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WILLIAM BYRD - - - - - Manager

THE SUSPENSE OVER.

At last the Government has made a decision in regard to the feasibility of the Silves reservoir project for the conservation of water with which to irrigate Harney Valley and has given it up. The reason given that the flow of water is insufficient will be construed by the people of this place as they please. We have a right to our own opinions in this matter and may know some day the exact cause. We know that sentiment has not been unanimous in favor of the Government taking up the project, and that influence was brought to bear through political circles and conflicting interests, that seriously interfered.

These elements do not surround the recent withdrawal on Silver creek and may be enlisted in its favor to such an extent that it will receive early recognition by the Reclamation Service and immediate action taken.

Since the matter of Government aid for irrigation has been definitely settled we can now answer the hundreds of inquiries that are constantly being received asking for information about the great Harney Valley. We will not say "Wait, the Government has over 500,000 acres of the finest vacant land in the west withdrawn from entry pending an investigation of a reservoir site with a view to reclaiming it." We can say come to the most promising section in the west, where the undeveloped resources are awaiting capital and energy; where they will see one of the largest valleys on earth; a delightful climate; where grain yields almost twice the number of bushels per acre as the middle states; where the rain fall has been sufficient this season to raise average crops without irrigation; where we have every indication of an abundance of artesian water; where private capital will take up and push to completion large irrigation projects at a cost of less than \$10 per acre; where sugar beets grow to perfection that give a higher test in saccharine matter than any other section in the United States; where we have the assurance of at least one railroad within two years and three others headed this way—including one transcontinental. We have fine range and an ideal stock country; numerous business openings on every hand; we need a creamery; a fortune could be made raising hogs for the local market. In fact Harney county's resources are unnumbered and diversified and we are ready and anxious to welcome people and capital—we need both to make this the greatest producing section of the west.

The Times-Herald is pleased to note that at the last meeting of our city council steps were taken toward ascertaining the kind of water systems now in use in neighboring towns with a view of possibly putting in water works here for fire protection.

Horsethieves Escape.

A special from Vale to the Oregonian of Aug 7 says: Locking their jailer in a cell, stealing the horses of the Sheriff and City Marshal, Robert Hess and Edward Chester, two noted horsethieves, made their escape from the Malheur County Jail here this morning.

A posse was organized with all dispatch, but Hess and Chester are heavily armed and know the country thoroughly. They are known as desperate characters who will resist arrest to the last.

Deputy Sheriff Thomas was giving the prisoners their breakfast at 6 o'clock this morning, when he was seized by them, gagged and placed in the cell they had just vacated. A rush was made into the Sheriff's office, where guns owned

by the Sheriff were secured. A horse owned by the Sheriff and another belonging to the City Marshal were captured before anyone knew what had happened. From their tracks it is evident the desperadoes made for the hills with all speed.

Vale is a small town of about 300 inhabitants, and of these few were astray at the time of the escape, and it was two hours before the citizens became aware of what had happened. A posse was then organized and started in pursuit.

Hess and Chester were recently arrested on the charge of horsetealing. They had 17 stolen horses in their possession when arrested. Previous to that they attempted to ship two cars of stolen horses from Parma Idaho.

FINEST GRAIN SECTION IN WEST.

Chas. Belshaw came over from Mt. Vernon this week with a load of fruit from his famous orchard. He states his fruit crop is enormous this season and that the Belshaw orchard would furnish enough fruit for all of Burns and vicinity.

Mr. Belshaw commended The Times-Herald on its efforts toward securing government aid for irrigation in this valley and hopes we will be successful. He says that water is all that is needed to make this the finest grain section in Oregon. This would bring a railroad and settlement at a rapid rate and general development of our resources would follow. Mr. Belshaw is an experienced agriculturist and horticulturist and knows what can be done here under proper conditions. Water is the one essential and he is surprised that the government has not taken up the matter before now. The projects here are the most feasible he has ever observed. He says the John Day country has the advantage of a lower altitude than this and would be perhaps more successful in the raising of fruit than Harney, except in favored spots where it is above the frost line or protected in some manner, but Harney valley has the advantage of being many times larger, with many acres of fine government land which needs but water to make it produce the finest grain and vegetables on earth. Mr. Belshaw says the near future will bring great changes here in this respect and that we must keep everlastingly at it which will eventually bring results.

Big Cattle Shipment.

A big shipment of cattle was made from Baker City yesterday, says the Democrat.

H. Y. Blackwell and Joe Combs, of Grant county arrived in the city early yesterday morning with 800 head of cows and calves—400 of each and put them in the O. R. & N. stockyards.

The cattle were bought by Mr. Blackwell and Combs for B. Clarke, representing B. F. Saunders and Co. of Salt Lake City, and Messrs. H. G. Rand, H. G. Rand Jr., and George S. Heckox, of Salt Lake, members of the firm were here and received the cattle.

