with facts and figures gathered by personal observation for the legislative work of next winter.

What Harney county and Eastern Oregon wants is more actual settlers. We mean real homeseekers who will till the rich soil, raise their cattle, hogs and sheep, increase our revenues, build school houses, churches and towns. To lease the ranges would retard all this.

A clash was prevented between Russia and Great Britain over the railway dispute at Tien Tsin by Count von Waldersee as commander-in-chief of the allied forces England could not afford to go to war with Russia at this time. She must first settle that little affair in South Africa.

If congress should pass a bill in favor of leasing the ranges for a term of years, how many people would it benefit in Harney county? Half a dozen? Hardly. It would be an injury to one hundred where it would benefit one.

An eminent German physician advises men to wed and not die young, which again raises the old question: Do married men live longer than single men, or does it simply seem longer.—Ex.

Mr. John Pierpont Morgan is not compelled to hire a bookkeeper. The New York newspapers do all his calculating and keep his accounts without charge.

Queen Wilhelmina's new crown cost \$100,000. Yet it will be just like her to want a new bonnet for Easter.

Surface appearance would seem to indicate that Secretary Hay's treaty has gone to grass.

Carnegie counts that day lost when he does not give away a few million dollars.

Would leasing the public range increase our assessment roll?

School Notes.

The last quarter of the school year, under the old law, began last week.

All grades are being subjected to thorough review, preparatory for spring examination.

Under the new law, and the new rules for promotions, all pupils must undergo examination in their respective grades if they intend to enter their classes next fall.

The pupils of the public school will give a public entertainment some time in April. The funds arising from this will be used in purchasing supplementary books for use in the school.

The teachers and pupils are working harmoniously, and, with no more than the usual exceptions, the pupils will be able to complete all that is required of them for the year.

A standing invitation is given to all patrons and friends to visit the school. Your visits please the children and encourage the teachers. Come to the school and see the teacher and little ones on duty. Don't wait to see them on exhibition.

The pupils in the 7th and 8th grades have been handicapped to some extent, owing to the fact that during the first four months of school their work was more of the nature of an intermittent fever than otherwise. But the entire class will be able to pass the examination if they stay the term out.

Cases have arisen in public schools where the parents needed education every bit as much as the pupil needed it. This does not mean that Burns has such cases now, but it has had them, and may have them again. The consequences are very worrying to the teacher, and next to ruinous to the pupil.

The teacher should be full of educational enthusiasm, but it is a case of "piling hard against the stream" where she has to furnish all of it.

It has become a well-established custom among the pupils of the higher grades in this school to begin to be careless and irregular in attendance, and finally to cease attending altogether after the first few warm days of spring, and it is proper to say right here that no pupil will be promoted who does not complete the year's work. It is up to the parent now.

A ninth grade, or first year high school class will be organized for the benefit of those pupils who graduate from the grammar department and who wish to continue their work in the school next fall.

Notice For Bids.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the County Court for Harney County, Oregon, until Wednesday the 8th day of May, 1901, at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at which time the bids will be opened and considered by the Court, for the construction of a grand and building of bridges and culverts, for a distance of sixteen thousand, seven hundred and fifty (16,750) feet, on the county road leading east from the east end of the Sweek lane.

Said grade, bridges and culverts to be constructed according to the plans and specifications on file in the clerk's office.

The court reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and the successful bidder will be required to give a bond, to be approved by the Court, in double the amount of his contract, for the faithful performance thereof.

H. RICHARDSON, County Clerk. By F. S. RIEDER, Deputy.

Attention Stockmen.

The Harney County Live Stock Association will hold its regular meeting at the court house in Burns on Saturday April 6, at 2 o'clock for the purpose of electing officers, and the transaction of other business.

C. P. RUTHERFORD, Pres. G. W. YOUNG, Sec.

The Outcasts: A Tale of the Northwest.

Mr. W. A. Fraser, author of Mooswa and others, has just written for early publication in the Saturday Evening Post a short, stirring serial, entitled The Outcasts.

The outcasts are an old buffalo and a wolf-dog, and the greater part of the story is about the strange comradeship and striking adventures of these companions, and their pilgrimage, in company, to the distant plains of deep grass, of which the wolf-dog knew.

There are action, and strength of word and phrase in the story, and the touch of the soil and the music and charm and somberness of the forest. The rush of the frenzied buffalo herd to death is told with splendid dramatic power. The plan of the book is a unique conception, and it is worked out on novel and entertaining lines.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Harney. John Ott, John D. Daly and Abner Robbins, composing the firm of John Ott & Company, Plaintiffs, vs. R. M. Needham, R. B. Carey and J. P. Gearhart, Defendants.

Plaintiffs, having begun a suit in the Circuit Court of Harney County, Oregon, against the defendants in the above entitled cause wherein they demand the following relief:

First—A judgment against the defendants herein for the sum of \$128 22 together with interest thereon from the 10th day of January, 1901.

Second—For a decree foreclosing a lien against a certain building erected by defendant Needham on the following described premises, to-wit: starting at the NW corner of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of section 23, township 20 South, range 35 East of Willamette Meridian, running thence 490 feet East; thence 26 1/2 degrees West of South 82 feet to the NW corner of land herein described for beginning point; thence 20 1/2 degrees West of South 208 7 ft; thence 26 1/2 degrees South of East 208 7 ft; thence North 26 1/2 degrees East of North 208 7 feet; thence 26 1/2 degrees North of West 208 7 ft to point of beginning; and so much of the land as is necessary for the convenient use and enjoyment of the above building.

Third—For an order of sale of above described premises; that the proceeds be applied first, to the payment of costs and expenses herein; Second, in payment of plaintiff's claim; Third, the remainder if any to defendant R. M. Needham.

Fourth—For such furorders and decrees as to the court may seem just and proper.

And the said defendant R. M. Needham not being found within this State, after due diligence, and an order having been obtained from Judge James A. Sparrow of the County Court of Harney County directing publication of summons to defendant R. M. Needham, once a week for 6 consecutive weeks and signed on the 15th day of March 1901.

Now, in the name of the State of Oregon, you the said R. M. Needham, are hereby requested to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled cause on the 27th day of April 1901 before the Circuit Court of said County and State; and if you fail to answer on or before the time aforesaid, the plaintiffs will take judgment against you as mentioned herein.

Date of first issue 16th day of March, 1901.

Biggs & Biggs, Attys for Pliffs.

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that I the undersigned administrator of the estate of John Murray deceased have filed my final account with said estate in the office of the County Clerk of Harney county Oregon; and that, Monday, the 11th day of March 1901, is the day fixed by the Court for hearing objections thereto and reading a decree allowing or disallowing the said account. All heirs, creditors and other persons interested in said estate, desiring to file objections thereto shall do so on or before that date.

F. S. RIEDER, Administrator.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the hereinafter mentioned and described township plats have been received and filed in this office, to-wit: Tp. 20 S., R. 38 E. Tp. 23 S., R. 40 E. Tp. 23 S., R. 42 E. Tp. 26 S., R. 44 E. Tp. 24 S., R. 40 E. Tp. 24 S., R. 41 E. Tp. 28 S., R. 41 E.

And that on and after the 22nd day of April, 1901, filings will be received upon any and all lands embraced in said townships that are subject to private entry.

GEO. W. HAYES, Register. CHAS. NEWELL, Receiver.

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