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BLOOMING LIKE THE ROSE

"ARID WASTE" OF HARNEY SAYS
BAKER DEMOCRAT.

Experimental Grain Raising Without Irrigation Has Proven the Wonderful Fertility of the Soil.

For a few seasons the farmers of Harney valley have been experimenting in raising grain without irrigation. At first they were somewhat surprised that they were able to get any results at all and but little trouble or expense was hazarded in the undertaking. Each recurring year has been bringing better crops until this fall's crop has been an eye opener. The tall stubble and the many sacks of grain that embellish the landscape in every direction is an astonishing revelation not only to the old-time stock raisers but to the stranger that sojourns in the land. Every body is commencing to ask his neighbor "has a new era dawned on us?" Experienced men from the Walla Walla country were telling the people of Burns last month that the great wheat lands of the north in their infancy did not begin to give the results that Harney county has been showing after its brief trial. The discovery means much to the people of the south. It means a large population in a short time. It means the cutting up of the great stock ranges. It means railroads and cities, churches and houses.

Instead of one industry supporting a few isolated communities the land will team with husbandmen and artisans of all kinds and thrift and prosperity will work the coming and going of every harvest.

Have the seasons changed? No! The explanation is probably that in many places there are large tracts that sub-irrigate. This has been the driest season ever seen in Harney county yet where proper attention has been given the average yield of wheat and barley has been about forty bushels to the acre.

The cultivation of the land has been to summer fallow, that is to allow the ground to rest every other year and put in the crop early. The natural moisture of the land or the sub-irrigation or something not explained permits the grain to mature. It is fine too, as good as is produced anywhere. The old-timers are loth to believe their eyes. They have been saying: "It was an accident this year, you will see next," and so it has been. The men from the north are telling them "We had the same experience, but see what our country is doing and besides the longer we cultivate the better we do. Of course you will have bad years; we had and do have now but the average makes it worth trying all the time."

Next year Harney will put in more grain than she did this and without doubt "times are changing." All has not been said yet that can be said about eastern Oregon and like eastern Washington it too has a future.—Baker Democrat.

THEY WANT NO FOREST RESERVE.

Eastern Oregon Men Obtain a Pledge From Senator Mitchell.

United States Senator Mitchell has promised a delegation of Baker City men that nothing will be done toward creating the forest reserve in the Blue mountains until the people of Baker, Grant, Malheur and Harney counties have a chance to make themselves heard on the subject. While the present delegation, which held a long conference with the senator, were from Baker and Grant counties they assured the senator that the people of all the counties mentioned were opposed to the forest reserve, and they only ask that the matter be held in abeyance long enough to give them time to convince the government through petitions from the mining, stockraising, and agricultural interests of the county to establish the forest reserve.

It may be said that the delegation was formed on the impulse of

the moment, not having time to consult with all of the other counties and get delegates from them, so that they could personally consult Senator Mitchell before he left for Washington, D. C., and they were all the more pleased to find that Grant county has sent a strong petition to the senator protesting against the reserve. In fact, it is said that Grant county, almost to a man is opposed to the measure.

If the majority of the people in Malheur and Harney counties favor the creation of a reserve, or any class of people favor the same in Grant and Baker counties, they will have a chance to make themselves heard by getting up petitions and interests of all commercial classes concerned will be carefully weighed by congress the same as before a court, and the decision undoubtedly in favor of the largest interests. The delegation is composed of some of the leading men of that section, and all they ask is that the government does not take snap judgment on the question before consulting all of the interests at stake. They will start work just as soon as they return home to organize and co-operate with the other counties with a view of getting the commercial bodies and all others interested to sign a petition and pass resolutions against the forest reserve being established.

FORMED ORGANIZATION.

The delegates held a meeting last evening and formed a permanent organization in order to carry on the work against the proposed forest reserve. An executive committee consisting of seven members was named as follows: J. H. Robbins, chairman; J. L. Rand, William Pollman, Emil Meizer, E. J. Godfrey, Mr. Johnson and Maurice Fitzgerald.

