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The Official Paper of Harney County, has the largest circulation and is one of the best advertising mediums in Eastern Oregon.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE

WITCOMBE'S VISIT ONE TO BE REMEMBERED.

Shown by the People of our County Who Received Very Valuable Lessons on Agriculture.

With little faith! was the first utterance of Dr. W. H. Witcombe in opening the Farmers' Institute last Monday evening. His visit here will result in a great good toward a more earnest effort upon the part of the farmers there is no doubt. He inspired them with his enthusiasm and encouragement.

The Farmers' Institute was a success. There is nothing else to be said that respect nor any other features to add. We might have had more farmers, actual tillers of the soil, present had they had the vast benefit to be derived from the meeting did not lack people, however, for the court was crowded with men and women who take an interest in this and promising section. Dr. Witcombe was thoroughly familiar with his subject and gave his audience good advice on practicing.

A quotation used by Dr. Witcombe was brought to his attention on account of the vastness of this great valley. He showed how the overflow of water was being abused and where the soil was being washed away by such methods as are now used.

It was suggested to him that in certain portions of the valley it was detrimental to crops he had seen and that it would be only a matter of time before alfalfa roots to penetrate the soil and hard pan in this valley.

Witcombe considers Harney County the greatest valley he had ever seen in every respect. While the soil is high and there are occasional unseasonable frosts, we find upon more cultivation frosts will not occur. He also mentioned other favorable conditions that would result in a greater acreage of cultivation.

The Times-Herald is well known with this visit of Dr. Witcombe and Prof. Kinsey and certainly grateful to them for the benefit derived by its farmer friends who took advantage of the opportunity.

It is not his next visit will find a number of homes and prosperous in the great Harney country. We should, as he asserted, thousands of people instead of hundreds.

A SUCCESS.

Learn from a reliable source the water wheel that has been in construction for some time on the Snake river near Olds Ferry. The Porter ranch of 600 acres is now in running order and yields a surplus. This wheel is operating a pump that is doing 300 inches of water to a depth of 40 feet and covers every acre of the 600 acres. This land because was put on it was practically worthless and today it is worth in the neighborhood of \$100,000.—Huntington Herald.

A SERIOUS CHARGE.

Ed. Kilburn, Tom Ware and others are in jail, accused of opening the wool sack of J. Ward, wool hauler, who came to town Monday. Ward was taking wool to Ontario and stopped in at the Elk livery barn for the night and Tuesday morning he found his sack greatly mutilated and the wool was destroyed. The ends of all the sack were ripped and these were patched without unloading.

Ward and the accused had been sleeping together in the evening and the night these men went to Ontario where he slept and urged to go again to the saloon

with them, but he refused. He did not see them cut the sacks, but supposed they were the guilty parties.

At their preliminary hearing Tuesday afternoon, Justice Goodrich held them under \$800 bond for their appearance before the grand jury. The three are now languishing in jail.

Ware and Osborne are from Westfall and have been in Vale since Sunday. Kilburn was until recently the Proprietor of the Burnt saloon.

The wool belonged to a Mr. Jenkins.—Vale Gazette.

A Tragic Finish.

A watchman's neglect permitted a leak in the great Northern Sea dyke, which a child's finger could have stopped, to become a ruinous break, devastating an entire province of Holland. In like manner Kenneth McIver, of Vanceboro, Me., permitted a little cold to go unnoticed until a tragic finish was only averted by Dr. King's New Discovery. He writes: "Three doctors gave me up to die of lung inflammation, caused by a neglected cold; but doctors King's New Discovery saved my life." Guaranteed best cough and cold cure, at the City Drug Store. 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

WANTED—Agents, Hustlers, Salesmen, Clerks and everybody who wants to enjoy a good hearty laugh to send 50c for "Tips to Agents." Worth \$50 to any person who sells goods for a living. If not satisfactory your money back. Circular for stamp. The Dr. White Electric Comb Co., Decatur, Ill.

