

The Times-Herald favors a bounty on rabbits, provided it can be so arranged that the taxpayers don't pay for rabbits killed in adjoining counties. We are reliably informed that Malheur county contemplates placing a bounty on the little pests, and if other Eastern Oregon counties will do likewise it will be a matter of only a short time until we will not be bothered.

Something must be done in this respect. Information comes to us that they are not only taking the grain fields but are seriously damaging the meadows, and by another season it will be impossible to raise anything. The Times-Herald has received several requests to get up petitions to the county court asking that a bounty be placed on rabbits. In this issue will be found a heading for such petitions and those interested should clip them out and attach a piece of writing paper on which the names may be signed. After getting the signatures of all taxpayers who favor it in your vicinity or precinct, mail it to The Times-Herald and they will be presented to the county court. We do this for the purpose of finding the attitude of the people on the matter of a bounty, leaving the amount per scalp to the discretion of the court.

A petition with 76 signatures has been received at this office from Harney, praying that the court place a bounty of 4 cents on rabbit scalps.

This is a matter in which all are interested and if the court is to do anything the people must let it know their sentiments.

Tracy, the Oregon convict, continues to elude his pursuers and is still going about as he pleases. He has not added any new victims to his list this week, but has been tying up and gagging families after enjoying their hospitality. He has been surrounded twice and each time made his escape without being shot at. At one time the bloodhounds were very close upon him but he sprinkled his track with red pepper and the animals had to be called for relief from their sufferings. In the meantime Tracy got away.

The movement now on foot to develop the Malheur oil fields with Eastern capital promises to be most successful. Baker City will reap a rich harvest, if the plans carry, and should lend every aid to the enterprise that is possible. There is little doubt but that the oil is there, but wells must be bored to ascertain that fact. To bore wells costs money. If there is no local money to invest, push and energy should be employed to help those who have money to get a knowledge of the business here.—Baker Democrat.

Chile has adopted a new liquor law that is attracting world wide attention. Saloon licenses are sold every three years to the highest bidder. Liquor cannot be sold within 200 yards of church school, barracks, place of amusement or railway stations; nor between the hours of midnight and 6 a. m. No one in any way interested in a liquor license is eligible to public office and every distillery has a government chemist to insure the purity of the product.—Ex.

The Salem Journal, which is actively agitating the question of a special session of the legislature to enact a flat salary law for the state officials, has figured it out that such legislation would save to the state \$48,000 annually.

Some months ago the Pasteur Vaccine Company called for gophers, ground squirrels, prairie

PETITION TO THE COUNTY COURT.

Whereas, It is now almost impossible to raise or grow remunerative crops of grain or vegetables or to cultivate or grow fruit trees, vines or shrubbery, in this county, owing to the ravages made by jack rabbits, and, whereas, these conditions are growing worse each year owing to the rapid increase in the number of jack rabbits,

Therefore, We, the undersigned citizens, residents and taxpayers of the County of Harney, do petition the Honorable County Court, of Harney County, to place a suitable bounty on the killing of jack rabbits in this county.

dogs, etc., from different parts of the county. Correspondence was started through a publication of their purpose to experiment as to the use of a certain virus for exterminating these pests. Experiments were actually made on animals in early months of this year, from Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming, Dakota, California, Kansas and Northwestern Canada. Being satisfied with the efficacy of the virus upon the specie of rodents found in this country, the Pasteur Vaccine Company arranged with Dr. Danysz to come to Chicago and establish a laboratory for its manufacture.

The Pasteur Vaccine Company refer to Professors Osborne and Ball, of the State Agricultural College of Iowa. In a published circular they claim that the ground squirrels, gophers, prairie dogs and jack rabbits, which constitutes such a pest in the west and northwest, can be exterminated with it. The virus does not act as an ordinary poison but quickly causes the rodents to be attacked by a highly contagious and fatal disease, which not only destroys those that eat the virus, but spreads rapidly among their fellows; and although it is so destructive to the class for which it is intended, it is absolutely harmless to man and to such valuable domestic animals as horses, mules, cattle, sheep, hogs and goats. It may, however, be hurtful to poultry, and care should be taken not to feed the virus to fowls of any kind.

In their circular the company states that to insure its full strength and effect the preparation should be used within ten days after it is made. On this account each bottle bears the date of its manufacture.

