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## HARNEY AT THE BIG FAIR

### GOOD EXHIBIT AT THE LEWIS AND CLARK ASSURED.

The initial steps taken by our County Court Appropriating \$1,000—Will Give More on Condition.

Congressman Hermann once said several years ago that the only products of Harney county was "Hay, bell and potatoes." These items continue to be enumerated among our products but we have added to them everything in the line of livestock and farm produce that similar climates and even more fortunately located sections of the west have to their credit.

Through the action of our county court at a special meeting held last Tuesday, Harney county took the preliminary steps to show Congressman Hermann and all other Missourians that we have grown. That Harney county is the most promising section of Oregon; that we can and do raise all the things credited by Mr. Hermann and then some.

The court has set aside \$1000 from the general fund for the purpose of collecting and maintaining an exhibit of our resources at the Lewis and Clark fair next year. This fund has been placed at the disposal of Hon. I. S. Geer and is for the purpose of defraying the expense of securing suitable exhibits of the farm, fruit, garden, dairies, woods, wool, livestock, mines, etc. All this is right and the court has started in the right way. Every citizen of Harney county should take special pride in helping along this cause and do something toward furthering the project and make the exhibition a credit and one that is attractive. This, however is not sufficient. We can compare very favorably with any section of the state considering our conditions. Our isolation from transportation facilities, the nearness of the country, altitude, scarcity of rainfall and irrigation have all been something to contend with.

It is only of very recent years that people of this section have turned their attention to diversified farming/fruit raising, etc., therefore our supply is necessarily short. Again, we have begun too late in the season to secure an exhibit of all our resources, especially in the produce line. Much of this we will be unable to secure until next season, consequently our exhibit will be quite small to start with and devoid of any particular attractive features. We are all proud of our county and realize the importance of advertising our resources. We boast of our greatness; the biggest county, biggest valley, most vacant tillable land that will grow anything planted, except perhaps tropical plants, in Oregon. Harney county has to its credit one-third of the cattle of the state—cattle on a thousand hills in reality—millions of pounds of wool, horses, mules. More than one-ninth of the area of Oregon is embraced within the borders of Harney county.

Since the court adjourned Judge Levens and Commissioner Best have signified their willingness to appropriate another \$1000 next year—or after the first of January—under certain conditions which are explained below. It is almost assured that Commissioner Miller will acquiesce as soon as he can be communicated with, he having left town before it was suggested.

Our proportion of the state tax for the \$500,000 appropriated for the Lewis and Clark is \$8000. To derive any benefit from this expenditure we must let the fair visitors know something about us. We are remote from transportation lines and none of these visitors will have an opportunity to view our broad valley, beautiful scenery or the excellent advantages of stock raising and permanent range privileges.

No other section of Oregon is less known than Harney county—that is her particular advantage. No other county in the state that has such a vast field of undeveloped

resources or capable of furnishing as many homes with exceptional opportunities in the way of increasing their wealth.

It is now up to the people to reap untold benefit from this opportunity of getting before the world in a manner that will be sure to attract homeseekers and capital to our county and increase our population and wealth.

The Times-Herald feels that to accomplish this purpose it will be necessary to do more than merely display our farm products. Fair visitors, as a rule, will not stop to make particular inquiry of any section that merely has such an exhibit without some special attractive features, unless it be an exceptional large display. Therefore it behoves us to bestir ourselves and secure something unique and interesting with which to help bring attention to this vast region of our state. This attraction we have and the means to place it on exhibition with the Harney county display is within our reach if we will take it up properly and with the idea of making it a complete success.

On the waters and in the vicinity of our big lakes we have every variety of fowl that frequents the northwestern states. On our plains and mountains we have other game birds and animals of every description. We have in all 250 varieties of birds and 48 varieties of animals exclusive of domestic.

Suppose it could be shown as practically certain that a full display of all these birds and animals could be made and pay a handsome dividend to the promoters or stockholders even before the fair is closed. Wouldn't it be a good investment? If even it did not pay as a business proposition wouldn't it be advisable to make such a display just the same?

Through correspondence with taxidermists and men who have had experience in the business of mounting birds and animals we have learned that it is a paying business and that such collections are without exception sold for much more than the cost of collection and mounting. The supply at the St. Louis fair was completely exhausted two months before the fair was closed.

The Times-Herald has yet to find the individual who will say Harney County's exhibit would be complete without such a collection and every man approached upon the subject is willing to enter into a stock company or some such organization and subscribe from \$10. to \$25. toward securing such a display—not with an idea of reaping any personal benefit from it or the return of one cent of the amount subscribed, although it is practically assured that the money would be returned with a good premium besides. Many favor making the organization permanent with the understanding that should the collection, or any part of it, be sold to have it replaced and a permanent exhibit be maintained here at home after the close of the fair.

This matter however, will be left entirely with the stock holders of the organization.

**Appropriate \$1000 More.**  
The county court, as individuals, realize the excellent idea of making such a display and expressed a hope that such could be accomplished. Each member offered to contribute or take stock toward securing the collection and will give as much as any other individual. The court, as a body, did not feel disposed to appropriate money for such a purpose, not knowing just how the public felt about the matter. If the people of Harney county will raise by public subscription or through taking stock in an organization for the purpose of collecting an exhibit of this kind especially, a general exhibit as well, the sum of \$1500, the court will make an appropriation of \$1000 the first of the coming year to be used in common with the fund thus raised by the people.