The cattle are to be put on an Indian reservation and they were shipped yesterday direct to Montana.

W. R. Fisk, Sam Berry, Bert McEntire, T. H. Curl, Robt. Reed, N. T. Fisk and John Laursen left Saturday and are camped on Rail creek a short distance above the springs. The party will hold close communion with nature for about two weeks and joy will be the main feature of the camp. Out door life and the invigorating atmosphere of the upper ethereal levels create a fundamental hunger that knows no satiety, and when report says that they catch fish sufficient to satisfy this camp, reason says that the number caught must approach dangerously near the legal limit. Cruel rumor has it that Ralph Fisk strayed from camp and in his wondering encountered a bear. He beat an orderly and strategic retreat to strengthen his position, and when secure in his impregnable entrenchment and ready to force hostilities, discovered he had lost his gun. Bruin dallied for a spell then slowly sauntered on. An exploration party was thoroughly organized and after careful search recovered the gun where man and bear first met.—Prairie City Miner.

Mrs. Bert Bower was seriously ill the first of the week, but her physician reports her improving.

REAL ESTATE DEAL CONSUMED.

The Sisson Ranch, One of the Finest in West, Bought by Eastern Men.

The Sisson ranch in the southern part of this county and northern Nevada has been sold to Eastern parties. The deal was completed this week and the purchasers have returned to the East for the present but Mr Hill and McAllister will return in a short to take charge of and manage it.

This is one of the finest bodies of land in the West, it contains about 11,000 acres of the finest alfalfa, grain and natural hay lands, and is surrounded by unlimited range, and controls enough water to thoroughly irrigate it all. To bring this ranch to its fullest capacity will necessitate building a large reservoir and storing the waters in the winter and spring for late summer and fall use, and this has been decided upon by the new purchasers.

There is a very fine reservoir site upon the land.

The new purchasers expect to stock the ranch with different kinds of livestock to its fullest capacity.

We are very glad indeed to have outside capital come to our county and invest and have been informed that the gentlemen who have just purchased this property intend to make further investments in this country and we heartily welcome them to our midst and hope that our citizens will encourage them in every way possible.

Messrs Biggs & Biggs are to be congratulated upon making this sale which is one of the largest ever made in this county.

We are very thankful also to Mr. E. B. Hill one of the purchasers for bringing the other parties out here, Mr Hill having seen the property a year ago.

Mr. McAllister says that he has been very warmly received while here and we will try to give him a hot time when he returns to reside.

MINERAL DEPOSITS BE DEVELOPED.

Eastern Capitalists Have an Option on 10,000 Acres of Mineral Lands.

The Times-Herald is informed by E. B. Hill that some very flattering specimens of borax and other minerals have been obtained from the Alkali lake and North Alkali sections. An eastern company now has an option on between 9000 and 10,000 acres of mineral lands in that section and there is every indication that active development beginning in the near future.

If the present company does not take the matter up, Chicago capital is ready to invest immediately. Development work will begin within the next 18 months. This proposition will prove beneficial to this section and attract capital to other investments.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to extend my thanks to the Odd Fellows, friends and neighbors who were so kind to my father during his last illness.

His daughter,  
MAIDA K. AUSMUS.

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SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the county of Harney.  
Leah S. Whitmer, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Benjamin Barnard Whitmer, Defendant.

To Benjamin Barnard Whitmer, the above named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and cause on or before the first day of the next regular term of the above entitled court, to-wit: on or before the third day of October, A. D., 1904; and if you fail to appear and answer or otherwise plead to plain tiff's complaint herein, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in her complaint, to-wit: for a decree of the court absolutely and forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore and at this time existing between you and the plaintiff, and that plaintiff be allowed to assume her maiden name and for such other and further relief as to the court in equity may seem meet.

You will further take notice that a r-vice of summons herein is made upon you by publication in The Times Herald by order of the Honorable H. C. Levens, County Judge of Harney County, State of Oregon dated at Burns in said county and state this 5th day of August, A. D., 1904, and that said publication be for a period of six successive weeks beginning with the first publication hereof which is dated the 6th day of August, 1904.

WILLIAM MILLER,  
Attorney for Plaintiff.

Call For County Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that there are funds in the county treasury for the redemption of all warrants drawn on the Road, Building and General Funds and registered prior March 1, 1904. Interest on the same will cease from this date, July 16, 1904.

