

The Journal is a new evening paper just started in Portland. It is republican in politics, and seems not only that but anti-Oregonian in every particular.

On our first page of this issue is some railroad news that is of interest to our readers. This, we consider, very flattering and will likely be the first road into Harney county, as the promoters evidently mean business. The survey, we are under the impression, passes through the southeastern portion of this valley, coming in through Crane creek gap and passing south of the lakes.

The democratic primaries will be held in the various precincts of this county next Tuesday. Indications are that there will be no contest for delegates in any of the precincts. The candidates for Judge, have all agreed on a delegation from Burns precinct and only one ticket will be put up. Although there are several candidates for Judge, everything is harmonious and each aspirant is willing to go before the convention without any pledges from the delegates. This choice will meet the satisfaction of all and no friction will occur.

What has become of our fire department? Last summer the fire laddies were very active in drill work and display. Today the badges worn are the only reminder that Burns has a volunteer fire department. The old hand engine has not seen water for months and with the valves dry as powder would be useless in case of a fire at this time. We understand the chemical engine has also been neglected and is not fit for duty just at present. Does the city want to pay out thousands of dollars for fire apparatus to sit around and go to wreck? Something should be done to revive interest in this matter.

Councilman W. O. White suggested at the last meeting of the "city dads" that something should be done toward a city hall. A suitable place for our fire engine is especially needed and on account of climatic conditions the building used for that purpose would of necessity have to be brick or stone. We also need a city jail occasionally. The city owns a lot centrally located on which they are paying taxes and deriving no benefit. The fact that Burns needs a comfortable hall for public gatherings, and the further fact that offices could be fitted up for rent and that the city is now paying out money for office rent and a place to house the fire apparatus, are strong arguments in favor of a move in this direction. Mr. White is now at work on plans and specifications at the request of the city authority for a building 50x80 feet two stories, the basement or lower story to be of stone and the second of brick. It is estimated that the building will cost something in the neighborhood of \$7000. The basement to be used for city purposes such as jail, engine house, council room, etc., and the remaining portion of the first floor to be partitioned off for offices to be rented. The second floor, which owing to the side hill lot would only be a short distance from the ground on the west side, to be used for a public hall, and fitted up for an opera house, where anything of a public nature could be held. Business men who have figured on the proposition say a building of that kind would bring in a revenue of \$50 per month. Mr. White's plan is to form a stock company selling shares with the provision that the city have the privilege of taking up all shares as fast as the funds would permit. As soon as the plans are in shape Mr. White will call on our business men to take shares. The city will likely take shares to the

amount of \$1000 at present—or by the time it would be necessary.

The question of securing better or more nearly adequate pasturage for the increasing flocks and herds of the middle West is attracting serious consideration and engaging careful experts in experiment. The Federal government has taken it up and experiments looking to this end are now being carried on in Harper county, Kansas, for the purpose of determining what can be done toward making buffalo grass grow thicker on the pasture lands of the state. Buffalo grass is of the most nutritious of the native grasses of the western plains, but it does not sod like blue grass, growing instead in bunches and spots. In the culture of alfalfa it has been discovered that the use of disks would cut and stir the top of the soil separate the roots and bring out the alfalfa thick and strong where it has been before thin and weak. A suggestion that this method be applied to buffalo grass was made to the government, and upon it a number of experts are now working. It is stated that these experiments have proceeded far enough to demonstrate the feasibility of the plan, the success of which, if it is successful, will be of immense value to cattle-owners throughout the prairie region of the West. Deterioration of the ranges from wasteful and careless grazing during the past 25 years has become a menace to the stock interests of the country. It has set the cattle and sheepmen at war, inaugurated a crusade of extermination against range horses that during the period of depression in the horse market, incident to the boom with which the electrical age came in, were allowed to breed and roam at will over the country. It now requires a much larger area to pasture a given number of cattle or sheep than formerly. To restore nature's bounty in respect to the native grasses is greatly desired, since in many of the more arid regions these grasses only can be depended upon to furnish pasturage. Irrigation and cultivation insure enormous yields of alfalfa and other forage plants, but, as far as the pasturage of the great ranges is concerned, the native grasses are those upon which the stockman depends for grazing.

Some months ago Secretary Wilson, of the National Department of Agriculture, in passing through the Oregon grazing region east of the Cascade Mountains, noted the poverty to which the ranges had been reduced by inconsiderate herdsman, and stated in plain terms that a remedy—the great remedy of rest—must be applied to these ranges if the stock industry is to continue to thrive on the grazing basis. Since then, though little has been done in lines suggested toward the rehabilitation of the great table lands with their native bunchgrass, many experiments have been carried forward under the direction of the O. R. & N. Co. in the production of forage plants suited to the conditions of soil and climate of that section. The purpose to make two blades of grass grow where but one grew before, when successfully carried out, is held to make the demonstrator a blessing to his race. In this view all such purpose, supplemented by intelligent effort, is laudable, whether undertaken by the Government through the Board of Agriculture, corporations under the direction of practical men, or individuals with private holdings of land. The work of the latter class, of course, must be within relatively narrow limits, but it is commendable still.

