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The Philadelphia Press prints a long interview with Secretary Hitchcock in which the secretary states that the opposition to him comes entirely from men who are involved in land frauds, and who are endeavoring to force him out of the cabinet because he is an obstacle in their way.

If business men and property owners show an illiberal spirit toward home newspapers they will have no reason to complain if the newspapers retaliate in kind.

The Echo News, otherwise an enterprising local paper, is such a botch in point of typography and printing as to be unreadable, which causes the Irrigon Irrigator to say that "it's an exponent of the resurrection-resurrecting 'pi' from the hell box, locking it up with a boot jack, reading the proof with a can opener, inking the forms with axle grease, and printing them on a cider press."

A young married man in a great state of excitement, flew to the telegraph office of his town and wired his wife's relatives a happening as follows: "Twins today. More tomorrow."—Ex.

The Prisoner Embarrassed.

A pioneer relates a story of a Umatilla justice to the East Oregonian, as follows: The justice was dumfounded one morning by having one of his best friends and the most honored poker player in the town brought before him on a serious charge.

After hearing the damaging evidence against the accused, who was an ex-judge and a very dignified person, the justice, in a pompously judicial manner, said: "Considering the grave charge against you, and recognizing the importance of preserving the peace and dignity of Umatilla Landing, it is the decision of this court that you pay a fine of \$30."

In an equally pompous air, the accused ex-judge addressed the court as follows:

"It is needless to say that the four jacks which the court held in the last game last night financially embarrassed me, until, as a matter of fact, judge I don't happen to have \$30 in my possession."

The "court" was shifting in his chair and turning the pages of the Oregon code during this brief speech, and when the accused sat down, the justice, with apparent embarrassment said:

"Considering the extenuating circumstances in this case, and the ill luck that has attended the ac-

cused, the decisions of this court is that he pay a fine of \$20, that the law of this sovereign state may be satisfied."

The accused once more arose and in a solemn voice replied:

"It is peculiarly unfortunate, your honor, that my finances are such that it would be impossible for me to raise \$20, unless your honor could lend me a considerable portion of that sum."

With chilling gravity the justice adjusted his spectacle, pushed the code aside with his elbow, and fixing a stern gaze on the prisoner at the bar, said finally:

"Then the court 'taps' you." Accordingly the state of Oregon was enriched by a contribution of \$7.80 and justice at Umatilla Landing was satisfied.

Facts From Report.

Secretary of State F. I. Dunbar has just made public his biennial report, giving a complete account of the financial affairs of the state. The following facts are gleaned: The state of Oregon has no debt, and no county is delinquent in the payment of state taxes.

State expenses for 1904, \$1,573,310; estimated expense necessary for 1905, \$1,140,000. Ordinary expenses of state for year 1904, \$859,310; estimated ordinary expense for 1905, \$890,000. Extraordinary expenses for 1904—Lewis and Clark Fair, \$250,000; Cello canal, \$100,000; portage road, \$165,000; Indian War veterans, \$100,000; total, \$615,000. Extraordinary expenses for 1905—Lewis and Clark Fair, \$250,000.

Revenue from corporation tax law since May 21, 1903, \$191,615.87; estimate annual revenue from this source, \$100,000. Annual revenue from tax on insurance companies, about \$45,000. Receipts from inheritance tax law in eight months, \$6626.93.

Burned to Death.

A five-year old boy named Cain, the stepson of John Hanley, was burned to a crisp last Friday morning in a fire that destroyed the latter's home down Crooked river near Rumrock. Particulars are meager, but from what we have been able to learn it seems that the little fellow was one of several children, who slept upstairs, while the parents occupied a room down stairs. They had lighted themselves by means of a candle, without a candlestick, which was placed on a stand table, and the children as was their custom, went to bed leaving it burning expecting to chat awhile and then blow it out.

Instead, however, they all dropped off to sleep, and the candle, burning down, ignited the table cover, from which a fire was kindled and spread to the building.

Had it not been for the unfortunate child who lost its life wailing and giving the alarm it is probable that none of the family would have been saved.

The other children all being larger than the dead child succeeded in making their way down stairs through the blinding smoke, and as soon as it was discovered by Mr. Hanley that one of the family was missing, he hurried up the stairs, which were now burning, and arrived at the top just in time to see the roof fall in and completely envelop the little fellow's body in flames, which was lying on the floor face downward. It was Mr. Hanley's opinion that death had already come through suffocation. Interment was had at the ranch.

The loss of the house and furniture was about \$1000 without insurance.—Prineville Review.

Remember Browns Profit Sharing Plan. Secure your coupon with every cash purchase.

Almost every nation that rises to the dignity of a place on the map will be represented at the Lewis and Clark Centennial.

Photographs of several hundred school buildings will form an interesting feature of Oregon's educational exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Centennial.

Idaho fruit growers will prepare for the Lewis and Clark Centennial an apple exhibit which promises to rival those of Oregon and California.

Job printing—The Times-Herald

CHAGRIN IN THE JOHN DAY

RELIED ON PROMISED EXTENSION OF SUMPTER VALLEY.

Harriman People May Want to Stop Road To Columbia Southern—S. V. to be Standard Gauge Road.

A special from Sumpter says: From a resident of the John Day Valley The Telegram correspondent learns that the people of that section are much disappointed over the report that the Sumpter Valley Railway Company will not extend its line into that locality next year. It is said the Harriman people are stopping the advance of the Sumpter Valley road by refusing to deliver rails for building purposes except at the maximum charge. This it is claimed, is almost prohibitive, as the cost would be \$2.25 per hundred. Rails could be shipped around the Horn, but the high rate from Portland would still be staring the road in the face.

