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GRAND JURY RECOMMENDS

CITY AUTHORITIES TO REGULATE ITS OWN AFFAIRS.

In Session Less Than Three Days and but One True Bill Returned—Suggests Some Improvements.

The grand jury empanelled at this term of court handed in its final report on Wednesday forenoon, being in session only a little over two days. It found very little to demand its attention that was of importance which, certainly speaks well for Harney county. It made several recommendations that are of interest to the general public and others of a minor nature.

It put it up to the city authorities to work out the matter of regulating certain offenses that are considered a menace to the moral welfare of society and the good repute of the city. This action is, perhaps, just as well, for under existing circumstances little could be accomplished in the way of permanent reform by taking such matters into the courts. The matter is certainly within the power of the city council to do as they see fit.

The recommendation to make a new road district of Drewsey and Pine Creek precincts will also meet with the approval of the county court, as it has already been considered by that body, but since the funds for this season's work has already been apportioned and arranged it will not likely be taken up before next January.

Former grand juries have recommended that the fire proof vault in the clerk's office be enlarged sufficient to hold all the records. This should have the serious consideration of the court. The safety of these records is of much importance to Harney county and the present financial condition is favorable to making such an improvement at once. The Times-Herald hopes the court will see fit to act upon this recommendation at an early date.

The report of the grand jury follows: In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Harney county. In the matter of the final report of the grand jury for the April, 1905, term of the above court: Comes now the grand jury, duly and regularly empanelled in the above court, and makes this its final report:

We have been in session three days, during which time we have examined all matters brought to our attention, or of which we have any knowledge, and have returned into the above entitled court one true bill of indictment, and one not true bill of indictment.

We have made no examination of the books and accounts of the different county officials, as such an examination, to be properly made would require more time than is at the disposal of this grand jury.

There has been complaint made before this grand jury, that certain misdemeanors, such as gambling, and selling intoxicating liquors to habitual drunkards, has been, and is being committed within the corporate limits of the city of Burns. We have made no investigation of these charges for the reason that we believe it to be the duty of the city of Burns to regulate and prohibit such misdemeanors; and for the further reason that the Honorable Chaney Cummins, mayor of the town of Burns, has been before this grand jury, and informs us that the present city council of the town of Burns, will use every means in its power to regulate and prohibit the offenses complained of.

We desire to recommend to the county court that the voting precincts of Drewsey and Pine Creek be set off into a road district, and a supervisor be appointed to look after the roads in said district.

We find that the vault in the clerk's office is too small to hold all the records, and also find that the concrete floor in the county jail is in bad condition, and that there is need of a water closet in the county jail, to all of which we call the attention of the county court.

The Carter House Barber Shop at Ontario, Lee Caldwell proprietor, is one of the most elegant tonsorial parlors in all Eastern Oregon. Hot and cold baths with a spray bath connected. Lee's old time friends are invited to call on him while at Ontario.

We respectfully submit this as our final report and ask to be discharged.

I. M. Davis, Foreman
C. S. Johnson
E. E. Purinton
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W. E. Smith
Joe Clark
R. Hankins, Jr.

RAILROAD BLUFF ENDS AS USUAL.

The Daily East Oregonian says: Simultaneously with the withdrawal of the Northern Pacific surveying party from Pendleton the Lewiston Tribune announces the withdrawal of the O. R. & N. surveying party under engineer Klipel from the Clearwater district tributary to Lewiston.

The question now is: "Is there any significance in these maneuvers? Has any understanding been reached by which these great systems will not invade each other's territory? If not, why this simultaneous action in two distant points, and where each company's surveyors were actually invading territory tributary to the other?"

It has been thought all along by business men, and those in touch with the railroad situation, that these surveying parties were bluffs, possibly being made by the Northern Pacific upon the O. R. & N. and vice versa. The withdrawal of the two parties at the same time lends color to the conclusion and Pendleton business men who had hoped for fruition from the surveying being done out of Pendleton, have about decided that the play is over, the curtain down and lights out in the railroad theatre of the inland empire, at least for this season.

At Lewiston the O. R. & N. surveying crew has marched up the hill and then marched down again, and in this vicinity the Northern Pacific crew has repeated the performance.

The O. R. & N. crew which has been working in the vicinity of Mohler in the Lewiston country, has retreated toward Portland, and the Marion crew working toward the mouth of Birch creek in this vicinity, has likewise vanished. A few stakes marking an imaginary line of survey are now all that remain of a dream of branch lines that has recently brightened the horizon of both Lewiston and Pendleton.

WILL SHEAR 100,000 SHEEP.

M. B. Gwinn, secretary-treasurer of the Malheur Land & Livestock Co., was in the city Wednesday. In conversation with the Argus editor he stated that his company would begin shearing April 14 at J. H. Seaward's in Barren valley, and when that section was cleared up the shearing machines would be moved to Road Canyon for the season. He stated that adding the amount of sheep to be sheared (contracted) with those owned by the company would amount to over 100,000 head.

All of the wool will be delivered to Ontario and in consequence Ed. Fraser and his brigade of wool stevedores are figuring on a busy season.—Ontario Argus.

Victory White Bronze Monuments.

The local agent, M. L. Lewis, has just received notice from The Monumental Bronze Co. of Bridgeport, Conn. that White Bronze has been awarded two medals, viz: Class No 194, Art Work in Zinc and class No 220 Marble, Stone and Metal Monuments.

