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HARNEY BETTER THAN UTAH

AS ADVANTAGE OF LOWER ALTITUDE AND RICHER SOIL.

Mr. Hendrickson Enthusiastic Over Possibilities of Great Valley—Compares It With Salt Lake.

John Hendrickson, of Nephi, Utah, who arrived here a few days ago to buy sheep, is one of the most enthusiastic men to visit this section in recent years. The gentleman says Harney valley is one of the most promising farming sections in the west and would gamble on alfalfa being raised successfully in any part of the valley.

Mr. Hendrickson expressed himself as more than astonished to see this vast stretch of level land so rich and with such possibilities lying untilled and most of it even unclaimed. He said he would prefer land here to that under the proposed government irrigation project over in Malheur county, as it would cost much less and did not need irrigation to raise wheat and alfalfa.

A representative of The Times-Herald was fortunate in securing valuable information from Mr. Hendrickson and numerous instances where crops are successfully raised in Utah at an elevation exceeding this valley in some instances more than 2,000 feet. The average altitude of Utah is 6,100 feet and yet big crops are raised annually of such products as are considered—or have been, at least—impossible to raise here except under exceptionally favorable conditions.

Mr. Hendrickson, like the gentleman quoted in our last issue, says we need cultivation more than irrigation. The soil, climate and conditions are all that can be desired. In fact superior to many places of his state where successful farming has been carried on for years and where failures are not known. Farming should be studied.

In this respect The Times-Herald wishes to say here, that our representatives in the legislature should use their efforts to secure state appropriation for an annual district fair. By offering proper inducements for exhibits the farmers will be more inclined to experiment. The state owes this to the county, as do other counties in the state receive such benefits. Local people have put up quite liberally for such exhibits in the past but it is not right we should.

Mr. Hendrickson suggested the desirability of getting reports of Prof. John Westdo, of the Government Experiment Station, at Logan, Utah. This gentleman has been communicated with by a gentleman of this city who is interested in the matter. When information is received from Prof. Westdo The Times-Herald readers will receive the benefit of any suggestions.

Quab and Millard counties are similar in character to Harney valley," says Mr. Hendrickson. "Iron and Washington counties are high, except the latter in the southern portion. There is one farm at Fillmore of 3000 acres all in alfalfa, three-fourths of which is not irrigated. The same farmer, Almon Robinson, has a seed ranch on black-sage land and raises 6 bushels to the acre. Three bushels will pay for the seed.

Anderson Bros., of Dry Creek Meadow P. O. raised seed without irrigation and all kinds of small grains. The Jubal Experimental farm is at Nephi, at an altitude of 5000 or 5500 and is at the foot of Mt. Nebo.

"You can raise alfalfa anywhere you can stick a plow. It will grow in any kind of soil—salt grass, greasewood or even the stoniest of soils. On the alkali soils it must be irrigated to wash out the alkali. The Sevier River country is a greasewood proposition and raises fine alfalfa."

Mr. Hendrickson speaks of many other farms in that section of Utah and gives instances of where alfalfa is raised without irrigation where it is 120 feet to water. He also states that seed farms are being conducted on sagebrush lands

where water is from 8 to 10 feet from the surface. These sagebrush lands raise wheat crops going 20 bushels per acre with no irrigation within miles. He also referred to places where crops were raised on alkali land the alkali being washed out by irrigation. Alfalfa is being raised successfully at the highest points in Utah.

After looking over the valley and discussing the excellent soil, Mr. Hendrickson was of the opinion that seed farming would be very profitable here and this brought up the subject of preparing the ground and seeding it.

"In sowing put 10 pounds of seed to the acre for seed farms and 15 pounds for hay," he said. "In plowing use five horses on a 16 inch plow and soil must be plowed to a depth of at least 10 inches and 12 is better. For seed alfalfa the water should be taken off by the 15th of May and the first crop cut for hay before it blossoms. Experience in that section shows that the best seed grains are raised on the dry farms.

"Harvest seed crops from the middle of August to the middle of September. The land should be deeply plowed in the spring and seeded in the fall in time to anticipate the first rains. Seed should be sown on the surface and simply rolled in so that the first light rains will germinate it.

