

More railroads are being built into this section on paper, as will be seen from a special clipped from the Telegram on the first page of this issue. The Oregonian of December 27 states that the Corvallis & Eastern will also extend its line. The C. & E. has two surveys through this valley and we have been looking for it for 15 years, but it hasn't hove in sight yet. This railroad business makes good reading matter, but our people would like a little of the real article. We would be satisfied with one but if half dozen want to come, we are willing. The first road to tap this county will reap a harvest, as railroad transportation is all we need to develop the many resources that now lie dormant.

The Lake county Examiner in its last issue gives the stockmen in Lake county a "jacking up" on account of their lack of interest in opposing the land leasing scheme. That's right brother, keep at 'em. Our stockmen are all awake and have their "war paint" on. It is not only the stockmen in this county that are out with their "tomahawks." This week we sent a petition to the Portland Chamber of Commerce signed by every business firm in Burns, with the exception of one, asking that body to use its influence in defeating the proposed bill.

The Vale Gazette devotes much space in the last two issues to the Weekly Democrat of that little city in a "howl" about the legality of a delinquent tax sale notice which is published in the latter. It seems the county did not ask for bids on publishing the delinquent tax sale. We are under the impression that the "legal" question of the matter is not bothering the Gazette as much as the fact that it did not get the publication. Stop kicking your neighbor brother, it don't pay and no one will thank you for it.

We copy the writup of Harney county which appeared in the New Year edition of the Oregonian. It is not a matter of news to our readers in this county, but will show them how Senator Gowan treated us. The articles will come under the eyes of multiplied thousands in other states that are looking for new homes. One error in the Oregonian, however, we corrected. It showed that 1,000,000 acres have been taken when it should read 100,000. Only a slight error of a few acres.

The Evening Capital News, of Boise City, Idaho, which is under the management of C. H. Fisher and Hon. R. S. Sheridan, two former Oregon newspaper men, issued a very creditable New Year's edition. A copy has just reached us and we find it chock full of interesting matter regarding the resources of our sister state. Mr. Fisher, its editor was formerly editor of the Roseburg Review in Douglas county.

Representative Moody has written a letter here stating that he would forward such leasing bills as may come up to his constituents in this section, so that they may discuss the matter. He ends by saying that no scheme will have his support that does not safeguard all the privileges now enjoyed by the settlers. Mr. Moody, we pat you on the back.

Lieutenant Colonel Roosevelt at the time of the preparation for the Porto Rico expedition brought upon himself the written censures of the War Department for his presumption in making derogatory comparisons in a letter to the Secretary of War between our volunteers and the Spanish army.

letter the Secretary pointed out the impropriety of a volunteer Lieutenant-Colonel recommending the advancement of his own command by detracting from the merits of other volunteer commands. In attending to General Miles' indiscretion it would not have been amiss for the President to recall some of the experiences of Lieutenant-Colonel Roosevelt.

Noah sighed, and thought it be awful lonesome after the flood went down, but his son consoled him with the fact that there would be no one to trump up a court of inquiry as to whether the ark was run right or not.

Isn't it about time another batch of reprimands were sent out by Teddy? The people will begin to think he has forgotten his posish of dignity. Come, Teddy, keep in fashion with your ilk across the sea.

Tomas Estrada Palma will be the first president of Cuba. He announces that the new Cuba would be one of work and high endeavor, that it would be his aim to strengthen the friendly relations which exist between his country and the United States and to bring about reciprocity.

The Chicago professor who is digging into the mysteries of life, and imagines himself on the way to the discovery of eternal existence, is a fool with intensified auxiliary adjectives attached thereto that are beyond the capacity of languages, living or dead. We can only borrow the questions of Lophar, the Noamathite: "Canst thou by searching, find out God? Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? It is higher than heaven; What canst thou do? Deeper than hell; what canst thou know?"

#### HARNEY COUNTY.

Harney in area is the largest county in the state, extending north from the Nevada line 150 miles, and from east to west, an average of 90 miles, containing 10,594 square miles, or 6,780,160 acres. A spur of the Blue mountains crosses its northern border. The mountains are covered with a heavy growth of timber. There is a belt 25 miles wide, in which the principal varieties are red and Oregon fir, tamarack, cariboo, bull pine, juniper and mountain mahogany. All this timbered section is easily accessible for teams and requires only a nominal outlay in felling and hauling timber out to the saw mills and settlements. The fir wood has a special value and use as building material and for domestic manufacture. The other kinds are principally for fencing and fuel. Lumber and dimension material at the mills bring \$12.50 per thousand feet. Four saw mills with a capacity of 25,000 feet per day each make a summer season's run, turning out about 2,500,000 feet.