J. M. DALTON,  
Treasurer Harney County, Oregon.

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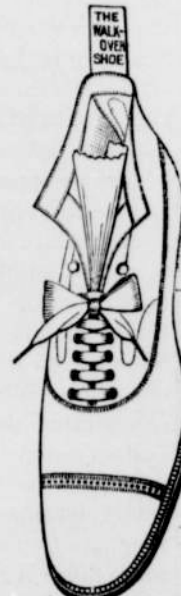
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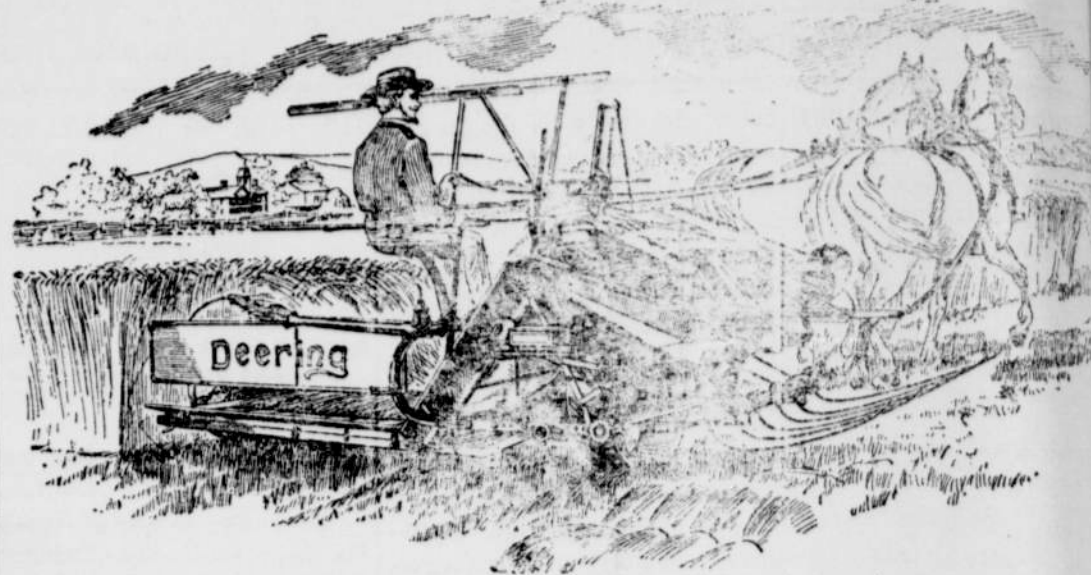
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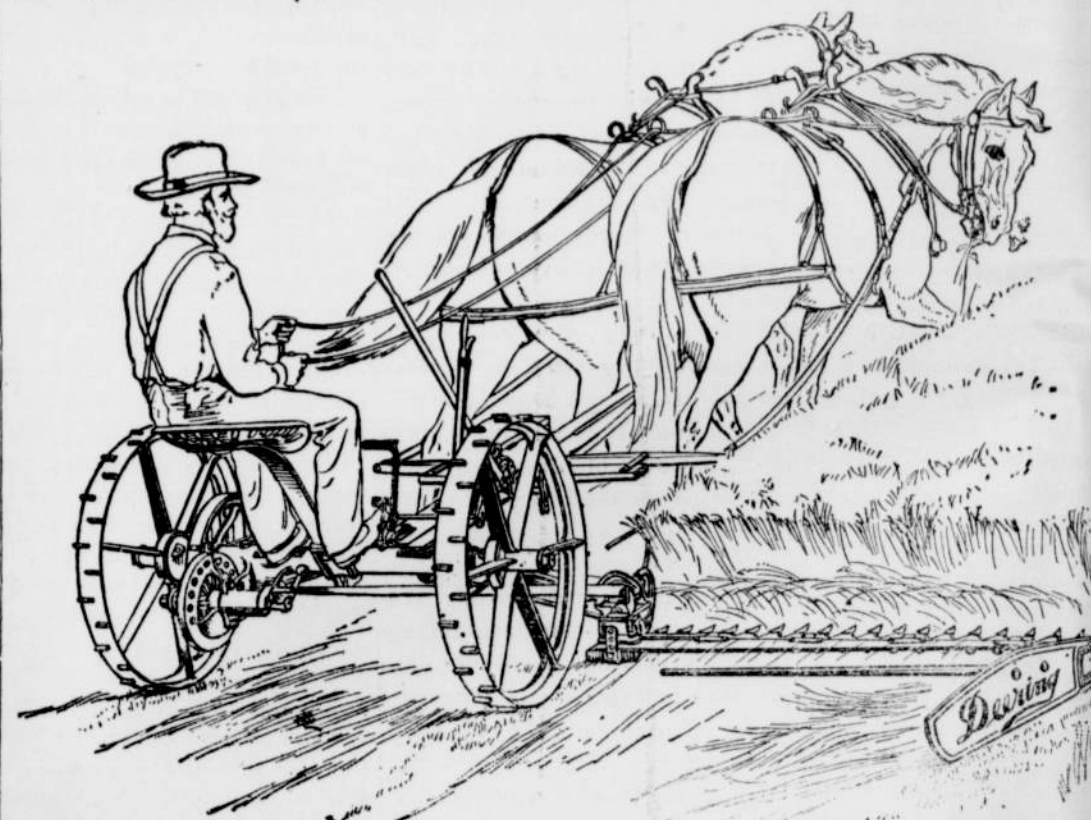
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