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Merchants of this section say that many of our ranchers and stockmen go to the road for supplies without even ascertaining prices of the home merchant and that they can compete with outside houses in quality, quantity and prices. Of course the freight must be added to the articles purchased here and if such is the case we fail to see the economy of going out for supplies merely for the sake of the difference in the freight. In fact almost any of these men could make more in the time it requires to make a trip to the railroad securing wood for winter use, plowing, looking after stray stock, improving corrals, barns, sheds, etc.

The Times-Herald would like very much to see a change in this custom. Our local merchants should have a fair profit. They help pay taxes, keep up schools, contribute to churches and charity if asked. They are always looking to the best interests of the people and the development of the country. They buy the farmers' grain, vegetables, chickens, eggs, pigs, etc, and patronize local institutions. They also patronize the columns of the local press not only for the direct benefit, the advertising brings to their business, but for the reason that it is the medium through which this section may be advertised abroad and people made acquainted with the resources of this rich and fertile valley where thousands may find homes.

The local merchant contributes liberally to any enterprise that is of public benefit and uses his energy and influence toward bettering conditions for the whole county. He makes it possible for the rancher and stockman to be almost independent when it comes to disposing of his produce or stock. If prices are not what they consider good they are given credit by the local merchant and carried, many times at the disadvantage of the latter, until such time as he may make profitable disposition of his stock or produce as the case may be.

There is not a reliable stockman or farmer in this county but that can get credit at any store in Burns a reasonable length of time. Then, when he is able to pay the cash he should patronize that merchant. Local business men have the same opportunities as outside merchants to buy goods. They get goods just as cheap—but are not given six months or a year to pay for them, like the consumer.

The wholesale house will not wait longer than 60 days and the local merchant is sometimes compelled to borrow money at high rates of interest in order to accommodate these same customers who go to the railroad with their cash.

Give local merchants the cash trade of this section and see the result. It will be cheaper goods, because the merchant will not have to borrow money nor keep such an enormous sum in the business. Give him your business. Build up home industry, thereby increasing the wealth and prosperity of your county.

"If it will cost \$1000 to prepare an exhibit of the game birds and animals of this county, you can rest assured it will take a like amount to put it in place properly on the fair grounds and another \$1000 to secure the services of a competent person to look after it during the period of the fair," said a well known business man of this city the other day. "Nevertheless, I will be one of a hundred men to form a stock company for such a purpose, and take chances on the possibility of getting the amount back."

That has the true ring and strikes a proper basis to work up-

on. This gentleman is no more able than many others to take stock or is he any more interested in the development or advertising of this county than hundreds of others. But he is public spirited and willing to go ahead with such an enterprise for the benefit of the whole county.

Subscribers are asked to read the proposition we offer on page four this week. The American Farmer is a real good 16 page paper and is not devoted entirely to farming but also has many good hints to stockmen, poultry raisers, hogmen, and some pages are devoted to good general reading for the whole family. Take advantage of this opportunity.

WILL QUIT BREEDING.

The East Oregonian says: A. L. Donovan, the Izee cattleman, who with other Izee men drove cattle to this place this week, states that the Grant county cattlemen are rapidly abandoning the breeding of cattle to any considerable extent, and are depending more and more on Crook and Harney counties to supply the animals which they feed.

Grant county is developing its forage crop industries so rapidly, and stock cattle can be gotten so cheaply farther in the interior, that cattle raising is undergoing rapid modification.

In Grant county the tendency is strongly in favor of the Hereford—that is, probably a majority of the cattlemen raising an equal number of animals, favored that breed. In and Harney counties the preference is not decided either way; probably it is about half and half. Mr. Donovan personally favors the composite, holding views identical with J. C. Loneragan on that subject. He has bred pure Hereford and pure Durtams, and the mixed, all in large numbers, and his preference is decided that the half is the very best beef animal from any standpoint.

TO JUDGE OREGON STORIES.

The Oregon story contest that has been carried on by the Portland Commercial Club will be decided by a joint committee appointed by Governor Chamberlain and Mayor William of this city. Governor Chamberlain has appointed I. W. Pratt of Portland, Father Quinland of Columbia university, W. C. Hawley of Salem, H. S. Lyman of Astoria, and W. S. Gilbert of Portland, says the Oregon Daily Journal. Mayor Williams has named B. B. Biekman, W. A. Mears, Henry Reed, Paul Kelly and W. D. B. Dobson, all of Portland.

