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## WILL COMPLETE IRRIGATION

### TRACT OF 10,000 ACRES READY FOR SETTLEMENT NEXT YEAR.

**The Portland Company Contract Under the Carey Act Will be Finished and Soon be Settled up.**

W. E. Burke, of the Portland Co. arrived here the first of the week to look after extensive irrigation work of his company in the vicinity of Welcomeville.

His company was among the first to be granted a contract under the Carey act in this state and their tract consists of some 10,000 acres of the finest sage brush land in the valley. It is their intention to reclaim this land by big pumping stations and constructed reservoirs and Mr. Burke expects to have the work completed next year. It will then be put on the market or rather be subject to entry by actual settlers. Just how this will be done is not known to the writer, Mr. Burke having left town before we had an opportunity of talking to him upon the subject. It is reported a colony will be brougbt here to take possession of these many rich acres as soon as the reclamation system has been completed. This however is merely hearsay and without authority.

This selection embraces one of the finest bodies of land in Eastern Oregon ever entered under the Corey act and should the company be successful in its method of reclamation, it will support many families. It is situated in one of the favored spots of the valley and is near enough the lakes to make the problem of water for domestic purposes easy to reach. The soil is fine and fruit trees in the neighborhood that have irrigation and care thrive exceptionally well.

The Portland Co. have contracted to reclaim this land for something like $10 per acre and places the annual maintenance fee at $1.50 per acre. This is cheap for such productive land and it will not go begging when once the water is placed upon it and people have the assurance of its permanency.

This reclamation scheme has never been given much prominence in the public press because of other larger schemes which are situated near the railroads and which have been much advertised by the promoters. When this tract is ready for settlement it will be gobbled up quite rapidly by home seekers.

### Date of Wool Sales Set.

James H. Gwinn, the secretary of the Oregon Woolgrowers' Association, has set the dates for the wool sales for the coming season. They have been placed so that the buyers will be able to go from one place to the other with the least inconvenience and loss of time. From the present indications the attendance of buyers at the sales will be as large if not larger this year than it was last, and the prices will be equally as good. The dates of the sales as announced by Mr. Gwinn are as follows: Pendleton, May 23, 24, 10 and 21; Heppner, May 26, 27, 7 and 23; Arlington, May 31, Prineville, June 2 and 14, July 1; Baker City, June 17; Elgin, June

### Many Lambs Die in Grant County.

It is a fact that there are yet a number of sheepmen in Grant county who fail to comprehend alike the principle of mercy and thrift in properly feeding and caring for herds, this is all too plain to those who have an extended opportunity for observing operations in some of the sheep camps. The season of lambing brings out and emphasizes the critical differences in the manner of running stock; and luckily for the stock, the subject of profit and loss is largely determined at the same time, the increase going to those who have been most diligent in caring well for their herds during the winter, and providing good range for the sheep at this time.

Jack Chambers, who has just returned from an extended trip through one of the largest sheep districts in the county, says that the losses of lambs in some camps is truly appalling. The ewes were in very poor condition, and extremely weak, having wintered badly. The range was cropped off down to the ground, and the nights were bitter cold. Added to all these natural causes of hardship, the owners were crowded so that the herders were allowed to tend the young lambs as carelessly as they chose. The result of these unfavorable conditions was that the hill sides were covered with dead and dying lambs.

In many cases where twins were found, the mother would be allowed to straggle away with one of the lambs following, while the other would be left to shift for itself. In such cases the deserted lamb would bleat in a distracted way, wander around until exhausted, and when the cool evening came on, soon die. It seems that among some bands where this practice prevailed most largely, the loss of lambs, added to the winter and spring loss of older sheep, will more than offset any increase, and the herds will be no larger, or not so large, as they were the previous year.

It is possible that the severity of the losses will be useful in teaching the lesson of properly caring for what stock is kept on the ranges. Then if all interests properly unite in protecting the county ranges from those places where the owners make no pretension of having home pasture for their massive herds, but depend altogether on crowding the sheep over into their neighbor's ranges, the range question among local growers would soon become less acute, and eventually disappear.—Grant County News

### Used Moss for Food.

Jacob Hunt, an Indian 80 years of age, told some men who were falling trees near White Salmon falls recently, that they would find ax marks in the trees cut down, which they did. Jacob says that when a child his moteer told him that years previously, about 100 years ago, during an exceptionally severe winter, they and their ponies were starving. They climbed the trees and cut off the limbs, to secure the moss until it fermented, then washed it, and fried it in fat, or stewed it with other food to increase the bulk and supply. Mrs. Eva Emery Dye has not reached this legend yet.—Hood River Glacier.


