

JULIAN BYRD - - - - - Manager

"Alfred Short of Burns passed through here last night en route to North Powder. He states that a more systematic cattle rustling country was never organized than the interior between Winnemucca, Nev., and Ontario. Men who went into the country a few years since with no stock whatever now have fine herds and are doing well. In some instances as many as seven or eight calves were found with one cow and the bunch fenced in. One outfit sold 90 head of four-year-olds who were supposed to be raised them all in three years. The large cattle raisers are watching matters as closely as possible, and yet it is impossible to stop it or even reduce the practice to and degree."

The above was sent from Ontario to the Boise Statesman recently. While the matter is considerably overdrawn, cattle rustling exists to a considerable extent, not only in this section, but all over Eastern Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, and California. It appears that the only protection from stock thieves is to thoroughly organize stock associations in the above sections to co-operate. The Harney County Stockmen's Association offers a big reward for the arrest and conviction of anyone stealing the stock of its members. The county court also offers a reward in connection with the Association. Cattle rustling should be stopped almost altogether if the stockmen will organize.

The Lakeview Examiner in an extra of March 14, comes to us giving the decision of the U. S. Land Commissioner in the swamp land cases of Warner valley in which the settlers have again won. In its comment the Examiner says:

It will be seen by the foregoing, the salient points in the decision of the Honorable Commissioner, (the entire decision being too voluminous for publication herein) that the settlers of Warner valley have won a signal victory in this litigation. A high complement has been paid the Register and Receiver of the Lakeview land office, inasmuch as the Commissioner viewed the testimony from practically the same standpoint and upon the same grounds upon which the local officials was based; and in his decision the Commissioner quoted, and agreed with, in many instances, the component parts of the decision of the local officials. The Commissioner makes plain his views, and goes further than the local office in the statement that these lands in question belong to the settlers and that the State of Oregon, the Warner Valley Stock Company, nor any other persons have any right, title or interest in said lands.

At the beginning of the Chinese trouble it was stated that McKinley was prepared to go to any lengths necessary to preserve American trade rights, but we haven't heard of his doing anything to stop Russia's absorption of the province of Manchuria, with which we have a large and growing trade, except to issue a very mild diplomatic note expressing the opinion that it was real naughty for any of the powers to make secret deals with China without consulting the other powers. He'll have to take on a little more ginger, if we are to hold on to our Chinese trade, which was the principal excuse for acquiring the Philippines. It will be really too bad if we have to lose our Chinese trade and keep the Philippines, too.

This week we sent out quite a number of "gentle reminders" to our delinquent subscribers that we needed a little cash. We were

not joking about the matter. While it may be a revelation to many that it takes money to run a newspaper, it is nevertheless a fact. We find it necessary once in a while to buy a little white paper, as printing on wrapping paper would not look well these prosperous times. Besides our grocer does not advertise enough to supply our table with all the dried prunes, beans, bacon, etc., we need. Our oldest daughter is a terror on shoes and as we can't afford upholstered furniture in our office, the seat of our trousers, that have done since before the last presidential election, are getting rather thin.

We are in receipt of the initial number of the Weekly Democrat, formerly the Malheur County Herald. From the amount of advertising it has in its columns we think Bro. DeLaney will have to enlarge the Democrat or get out a supplement to have a little space for news. It is just such a paper as always makes a brother newspaper man envious on account of its generous patronage. The poor country newspaper never has too much patronage. If people would realize that and give their local paper more support, they would receive better service and be the gainers thereby.

THE TIMES-HERALD has added sixteen new names to its subscription list during the past two weeks which has had a tendency to "swell us up a little" and convinced the manager that the people of this section appreciate a wide-awake local paper. It has been doing our best and will continue to improve this section of our weekly as long as we are able to do so.

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It is estimated that fully 10,000 "laws" will have been enacted before all the legislatures adjourn. This is to say, that thirty law-making bodies, exclusive of congress, that assembled this winter, will have passed and the governors of the various states will have signed that number of good, bad and indifferent bill. —Winnemucca Silver State.

We are in receipt of the proceedings of the eighth annual convention of the Northwest Fruit Growers' Association which was held at Portland last month.

Those who say that office-seeking is a game of chance may be right, but if it is we are inclined to believe that the cards were "stacked" in favor of ex-Senators. —Ex.

The powers still continue to growl over the "Chinese bone." It will end in a general row yet and somebody will get hurt.

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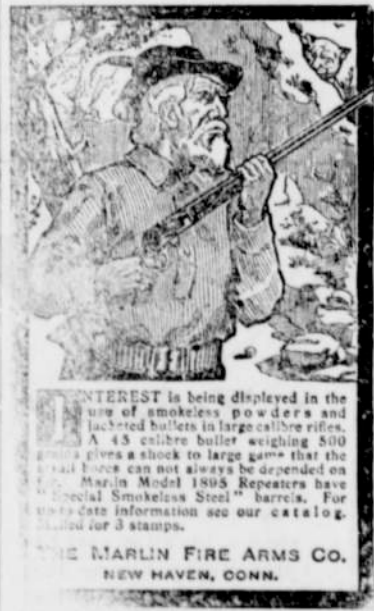
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