Under the conditions imposed by the Commercial club the stories must deal with Oregon resources and development, must be printed in some newspaper outside of Oregon, and a copy of the publication furnished to the club. For the best article prizes were offered, aggregating about \$300. The first prize is \$50 in cash or a gold medal worth that amount; the second prize is the medal or the \$50, as the winner of the first prize may elect; The other prizes are various sums of cash. The contest closed October 1.

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T. R. and Geo. Hibbard have returned home after visiting their nephew, Dr Hibbard the past summer.

Frank Fisk and wife, of John Day, came over to attend the funeral of the latter's mother, Mrs. Gregory.

President Daly of the First National Bank is in the city for the purpose of attending the regular quarterly meeting of the stockholders of that institution.

Dr. Marden was called to Silver creek Thursday to see Mrs. D. R. Thorn. He returned home yesterday, but was again called back this morning to see the same patient.

SILVER CREEK IRRIGATION PROJECT.

Considered by Engineers One of The Most Promising Yet Investigated.

The Times-Herald is informed from a reliable source that the engineers of the Geological Survey now at work on the proposed Government irrigation project on Silver creek are greatly pleased with the prospects and state it is one of the most favorable locations coming under their observation. While this is not such a large undertaking as others now anticipated, it is ideal in every respect and has a fine body of land susceptible to reclamation. The withdrawal includes land to the amount of 336,000 acres, which is quite a scope of country and capable of sustaining homes on every 160 acres which would mean a large increase in Harney county's population and wealth should the project be taken up.

Our informant states the engineers are satisfied the amount of water is abundant to reclaim this vast section of arid land and so far as their examination has gone the reservoir site, land and everything connected with the project is favorable and without a drawback to its final completion and realization.

A most favorable feature of this project is the fact that four-fifths of the land is still vacant with no conflicting water rights to be adjusted or to complicate the final work should the present investigation prove the project feasible.

While the people realize the necessity of thorough investigation of such projects before final action, Oregonians feel they are entitled to recognition by the reclamation service, especially since this state has contributed a larger amount to the fund than any other of the arid states. The dilatory methods of the service may be necessary, but they are certainly not in keeping with the strenuous head of this great nation and therefore it is not surprising that we become impatient. The Times-Herald hopes the Silver creek irrigation project will be favorably acted upon. It has merit and the fact that this section is isolated is in its favor rather than a detriment, as such a move by the government would attract attention to the magnitude of this Inland Empire where the over crowded East may be relieved to a great extent. The reclaiming of this tract would also be a factor in bringing about the settlement and cultivation of many thousands of acres not susceptible to this scheme, but which is adjacent and which would go far to swell the reclamation fund for use on other feasible sites.

Blue Mt. Eagle:

E. C. Buckley, of Silvie valley, made a business trip to this city this week.

Teams are daily coming in from Harney county after fruit and vegetables grown on the John Day valley.

Geo. Patterson and A. J. Stephens left last Friday for a hunting trip at the lakes in Harney valley.

Dr. H. S. Brown from Prairie City. He has rented a dwelling here and will reside at this place in the future.

Ed Craddock and James Rathers, of Stillwater, Oklahoma, bought a band of ninety head of horses of residents of Silvie valley last week, which they will ship to Oklahoma for market. Mr. Craddock is a brother of the Craddocks who reside in Silvie valley, and formerly resided in that part of Grant county.

The Second Annual Report of the Reclamation Service, which was compiled under the supervision of Mr. F. H. Newell, chief engineer, is now available. It is a continuation of the first Annual Report, which was completed on November 29, 1902, and transmitted at the opening of the second session of the Fifty-seventh Congress. The statements made in the first report are supplemented in the second by an account of the results accomplished during the field season of 1903 by Mr. Newell and his assistants.

The family of Lit Sagers arrived here last night from Idaho. They come to join Lit and will reside here permanently.

By going to the famous Belshaw orchard on the John Day and taking a variety, you may pick your own fall and winter apples for the price of 25 cents a box. Come all—enough to supply all of Harney valley.

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