Man, when he comes in touch with Nature's bounty, is proverbially a wastrel. The denuded pine forest areas of the country; the practical extermination of black walnut and hickory timber; extinction of the buffalo and the impoverishment of native pasture lands—all tell the same story—that of carelessness and greed in handling this bounty. It is encouraging, therefore, to note that the spirit of reparation is abroad, seeking to make good as far as possible, on a commercial basis, the losses induced by this willful waste, before it leads to "woeful want."—Oregonian.

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SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Harney County. William S. Gittings, Plaintiff, vs. Nellie Gittings, Defendant. In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit and court, on or before the 26 day of April, 1902, this being the last day of the time prescribed in the order for publication of this summons, and if you fail so to appear or answer for want thereof plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in plaintiff's complaint, viz:

That the bonds of matrimony now existing between plaintiff and defendant be forever dissolved and held for naught, and that plaintiff have costs and disbursements.

This summons is served upon you by order of Hon. James A. Sparrow, County Judge of Harney county, Oregon, dated, made and filed on the 15th day of March, 1902, and to continue for at least six successive weeks, beginning with the 15th day of March, 1902, this being the day of the first publication, and ending on the 26 day of April, 1902, the same being the date of the last publication thereof. Dated this 15th day of March, 1902.

GOWAN & CORNISH, Plaintiff's Attorneys.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned R. H. Brown was on the 2nd day of January 1902 duly appointed by the county court of Harney county Oregon administrator of the estate of Ralph Brown, deceased. All persons holding claims against said estate shall present their claims with the proper vouchers at the office of Biggs and Biggs in the city of Burns, within six months after the date of this notice.

Date of first issue January 18th 1902, R. H. Brown, Administrator of estate of Ralph Brown, dec'd.

Petition for Liquor License.

To the Honorable County Court of Harney county, State of Oregon. We the undersigned legal voters of Pueblo precinct, said county and state, most respectfully petition your Honorable Court to grant a license to Sam Hall to sell spirits, malt and vinous liquors at his place of business in said precinct, in less quantities than one gallon, for a period of 3 months, commencing April 9th A. D. 1902.

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

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DESERT LAND, FINAL PROOF.

—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Burns, Oregon, March 4, 1902. Notice is hereby given that Stanton F. Tyler, of Harney county, Oregon, has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert and claim No. 14, for the W 1/2 S 1/4, S 1/4 S 1/4, Lot 1, sec. 14, T. 25 N., R. 27 W., before Register and Receiver at Burns, Oregon, on Saturday, the 13th day of April, 1902. He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land: W. H. Parker, A. Cole and P. M. Cheney, all of Riley, Oregon and O. H. Husk of Burns, Oregon.

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The co-partnership heretofore existing between Lee Caldwell and M. H. Brenton has been this day dissolved M. H. Brenton retiring from the business. The Winsor Bar will hereafter be conducted under the firm name of Lee Caldwell & Co.

LEE CALDWELL, H. M. BRENTON, Burns, Ore., Feb. 17, 1902.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administratrix of the estate of John Anderson deceased, did, on the 21st day of February 1902 file with the County Clerk of Harney County, Oregon, her final account in said estate and that Monday the 23rd day of March 1902 is the day set for the hearing objections thereto. Any creditor, heir or other person desiring to file objections to said final account shall do so on or before said date. Dated this 22nd day of Feb., 1902. LENA ANDERSON, Admrx.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

It the matter of the Estate of William Marrs, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Administratrix with will annexed, of the estate of William Marrs, deceased, by order of the County Court, for Harney county, State of Oregon, made the 7th day of Jan 1902. All persons having claims against the said estate shall present them, with the proper voucher, within six months from the date of this notice, at the law office of John G. Saxton, my attorney, Burns, Oregon.

Dated this 11th day of January 1902, MARTHA MARRS, Administratrix.

NOTICE.

Is hereby given to whom it may concern that by order of the County Court of the State of Oregon made and entered July 6th 1902 the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate of Janie Shepard dead, and all persons having claims against her estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned at the residence of Walter Cross on Trout Creek in this county within six months of the date of this notice.

Dated at Burns, Oregon January 11th 1902. L. W. SHEPARD, Administrator.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Burns, Oregon, Oregon, March 17, 1902. 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 Register and Receiver at Burns, Oregon, on May 5, 1902, viz: Ed. Entry No. 6506 of Carlton E. Parker for the S 1/4 S 1/4, section 21, S 1/4 S 1/4, S 1/2 NE 1/4 section 28, T. 25, S., R. 28 E. W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Lee Thornburg, Al Cole and S. F. Tyler, of Burns, Oregon, and John Winters, Riley, Oregon.

GEO. W. HAYES, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Burns, Oregon, Feb. 19, 1902. 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 Register and Receiver at Burns, Oregon, on April 21, 1902, viz: Ed. Entry No. 775, of James Cowell, for the S 1/4 S 1/4, S 1/4 S 1/4, S 1/2 NE 1/4 section 28, T. 25, S., R. 28 E. W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: J. E. McNulty, Simon Lewis and F. S. Bunker, of Burns, Oregon, and Casper Hayes, of Narrows, Oregon.

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