

It has been suggested, and in all likelihood will be carried into effect, that a rabbit drive be made as soon as the haying season is over. This should be done to ascertain the effectiveness of the scheme and if a success others will follow in quick succession. We find a number of ranchers who will not seed their land next season unless something is done to exterminate the rabbits. If the drives can be made a success, it is one of the best methods of extermination.

We hope some of our farmers will try the salt experiment mentioned on our first page in this issue. This simple method, if it will really kill them, will save many dollars.

We feel that something must be done in this direction, but advocate a bounty as a last resort. At present our farmers consider it useless to sow grain, while if the pests were gotten rid of many would seed from 40 to 200 acres.

On August 14, 1848, the congress of the United States enacted a law giving to the people of Oregon civil government. Two days thereafter General Joseph Lane, of Indiana, was appointed governor of the new territory. Within three days from his appointment Gov. Lane started for Oregon, and on March 2, 1849, he reached Oregon City, the capital, and on the next day, six calendar months and 18 days after the approval of the act creating civil government in Oregon, by proclamation promulgated the organic law and took his seat as governor.

On July 1, 1902, the act creating civil government in the Philippine Islands became a law, and on July 4th it was promulgated by proclamation and the civil government began operation there, notwithstanding the islands are almost on the opposite side of the globe. Thus is man learning to annihilate space.—Ex.

The Blue Mountain Eagle again calls the attention of the people of Grant county to the proposed forest reserve which is to include all of the territory in this county that is drained by the streams flowing into the Harney and Malheur lakes. It is necessary that every part of the county that would be affected by such proposed reserve, should remonstrate against it. Nothing should be left undone to prevent this gigantic fraud being perpetrated, for it is in the interest of no one except parties interested in the reclamation of arid land in Harney county. If you have not attached your signature to a remonstrance, do so at once. The creation of this reserve would be the greatest blow ever received by Grant county since its early settlement in the days of the 60's.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

David Griffiths, of the U. S. Agricultural Department, accompanied by Byron Hunter, arrived here Thursday enroute to the P-ranch and other points south. These gentlemen are sent out by the Department to make observations and gather specimens of natural grasses and seeds. These are sent to the Department with notes as to their nature, the altitude in which they grow and general climatic conditions, nature of soil, etc. Experiments are made with those specimens to ascertain what is best suited to certain sections and altitudes, and is of much benefit to the farmer and stock raiser.

Pacific Livestock Company Rancher.

There are several wealthy companies engaged in cattle raising in this inland section. The Pacific Livestock Company is a powerful aggregation of employees and employees, keen business

men, skillful ranchers and hard riding cowboys. In Oregon the company owns about 20 ranches, has 60,000 head of cattle and big droves of horses and employs 250 men. The monthly pay roll is probably upwards of twelve or fifteen thousand dollars. This is but a fraction of the company's monthly bill of expense. But the income must be enormous, since the yearly sales from the increase of two million dollars worth of cattle is certainly a very munificent sum.

Among the principal ranches are: Agency, Juntura, Pine creek Harper, Warm Springs, Alvord, Island, Kimball Flat, Ous creek, White Horse, Juniper, Man Lake and Wild Horse. This year the various ranches will put into the stack for winter's use over 20,000 tons of hay. The grain crop will be nearly 17,000 bushels. The company ranches require 80,000 pounds of sugar during a year. At the Island ranch, near Burns, there is one hay field enclosed by 24 miles of fence.

A typical ranch is the Agency, having 1440 acres of valley land enclosed. Fifteen men are employed and this summer about 1500 tons of hay will be put into the stack. Six mowing machines were busy when the Democrat man was a guest at the ranch. Part of the ranch buildings were once used as U. S. Agency buildings. The ranch has a large boarding house, four or five dwellings, large blacksmith and machine shops, with water power and huge barns and corrals. One of the outside pastures is enclosed by nine miles of fencing. In the spring 900 calves are weaned in the immense shelter shed. In Indian days the blacksmith shop building was the government school house for the small red men and women.

The ranch management is directed by Foreman Bart Cronin and his estimable wife.

The Pacific Livestock Company is an important factor in Eastern Oregon industrial life.—Staff correspondent to Baker City Democrat.

#### Harney Locals.

Haying is the order of the day in this part of the valley. Several hundred tons have been stacked during the last two weeks notwithstanding the scarcity of working men.

