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NOW UP TO HOME PEOPLE

HARNEY COUNTY NEEDS ADVERTISING AND NOW IS TIME.

The Business Men of Harney Valley Should Begin the Work at Once—Too Big An Undertaking for Few.

The delegation which was sent to Pendleton to represent this county at the recent irrigation convention were certainly in right men. They not only attended the convention and placed Harney county's irrigation project in the front rank of possibilities for government aid, but also stopped in Baker City and again met Major Bonta, the railroad promoter, and urged the early extension of his road to this place. They were a set of truly representative men who had the interest of the entire section at heart. They believe in improving every opportunity offered to say a good word for this section, as various interviews will show.

Not content with merely stopping at the irrigation convention, they went down to Portland where they visited all the prominent men and commercial bodies, discussing the possibilities of this magnificent section as an agricultural as well as a stock country. They discussed transportation facilities, what was awaiting a railroad here and what could be done in the way of development.

The railroad people, banks, jobbers, Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trade, newspapers and all were reminded that Harney county is not a mere desert where everything is wild including the people, but that it was destined to be one of the best parts of Oregon. Portland was asked to look to her interests in a business way and to at least look into the resources of a section that had always given Portland so much and received nothing in return.

One of the delegation said upon his return: "It is discouraging to talk with men in Portland who say they were not aware that anything could be raised in Harney valley and that it had always been represented to them as a desert. Our people must begin a campaign of education, as it were, and let the outside world know what we have and the wonderful possibilities of our county. The Board of Trade should begin a systematic movement in this direction. The business men of Burns should take an interest in this affair, as it is time to act now. It is not right or just to expect a few individuals to go ahead with this work. The people should meet frequently and discuss the various problems that are of such importance to the entire section."

The Times-Herald most heartily agrees with the gentleman. It has advocated frequent meetings of the Board of Trade, at which many things of importance could be discussed and a concerted effort to accomplish the end be made.

It is the duty of every business man in Burns to take a lively interest in whatever scheme that may be launched or suggested that has for its object the advancement of the county. To throw the responsibility on the shoulders of a few is not justice. We have public spirited men who are always ready to sacrifice their time and neglect their business to further the interests of the community and they should be encouraged by all. They should have the approval and co-operation of every business man in the city.

The matter of government aid for irrigation is now of most importance. During the coming winter selections for reservoir sites will be made. Oregon will receive recognition. If Harney county should be so fortunate as to get first place it would mean much to her people and to the whole of Eastern Oregon. In our isolated condition it is hard to get the influence and support of men who would willingly take up our cause should they be made to see the benefit to be derived. We are not well enough known

to the outside world. We must begin an advertising campaign.

The gentlemen who have returned from the irrigation convention have opened the eyes of railroad men, as well as the commercial bodies of Portland and turned their attention to this county. It is now up to the people here to keep that interest up.

Closer social and business relations will result in good to the whole community. The business men of Burns should come together oftener. It would be a benefit. The board of trade was organized for such a purpose. Arrangements should be made for an early meeting, as much of importance is to be brought before it. It is possible that permanent and comfortable quarters could be arranged where the Board would have a home. Such a movement is under way at this time and The Times-Herald hopes it will be carried out.

LAND LEASING BILL REAPPEARS.

Oregonian News Bureau, Washington, Nov. 13.—The land-leasing proposition made its reappearance in Congress today, when Representative Lacy introduced a bill, which primarily gives to homesteaders and settlers in arid and semiarid regions the right to protect the grass upon the public domain in the vicinity of their lands, so as to prevent further deterioration and monopolization of the ranges by owners of large herds of livestock.

Such parts of arid and semiarid regions as are not necessary for irrigation purposes may, under the Lacy bill, be leased for stock-grazing purposes, subject to the right of homesteader and other entry at all times.

The leases are to be regulated by the Secretary of the Interior, and are to run for five years, with the right of renewal, each lease to be limited to 320 acres to each person. Leases are nontransferable, and are to be granted only to actual settlers. Corporations are denied the right to secure leases.