Committee on finance—E. J. Godfrey, E. W. Mueller, F. S. Baillie. Committee on petitions—C. A. Johns, N. C. Richards and Judge J. Fawcett.

WHAT J. H. ROBBINS SAYS

"It seems rather a wild statement no doubt to that portion of Portlanders who are not acquainted with the conditions in Eastern Oregon to state that the valuation of the property in the district of the proposed forest reserve is as much as the commercial rating of Portland, over \$22,000,000, but it is true. We did not come to this place with bowie knives and pistols as was represented in some of your papers, but come as representative citizens to present evidence to show that we are right and only want what 90 per cent of the citizens in the counties named demand for the protection of their interests. We think we have the right to be treated seriously, and not written up in humorous manner, as though the whole thing were a huge joke. In my district, out of between 3000 and 4000 people, but three persons have publicly expressed themselves in favor of the reserve."—Telegram.

Initiative and Referendum now Operative.

Governor Geer submitted to Attorney General Blackburn the question as to whether the constitutional amendment adopted at last election for the initiative and referendum is operative without legislative enactment.

The attorney general holds that it is self-executing. He says the people in adopting the initiative and referendum simply reserve to themselves the power which they originally held, but had voluntarily vested in the legislative assembly.

The preliminary examination of the Thomson brothers for the shooting of Lewis Scott, at the Harper ranch, was held at Vale Tuesday and resulted in the discharge of young Thomson, while his brother, James Thomson, was held to appear before the grand jury with his bond fixed at \$500. Scott is reported as getting along nicely and will recover.—Ontario Argus.

See Lunenburg & Dalton's ad this week.

Religious Services.

Services at Christian Science Hall every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Service Wednesday evenings at 8. Subject for Sunday, Oct. 19 "Probation After Death." Oct. 26 "Everlasting Punishment."

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.

Sunday school at Harney the first Sunday of each month at 10 o'clock a. m. On the second, third and fourth Sunday of each month at 3 o'clock p. m. Preaching service every second Sunday at 8 p. m.

At the Presbyterian church Burns, Rev. A. J. Irwin pastor. Devine 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.

Tree That Turns to Stone.

There is a tree that grows in Mexico called the "chihol," or stone tree. It is of enormous proportions, both in circumference and height. It has a number of branches spreading out widely and carrying leaves of a yellowish green color. The wood is extremely fine and easily worked in a green state. It is not given to either warping or splitting. The most remarkable thing about it is that after being cut the wood gets gradually harder, and in the course of a few years it is absolutely petrified, whether left in the open air or buried in the ground. From this timber houses can be built completely fire-proof, and would last as long as though built of stone.

A Zoological Wonder.

The only live musk-ox ever exhibited on the American continent is now at the New York zoological park, to remain as long as it will consent to live. After long negotiations, beginning in San Francisco and extending across the continent, it was finally purchased by Hon. William C. Whitman, and by him presented to the zoological park. The price paid was \$1,600. Thus far only three live specimens of the musk-ox have ever reached civilization. The other two were taken on the eastern coast of Greenland, in 1899, by a Swedish exploring expedition. This is the rarest animal that has thus far been secured by the zoological park.—Four-Track News.

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 petition to N. J. Lewis to sell spirituous malt and vinous liquors at his place of business in said precinct in less quantities than one gallon for a period of six months commencing November 13, 1902:

R. R. Sitz, Walter Gray, Andrew D. Lytle, Ed. Silver, A. A. Claypool, J. H. Jordan, M. V. Smith, N. O. Oard, Ben Jordan, C. W. Jordan, T. F. Heinz, J. W. Heinz, G. E. Parker, J. L. Sitz, Scott Hayes, L. B. Hayes, W. W. Drinkwater, I. B. Clark, Wm. L. Clark, D. W. Jordan, J. C. Gray, G. W. Clark.

Notice is hereby given that on Saturday, the 8th day of November, 1902, I will apply to the above entitled court for the license as specified in this petition.

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