A few ranchers in the vicinity of Harney have begun cutting grain, which on account of the continued dry weather will only make an average crop.

Cass Hays was in town Wednesday having returned from the ranges where he has been gathering his stock preparatory to moving to his lately purchased ranch in Surprise Valley, Cal.

J. W. Shown, who has been confined to his bed for several weeks with rheumatism is slowly recovering.

T. B. James, who has been suffering for sometime with dropsy, made a trip to Burns last week to get medical advice.

Last Wednesday while assisting in the construction of a frame on which to erect a wind mill in his yard, Robert Irving was painfully injured by falling timbers.

Alma Davis has lately killed two bear back in the mountains north of Harney. Alma's friends say brim makes a decidedly palatable dish.

Patriotically speaking, Harney is a very modest little burg and generally "pursues the even tenor of her way" without making any great ado about it; but it seems our little city was until last Tuesday weary of its monotonous humdrum life; hence, on the 15th she aroused to the occasion and presented three bouncing babies to as many happy fathers. Namely, Messrs. McClure, Alberson and G. Williamson.

A. W. Houser came down from his home near Harney, yesterday evening, accompanied by his daughters, Mrs. Lou Stenget and Mrs. Emma Myers. Both ladies left this morning via Canyon for their homes, the former at Whatcom. Wh. the latter's home is in Toledo, Ohio.

#### LATEST FROM TRACY.

The Body Found Was Identified As Being Merrill.

The latest news from the scene of the chase for convict Tracy is from Seattle and dated July 16. It says:

The only interest in the Tracy man-hunt today lies in the mysterious disappearance of Sheriff Cuddehe, who severed his connection with the outside world yesterday noon, when he vanished from the vicinity of Covington. The only thing new is the following dispatch from Ravensdale:

"John Currington, reports he discovered some bloody rags in an old shack a mile west of here yesterday. Nearby were the ashes of a campfire. He said the rags looked as if they had been used in dressing wounds. A little later two railroad men saw a mysterious man carrying a gun hiding behind trees in the same section. No deputies are in town."

A special to the Post-Intelligencer says: Word was received here this evening that Tracy had dinner Sunday afternoon with Morris Garner, on what is known as the Gialnon farm on Boise creek, three and one-half miles southeast of Bonnam. Garner's story has, up to the present time, been kept by him through fear of the outlaw, who, he says, threatened him when leaving Garner says that at or near 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon a man entered the house without knocking and announced himself as Tracy, saying: "Gentleman I am Tracy and want something to eat quick."

The Garners, father and three sons, had just finished dinner, so they told him to sit up and help himself, which he proceeded to do, first ordering the two eldest sons to go to one corner of the room, directly in front of him, where he could keep them covered with his murderous rifle. At the time of his entrance the youngest boy was shaving, but after the visitor had announced himself as Tracy, he ceased the operation and was unable to proceed, even when Tracy told him to go ahead and finish his shave.

After eating his dinner, Tracy said: "Young man, come here and shave me."

Upon the young man demurring on the grounds of not being an adept with the razor, Tracy said: "That's all right; I'm not particular, and if I don't kick you need not," whereupon young Garner lathered his face and proceeded to remove his beard. They stated that he had at least two weeks' growth of beard with which he was very glad to part. After being shaved he helped himself to a pair of trousers that were hanging on the wall, putting them under his arm and left. While the boy was shaving him he held a gun on him saying:

"Remember, I can kill you before I die if you try to cut my throat."

Later he said: "After I have been gone a day or two I want you to tell the newspaper reporters that I am well cheerful and strong. I could have killed a hundred deputies since I left Salem had I wanted to, but I didn't like to shed innocent blood. Most of them are a set of farmers or cheap guys. I have on many occasions talked with them while they were camped on the roadsides and find many of them pretty good fellows. Whenever I meet them that look as though they would shoot I give them a wide berth. I am not the least bit worried over the chase and pay but little attention to it. If I am ever in a corner where I have to shoot I can take care of myself."

Tracy told the boy to be sure to repeat it exactly as given to him. He had no rifle at Garner's, but had two revolvers and 200 rounds of ammunition. He says he will visit Tacoma before long, as he has friends there. When he took the pants he paid a dollar, saying: "You are a poor man, so I won't rob you, but I haven't much money. If the deputies had any I would build some of them up."

