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LOCAL OPTION.

Over in Oregon there will be elections in many cities and towns this fall under the local option law recently adopted.

In cities and towns where little or no respect is shown for existing laws relating to the traffic in liquor there will be an opportunity under the new law to close all saloons, if the owners persist in a refusal to conform to the old laws.

For this reason the new law will exert a wholesale influence in many communities, placing the saloons and sale of intoxicants on a higher plane.

That is one possible benefit of local option that has not heretofore been exploited. Generally the lines are drawn squarely between saloon and no saloon, and a great many people who are in favor of temperance, broadly speaking, cast their votes against prohibition. But, if the local option privilege can be used as a club to compel saloons to pay greater attention to the laws made for their regulation, such persons would be very likely to join the out-and-out anti-saloon people in voting against the traffic in places where the saloons had not been scrupulously careful to avoid giving offense.

In every community there are saloons that override the law. They seem to take pride in seeing how far they can go in defying both public opinion and the statutes. Such saloons are always in the lead against every good movement, and are fast supporters of all movements that are dangerous to the public welfare. In such saloons the law is constantly violated, there being no restraint upon them except such as arises from the fear of being caught. So long as they feel a case against them cannot be proved, they continue to violate the law and encourage its violation by others. Such saloons sell liquor to minors; they sell to habitual drunkards; they harbor bad characters of every description; they keep quiet games going, these games being very generally crooked and being maintained for the purpose of fleecing the unwary; they, too often, corrupt officials with a portion of their ill-gotten gains; and, generally, they ignore and violate the law just as long as they think themselves safe from successful prosecution.

Now, if the menace of prohibition under local option were held over the saloons of a place because some were run on such principles, it certainly would have a tendency to reform the bad places, since all saloon proprietors would be directly interested in compelling them to be decent and respect the law.—Boise Statesman.

Honor the dear old mother. Time has scattered the snowy locks on her brow, plowed deep furrows on her cheek, but is she not sweet and beautiful now?

The lips are thin and shrunken; but these of the lips that have kissed many a hot tear from the childish cheeks, and they are the sweetest lips in all the world.

The eye is dim, yet it glows with the soft radiance of holy love which can never fade.

Ah, yes! she is a dear old mother. The sands of life are nearly run out, but feeble as she is, she will go further, and reach down lower for you than any other upon earth. You cannot walk into a midnight where she cannot see you; you cannot enter a prison whose bars will keep her out; you can never mount a scaffold too high for her to reach you, that she may kiss and bless you

in evidence of her deathless love. When the world shall despise and forsake you when it leaves you to die by the wayside unnoticed, the dear old mother will gather you in her feeble arms, carry you home and tell you of your virtues, until you almost forget that your soul is disfigured by vices.

Love her tenderly, and cheer her declining years with holy devotion.—Selected.

These summer storms are inexplicable to the old timers. They say the time was when it never rained here during the summer, and many of them are now beginning to think that Eastern Oregon in a few years will be the center of the wet section of Oregon and that the Willamette valley will be covered with irrigation ditches. There has been a gradual increase for the past 15 years in the annual rainfall in Eastern Oregon. In no way is this fact made more manifest than in the good crops that are being annually grown in certain sections of this county where formerly no grain could be grown. North west of Pendleton years ago scores of farmers gave up all hope of being able to grow wheat where now 50 and 60 bushels are considered an average crop. Many of the farms had been abandoned and lay idle for several years. The wet area has constantly increased until now good wheat can be grown in the vicinity of Pilot Rock, where formerly only sage brush thrived.—Pilot Rock Record.

County Seat Removal Complicated.

A new phase of the county seat removal question now confronts the people of Union county, says a La Grande special.

When the deed was made to Union county for the present court house grounds at Union, by Samuel Hanna in 1874, it stipulated that the title to the property should remain with the county only so long as it should be used as a court house site, but when it should cease to be so used, then it and all appurtenances should revert to the heirs of the Hanna estate.

Now that the county seat will come to La Grande and the building on the Hanna property will cease to be used as a court house, the heirs have already begun action to recover the property and prevent the removal of the vaults in the offices, and the steel cells in the county jail, to La Grande, claiming that by the provisions of the deed, these are "appurtenances" and belong to the real estate. Steel vaults and cells have been placed in the court house and jail at a cost of about \$25,000 by the people of the county and this new phase of the question has had a cooling effect on the enthusiasm over the county seat removal.

The new city hall at La Grande, which is to be used as a court house has not been provided with vaults by the builders, and this additional expense to be borne by the county may have some effect on the removal of the county seat, as the law prohibits a county from incurring more than \$5,000 indebtedness.

The Hannah heirs reside in Baker county, where Mrs. Hannah married Joseph Kennison, after Mr. Hannah's death, many years ago, and has several living children from her union with Mr. Hannah. According to the law, nothing but the books, records and movable effects of the county can be removed from the buildings.

Malheur County Horse-thieves Caught

Bob Hess and Roy Clover, wanted in this county for horse-stealing, were captured at Pine Valley, Wal-lowa county, by Deputy Sheriff Thomas and Frank Stark the other day. Mr. Thomas arrived with the prisoners this morning and at once left for Vale. When arrested, we are informed, they had 17 head of horses with them which were stolen from parties in this county.—Ontario Argus.

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EYES ON HARNEY VALLEY

THE SUMPTER VALLEY RAILROAD COMING HERE.

Joseph Barton States Company has Ordered 500 Tons of Rails—Construction be Pushed Rapidly as Possible.