A right of way has been cleared from Tipton to Wright Station, a point almost half way between Sumpter and Prairie City. It was announced at the time this work was done that the road would be built to this station in the spring, and ultimately reach the vicinity of Prairie City by fall. That this program has been abandoned is the expressed idea of John Day valley residents, and the continuation of the road is put off to an indefinite date.

Another reason given for the holding back of further extension is the fact that the Sumpter Valley road from Tipton on is required to be standard gauge, according to the stipulation of the franchise by the Government. This would mean the placing of the whole system on a broad gauge, a condition that is hardly justified at the present stage. While the John Day valley is capable of wonderful production, it is not looked upon just now as a country offering great inducement for a railroad. Its greatest industry consists of stockraising, and shipments from this source would not amount to much, when the main line of road can be reached by driving cheaper than by shipping over the proposed road. Little grain is raised, attention mostly being turned to hay. All kinds of fruit can be produced along the narrow strip of land that borders the river. The rest of the country consists of rolling hills that eventually reach to lofty mountains. To get out of the valley from almost any direction, except going directly down the river, ranges have to be crossed that reach an altitude of several thousand feet. When all these conditions are taken into consideration, it is hardly expected a road will be built into the country unless most favorable terms can be secured from all sources. Therefore extension of the Sumpter Valley is not looked for with the present obstacles in the way.

Still another theory is advanced accounting for the action of the Harriman people. This is that the Sumpter Valley is in splendid position to head off advancement of the Columbia Southern through Central Eastern Oregon. As the latter road is fostered by the stronger combination, every assistance possible is to be given it. That this road must extend its lines eventually in order to control the business of its territory is a well known fact, and therefore it would not be to its advantage to have another road reach the Harney valley ahead of it.

Harney Valley Looks to Baker and S. V.

Mr. L. M. Brown one of the largest merchants in Harney Valley, whose place of business is at Burns, passed through Baker city yesterday on his return home from a business trip to San Francisco. Mr. Brown is enthusiastic over the prospects for the future development of the Harney Valley country, and made the strong statement that all they needed there to build up an empire was a railroad.

"I think I have voiced the sentiment of most of our people when I say I believe the Sumpter Valley will, before long, tap our country, and that we would prefer railroad connections with Baker City than with any other trunk line point. It seems to be the natural junction point for our territory, and Baker City is quite a distributing point itself. With a railroad to Baker our people would buy more goods than they do now."—Democrat

Geer & Cummins have received an elegant line of chinaware, glassware water sets, wine sets, vases, etc. These goods are the finest ever displayed in this city and must be seen to be appreciated.

No More Suffering

If you are troubled with indigestion get a bottle of Dyspepsia Cure and see how quickly it will cure you. Geo. A. Thomson, of Spencer, Ia., says: "Have had Dyspepsia for twenty years. My case was al-

most hopeless. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure was recommended and I used a few bottles of it and it is the only thing that has relieved me. Would not be without it. Have doctored with local physicians and also at Chicago, and even went to Norway with hopes of getting some relief, but Kodol dyspepsia Cure is the only remedy that has done me any good, and I heartily recommend it. Every person suffering with Indigestion or Dyspepsia should use it." Sold by Burns' Druggists.

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 3 columns: Item, Number, Car. Wts. lbs.
Wool clip annually, Harney county... 100,000 480 2,400,000
Sheep shippd annually... 25,000 1000 25,000,000
Cattle shippd annually... 4,000 100 3,300,000
Horses and mules shippd annually... 100 2,500,000
Merchandise shippd into merchants... 10 2,500,000
Merchandise shippd direct to ranchers... 10 200,000
Stock salt and sulphur... 6 120,000
Stage freight at 3 cents per pound...

LOCAL HAUL.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Value
Lumber sold annually, feet... 2,100,000
Fuel wood sold annual, cords... 3,000
Fence posts sold annually... 5,000

PASSENGERS AND MAIL.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Value
Passengers by stage annually, 600 at \$10... \$ 6,000
Passengers by private conveyances, 1,800... 18,000
Mail contracts... 10,000

LIVE STOCK.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Value
Number of sheep owned in Harney county... 300,000
Number of sheep summered in Harney county... 550,000
Number of cattle owned in Harney county... 200,000
Tons of hay grown annually in Harney, over... 150,000
Tons of hay grown annually, in a radius of 30 mile of Burns... 50,000

AREA OF LAND IN HARNEY COUNTY.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Value
Area of land, acres... 6,385,000
Surveyed... 4,835,465
Unsurveyed... 1,549,535
Of above amount 556,324 acres are in forest reserve and Carey selections.
Appropriated... 1,108,261
Tillable, assessed... 71,101
Not tillable, assessed... 586,751
Improved, not patented... 102,845
Susceptible to irrigation under U. S. Geological survey of Silver Creek reservoir... 336,000
Carey selections, approved... 9,000
Road Companies Land... 44,000
Appropriated... 95,000
Tillable bench land above irrigation line, over... 150,000
Amount now covered by Malheur Lake which would be drained and reclaim by holding up water of Silves River in reservoir... 35,000
Water Facilities—Silves River, Silver creek, McCoy creek, Blitzen River, and ten smaller streams.
All lands—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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