Located directly south of this belt of timber is Harney Valley, the largest in Eastern Oregon, its area being practically 60 miles long and 40 miles wide. The other valleys are Silvies, Otis creek, Crane creek, Silver creek, Diamond, Catlow, Wild Horse and Happy valley. All these valleys afford magnificent stockraising facilities, and are settled and cultivated to a more or less extent. They produce hay, cereals and the hardy vegetables and fruit, and, in specially favored spots, tomatoes, melons and cucumbers. Hay, however, is the staple agricultural article of this county. The hay crop of Harney valley alone, last season, was about 15,000 tons, and perhaps 20,000 for the remainder of the county. Up-to-date appliances are in general use in harvesting this crop, and the cost of putting it into the stack is from \$1 to \$1.25 per ton.

Dairying for the past year has been stimulated by an imperative demand, and an increase in price for butter and cheese; and a much better article is noticeable by reason of the adoption of improved methods and apparatus. Butter ranges from 50 cents per full in summer to 60 and 75 cents per two pound full in the winter, and cheese from 15 to 25 cents per pound.

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pound. Owing to unseasonableness in the early part of the spring, a very limited area of grain was planted, therefore, the product last year was not up to the average, and not nearly enough for home consumption. Only one grist mill is located in the county, near Burns on Silvies river. It is run by water power.

All the foregoing products are disposed of consumed in this county.

The revenue-producing products are livestock, pelts and wool. The number of beef cattle sold and driven out of the county last year was estimated at 20,000 head, netting the stockraisers the snug sum of \$600,000.

#### COUNTY PRODUCTS SOLD FOR \$875,000

Saddle horses and cayuses, for use in the United States and British armies, have been disposed of to the amount 2,500 head, bringing in a figure of \$75,000 to our ranchmen of medium means. Added to that, 500 unbroken mules, swell the column by \$50,000.

During the year the movement in sheep was very active. Many bands, numbering up into the thousands, changed hands at top price \$2.50 to \$3.50 per head, and being still on the range in this county are not considered as clear profit. However, there were marketed 30,000 mutton wethers, which aggregated \$75,000, besides the wool clip which in pounds ran into the million mark, realizing 10 cents per pound, aggregating \$100,000.

In the the southern part of the county are located the Rose Valley Borax Co.'s works. This product is hauled from these Winnemucca, Nev., for shipment. The annual output is about 360 tons. It brings in a money return of \$50,000. • • • The possibilities of this county as a mineral field are so far safely locked up in our rock-ribbed mountains in quarry and ledges. • • • However, at Idol City there are three or four placer claims worked each spring, by water supply from melting snow, on an average of 90 days, and the total product of this camp is about \$10,000.

An unusual impetus was given to acquiring arid lands by reason of the enactment of the Carey law, and since the 28th day of May, the date of taking effect of the state act, more than 100,000 acres have been listed and withdrawn from the public domain in this county. It is generally believed that the effort that will be made to reclaim lands taken under the Carey act will result beneficially to the country by bringing our arid lands into cultivation.

Harney county has all the necessary county buildings for carrying on its functions of government, including new court house and safety vault, jail, ample engine for pumping, and tankhouse and reservoir for fire protection and irrigation of the square; office fixtures and improved grounds, which aggregate in value \$19,600.52, and has excess revenue resources amounting to \$8,637.98. No bonded indebtedness or other liabilities. As a financial exhibit for a young county, Harney is surely in the King-row of prosperity, progress and independence.—A. W. Gowan in Annual Oregonian.

Don't buy your plow until you have looked through C. H. Voeltz's stock. Just received a car load of them.

#### Petition For Liquor License.

To the Honorable County Court of Harney county, State of Oregon. We the undersigned legal voters of the precinct of Lawen, said county and state, most respectfully petition your Honorable Court to grant a license to N. J. Lewis & Co. to sell spirituous, malt and vinous liquors at their place of business in said precinct, in less quantities than one gallon, for a period of six months, commencing on the 9th day of February 1902:

M B Hayes, Albert Cawfield, C W Drinkwater, Geo W Clark, Walter Gray, Robert Drinkwater, P L Oard, J T Oard, L B Hayes, J L Sitz, A C Sparlock, Joe Reector, J P Cochran, Wm E Gray, M V Smith, E D Jordan, Wm L Clark, I B Clark, P F Heinz, G E Parker, N O Oard.

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 5th day of February, 1902, we will apply to the above entitled court for said license as specified in this petition.

#### Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership that existed between Simon Lewis and John Stewart is dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. Stewart retiring and Mr. Lewis receiving and paying all bills.

JOHN STEWART.  
SIMON LEWIS.