"Where you can raise wheat you can raise alfalfa seed, and good alfalfa land is worth \$50 to \$60 an acre. A month's sunshine is sufficient to raise this product and May seeding is best.

"Professor Westdo contends that water is too valuable to put on wheat land, and should be reserved for best land, orchards etc. Successful experiments are being made by him in raising beets without irrigation, which has been considered impossible heretofore."

In speaking of sugar beets the gentleman stated that there was a factory at Garland, on Bear River where the land is strongly alkali and the altitude very high. The best beet country in that state is all in higher altitudes. Beet lands raise on an average 18 tons per acre and the price is \$4 per ton at the factories.

The Times-Herald hopes its readers will profit from this information. A comparison of this section with the great Salt Lake country has resulted in every instance most favorable to Harney valley. We have one of the best agricultural countries on the face of the globe and it is time we let the world know it. The time has passed when this big fertile valley can be used only for pasture by the big stock concerns. It is now in its transiency stage and within a short time will be cultivated to its fullest extent.

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CIRCUIT COURT IN SESSION

JUDE DAVIS DISCHARGES JURORS THE SECOND DAY.

Not a Jury Trial for the Present Term Causing the County Very Little Expense for the Session.

Circuit Court convened last Monday with Judge Geo. E. Davis on the bench, District Attorney McCulloch and other officers present.

The term will be very light so far as expense to the county is concerned as there were no jury trials and the jurors in attendance were discharged for the term on Tuesday.

Outside attorneys in attendance are Will R. King, Judge Webster, and Dist. Atty. McCulloch. Court is still in session and will continue for a few days next week. Following are the proceedings up to time of going to press:

EQUITY

Paul Locher vs. City of Burns, writ of Review—writ dismissed judgment for defts. for cost.

Joel Sturtevant vs. C. H. McPheters—injunction—Oct 4 motion for default filed Oct. 5, motion for default sustained, motion for leave to answer denied.

Annie Hayes vs. Geo. W. Hayes—modification of decree—Amended petition filed plaintiff 30 days in which to plead.

Jennie Devine vs. J. D. Billingsley—suit to quiet title—mandate of Supreme Court.

L. Woldenberg Sr. vs. Christian Berg—accounting—mandate of supreme court—Oct 3 judgment on mandate. Receiver heretofore appointed continued under present order.

Martha Ash vs. Fred Ash—divorce—default and finding decree for plff.

Pauline Locher vs. City of Burns—injunction—On demurrer. Demurrer overruled by consent. Defendant declines to plead further. Decree for want of answer for title only.

Leah S. Whitmer vs. B. B. Whitmer—divorce—default and decree for plff.

I. E. Rann vs. C. W. Rann—divorce—Default and decree for plff.

C. F. McKinney et als vs. L. Woldenberg Sr. et als—foreclosure—Demurrer of defts. Jones overruled by consent. Receiver in Woldenberg & Berg made defendant.

Lulu C. McMullen vs. Marlin McMullen—divorce—service not complete.

LAW

Chas. Altschul vs. Emmett Clark—ejectment—mandate entered and judgment on mandate.

Chas. Altschul vs. Robt. Irving—ejectment—set for trial first day of next regular term.

Chas. Altschul vs. M. Fenwick—same ejectment—On demurrer. Demurrer overruled by consent 30 days to answer, plff. 30 days thereafter to reply.

Chas. Altschul vs. A. F. B. George—ejectment—By agreement set for trial second of next regular term.

H. C. Levens vs. H. Y. Black—

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THE RACE MEET CLOSES

The race program was finished Monday afternoon and the local association informs The Times-Herald that from a financial standpoint the meet was quite successful and satisfactory. The weather was fine and Saturday's attendance much larger than any of the previous days.

In the 1/2 mile dash, free for all, for a purse of \$175 there were three entries: Hush, by Richardson; Baby May, by Brisbois and Sleepy Dick, by Hardman. The latter seemed very much alive and not true to his name at the start and caused considerable trouble to the starters, but was finally cut loose several lengths behind at the request of the owners and rider who thought they could catch the colt before he got around the track, but

in this they missed their calculations. The mare led considerable to the good about half way round the track then Hush closed up and passed her with ease, coming into the stretch at a safe lead which he increased before coming under the wire. Sleepy Dick hurried up down the stretch and got second place right at the wire. Time, 1:22.

