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HARNEY'S COMMERCIAL CLUB

TO CO-OPERATE WITH DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE OF BURNS.

Would Urge Route via Rattlesnake Canyon And Harney to Burns for Sumpter Valley--Other Notes.

Emery Hill has moved to town and now occupies the Hill resident.

Mart Alberson was a welcome come visitor on our streets this week and is riding in this vicinity looking up cattle for the P. L. S. Co.

Sunday morning witnessed a scene of considerable activity in the preparatory movements of starting for Ontario of three freighting outfits under the direction of T J Vickers, Wm Russell and Peter Demaris. Each had two loads of lumber from the Richardson saw mill to deliver en route and will obtain freight on the return trip.

Monday afternoon considerable curiosity and interest was evidenced in the examination of the Reo Mountaineer, automobile of Lansing Mich. which started from New York Aug. 19th with Messrs D F Fassett and Percy F. Megargel in charge making a trip to San Francisco and return having been out 72 days to this place. Their ensign was "New York to San Francisco and return" unlike that of the gold-hunters of '49 as "Pike's Peak or bust."

Wm Craford departed Sunday morning for Ontario to be gone about ten days on business. It is hinted that he will stop at Vale to secure the necessary authority to bring Mrs Crawford home with him.

Peter Clemens transacted business in town last Thursday.

Ralph and Jesse Bain have captured sixteen coyotes in the past ten days. Can any other boys show a better record in the county?

Robt. Irving returned last week from a trip to John Day and started Tuesday for a freighting expedition to Huntington. If the weather is favorable he will devote much of his time in this direction this winter.

Miss Ula Drinkwater appeared last Sunday with a complete fall suiting of latest mode with hat to match in brown which made the girls envious and the boys said she looked sweet.

Knowing ones say, apropos of the railroad advent into Harney Valley the most direct route and easiest gradient for the Sumpter Valley line from Prairie City to Burns would be down Rattlesnake canon via Harney. To enhance the feasibility of the project will engage the earnest attention of the Commercial Club at an early day and no doubt by united effort with the Development League of Burns such a pressure can be brought to bear upon the promotors of the enterprise as to induce them to speedily take advantage of the early development of the latent resources of this great agricultural area. In union there is strength and by persistent effort can be accomplished that which at first may have seemed insurmountable. We are determined to have a railroad for Harney valley and that from Prairie City seems to be the most accessible and feasible so we think we will go after it and if Burns wishes to cooperate we should be pleased at such reinforcement of our influence.

Alma Davis was in from his ranch Tuesday after a new water trough and other supplies.

J Mahon was transacting some business in his usual hustling manner.

Squire C. H. Davis has been quite actively engaged in measuring up grain he has disposed of during the past week and arranging his winter campaign Charley is a hustler and does not tell all he knows.

The schools have had a very satisfactory week notwithstanding the interruptions caused by the late arrival of several who have just come in for winter attendance. The patience exhibited by Mr Hamilton and Miss Dillard is having a marked effect on the demeanor of the pupils and the interest they manifest in their studies greatly enhanced by the close scrutiny and personal attention of the teachers.

"Cross-tie"

THE MAIL CONTRACTS TO BE LET.

Those Terminating at Burns That Are Now Advertised For Bids.

The following mail routes running into Burns are open for bids to cover the next four years:

73398. From Canyon City by Seneca and Silvies, to Burns, 74 miles and back three times a week. Bond $5000. Present pay $1400

73399 From Riley to Egli, 33 miles, once a week. Bond $800 Present pay $344.

83400 From Burns, by Narrows, to Diamond, 58 miles, three times a week. Bond $3500. Present pay $1200.

73451 From Andrews, by Mule and Smith to Diamond, 78 miles, twice a week. Bond $3000. Present pay $1557 47.

73402 From Andrews to Denio, 36 miles, twice a week. Bond $1500. Present pay $902 34.

73403 From Burns by Lawen to Venator, 62 miles three times a week. Bond $3500. Present pay $1169.32.

73404 From Drewsey to Van, 23 miles, three times a week. Bond $1500. Present pay $409 08.

73405 From Beulah, by Juntura to Riverside, 30 miles three times a week. Bond $1800. Present pay $859.93.

73407 From Ontario, by Vale, Westfall, Beulah, Drewsey, and Harney to Burns, 149 miles, seven times a week. 36 hours in summer and 42 hours in winter. Bond $2000. Present pay $8544.