The application of the virus is extremely simple and is as follows: Empty the bottles of virus into a bowl and add to it an equal quantity of water, the water having been previously boiled with a small quantity of salt and allowed to get cold. A sufficient quantity of stale bread is cut into a number of very small pieces, and soaked in the virus and water. This prepared bread is distributed in the fields, two or three pieces being placed in each hole. The squirrels, gophers, etc., readily eat this bread and begin to die in from two to five days afterwards. The disease being highly contagious, rapidly spreads and destroys all the rodents in the section treated. The distribution of the bread is so simple and free from danger that boys can, if necessary, be employed to do the work.

The virus is put up in bottles containing about one-half pint. Each bottle is sufficient for treating about three hundred holes, and a very close estimate can in this way be made as to the quantity of virus required to treat a given area.—Farm and Fireside.

King Edward is recovering so rapidly that he insists on the coronation taking place in August.

County Court Proceedings.

The old court met Thursday, July 10, in special session, Judge Sparrow and Commissioner Williams present. The following proceedings were had: In the matter of laborers on the roads, employed by roadmaster, the county clerk was instructed to issue vouchers for such labor, the same to be presented at the next term of court as claims.

The Times-Herald was employed to publish in pamphlet form the report of expert, showing the county's financial condition on July 1,

1902. The report of W. E. Huston, expert, was accepted. It appearing that \$45 belonging to B. F. Folger was in the hands of county judge, it was ordered that the same be turned into the county treasury on account of expenditures made on behalf of Folger.

Monday, July 7, the new court consisting of Judge Levens and Commissioners Williams and Miller, met and the following proceedings were had: The official bond of F. S. Rieder, county clerk, was filed and approved. The names of the different sureties are: Isaac Foster, I. S. Geer, C. F. McKinney, Ben Brown, H. M. Horton, J. C. Welcome, Geo. Fry and Peter Clemens.

The bond of R. A. Miller, county treasurer, filed and approved with United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company, of Baltimore, Md., as surety.

The bond of Tom Allen, sheriff, filed and approved, same company as surety.

The sheriff was required to give an additional bond of \$3,000 as tax collector to be effective during the remainder of the tax collecting for the present year.

Settlement made with assessor and accounts approved.

Accounts of retiring sheriff and clerk approved and their bondsmen discharged.

The present contract with Perry Williams for keeping the county poor was renewed for two years. H. A. Dillard and G. W. Waters as sureties.

Schubner Bros granted a liquor license for 6 months from July 7.

The accounts of J. W. Vanderpool and M. V. Smith, road supervisors, were accepted.

Enacted that all road supervisors be required to file a bond of \$500. Reports of road supervisors E. P. Smith, A. Lundin, F. C. Dibble, A. Spangenberg, J. T. Barnes and deputy supervisor, A. T. Clark, approved.

Report of Chas. Turner, as road supervisor, continued.

Reports of road supervisors J. T. Moffet, S. Whiting, J. P. Gearhart, J. H. Loggan and Roland Haokins, jr., were not approved, and were notified to appear at August term on the 6th day and make settlement.

Account of county treasurer approved and former bondsmen discharged.

Sam Hall, of Pueblo, granted a liquor license for 6 months from July 9.

Ordered that hereafter no road supervisor be paid for any work except supervising, unless the claim has first been approved by road master.

Present contract with Marsden & Geary, county physicians, continued until August 9.

Clerk ordered to advertise for sealed bids for 25 cords of wood.

Clerk ordered to furnish the sheriff with a list of lands that have heretofore been bid in by the county a delinquent tax sales, and the sheriff to advertise the same for sale.

Bills aggregating \$587.19 were allowed.

Lone Pine goes on a Jaunt.

Silver Lake, June 28.—(To the Editor)—After a twenty days' run on the desert, I landed at home on the 22d of the month. I saw many very interesting things and being all alone of course had things my own way, spending as much time at any particular place as I desired. I visited Button Springs, Pine Ridge and the Old River Bed, found water in several places, bunchgrass plentiful and was happy.

There has been two great lava flows on this northwest coast, the last one being the greatest, the incandescent heat having been slumbering for ages and had to have vent once more. In my explorations I found immense lava beds and caves. With what fidelity has geology deciphered the records of this wonderful history! We almost marvel that so many secrets have

been found out, and yet we run over their annals as though it had been chronicles of the last year. What an immense field for the imagination, to sweep over! What amazing intervals of time to contemplate! What gigantic operations to trace! And yet we behold from the beginning the same physical forces as are in action today. The surface formations are of later origin and they have been interrupted at intervals by outbursts of volcanic action.