Lands subject to lease are to be classified, and shall be rented at rates varying from 1 to 6 cents an acre per annum. Persons leasing lands will be permitted to fence these lands at their own expense.

A Remarkable Case.

One of the most remarkable cases of a cold, deep-seated on the lungs, causing pneumonia, is that of Mrs. Gertrude E. Fenner, Marion, Ind., who was entirely cured by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. She says: "The coughing and staining so weakened me that I ran down in weight from 148 to 92 pounds. I tried a number of remedies to no avail until I used One Minute Cough Cure. Four bottles of this wonderful remedy cured me entirely of the cough, strengthened my lungs and restored me to my normal weight, health and strength." Sold by Burns druggists.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

To all that it may concern: Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Ione Whiting, was on the 10th day of Oct. 1903 duly appointed Administratrix of the estate of Frank W. McClintock deceased, and all persons, having claims against said Estate, are hereby required to present them, verified as by law required, to me within six months from said 10th day of Oct. 1903, at Burns, Oregon.

Dated Oct. 12, 1903.
Ione Whiting,
Administratrix

Stopped the Pain.

After the accident to Mr. Lesley L. Potts, resulting in the loss of his left arm, the part severed was buried carelessly in the ground. Afterwards the lost arm "hurt" Mr. Potts so severely that he complained and it was dug up, cleaned, packed in cotton, placed in a box and buried in a neat way and the pain stopped. There are said to be a good many well authenticated cases of this character.—Albany Democrat.

BURNS IS HARD TO REACH

J. M. DALTON SAYS PORTLAND PEOPLE SHOULD HELP.

The Trade of Interior Oregon Will Entirely Slip Away From Portland Unless Something is Done.

A party of Burns Citizens consisting of J. M. Dalton and I. S. Geer, Merchants; William Farro, receiver of the United States Land Office; N. U. Carpenter, cashier of the First National Bank, and ex-Senator Gowan are in the city on their return from the state irrigation convention at Pendleton, says the Oregonian.

These gentlemen spent yesterday in trying to impress upon the business men of Portland the importance of a railroad through Harney County with a terminus at Burns. In discussing the matter last evening, Mr. Dalton said:

"We want a railroad and we think the business men of Portland should interest themselves in the project. Burns is a lively town of 1200 people in the midst of a vast cattle and sheep country, but it is 120 miles from a railroad, and the excessive cost of getting freight to the country and our products to market is a serious handicap to the growth of the town and the surrounding country. At the present time goods must be freighted in wagons from Ontario, 150 miles, the round trip requiring two weeks. Our merchants buy mostly from Portland jobbers and the round-about haul by railroad to Ontario and the long trip over land brings the rate per pound on common freight up to 3 cents. What we need most and what we are trying to interest Portland people in is an extension of the Columbia Southern from Prineville to Burns. It is an easy country through which to build a road and the cost would not be big enough to stagger your moneyed men. The people of Harney County would take \$100,000 worth of bonds after the road reached the bonding stage; but are not able to construct the line alone. Mr. Bonta, the Baker City promoter, who has organized a company of Eastern capitalists to build an electric system through the Sumpter mining district, has promised to build his line into Burns, but we would rather have an outlet via the Columbia Southern. However, we want a road, and if he is in earnest we will support the project. Unless Portland does something to hold it, the trade of interior Oregon will slip away from it entirely. San Francisco and Salt Lake are making big inroads into the country and year by year their business with our people is increasing. If Portland would build a connecting link between the Columbia Southern and the O. R. & N. the business of the vast interior country would be clinched everlastingly for her and she ought to take the matter up in earnest."

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INTERIOR IS PROSPEROUS.

The farmers, stockmen and merchants of southeastern Oregon are prosperous and independent, able either to carry their own obligations, or better still, to discharge them. There is evidently going to be but a comparatively light call made upon credit and outside capital this fall, and stockmen of Malheur and Harney as well as Grant, will quite generally be able to winter their sheep and cattle without contracting new liabilities.

This is the situation as observed by Geo. T. Parr, the courteous and affable agent of the Eastern Oregon Land Co., who has just returned from a 700-mile trip through the southeastern part of the state.