Proposals on above notes for the four years from July 1 1906 to June 30, 1910, will be received up to 4:30 p m Dec 5, 1905. Bids must be in the office of several Assistant Postmaster General at that time and should leave Burns not later than Nov 29, if sent direct to the Department. All bidders are urged to deal directly with the Department and not through professional contractors. Where it can be proven that professional contractors are the real bidders and the local man simply a figure head, or working under an agreement that gives him only a part of the pay tho contract will not be awarded, or if awarded will be cancelled.

Bounty on Cougars.

An old hunter, speaking about a bounty on cougers, said to the Boise Statesman recently:

According to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I have had a great deal of experience in this line, a cougar kills at least 20 deer in one year. Estimating the life of a cougar at only two years, it will be seen that the death of one of these animals means the life of at least forty deer.

Over in the state of Washington there is a bounty on cougar scalps of $5 each. The Evergreen state, therefore, pays 12½ cents each for the preservation of its deer. This is too low. No man can afford to hunt cougar at $5 per head. Hunters will not kill on an average more than one deer in a year so that one cougar causes as much destruction as twenty men. If the cougar bounty were placed high enough so that a hunter could afford to make a business of hunting them it would give the deer more protection than all the laws which sportsmen have been able to devise for the protection of game people who have the most right to kill it. A bounty of $25 on every cougar scalp in Idaho would be small enough. At the next session of the legislature I am going to make an effort to secure the enactment of a cougar bounty law.

Son Lost Mother.

"Consmption runs in our family, and through it I lost my Mother," writes E B Reid, of Harmony, Me. "For the past five years, however, on the slightest sign of a Cough or Cold, I have taken Dr King's New Discovery for Consumption, which has saved me from serious lung trouble." His mother's death was a sad loss for Mr Reid, but he learned that lung trouble must not be neglected, and how to cure it. Quickest relief and cure for coughs and colds. Price 50c and $1.00; guaranteed at city drug store. Trial bottle free.

A DESCRIPTION OF COUNTY

ESSAY THAT WON SECOND PRIZE AT THE COUNTY FAIR.

Miss Blanche Terrill Who Just Entered the High School This Year, Writes of Harney County's Resources.

The following essay was awarded second prize by the Harney County Fair Association for the most concise and original description of Harney county:

Harney County is situated in the southeastern part of Oregon, being bounded on the north by Grant County, on the east by Malheur County; on the south by Nevada and on the west by Lake and Crook counties. It comprises a part of the great sage brush plain, lying between the Rocky mountains and the Coast Range.

Of all the counties of Oregon, Harney is the largest in size, its area being 10,600 square miles.

The surface of the county is mostly low foothills and sage brush valleys, the principal mountains being the Steins Mountain in the southeastern part of the county. There are several productive valleys but the one which attracts the most attention, it being the largest and most productive, is Harney valley. The water sources are of small importance. Silvies River, Silver Creek, and the Middle and South Forks of the Malheur River water the north and northeastern part. A little northeast of the center of the county lie Malheur Lake and Harney Lake. These are of no great commercial value but afford a pleasant resort for hunters. Game abounds all over the county. Ducks and other water fowls are about the lakes and there is a profusion of deer in the mountains.

In some parts of the county there is considerable timber, mostly pine and juniper, but over the larger part of the county there is nothing growing but sage brush, on the uncultivated ground.

The scarcity of natural vegetation is due in a great measure to the dryness of the climate, also to the late and early frosts. The winters are admirable for consumptives, being free from winds and dampness. In some places the snowfall is quite heavy and lays on the ground quite awhile.

Until recently very little effort has been made to develop the agricultural resources of this county, the principal products being hay and livestock, but of late some effort has been made to raise grain and fruit with decided success.

As nearly as can be estimated at the present time the population of Harney county is 4,000. The county being rapidly settled up by intelligent, progressive people. It has been the surprise of many who have visited the beautiful Harney valley, to see it so sparcely settled and what is now vacant arable land unoccupied and untilled. While this is true, there is an under current of opinion that what now appears to be a barren waste is soon to undergo a great change and become the greatest farming section of the state.

The reason for this unsettled state is quite apparent, in its lack of transportation facilities. There is not a railroad line within its borders, its exports and imports being hauled out and in by the primitive horse and mule teams and wagons. Its nearest railroad station, Ontario, is 150 miles distant. (Austin the present terminus of the Sumpter Valley Railroad is only a little over 100 miles—Ed.

The oldest point, in what is now Harney County, is Egan, where the first tragedy was enacted, wherein a man by name Russ Fraizer, was shot and killed. This point was located about one mile and a half south of Burns.

Near the present site of Burns a store was located, but there was no post-office. This was then called "Axehandle." The business of Egan was moved to what is now Burns in October, 1883. Although a hotel and blacksmith shop were constructed at this place in 1882. The same hotel still stands in Burns.