### The Burns Druggists

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An Irishman, in order to celebrate the advent of a new era, went out on a lark. He didn't get home until 3 o'clock in the morning, and was barely in the house before a nurse rushed up and uncovered a bunch of soft goods, showed him triplets. The Irishman looked up at the clock, which said 3, and then at the three of a kind in the nurse's arms, and said. "Oi'm not superstitious, but thank hivens that Oi didn't come home at 12."—Blue Mt. Eagle.

It is said there are more cattle buyers in the field in Eastern Oregon at the present time than there has been for several years at this time of the year. True, they are not offering much, but prices have materially increased since the season opened, and this very fact, coupled with the number of buyers, makes cattlemen confident that they will yet get better prices for their stock this year than they did last.—Long Creek Light.

## TWO BILLS EFFECT OREGON

### STATE DIVIDED INTO TWO JUDICAL FEDERAL DISTRICTS.

**Court for Eastern District Will be Held in Baker City and Western in Portland --Oregon Assay Office.**

The Senate has decided upon the establishment of an assay office at Portland, and the division of Oregon into two judicial districts, east and west, terms of court to be held in Portland and Baker City, according to the Oregonian's Washington advices. Both of these bills were introduced by Senator Mitchell.

The assay office bill appropriates $15,000 for salaries of officials, workmen, rent of temporary building and contingent expenses, and authorizes the appointment of one assayer and melter at a salary of $2250, and one chief clerk at a salary of $1400.

The bill dividing the state into two judicial districts puts Baker, Malheur, Harney, Grant, Union, Wallowa Umatill, Morrow, Sherman, Gilliam, Crook, Wheeler and Lake counties in the Eastern District and the remaining counties of the state in the Western District. Terms of court in the Western District are to be held at Portland commencing the second Monday in March and in October, and in the Eastern District at Baker City, commencing the second Monday in April and in November. The bill becomes effective May 1, 1905.

### CANDIDATES MUST ANSWER THEM.

Before another week has passed into history every candidate for the Legislature in the state, be he Republican or Democrat, will have to go on record as regards his attitude toward the Eddy mining law, says the Telegram.

Personal letters will be addressed to all candidates by the Oregon Miners Association, asking their views on the law and applying the direct question, whether they favor a revision of the law, as advocated in resolutions passed at the recent Democrat State Convention. Those who agree with the spirit of that declaration will be accorded the support of the association, regardless of politics. If a Rrepublican and a Democrat in any county both stand for revision, the association will be perfectly willing that its members vote their political affiliations, but if one or the other indicates that he has fallen from grace, as viewed by the miner, his votes will be cut down in the exact proportion that the association has power to control its members and friends.

Another feature of the letter will be that any failure to answer will be accepted by the association as a declaration that the man addressed is opposed to a modification of the law, and stands for the enactment as it now rests on the statute-books.

As soon as returns have been received to these communications the association will advise the secretaries of its several branch organizations throughout the state concerning the standing of the Legislative candidates in the various locolities, with instructions to act accordingly.

The association has a membership in Oregon of 996, but this is small compared with the number of votes it will be able to control in the mining districts. There are something like 8000 miners, mine operators and stockholders in the state, and it is believed that the greater number of these will vote the Legislative ticket against the Eddy mining law.

### New Irrigation Wheel.

J. S. Mathews, the veteran O. R & N. pump man, has invented an irrigation wheel which promises to revolutionize irrigating methods if rightly applied to rivers and streams, says the Pendleton East Oregonian. He has been working quietly on the plan for some time, and has at last completed a model which he will exhibit at the Farmers' Picnic at Echo next Saturday, which he believes will lift water from a stream by its own motive power, more cheaply and successfully than any device in existence.

It consists of a wheel with folding wings, which open as the wheel turns in the current, and close in time to lessen the friction which the extended wings might cause. The wheel lies flat on the water what is termed a side-shot power, and will run successfuly in very shallow water, without the necessity for a dam or mill race. The wheel can be placed anywhere in the water and if of sufficient size will generate power enough to raise water any distance with proper gearing.

