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SUMPTER VALLEY EXTENSION

MANAGER OF CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE GROUND.

Tools and Outfit Will Arrive in a Few Days—Work Will be Pushed Through To the John Day.

Work on the extension of the Sumpter Valley Railroad will begin in a few days. Mr. Archie Bowman, manager of the Utah Construction Company, has arrived in Baker City and his outfit of graders' tools, machinery and supplies is now being loaded on the Short Line road and will arrive here in a day or two and will be immediately transhipped over the Sumpter Valley to the front. A large force of men will be engaged and the extension of the line from a point near Tipton to the John Day country will be pushed vigorously this season.

It was learned from an official of the Sumpter Valley that it is their intention to thoroughly cover this field.—Baker City Democrat.

BONTA FLOATS PROJECT.

A project involving the expenditure of \$5,000,000 has been floated in Philadelphia by Colonel J. W. Bonta, of Baker City. The enterprise covers the building of an electric line from Baker City to the Oregon Wonder mine, near Prairie City. The road opens up a country which has many mines in various stages of development, and is heavily timbered and well watered. The power will be secured from the waters of the Powder and John Day rivers, work of surveying already having been done for the line. It is the purpose of the promoters of the line to build through south-central Oregon and tap the Southern Pacific at some point in Nevada. The company is composed of Baker City mining men.—Grant County News.

STATE BOARD INSPECTS CAREY SELECTION

Governor Chamberlain and the other members of the state land board visited the Deschutes section last week to inspect the work of the companies who have contracted to reclaim several thousand acres of land under the Carey act.

The board found the work very satisfactory and expressed themselves quite freely on the project as being one of the greatest enterprises in the state and enlarged on the benefits to be derived from the reclamation of the big tracts and what it meant to Crook county and Oregon.

If the people of Harney county could or would only realize the magnitude of such enterprises it would not devolve upon a few to try to work out similar projects here. This valley cannot always remain as it is and used only for a stock range. It has too much good, rich level land on which to grow sugar beets, cereals, fruit and farming in general, which only needs water to make it one of the greatest valleys in the west.

Governor Chamberlain and the members of the board were given a reception at Prineville and the governor is quoted in the Journal as follows:

"I venture to predict that within less than 18 months lands which have heretofore been considered worthless will be found covered with settlers, and two years from now one will see one of the most magnificent tracts the eye has ever glanced upon.

"From the Bend to the Agency Plains is this work going on, and there is no question but that the population of this county will be more than doubled in less than 10 years. From a community of straggling houses a few years ago, Crook county has grown into one of the strongest sections in the state and on every hillside and in every valley a steady and thrifty yeomanry is struggling to develop the latent resources."

Governor Chamberlain said that the state land board was surprised at the wonderful changes which

had taken place here, and he called attention to the fact that a large portion of this land which was to be reclaimed was tributary to Prineville and that its settlement must necessarily make money for the local business men.

"It is the duty of every citizen to lend a helping hand," he argued "for every ten added to the population not only adds wealth to Prineville, but to Crook county and the state at large."

He is also quoted as saying he had been through Malheur, Harney and Umatilla counties where irrigation was in progress, but had seen no place in the state where the possibilities were as great as those embraced within the limits of Crook County.

Now this may be so in regard to the irrigation business, but if Gov. Chamberlain has visited Harney county in the past 21 years he evidently traveled "incog" for there are several here who know him and they have failed to see him.

CAN'T AGREE ON BOUNDARY.

The committee of sheepmen consisting of Murdo Finlayson, John McLennan and Pat Radigan, of Antelope and vicinity, which went to the Blue Mountain region last week to confer with cattlemen from the southern part of the county regarding the establishment of range lines for the summer, has returned home, having failed to make any satisfactory arrangements, says the Baker Democrat.

