

Those who say that the present high price of beef is a boom proposition may read the following from the Breeders' Gazette:

"Why is beef at the present high price? Why do men bid for high types of improved animals of the beef breeds? Why are the dairy breeds feeling the awakening? In 1900 we had in this country 10,000,000 less cattle than in 1892. In that time the population increased 10,000,000.

In 1892 we had 826 head of cattle for every 1000 of population. In 1900 this ratio had fallen to 585 for every 1000 people. During the 8 years intervening between the years named we lost on an average over 1,000,000 of cattle per year.

To maintain even our present ratio of cattle to population we must show an increase of about a 1,000,000 cattle annually, and when these figures are added together some understanding of the present situation should be easy of grasp by the most misinformed mind."

If the business of this section could be put on a practically cash basis, it would be beneficial to all concerned. Our merchants could do better by their customers in this way and there would be less trading done at railroad points. It too often occurs that men who have been accommodated by home institutions, and perhaps carried over a tight place, will, as soon as they get money, go somewhere else to spend it simply because they can do a little better. People do not stop to think of the amount of money invested in a business so far in the interior where it is necessary to carry a large stock in order to meet the demands of customers. Our business men are entitled to a fair profit on the goods they sell, and, considering the great accommodation given them by our merchants at times, the people should pay it. No one can do better at the railroad if he will put a just valuation on his time and his team.

With the exception of this spring, every season for the past several years the climatic conditions have been more favorable to diversified farming in this county. Even now, although we had a very cold, backward spring, grain crops, generally, are looking well and in some places there is a good yield. Every indication points to the fact that the future of this county is not alone stock raising, but also farming on a large scale. It will only be a short time before all our fine sagebrush land of this valley will be waving fields of grain.

Cattle are again looking up. Some were inclined to look blue not long since, when the market took a slump, and the fact that the great corn belt was burned up by drouth made it look still worse. As there are not nearly so many beef to turn off this fall as heretofore will help keep prices up. So much beef will be used any way and, although there will be less feed in the corn belt, what good beef cattle that are fit for market will be taken at a very good figure.

Hereafter domestic money orders will be drawn on all money order offices in either Canada or Cuba, for which only domestic rates will be charged. Heretofore business with these two countries was done on international orders, the charges being from ten cents to a \$1, while under the new ruling the charges will be from 3 to 30 cents according to amount. The new ruling went into effect July 1st.—Ev.

The grading and improving of streets will begin in earnest in a short time, and it is the intention

of the authorities to see that as much as possible will be done on this line before bad weather sets in this fall.

Some Gilliam county cattle were dying of a disease thought to be black-leg, but veterinary diagnosis proved it to be caused by eating rusty grass.

The matter of water works and electric lights is again being discussed. We find a number who advocate public ownership and think it would be of great benefit for the city to own and operate its own plant.

Rear-Admiral Schley has requested Secretary Long to order a court of inquiry into his conduct during the fight at the time Cervera's fleet was destroyed off the coast of Cuba. The public has been annoyed by the Sampson-Schley controversy ever since that battle and now will perhaps get the truth of the matter.

Notwithstanding that Burns is somewhat isolated from the busy mart without, and practically controls the inland trade, nevertheless we need a live, energetic board of trade. The wide-awake business men of our city can certainly see the benefit to be derived from such an organization. There are many things a board of trade could accomplish in placing this section in its right condition before the outside world.

On the first page of this issue we publish two communications on the proposed land leasing law—one in favor of the measure, the other opposing it. We hope our readers will look them over carefully as this is a matter in which the people of this county are vitally interested. It matters not whether you are a stockman, farmer, laborer or whatever your calling, it is a matter you should study. What is to the best interest of our county is the question.

The Galveston News believes that in a land of free schools, illiterates, of whatever color, should be excluded from the polls, from the jury box, from the public offices. There is no reason why willful ignorance should not pay some of its own penalties, and there are many sound arguments in favor of placing a higher value on the privileges of full citizenship. This, aside from the danger of turning the public service over to the ignorance and vice of any community.