#### Notice of Sheriff's Sale.

Under and by virtue of an Execution and Order of Sale, issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Harney, on the 9th day of December, 1901, and to me directed and delivered on said day, upon certain judgments duly rendered in said Court and duly docketed in the office of the Clerk thereof on the 30th day of October, 1901, in a suit wherein John Ott, John D. Daly and Abner Robbins, co-partners as John Ott & Co., were plaintiffs and R. M. Needham, R. B. Carey and J. P. Gearhart were defendants, one of said judgments being in favor of John Ott & Co. for the sum of One Hundred and Thirty-four and 22-100 dollars with 6 per cent interest from the 30th day of October, 1901, and Twenty-five dollars attorneys fees and Fifteen dollars costs, and one of said judgments being in favor of Deft. R. B. Carey and against Deft. R. M. Needham for the sum of One Hundred and Seven and 28-100 dollars with 6 per cent interest from October 31st, 1901, and Twenty-five dollars attorneys fees and Fifteen dollars costs, and both of the above described judgments being declared by said Court to lie upon the following described real property:

Starting at the north-west corner of the south-west quarter of the southeast quarter of Section twenty-three, Township 20 South Range 35 E. W. M.: running thence 450 feet east, thence 26 1/2 degrees west of south 82 feet to the north-west corner of the land herein described for a beginning point, thence with said degrees on the west line of said premises 26 1/2 degrees, west of south 208 7 feet; thence 26 1/2 degrees south of east 208 7 feet; thence north 26 1/2 degrees east of north 208 7 feet; thence 26 1/2 degrees north of west 208 7 feet to the point of beginning. Containing one acre and situated in the south-east fourth of the south-east fourth of Section Twenty-three Township Twenty South Range Thirty-five E. W. M. in Harney County, Oregon, together with the one and one-half story house and other improvements situated on the above described premises.

Notice is hereby given that I will on Monday, the 20th day of January, 1902, at the front door of the Court House in the City of Burns, Harney County, Oregon, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., of said day, sell all the right, title and interest of the said R. M. Needham, of, in and to the above described property for U. S. Gold Coin in hand, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgments, together with interest attorney fees, costs and the costs of and upon this Execution.

Dated this 12th day of December, 1901.  
GEO. SHELLEY,  
Sheriff Harney County, Oregon.  
By SAM MOTHERSHEAD, Deputy.

#### Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that Thornton Williams, Administrator of the Estate of Jacob Lutz, deceased, has

filed his Final Account or said Estate and that Wednesday, the 15th day of January, 1902, has by an order of the Honorable County Court of Harney County, Oregon, at the hour of 1 p. m., been appointed as the time for the hearing of said Final Account and the Final Settlement of said Estate at the Court House in Burns, Oregon.

Therefore all creditors, heirs and persons interested in said Estate will take notice hereof and on or before the said day so appointed, appear and file objections, if any they have to the allowance of said account.

To be published as by said order provided in The Times-Herald for four full weeks and five publications said order being date the 2d of Dec. 1901.

Dated December 2, 1901.

THORNTON WILLIAMS,  
Administrator Estate of Jacob Lutz.

#### Petition for Liquor License.

To the Honorable County Court of Harney County, Oregon.

We the undersigned legal voters and taxpayers of Pueblo precinct, Harney county, Oregon, most respectfully petition your Honorable court to grant a license to Sam Hall to sell spirituous, malt and vinous liquors in quantities less than one gallon at Denio, Oregon, said license to date from January 8, 1902, for the period of three months:

Edw J Catlow C I Putman  
W J Sisson Don Gould  
Chas Clark Fred L Allen  
Joseph Catlow C T Fiscal  
Melvin M Doan A Denio  
Sam Bickley R Gilham  
Andrew Thompson A Lundin

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 8th day of January, 1902, I will apply to the above entitled Court for said license as specified in this petition.

SAM HALL.

#### DESERT LAND, FINAL PROOF.

##### —NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Burns, Oregon, Jan. 4, 1902.  
Notice is hereby given that Mary E. Johnson, of Riley, Harney county, Oregon, has filed notice of intention to make proof on her desert-land claim No. 162, for the E 1/4, S 1/4, S 1/4, sec. 26, T. 20 S., R. 36 E., W. 1 M., before Register and Receiver at Burns, Oregon, on Saturday, the 9th day of February, 1902, she names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land: T. J. Shieck, W. R. Johnson, and A. L. Vanderpool, all of Riley, Oregon, and J. T. Garrett, of Burns, Oregon.  
GEO. W. HAYES, Register.

#### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Burns, Oregon, Nov. 18, 1901.  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Burns, Oregon, on December 28, 1901, viz: Edw. J. Catlow, sec. 26, T. 20 S., R. 36 E., W. 1 M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Bailey, Stewart, Peter, Building, the Noble and J. R. Johnson, all of Dreyer, Oregon.  
GEO. W. HAYES, Register.

#### DESERT LAND FINAL PROOF.

##### —NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Burns, Oregon, Nov. 27, 1901.  
Notice is hereby given that Nancy E. Garrett, of Riley, Harney county, Oregon, has filed notice of intention to make proof on her desert-land claim No. 162, for the E 1/4, S 1/4, S 1/4, sec. 26, T. 20 S., R. 36 E., W. 1 M., before Register and Receiver at Burns, Oregon, on Saturday, the 9th day of February, 1902, she names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land: R. J. Williams, Deil Dillon, W. R. Johnson and A. L. Vanderpool, all of Riley, Oregon.  
GEO. W. HAYES, Register.

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