The sheepmen were met by a committee of cattlemen, and the matter of fixing permanent range lands thoroughly discussed, but no conclusive action was taken, the sheepmen claiming that the cattle owners demanded more than the sheepmen could concede. No other date was set for a future meeting to adjust matters and the herds of both cattle and sheep will be ranged this summer in the disputed territory.

Whether any trouble will arise from the failure to make permanent boundary lines, within which the sheepmen and cattlemen would be compelled to range their stock, is a question which the coming summer will answer. Present indications point toward disturbances which will result in serious losses before fall comes.

Ah Ha Gets What's Coming to Him.

Mr. Ah Ha, a native of China, was fined \$20 for conducting a lottery in the north end of this city. Municipal Judge Hegue passed sentence this morning. It was paid, says the Portland Journal.

"Ah Ha, stand up," cried Bailiff Goltz.

"Ah Ha," said Ah Ha.

"Are you Mr. Ah Ha?" inquired Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald of the celestial.

"Ah Ha," said Ah Ha.

The evidence was then produced, proving the defendant guilty of selling lottery tickets and of conducting a lottery.

"Fine you \$20," said Judge Hogue.

"Ah Ha," said Ah Ha.

"Here is your receipt," said Clerk Olson.

"Ah Ha," said Ah Ha.

"You can go now," said Assistant Bailiff Hammersley.

"Ah Ha," said Ah Ha.

"Ha Ha," said the spectators.

And out trudged Ah Ha.

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W. O. Minor sold a shorthorn cow, calf and a yearling to H. W. Peel at Spokane. The price paid was \$800 for the three. They are very fine cattle and will compose a part of Mr. Peel's show herd for the coming season.—Hepburn Times.

The weather has again begun to moderate after the rain storm and we have had no freeze that so often follows rain in the early part of the season.

MAN KILLED AT BAKER CITY

ALTERCATION STARTED IN LAURA LAHEY'S RESTAURANT.

Jack Halsted, Saloon Man, Shot Down on Street by an O. R. & N. Fireman By name of Legg.

Lewellyn Legg, an O. R. & N. fireman, shot and killed Jack Halsted, one of the proprietors of the Nugget saloon, about 9:30 last Thursday evening at Baker City. Halsted was shot in the region of the heart. He walked about 40 feet to the door of his saloon, where he fell dead.

Just before the shooting Legg entered the restaurant of Mrs. Laura Lahey, a few doors up the street from the Nugget saloon. Legg got into an altercation with Mrs. Lahey. He accused her, so she says, of saying that he had been working against her and driving away customers. While Mrs. Lahey and Legg were disputing, Halsted came in and ordered his supper, which the woman prepared and placed on the counter.

Legg, according to Mrs. Lahey, continued to dispute with her, finally calling her a vile name. She ordered him out of the house and took hold of him and made him leave. As Legg went out he turned at the door and said he could do her up or any of her—friends, at the same time pointing to Halsted. Mrs. Lahey says that Halsted started after Legg, running up the street. She followed, trying to prevent Halsted from fighting with Legg.

When Halsted approached Legg, the latter drew a gun and shot him. Legg says that the row started in the restaurant. That the woman threw a bottle of cats-up at him and Halsted hit him with a chair, afterwards firing him out on the street, where he knocked him down. Legg says that he got up and shot Halsted after he was knocked down.

Legg went to his room in the Columbia Hotel, where he was arrested by Policeman Boyd, and placed in the County Jail.

Legg's story about the shooting is in a measure corroborated by the condition of things in the restaurant. Cats-up is spattered over the wall and dishes are broken, also a chair. Legg has a cut on the back of his head and a large lump on the forehead as evidence of assault. Mrs. Lahey was formerly Laura Goodman and is well known here.

Timber Lands are to be Sold August 1.