Mr. Parr drives his own team and although just completing an exceptionally long and difficult trip, the animals were as fat as any team recently seen on the streets of this town.

The hospitality of the inhabitants among whom Mr. Parr traveled was very gratifying, and this fact explained the fine condition in

which driver and team finished the journey.

The range was greatly freshened by the rains which were characterized as quite general, and "sheep grass" was starting to grow. In most places Mr. Parr thinks the feeding season will not begin for a month or six weeks.

The large holdings of the company represented by Mr. Parr have been assessed at 75 cents per acre. This land was mostly unenclosed and unleased range, open to the stock of settlers and was assessed lower than the adjoining lands. Lately, however, the company has leased more of it and as some returns are being gained from it, the county court thought it right to raise the valuation to \$1.25 per acre. This raise was made last year by the equalization board, but as due notice was not given, the assessor's valuation stood.

This year, so it is understood, the company will accept the county court's valuation of \$1.25 per acre.—Grant County News.

Sherman County Observer: Beware of fakirs who go about the country pretending to give the farmers something for nothing. Their stories about selling you things cheaper than your home merchants sounds very nice, but you will pay dearly for your whistle in the end. These men are schemers, who, after getting your money, take care not to come around again. The best way to do is to patronize your local merchants, men whom you know and can trust. The farmers should be as much interested in patronizing home merchants as the people of the towns. The present condition of the country furnishes an object lesson to them. When there is a prospect of this country ceasing to patronize home manufactures and giving their trade to foreigners the price of farm produce at once goes down, because the workmen of America are deprived of work and consequently the means of buying the wares of the farmers in such quantities as before. Patronize home industry, and build up your town, your state and your nation.

Sheep at Low Price.

Dr. W. J. McConnell, who is up against a shortage of hay, recently sold to Mr. Longfellow of Blackfoot, Idaho, 1000 head at \$1.30 per head.—Democrat.

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A SESSION IS QUITE LIKELY

LEGISLATORS WOULD TAKE UP ONLY PRESSING MATTERS.

Majority Express Opposition to Other Than Tax Legislation Unless Important —Answers Satisfy Governor.

A special from Salem to the Oregonian says: Letters received by Governor Chamberlain today seem to make it very probable that a special session of the legislature will be held for the purpose of correcting the defective tax law.

Those members of the legislature who have responded to the governor's circular letter are almost unanimous in favoring a special session. While only a few have made an unqualified expression of intention to oppose all other legislation, a great majority have said that they are opposed to other legislation unless it be of great importance.

This qualified assurance is entirely satisfactory to the governor, as stated by him yesterday in commenting upon the interview with Representative Kay, published in yesterday's Oregonian. Nearly all the members who write to the governor are taking the same position as did Mr. Kay, and express an intention to oppose any legislation not made necessary by an emergency not now known to exist.

Letters were received today from Senators Wehrung of Washington, Carter of Jackson, Sweek of Multnomah and Pierce of Union, and Representatives Fisher, Hutchinson, Danks, and Gill, of Multnomah, Miles of Yamhill, Riddle of Douglas, and Test of Malheur. Some of these members make unqualified assurance that they will oppose any legislation except the enactment of a tax law. One gave no assurance of any kind and one favors repeal of the portage railway law, but all others oppose any legislation not arising out of an emergency.

Many replies are expected to arrive soon.

SHIPS FROM BAKER.

The last lot of cattle purchased this season for the coast market passed through town yesterday on their way to Baker City for shipment. The conditions of the roads across the mountains and the scarcity of feed along the route makes it undesirable to attempt the drive to Pendleton.

The bunch was purchased by J. D. Combs for Caratone Bros., of Seattle. The stock was picked up in small lots, purchased from stockmen living in the Izee, Emigrant creek and Beaver creek countries.

The stock will be driven to the railroad by John Hyde, Courtney Gilbert and Volney officer, and the local buyer will have to pay the freight from Baker to Pendleton.

As Mr. Combs returned through Bear valley on Monday evening he found the snow to be about six inches deep there and on the summit about eight inches.—Grant County News.

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