Canyon City had a visit from a prominent railroad official last Monday in the person of Joseph Barton, general passenger and freight agent of the Sumpter Valley railroad. Mr. Barton was accompanied by his two sons, Dr. C. E. Barton, of Chicago, and Roy A. Barton, of Baker City.

The visit of Mr. Barton to Grant county at this time was on business connected with the future extension of the railroad with which he is connected. The line is now constructed within a mile of Tipton, which is on the summit of the Burnt river mountain, just over the Grant county line in Baker county. This will be completed in a very short time when all the terminal business will be transferred to that point. Mr. Barton stated to the Blue Mountain Eagle that his company had already ordered 500 tons of rails to be used this side of Tipton and that the construction of the road into Grant county would be pushed as rapidly as possible, but how far the road bed would be completed this season, he could not say. He said his company had their eye on Harney valley and that the road would ultimately be completed to that point.—Blue Mt. Eagle.

Making Survey of Extension.

J. A. West, chief engineer of the Sumpter Valley, went to Tipton today to look after work on the extension, and also to superintend the survey which has been started from Tipton to the middle fork of John Day on this proposed branch.

Contrary to the statements made by Joseph Barton, general passenger and freight agent, that the timber reserve matter does not enter into the transaction, Mr. West says it does, as was also stated by President Eccles. While the survey to the middle fork, a distance of ten miles from Tipton, is now being made, the starting of actual construction this summer depends on the speedy opening of the reserve. If this matter receives attention within the next few days, Mr. West says that every effort will be made to complete this ten miles before snow falls.

"We have had all the experience," says Mr. West, "of late starting we are looking for in the instance of the Tipton extension, and we do not propose to begin on the other unless we have ample time to push it through this fall. However, we have been promised a speedy settlement of the reserve matter, and hope that it will yet come in time to start actual construction in time to complete this fall. Otherwise we will do nothing beyond making the survey, on which we are already at work."—Sumpter Miner.

STRIKE HURTS STOCK MARKET.

The local stock market, especially of fat animals ready for slaughter, is badly demoralized, the cause

being principally held to be the packing house strikes, which have virtually annulled all demand. What demand there is, or has been for a week or more, has been nominal. There is no trouble in disposing of fats, but the prices are away below what anybody wants to take. At this time \$2 is being paid in this county for fat cows for shipment, and \$2.75 for fat steers for shipment, says the east Oregonian.

The situation is being used by those interested in the East in bearing the Western market, to bear it below what the conditions really warrant. One inevitable effect is that the local ranges will become clogged with cattle in condition to ship, but which the farmers can not dispose of and must perforce hold on to until they can. Already the range is overstocked with cattle as well as sheep, and the outlook is very serious.

The prediction is made that by the middle of August there will be considerable suffering among stock and that the amount of distress will

increase at a steady ratio as the season advances unless something to relieve the congestion.

All kinds of forage crops, including hay, are in fine condition and promise a large yield, which is a mitigating condition, but unless the ranges are relieved within the next two or three months by heavy sales, the fact will be inconsiderable so far as relieving the prospects of distress is concerned.

In fact there is not forage enough in sight to make it possible that there will not be a great amount of suffering among the livestock of this county before the winter is over, unless the Eastern demand should become normal and relieve the congestion.

The reason so many sheep are being sold off and shipped out is simply because the sheep must be fed farther east for several months before they are ready for the shambles, and the sheep that are leaving thus do not go direct to the stock-yards, as do the fat cattle.

REVISED TABLE OF INFORMATION.

The following table has been compiled after careful and thorough investigation of all records and statistics obtainable and gives actual resources of Harney county, every item of which can be proven:

Table with columns: Item, Number, Car, Wts. lbs. Includes Wool clip annually, Harney county; Sheep shippings annually; Cattle shipped annually; Horses and mules shipped annually; Merchandise shipped to merchants; Merchandise shipped direct to ranchers; Stock salt and sulphur; Stage freight at 3 cents per pound; Lumber sold annually, feet; Fuel wood sold annual, cords; Fence posts sold annually; Passengers by stage annually, 600 at \$10; Passengers by private conveyances, 1,800; Mail contracts; Number of sheep owned in Harney county; Number of sheep summered in Harney county; Number of cattle owned in Harney county; Tons of hay grown annually in Harney, over; Tons of hay grown annually, in a radius of 30 mile of Burns.

AREA OF LAND IN HARNEY COUNTY.

Table with columns: Item, Area, Acres. Includes Area of land, acres; Surveyed; Unsurveyed; Of above amount 556,324 acres are in forest reserve and Carey selections; Appropriated; Tillable, assessed; Nontillable, assessed; Improved, not patented; Susceptible to irrigation under U. S. Geological survey of Silvies Valley reservoir east of Silvies River north of Malheur Lake; Amount susceptible to irrigation west of Silvies River, estimated; Susceptible to irrigation under U. S. Geological survey of Silver Creek reservoir; Carey selections, approved; Road Companies Land; Appropriated; Susceptible to irrigation; Tillable bench land above irrigation line, over; Amount now covered by Malheur Lake which would be drained and reclaim by holding up water of Silvies River in reservoir; Water Facilities—Silvies River, Silver creek, McCoy creek, Blitzen River, and ten smaller streams; Altitude—4,100 feet—same as Salt Lake Valley; Mean Temperature—42; Annual precipitation—12 inches; Minerals—2,200 pounds of borax mined and hauled by team from Denio, Oregon, to Winnemucca, Nevada, daily, being all that is developed to speak of; Crops—Wheat, oats, rye, barley, alfalfa, sugar beets, hops, potatoes and all kinds of hardy fruits and vegetables.

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