At the coming session of congress every nerve will be strained by cattle and sheep men to get a bill through whereby they can get possession of a large portion of the public domain for grazing purposes. The scheme is to lease the land. A committee has been appointed to draft a bill. However we are glad to see the people are waking up to the fact that such bill must be defeated. While this would be a great graft for the big cattle and sheep men, the small holders would be left, and it would be a great detriment to the country at large. Settlement has already been retarded by these big companies, who have appropriated and fenced large areas. Now that Uncle Sam has made a move in the matter, it is to be hoped that every fence inclosing public domain will be obliterated. It should be done and speedily, too. When this bill reaches the halls of congress it will be defeated. This leasing scheme is gigantic and far-reaching. It is time to call a halt.—Vale Gazette.

Bids will be received by the directors of Burns school district No. 1 to grade the school grounds, block No. 58. The grading to be done according to stakes set by Surveyor Johnson. Bids will be opened at 2 o'clock August 12, 1901, at the school house. Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. C. G. Stern, Clerk.

The people of Laven have made arrangements for a Harvest Home Dinner at Laven school house, Sunday, August 4, 1901. The program for the day is as follows: 10:30 to 11 Bible reading. 11 to 12 Preaching service. 12 to 1 Dinner. 3 to 2 Social season.

Trouble Over Water And Lights.

A recent dispatch from Hillsboro to the Oregonian, says: "This city is apparently no nearer a settlement of the light and water difficulty than when negotiations were first commenced. The plant was put in here 10 years ago, under a contract that the city would purchase it at the expiration of 10 years or forfeit its \$10,000 interest. H. V. Gates, president of the company, has offered the company's interest to the town for \$16,000, the town in turn offering \$11,000.

Falling to reach an agreement, the town selected W. C. Cheney and the company F. R. Anson, as arbitrators, to agree upon the price to be paid. These men have been at work for nearly a month, and although they have not filed their report, it is generally understood they cannot agree, either to the value of the plant or the name of the third man to act with them, as provided in the articles of arbitration. The figures arrived at are practically the same as those of the council and Gates in the first instance, and the situation has only been complicated."

This is the same man who was here wanting to put in an electric light plant and water works. The best plan, we think, is for our city to put in its own water works and avoid trouble of this kind.

Open Season For Game.

The following clipped from the columns of the Grant County News will be of interest to our readers:

"Throughout the larger portion of the state the open season for the killing of male deer opened last Monday, the open season running from July 15 to November 1. The open season for female deer begins one month later, and consequently is one month shorter, as it also ends November 1. The exceptions to this general law are Grant, Harney, Baker and Malheur counties, which have an open season for all deer for only half a month, the open season running from Oct. 1 to Oct. 15. The hunting of deer with hounds is prohibited by Oregon's laws at all times, as is also hunting between one hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise. The same restrictions apply to the hunting of antelope, moose and mountain sheep.

Under the new law sportsmen may sell the hides of the deer lawfully killed by them, providing they are properly tagged. The lawful killing of deer means that not more than five shall be killed by any hunter during the open season. The old law prohibited the sale of hides at any time or under any circumstances."

Resolutions.

Hall of Burns Lodge, No. 97, A. F. & A. M. Burns, Oregon, July 1, 1901. Whereas, The Supreme Grand Master of the Universe has called our beloved brother, James S. Turner, of Laurel Lodge, No. 13, of Rosburg, Oregon, from all earthly communication to the Grand Lodge above, from a long life of toil to eternal rest; that by his death the lodge has lost a worthy and charitable member; his fellow citizens a true friend; the community a useful member and the country a patriotic citizen. Therefore,

Resolved, That, though we sorrowfully do so, we bow with reverence to the will of Him who doeth all things well, and in His wisdom thus afflicted us.

Resolved, That we believe the virtues of our deceased brother have insured him an entrance into that Temple, not made by hands, eternal in the heavens.