White Bronze was in direct competition with the great Marble and Granite Quarries of the world and won all the honors. Such success speaks volumes for White Bronze as the only Monuments without a competitor.

The Chief Engineer Joseph A. West, of the Sumpter Valley railroad, was in Baker City Monday on his

HARNEY A LAND OF SUNSHINE

HAS SUPERIOR ADVANTAGES FOR RAISING FRUIT.

Much Activity Shown in the Line of Horticulture and Agriculture—Section is Being Watched by Railroads.

With the advent of good weather the people of this section are again active in farm work and improving yards, gardens and orchards. The people are taking an exceptional interest in horticulture at this particular time which will show results in a very short time. The fact that Harney county must now look to her own resources to supply the fruit for home consumption is realized and has caused many to turn their attention to this particular branch. Those who have made a study of fruit trees consider Harney Valley has exceptional advantages in this respect. They assert that the high altitude is beneficial in one respect at least: Pests that are so frequent in lower altitudes and cause so much damage to fruit, will not materially interfere in Harney valley, at least they will be much easier handled than in sections where they have such a start.

Another advantage noted by those with experience is that trees may be planted much closer together than in a majority of fruit sections on account of the great amount of sun shine that blesses this particular region. This being the case those contemplating setting out an orchard may use the most favored spot and devote practically one-half the amount of land for the purpose than is usually planted.

Experiments in various ways are being put under way. Last season was an exceptionally wet one while every indication now points this season being quite the reverse. Consequently the farmers are planting with a view to determining the best method under such conditions. Since the capacity of the local flouring mill has been increased the demand for good wheat has been a factor in increasing the acreage of this particular cereal and has opened up the possibility of Harney county furnishing sufficient for local demand. This is quite an item and will leave many dollars at home to be distributed among the various farmers that has heretofore been sent out for this staple.

Should crops be an average this season it will demonstrate the possibilities of this section as an agricultural and horticultural district and be of not only local benefit, but also a factor toward transportation lines being extended into our midst at earlier date than otherwise. The railroad people are watching the development of this vast isolated section with a view of tapping it should it show a sufficient tonnage.

The sugar beet industry is another that is attracting attention of outside capital. The beets raised in this section have shown a superior quality of saccharine matter. This is quite well known to outside people who are looking for such sections. As only one test has been made of this particular product it is natural that these people want further tests in order to find if such a percentage can be relied upon as the regular order of things or not.

The Times-Herald would urge the importance of this particular branch of husbandry. Each should make an effort to grow some sugar beets this season. A close watch should be kept on conditions, soil, the amount of water, etc., in order to determine the best results after the season is over and tests made from various sections. The farmers of Harney county may aid very materially in bringing about desired changes in this great isolated section if they will but just get to work.

SUMPTER VALLEY EXTENSION.

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INCREASED LAND DISTRICT

OVER MILLION AND HALF ACRES IS TRANSFERRED.

Large Territory added to the Burns Land District From Lakeview—Convenient For People of That Section.

The following Washington dispatch, under date of March 31, appeared in last Saturday's Oregonian: "The President today signed an order adding south half of Malheur and Harney Counties to the Burns land district. This territory is now a part of Lakeview district, but is found to be more accessible to Burns than Lakeview. Residents of southeastern Oregon asked for a change.

"The Land Office had received many complaints from settlers in extreme Southeastern Oregon because of the long journey they had to make to reach the Lakeview Land Office, and when special Agent H. T. Bennett, after investigation, recommended that the lower end of these counties be added to the Burns land district, a proclamation to that effect was drawn. It was shown that almost all roads in that section lead to Burns, while travel to Lakeview is at all times difficult and in winter almost impossible."

This is a change that has long been desired by the people living within the territory transferred. The matter has been under consideration for some time but had never been put before the authorities at Washington in such shape as to bring about the desired change until Mr. Bennett's report which was forwarded after his investigation here the early part of last month.

The change adds very materially to the importance of this land district and will be the means of bringing much more business to this city. The area that has been added embraces 5,541,000 acres of land.

The transferring of records, etc., from the Lakeview land office will be done at once and the people living in southern Harney and Malheur counties will find it much more convenient to attend to land matters.

Conditions have changed since the former land districts were drawn making it necessary to put this territory in the Burns land district. The benefits to be derived from such a change, the matter of roads, stage lines and other conveniences were all fully shown to Inspector Bennett and he immediately made the recommendation.

It is a source of satisfaction to The Times-Herald to find such prompt action in this important matter, not only through its interest in the welfare of this city, but also on account of the numerous settlers affected. The Times-Herald does not assume to give credit to any particular individual for this change. It is due to several wide-awake men of this city and the earnest appeals of the people of the territory added.

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The new law which makes sheepmen pay part of their taxes in counties into which they take their flocks for summer range, is not being received with very much favor in any of the counties affected. It will take probably a thousand dollars a year of taxes from Wheeler county and as much from Gilliam, and turn the same over to Grant and Crook, which will give nothing in return. As in the past no effort will be made by local officials where sheep from other counties are shot, to punish the shooters.—Fossil Journal.

Cattlemen of this neighborhood are now busy moving their cattle to pasture which they have leased from Indians at Klamath marsh, and within the next few weeks thousands of head of cattle will be taken from this valley and Summer Lake where they have been fed hay during the past winter, and moved to the green meadows of Klamath marsh where the beef cattle of this section are fattened for market.—Silver Lake Oregonian.

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