Are we going to sit idly and let this most excellent opportunity go by? It is one chance in a lifetime.

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## SUMPTER VALLEY BLOCKED

### EXTENSION INTO THIS SECTION IS AT PRESENT TIED UP.

Claimed Harriman People Wish to Curtail Its Importance and Territory in the Interest of Future Business.

E. H. Harriman has blocked the announced purpose of the Sumpter Valley Railroad to build into Prairie City and is known that it will now be impossible for that road to extend its lines until Mr. Harriman is ready and willing for it to move. The object in preventing the extension of the Sumpter Valley line is to keep its territory and importance curtailed and to avoid the possibility of its development into a road that might at some time make trouble for the Harrimans interests.

The method adopted by Harriman officials in dealing with the Sumpter was simple and effective. There was not the least encouragement offered from Harriman, it was announced some time ago that the Sumpter Valley would extend, tapping rich country and rendering settlement possible and mining districts productive. Grading was done and steel rails ordered. Then came the trouble.

The Harriman roads, over which the steel for the Sumpter Valley track must come, refused to make special rates for the material, and Sumpter Valley faced the necessity of paying full freight charges, enough to cripple financially, a much larger corporation. Thus the matter now stands.

The Herald in conversation with J. E. Barton, general manager of the Sumpter Valley was informed that the above facts are substantially correct but as to the conclusion drawn from these facts he was unable to say anything. He said further that the plans of his road were to have laid more track on the extension during September and October last but they had to cancel the orders for rails on account of prohibitive freight rates of the Harriman system. As it now stands the extension of the Sumpter Valley is probably up in the air indefinitely.

Referring to the above dispatch the Portland Telegram says: "News from New York that Harriman has impeded and perhaps effectually prevented the extension of the Sumpter Valley railroad, by holding high tariff on material necessary for lengthening the road, caused discussion, conjecture and disappointment in Portland. "Railroad men say the real intention of the Harriman interests is to force the Sumpter Valley to sell cheaply and business men are disappointed because the new districts tributary to the proposed road would have transacted business with Portland."

"Many have been the projects of railroad construction in connection with the Sumpter Valley, which is a narrow-gauge railroad, extending from Sumpter to Baker City where it connects with the O. R. & N. This road which is owned by the Mormon interests in eastern Oregon and which is entirely an independent line, is presided over by Howard Eccles. During the early days of the Sumpter boom it literally coined money and the rates charged were alleged to be far from liberal. The system was originally intended as a logging and mining road, but was gradually extended until it became of considerable importance.

"Business men fear this new move blocking the Sumpter Valley, will drive the trade of Interior Oregon to San Francisco, as it is obviously the intention of the railroad now projected to Lakeview to continue to Burns and perhaps farther." An entirely different view of the situation is taken by people in eastern Oregon who are in close touch with the railroad powers that be. They say that this relation on the part of the Harriman lines is in the interest of the Bonta road, projected directly from Baker City the John Day valley and to Burns, a standard gauge road. The Bonta

enterprise has been delayed this season, apparently on account of Major Bonta's inability to float his bonds; but those who know say that such is not the case; as he refused a cash offer of 92 1/2 cents for his entire issue. They very naturally draw the inference that unless he were sure of getting all the money he needs, were he operating merely on his account he would never have turned down such a proposition.—Baker City Herald.

Hon. Chas. Parrish, of Burns Or. has a collection of relics, that he has gathered in Southeastern Oregon, that form a very valuable cabinet not alone because many of the curiosities are unusual but because they have a bearing on early Oregon history. Judge Parrish takes great delight in everything that tends to throw light upon pioneer life and early settlement of this part of the country and through his efforts much that might have remained lost has been preserved. He has in his collection a hatchet, that it is believed belonged to John Day, the man, after whose name, this valley is known. It was found on the Middle Fork of the John Day and is in perfect state of preservation, although it is nearly 100 years old. On the blade, stamped, are initials J. D. From all the circumstances of its finding and its style and pattern it seems to point to the one conclusion, that it belonged to that early forerunner of civilization who came down through the John Day valley nearly 100 years ago.—Prairie City Miner.

### A WONDERFUL INVENTION.

It is interesting to note that fortunes are frequently made by the invention of articles of minor importance. Many of the more popular devices are those designed to benefit people and meet popular conditions, and one of the most interesting of these that has ever been invented is the Dr. White Electric Comb, patented Jan. 1, '99 These wonderful Combs positively cure dandruff, hair falling out, sick and nervous headaches, and when used with Dr. White's Electric Hair Brush are positively guaranteed to make straight hair curly in 25 days time. Thousands of these electric combs have been sold in the various cities of the Union, and the demand is constantly increasing. Our agents are rapidly becoming rich selling these combs. They positively sell on sight. Send for sample. Men's size 35c, ladies' 50c — (half price while we are introducing them.) The Dr. White Electric Comb Co., Decatur, Ill.

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E. H. Test, who is connected with the First National Bank at Ontario was in the city Monday. Mr. Test has been a very potent factor in affairs in Malheur county being very prominent in business circles and at the same time very active in politics, having been a member of the legislature and was elected to the office of county clerk for three successive terms. This is his first trip into the John Day valley and he has nothing but words of praise for the country and the people he met while here. He left for his home in Ontario, Tuesday.—Prairie City Miner.

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