Resolved, That our sympathy be extended to the bereaved family in this their hour of affliction; that they be furnished a copy of these resolutions; the same to be spread upon the records of the lodge, also the public press be furnished a copy hereof.

WIN A. GOWAN, J. W. GEARY, Committee. C. CURRIE.

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Religious Services.

Christian Science services at H. L. Brisco's residence every Sunday 11 o'clock a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Meeting is also held each Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend. Subject for tomorrow: "Spirit."

Rev. A. J. Irwin will preach at Harney the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school every Sabbath at 2 p. m.

There will be preaching services at the Poison Creek school house every 4th Sunday at 2:30 p. m. Rev. A. J. Irwin, pastor.

At the Presbyterian church Burns, Rev. A. J. Irwin pastor Devins services the third and fourth Sundays of each month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at 10 a. m. every Sabbath morning.

Preaching services at the Baptist church every 1st and 2nd Sundays, morning and evening Sunday school every Sunday at 11 a. m. prayer meeting every Thursday evening.

Additional Locals.

2 to 2:15 Song service. 2:15 to 2:45 Sermon for the children. 3 to 4 Preaching service. Those living in the community come and bring your Bibles and song books, and your dinner baskets well filled. A special invitation is extended to all strangers who may be in the community on that day. All come and come early and enjoy a day of good things.

Silk waist and dress patterns at Miller & Thompson's.

E. B. Reed is again able to be on the streets after a few weeks illness.

Those Peacock, Ortrich and Turkey feather dusters at the Burns Furniture Co.'s are beautiful.

I carry no other binder twice than the pure maula. The price is right. C. H. Vonoray.

J. O. Cawfield and family have returned from their lake home where Mr. Cawfield was putting up hay.

Tom Howard disposed of his property in Burns and left last Wednesday morning for the gold fields of Alaska.

In the Baker City courts J. S. Kenyon secured a judgment of \$9,782.88 against the Gold Fields of Oregon, located near the Big Bend of the Snake. Sheriff Lawrence dispatched Deputy Sheriff Toney, Tuesday, to levy on the property, which will be sold in ten or twelve days. Here's a chance for some of the enthusiastic Big Benders to buy themselves rich.—Vale Gazette.

Sheriff's Sale.

- List of property for sale including land parcels, mortgages, and other legal notices. Includes entries for J. T. Gandy, F. T. Gandy, J. C. Gandy, etc.

SUMMONS.

Legal notices including summons for various parties, including M. Brown, Geo. W. Hayes, and others, regarding legal proceedings in Harney County, Oregon.

OUR NEW STOCK OF SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS

Advertisement for Groceries featuring Lunaberg & Dalrymple and City Meat Market. Includes text: "Is now arriving", "Our spring stock is up-to-date and consists many new novelties in ladies Men and boys clothing, hats, shoes", "Fancy Dress Goods and Furniture", "Headquarters For Fashions and Fashionable Groceries".

Advertisement for John Gemberling, Jeweler and Optician, located near the P. O. in Burns, Oregon.

Advertisement for White Front Livery, Feed & Stable, featuring illustrations of a livery wagon and a horse. Text includes "McClain & Biggs Proprietors, Burns, Oregon".

Advertisement for Real Estate, Eastern Oregon Title & Guaranty Co., Inc. Text includes "Abstracts Furnished and Title Guaranteed" and "To all Lands in Harney County, Oregon".

Advertisement for The Capital Saloon, Proprietors Trisch & Donegan, located in Burns, Oregon.

Advertisement for Commercial Hotel, Proprietors Mesdames Housam & Jordan, located in Burns, Oregon. Text includes "Board by the day, week or month."

Large advertisement for Plano Harvesting Machines. Features illustrations of a Jones Lever Binder, a Jones Chain Mower, and a Jones Hay Rake. Text includes "Not because they have once served someone's -Grandfather but for what they'll do for you." and "C. H. Voegtly, Burns, Oregon. Sole Agent for Harney County."