Sheriff Cuddehe today established headquarters at Ravensdale. He has no definite knowledge of Tracy's whereabouts, but is certain the fugitive is somewhere near Buckley.

The inquest this morning over the body found near Chehalis convinces the officers that it is Merrill's and that Tracy's story was true. A convict from the Oregon penitentiary says that Merrill served two terms in Deer Lodge, Mont. under the names of McTague and Carroll.



Hoyt---With "The Scientific Americans," One Week at Floral Hall beginning tonight. Sundays Included.

#### MAY SELECT OREGON FOR PROJECT.

(Continued from first page.)

Southern Pacific Railroads are at work in the interior department in the interest of the St. Mary's project in Montana and the Gila river and Truckee canyon projects in Arizona. It is not probable this charge is true. In fact, the charge of railroad benefit is not a good one to raise in any event, for no matter what project is undertaken, some railroad will be benefited. If there is no railroad adjacent to the territory to be irrigated, capitalists will see to it that a road is constructed. The railroads have done much to build up the West, and certainly the benefit that will accrue to them from the reclamation of vast areas of now waste land is not begrudged.

#### Stockmen's Meeting.

The Canyon Eagle says: At the stockmen's meeting held in this city last week quite a number of the growers of cattle and sheep were present for the purpose of considering the range question and coming to an understanding in order to avoid any trouble in the future.

The Blue Mountain Eagle has been unable to procure any definite report of what was accomplished at the meeting. It is understood that an agreement was practically reached relative to the range between the Middle Fork and main John Day river as far east as Austin.

Relative to the trail on Logan valley, it is learned that no understanding was reached.

However, it is likely that a future meeting will be called and a thorough understanding had regarding the use of all public range in the county.

#### Additional Locals.

M. V. Smith was up from Lawen yesterday.

F. G. Blume was seen on our streets yesterday.

Mrs. Chas. Roper was down from Harney yesterday.

Mrs. Lou Stenget and Emma Myers were guests of Mrs. John Robinson this week.

Fred Haines, the Harney merchant and postmaster, was a business visitor to our city yesterday.

Frank Welcome, Allie Dillard and Len Walton expect to leave tomorrow morning for Snow mountain for a two or three weeks outing.

Duke Young left here yesterday morning with a team to meet Dr. Marsden and family at Canyon. They will arrive home to-day or tomorrow.

Mrs. Geo. Hagney went to Bear valley yesterday to join a camping party from Burns, of which her father, C. W. Parrish, is a member.—Canyon News.

Marriage license was granted Monday by County Clerk Neil Niven to Ous Stubblefield and Miss Mary Heedricks, both of Monument.—Canyon News.

A complete line of John B. Stetson Hats. We buy direct from Philadelphia. A postal to them will convince you we carry the genuine Stetson hats.—N. Brown & Sons.

Rev. A. J. Irwin went out as far as Metcahan, Thursday, to meet Mrs. Irwin's mother, Mrs. E. M. Blizard and the latter's daughter, Mrs. Ada Smith and little daughter, of Iowa. They arrived here yesterday evening and will spend some time here visiting.

Ray Smith and family left last Wednesday for Ontario where he is taking his old engine. The company from which it was bought have set him another engine to take its place which he will bring back with him.

#### Notice of Final Settlement.

In the matter of the Estate of Jessie J. Shepard, Deceased,

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final account as the administrator of the estate of Jessie J. Shepard, deceased, and by order of the court made and entered July 9, 1902, Saturday, August 23d, 1902, at one o'clock p. m., of said date, has been fixed by the court as the day when all objections to the final account will be heard and the business of the estate settle. And all persons having objections to said account are required to appear on said date at the County Court room in Burns, in said county and state, that they may be heard.

Dated this 19th of July, 1902.

L. W. SHEPARD,  
Administrator.

#### 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. Settemyre, James Brandon, J. L. Sitz, R. R. Sitz, Walter Grav, 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. Riggs, 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.

#### TREASURY DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF CONTROLLER OF CURRENCY.

Washington, D. C., June 5, 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, is authorized to issue National Bank Notes as provided in Section Five thousand and forty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

To wit: Whereof, without further delay, and that it is the duty of the undersigned to issue this order.

Done at the City of New York, this 5th day of June, 1902.

T. P. KANE,

Special Deputy and Acting Controller of the

United States Treasury.

NO. 4295.

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