In 1882 the first settlement was made in what in now Drewsey, which was the Preemptor's cabin, without windows and but one door.

Of course during all these years quite a settlement existed in Old Camp Harney. The buildings, which had cost the government immense sums to construct, began to disappear from their old sites to be reconstructed upon new sites, making many happy homes through out the valley.

About a mile or more below old Camp Harney, Harney City is now located, having sprung into existence in 1885, and when Harney County was created by act of legislature, 1889, Harney was declared to be the temporary county seat.

In April 1889 the first county officials took their oath of office and commenced their duties. The first county officers to serve in Harney county, and who were appointed by Governor Sylvester Pennoyer were: Thomas J. Shields as Judge; Benton James and Lytle Howard as Commissioners; W. E. Grace as Clerk; A A. Cowing as Sheriff; W. E. Alberson as Assessor, appointed by the court, Wm Harvey, appointed by the Governor, but refusing to qualify; Miller as Treasurer; C. B. Baker, County School Superintendent; and W. R. Gradon as Surveyor.

In June 1890, the first general election was held in Harney County, at which Burns, receiving a small majority, was after a long and expensive contest, duly declared the county seat of Harney county.

What is now Harney County was once school district number one, with a little, one-roomed, one story school building, situated just outside of the present limits of the of the city of Burns on the road leading to the Stancliff bridge.

Since then and the settlement of this section, consequent upon the throwing open of the reservation, numerous school districts have been created and there are now, at this time, many districts and many school houses, wherein hundreds of children are being educated to better citizenship and a higher life.

Stock Situation.

Chas. Becker, our well known stockman, has tuis to say of the cattle situation in an interview in the Baker City Democrat:

Charles Becker, of Indian Creek, Malheur county, is in the city. Mr Becker has for thirty-five years been engaged in cattle raising, during most of which time he has been one of the largest individual owners of cattle in Malheur county. He is still in the business on a large scale but as he terms it, "is working for the butchers." This observation was made by Mr Becker in discussing the cattle. The facts were brought out that under the present ruling prices the producer was making little profit while the butcher and packing houses were reaping a harvest. The only remedy Mr Becker sees is in government ownership of railways. At present freight rates are fixed in the interest of the packing houses and there is no relief for the producer. He must take what he can get. If this condition of affairs continues, Mr Becker thinks, every cattle raiser will be forced out of business.

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THE TIME TO BUY SHEEP

DENVEY RECORD-STOCKMAN GIVES SOME HISTORY.

Shortage all Over the World With Mutton Consumption Steadily Increasing--Ewes Going to Slaughter.

There are many would-be sheep raisers who are watching the markets and trying to make up their minds whether or not breeding sheep are too high to purchase at the present time. The high prices are undoubtedly keeping many out of the business who would otherwise purchase breeding stock and begin growing sheep, says the Denver Record-Stockman. It seems to be a popular thing just now to advise such people to go slow and keep out until prices go lower. But they want to know how long they will have to wait. To speak truthfully, there is every indication that sheep prices will be a long time going down. There is a shortage all over the world and with the mutton consumption steadily increasing it will take time to get the supply back to normal, if indeed it ever returns. While some of the western breeders are showing a disposition to hold on to their breeding stock and to save their ewe lambs, the percentage of ewes that are going to the slaughter shows little decrease. The present high prices are a temptation and many are selling their ewes as well as well as their wether lambs. Under these conditions it is doubtful when lower prices may be expected. Certainly not this year or next. Wool buyers are contracting next year's wool crop at prices fully as strong as were paid this year and are looking for no decrease in the price of wool.

It is certainly not a good time to go in heavy in sheep but almost any man would be safe in purchasing a small flock and getting into the business. The outlook for both wool and mutton is such as to justify the risk even at present high prices.

For several years the country has been eating up its sheep. If everyone is advised to keep out of the business because prices are high, there will be a steady diminishing supply. We are inclined to the opinion that now is the time to go in, provided caution is used and the start made in a small way.

TRAP TO CAPTURE WILD HORSES.

Walter Glenn, an extensive horse dealer of Vale, Malheur county, who makes a speciality of shipping horses to eastern markets, has invented a trap for the capture of wild horses on the Malheur range and has applied for a patent on the same.

This unique device will enable the vaquero to put his rope on the wildest and fleetest horse with little difficulty and will be of great value in capturing choice horses from the large bands of unowned, unbranded and unclaimed wild horses which inhabit the remote fastnesses of Malheur county.—Blue Mt Eagle.

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