It can be constructed very cheaply and if arranged with the right kind of troughs and gearing can be made to serve in any part of a field touched by a stream, without costly preparations for a site.

A patent has been applied for and Mr. Mathews will place the model on exhibition at Echo, during the farmer's picnic next Saturnay for inspection.

### A BURNS BOY HONORED.

The following appeared in the Portland Telegram of April 27, as a special from Forest Grove of that date:

"Frank P. Gowan, of Burns, Or., and a member of the second year class in Tualatin Academy of Pacific University, has been chosen by Senator Mitchell as first alternate in the line of succession to an Annapolis cadetship. Mr. Gowan took his examination last week in Portland and passed with an excellent paper. In the event of the failure of the principal candidate, J. N. Sutton, of Portland, Or., he will enter Annapolis about July 1. Mr. Gowan is one of the most popnlar members of the class, being liked by all. He is a member of the Gamma Sigma Literary Society and also of the Andersonian Club, of this city. Mr. Gowan is the son of Hon. A. W. Gowan, of Burns, Or."

The above eketch was accompanied by a very good likeness of the young man. Frank's many young friends here are certainly proud of his success and hope that even though the principal candidate should pass, his ambition will be realized the next examination.

### IT NEVER CAME BACK.

Ten years ago a farmer in Malheur county put an X mark on a silver dollar and went to town and spent it with the merchants. Before the year was out he got the marked dollar back again for poultry and spent it again with the village merchant. Four times in six years the dollar came back home to him for produce, and three times he heard of it in the pockets of his neighbors.

The time he got it in change three years ago he sent it to a mail order house in Chicago that had amassed millions of dollars selling third rate stuff. He has never seen that dollar since

That dollar will never pay any more road or school tax for him, never help to build up the town or county, never bless or brighten the homes of his neighbors. He sent it entirely out of the circle of usefulness to him. The best moral to this is to patronize home trade and your dollar will come back to you, but send it to an eastern city and it never comes back.—Argus.

## RAILROAD CIRCLES ACTIVE

### HARNEY COUNTRY WILL BE CLOSER TO RAILROAD THIS FALL.

**Sumpter Valley Will Continue its Extension As Soon as the Snow Goes Off-- Rolling Stock Provided.**

There is some activity in railroad circles with the opening of spring and just as soon as the snow is sufficiently off the ground and the roads in some kind of shape operations will begin by the Sumpter Valley railroad company for the extension of its line from Whitney west and south toward Burns, the objective point in Eastern Oregon, says the Baker City Democrat. The Sumpter Valley is now in operation and has been for a number of years between Baker City and Sumpter, 32 miles, and for two years past, the extension from Sumpter to Whitney, 14 miles, has been in operation and last summer the further extension from Whitney to Tipton, 8 miles, the top the divide going down into the John Day Valley, was partially finished before snow came.

The work will now proceed on through Tipton, Austin and towards Prairie City, Canyon City and Burns. Just how far the line will be built this year President Eccles is yet unable to state. The steel is on hand for the Tipton extension and the market is easy for immediate delivery. Passenger and freight cars and locomotives were purchased last year in sufficient numbers to operate the entire line besides this the company is building new refrigerator cars and cabooses and rebuilding locomotives. The distance from Tipton to Austin is 7 miles and from Austin to Prairie City 18 miles. The entire distance from Baker City by the proposed route to Burns is about 160 miles.


### A Cure For Piles.

"I had a bad case of piles," says G. F. Carter, of Atlanta, Ga., "and consulted a physician who advised me to try a box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. I purchased a box and was entirely cured. It is splendid for piles, giving relief instantly, and I heartily recommend it to all sufferers." DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is unequalled for its healing qualities. Eczema and other skin diseases, also sores, cuts, burns and wounds of every kind are quickly cured by it. Sold by Burns Drug stores.


F. T. Hurlburt and T. G. Condon, of Shaniko, passed through Prineville the first of the week for their home at the Columbia Southern's present terminus after a trip to the Burns country. These gentlemen made arrangements to ship considerable wool from that neighborhood out this way during the summer. They speak highly of their treatment by the people of Burns while out there, and report six inches of snow the day they started for home.—Prineville Review.


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