Nearly 60,000 acres of government timber land will be thrown open to the public in the Grande Ronde Indian reservation August 1. The sales will be made to the highest bidder, and each purchaser will be limited to 100 acres. The officials of the Oregon City land office have received notification that the lands will be sold on that date, and are daily expecting a list of the properties from Washington. All the lands in the reservation that not been allotted to the Indians in severalty, will go to the highest bidder without reserve. There are two whole townships and some fractional tracts, and it is nearly all desirable timber land. The Grande Ronde reservation takes up the southwest offset in Yamhill county, and is bounded on two sides by Siskiyou county, and on the south by Polk. It is only a short distance from the Sheridan branch of the Southern Pacific railroad.

Problems of Sheepmen

A dispatch from Pendleton to the Spokeman-Review says that after a spring of hope that the range troubles of Central Oregon would be less in evidence this summer, Umatilla and Morrow county sheepmen will drive south and southeast into Grant and other counties this month more apprehensive than ever. The grass outlook has been promising all spring, and range, in fact, is good—better than for several seasons. Stockmen, both outside and in the summer range district, appeared to have come to a sort of tacit understand-

THE BANNER WOOL SALE

GROWERS RECEIVE FAR MORE THAN THEY EXPECTED.

Values Have Not Been so High for Twelve Years—The Highest Price Realized Was 17 3/8 Cents.

A special from Shaniko to the Oregonian to the banner wool sale of the season was held at this place today. The prices realized were the highest paid for Eastern Oregon wools since 1892. One and a quarter million pounds were sold. The choice fine wools brought on an average from 16 to 17 cents. The highest price realized was 17 3/8 cents, paid for the Thomas Brogan clip. The famous Baldwin Sheep & Land Company's clip of 175,000 pounds brought 17 1/2 cents. A clip of choice cross-bred Lincoln was bid in at 19 cents. Among the largest lots sold today were those of George A. Young & Son, Reeder & Fisher, R. R. Hinton and Little & McRae. The principal buyers were Whitman, Farnsworth & Thayer, who purchased 600,000 pounds; Koshland Bros., C. S. Moses, Halowell & Donnell and the Botah Mills, each of home bought about 150,000 pounds; Hecht, Liebman & Co., Judd & Root, Eisenmann Bros. and Alex. Livingston secured lesser amounts.

NEWS NOTES.

A Corvallis family who went to Fort Dodge, Kan., last spring, write that last month the ground was frozen several feet deep, and they are coming back to Oregon.

Moro Observer: Mrs. J. B. Mowry has about the largest collection of lovely flowers in Sherman county and she finds strong tar soaps good to keep aphids off her roses. If this don't do try sulphur.

The story about Professor French of the Weston Normal school being rotten-egged by brickyard workmen because of an alleged insulting remark concerning them, is denied by all concerned, and seems to have been a whole-cloth canard.

Indians held an interesting pot-latch at Thorn Hollow, Umatilla county, the other day, in memory of a well-known Indian who committed suicide recently. An old Indian delivered an eloquent address, and a fine feast was enjoyed by many "Boston visitors."

Mrs. Elsie Hughes walked from The Dalles to Monument, 200 miles, in 15 days, carrying a 7-months child. She had been deserted by her husband and was making her way to Whitney, in Baker county, but at Monument money for her stage fare was made up.

West Wood correspondence of the Corvallis Gazette: With trout in the creek within a few feet of the cook stove and strawberries in abundance in the adjoining fields, a neighborhood of fine people and this beautiful weather to live in, do you wonder when I say we are having a very fine time.

Pendleton academy has over 1,500 botanical specimens including every known variety of Oregon flower and shrub, the collection having been presented to the institution by William C. Cusick, a pioneer botanist of Union Oregon, and in fact, the only professional botanist residing and following the profession in eastern Oregon, for years.

Moro Observer: The outlook for the largest grain crop in the history of this county is the verdict of farmers from all sections. Saturday a large number of them were in town trading, and every one of them with whom we spoke was enthusiastic over the flattering prospects. The soil contains yet plenty of moisture, sufficient to make fall-sown grain a big crop, and with a little rain in June the spring sown will be equal to it.

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