The region of the Old River Bed is a vast plateau stretching for miles in every direction. The flow is a mass of horizontal strata as it rises to the more elevated table lands of Wagon tire and Hampton Buttes, the highest of the plateau. Along the Old River Bed are sedimentary accumulations still forming and hardening in some places and unmistakable evidence that the same forces have continued through the past ages and have filled up thousands of feet of rocky bed in which is found the fossilized forms of the primeval world.

The last great lava flow left this country in a very cavernous condition. I found a cave about one mile east of Button Springs. There is nothing to indicate a cave until you arrive at the mouth which is in a flat rock about eight feet across. In looking down about 20 feet one can see a room some 30 feet in diameter, and by crawling through a narrow passage to the west another is entered of about the same dimensions. How far this continues never has been traced out.

I visited another in company with Antone Egil, Frank Cone and his little son. This cave was not very extensive. We found ice and fresh bear tracks. Meadows are ready to cut and after having I will make another trip to the desert, as I desire to find water and grass where we can take our cattle in early spring.

Fall sown grain is fine. I am informed wild plums will be plentiful this season. Am thinking of bringing out some wild plum sprouts my next trip. Would bring the best variety and of largest growth.

LOVE PINE.

TO FREE HORSES OF ITCH.

The secretary of agriculture has received a report from Dr M. S. Lantz, who was recently sent to the Umatilla Indian reservation, on the recommendation of Senator Mitchell, to investigate the prevalence of itch among the Indian horses. Of the 3000 horses on the reservation, he finds that fully 20 per cent are affected, some badly others slightly. The riding horses generally are in good condition. The trouble from the disease arises from the fact that the Indian horses mingle with the horses of white settlers who rent farms on the reservation.

Dr. Lantz believes the best way to eradicate the disease is to have a dipping vat, and after killing the worse cases, dip the balance. The

Indians would not object to this process. Dr. Lantz also suggests selling to the cannery at Linnton all scrub horses in order to reduce the number of horses on the reservation. The proprietor of the cannery is willing to take all the horses the Indians will sell, for those he cannot use can be utilized for fertilizer. It is believed that with the co-operation of the state authorities the department can successfully eradicate this disease throughout Eastern Oregon. Senator Mitchell has laid the matter before State Veterinarian McLean, who brought the case to his attention.

Administrator's Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, S. W. Hamilton, was on the 9th day of July appointed by Hon H. C. Levens County Judge of Harney County Oregon, administrator of the estate of Henry H. Masterson deceased, and letters of Administration duly issued thereon. All persons holding claims against said estate shall present them with the proper vouchers at the office of Biggs & Biggs attorneys, in the city of Burns, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. Dated this 12th day of July 1902.

S. W. HAMILTON, Administrator of H. H. Masterson's Estate.

Petition For Liquor License.

To the Honorable County Court of Harney County, State of Oregon: We, the undersigned legal voters and taxpayers of Saddle Butte precinct, said county and State, most respectfully petition your Honorable Court to grant a license to 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, beginning on the 12th day of August, 1902.

M V Smith, Wm E Gray, C W Drinkwater, R S Settlemyre, James Brandon, J. L. Sitz, R R Sitz, Walter Gray, Frank Heinz, L B Hayes, Ben Jordan, Scott Hayes, H M Hill, Ira Clark, G W Clark, E D Jordan, G E Parker, M S Kern, C Horvomon, R Brookhouse, J J Heinz, F A Rigez, Guy E Dickenson.

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 6th day of August, 1902, we will apply to the above entitled court for the license as specified in this petition.

LEWIS & CO.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. BURNS, ORE., June 11, 1902. Notice is hereby given that Albert S. Swahn has filed notice of intention to make final proof before the Register and Receiver at the U. S. Land Office, Burns, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 15th day of July, 1902, on timber culture application No. 26, for lots 1 and 2 and 27, 28 1/2 of section No. 3, in Township 25 S., R. 20 E., M. 3. He names as witnesses: Fred Oring, Fred Oring Jr., C. J. Johnson and Peter Hildson, all of Linn, Oregon.

Wm. FARR, Register.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY.

Washington, D. C., June 9, 1902.

WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The First National Bank of Burns," in the Town of Burns, in the County of Harney, and State of Oregon, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking;

Now therefore I, Thomas P. Kane, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The First National Bank of Burns," in the Town of Burns, in the County of Harney, and State of Oregon, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty one hundred and sixty nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States. In testimony whereof witness my hand and seal of office this ninth day of June, 1902.

T. P. KANE, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency. No. 6295.

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