The pony race for a purse of \$50 was a pretty race and the boys rode for all there was in them. For Sale got first money with Silver Tail, a two-year-old, owned and rode by a little son of D. Black a close second. There were four horses entered Snow Ball and Spittoon bringing up the rear.

The 1/2 mile trot or pace, two in three heats for \$50 was a one-sided affair and not so swift as was anticipated. The time-keepers announced after the first heat that their watches run down before the horses come under the wire. Mattie, by Phil Smith won two straight heats, the Frenchman taking second place. Chas Wilson's buggy horse "Teddy" was a disappointment to his friends and did not show up as well as he could. He had been driven in company with the other horses before and showed good speed, but seemed to be off his feet the day of the race.

The first number on Monday's program was a 1/2 mile and repeat two to three for \$200. Again the colt Hush showed he was a race horse by taking both heats from Baby May and Sleepy Dick. Only two horses went to the pole the second heat Baby May being withdrawn on account of breaking the saddle. The best time was 50 1-5 which was considered good by horsemen.

The 1/2 mile dash for Harney county saddle horses followed with four entries: Barbwire, Pat, a white horse ridden by Ralph Curi and a bay by Corbell. Barbwire took first money and the bay horse second.

The Indian race was the closing event and was the usual laughable cord. There were only three horses entered and as it looked like a "cinch" for Louie's racer no money changed hands. Upon coming under the wire the first time where it was necessary to reverse and again mark out the course in the opposite way, two of the horses were close and when they started back met the third who turned with them. The judges gave a war whoop and made the rider come back and turn under the wire. This put him somewhat at a disadvantage but he took after the others and succeeded in getting at least half way round the track before the others finished. It had always been the custom, formerly for the horses to turn around Broady Johnson. Louie's racer seems to know Broady and upon nearing the end of the course discovered him some sixty yards down the track and attempted to make the usual turn. With considerable effort the rider finally got him headed again toward the finish and not a moment too soon for the second horse came up finally and made it a warm finish.

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OBJECTIONS TO BIG CLAIMS

LAKE COUNTY SHEEPMEN DO NOT FAVOR SCHEME.

Claim Williamson's Plan Would Leave Them With Practically no Means of Providing Winter Range.

The Lakeview correspondent to the Telegram has interviewed several sheepmen for their views relative to the article which appeared recently in that paper, giving the views of Congressman Williamson on the range troubles in Eastern Oregon and the remedy. Mr. Williamson advocates an act of Congress which will permit the mountain ranges to be homesteaded in tracts of perhaps 1000 or 2000 acres, while the agricultural lands be reduced to as low as 40 acres. If that small an area were sufficient to support a family.

This measure would probably meet the approval of cattlemen in Lake county, as they already own the great natural meadows or irrigated swamps, and have the means to provide hay for winter, but the sheepmen contend that these mountains contain only summer ranges and produce no hay for winter, and if they did that could not be fed there, because snow falls so deep that a horse could not wallow through it, let alone a sheep. They also say the winter range (the "desert") is rich in agricultural land, if water is once put upon it, which is possible in many places through storage reservoirs, or pumping plants, while it is believed strong artesian flows would be obtained if wells were sunk. This would leave the sheepmen with practically no means of providing winter range or forage and would have the effect of forcing all but the few who have meadow land, out of business. It would enable the cattlemen to grab the lands in large tracts, as was done in pre-emption days.

In addition there is much valuable timber on these mountain ranges, and good reason to believe valuable mines may yet be discovered there, in which case further complications would be experienced, as a patent can be attacked after mineral is discovered.

Presuming the Assessor's roll is correct, this county is not so badly overstocked, as its area is 5,000,000 acres. The Assessor's roll shows 141,887 sheep in the county, or less than five sheep to a quarter section; 23,684 head of cattle, or one to something over a hundred acres; 5798 horses, or one horse to about 850 acres; 373 hogs, or less than two hogs to the township.

The general impression among local sheepmen seems to be that it is better to let things alone. The cattlemen cannot suffer as long as he owns meadows by townships, they argue, while the sheepmen is the life of the country bringing the first money of the season here when his wool moves in June, and again in the Fall, when the mutton moves; spending his money at home liberally, paying good wages, and being a large buyer of products of the farm.

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