The Times-Herald will make this a bargain month in the way of subscriptions and has arranged to give the Semi-Weekly St. Louis Republic free to all who pay up arrears and one year in advance to The Times-Herald. New subscribers who pay in advance will also receive this great national semi-weekly newspaper and family magazine in the United States. The two papers one year for \$2— for this month only.

\$25.00 REWARD \$25.00.

Notice is hereby given that hunting and shooting upon the enclosed lands of the American Land & Live Stock Co located in townships 39 & 40 S Range 35 E and township 39 S, R 36 E W M. Harney Co Oregon (better known as the Trout Creek and Colony Ranches,) is strictly forbidden. Any person or persons found hunting or trespassing with a gun in their possession on above described property will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. A reward of \$25 is hereby offered for evidence that will lead to their arrest and conviction. AMERICAN LAND & LIVE STOCK CO, BY E. B. HILL RANCH MANAGER.

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For Sale—Five choice lots in Ontario, 40 lots in Lawen, 10 lots in Burns; 160 acres of good land a part of it natural meadow 10 miles east of Burns, unimproved; 160 acres near Saddle Butte with present crop of wild grass standing, has a house and good fence. Particulars can be obtained at this office.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the Estate of John I. Newman, deceased, by order of the county court of Harney county, Oregon, dated May 29, 1906, and has duly qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present them, with proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice to the undersigned at his office in Burns, Oregon. Dated June 2, 1906.

M. L. Lewis Administrator.

OUR BIG FOURTH OF JULY

BEST CELEBRATION IN HISTORY OF BURNS. SAY VISITORS.

The Parade a Success With Several Handsome Floats, Excellent Music and Fine Patriotic Orations.

The celebration was a success. The people were here to take in the festivities and Burns made good. The parade was a most interesting feature, thanks to a few—a very few—patriotic and public-spirited citizens who took the time to arrange it.

It is said to have been the best thing of the kind in Harney county and yet with the assistance of the business men it could and would have been doubly the success. If selfish personal interests did not predominate on all such occasions Burns would be better off. This is not uttered as a complaint—it is just straight goods. If we are to invite the good people to visit us on such occasions we must all do our part to entertain them.

While there were a few disagreeable features such as the oppressive heat and more or less dust, please remember The Times-Herald ordered the weather and is to blame for that and also remember that the burden of arrangements fell upon the shoulders of five or six men who were willing to neglect their own business to spare the reputation of Burns, therefore must be excused for a few short comings.

Dr. Witherby made one of the finest patriotic orations it has been the pleasure of our people to listen to. Dr. Witherby had insisted he would be a disappointment as a 4th of July orator, but he was entirely too modest and was a most pleasant surprise to his friends.

The music was fine and inspiring and much credit is due the boys and girls who so nobly did their part in the band. Mrs. Gault's singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" was greeted with enthusiastic applause and the lady certainly deserves the gratitude of those who had charge of the celebration for consenting to assist on so short notice.

The results of the racing cards are given on another page.

We Must Have Grease.

Meat and grease are things to eat. Nobody amounts to anything who lives on fruit and vegetables. There is not energy enough in a wagon load of fruit or vegetables to give one an idea about a gooseberry. People who live on fruit and garden truck get little out of life and they always look clam-fishy and watery in a coffin.

Life is so short for one to tax his stomach with the work of extracting what little grease there is in a vegetable diet. Feed the truck to the hogs and eat the hogs. Hogs and cattle have nothing else to do but convert corn, grass and farm products into grease.

Take a carload of green truck, squeeze the water out of it, and you have nothing left but a mass of fibrous stuff that would kill a dog.

Fruit is not fit to eat anyway until it begins to decay, or to get ripe as they call it.

Eat meat that is fat if you want to enjoy life.

If the baby is puny and scrawny, and has pains or aches, give it fat meat. Hog meat, if you please. If you are going to the north pole take grease and tea along. If you are going to live under the equator abjure fruits and vegetables if you would a diet of thousand-legged worms. The less load you have to eat the less you have to carry.

Milk is not a fit drink when the grease is skimmed off.

Fish are good because they are full of oil.

No man who lives on meat was ever known to lick his wife or ask for a divorce. Adam got into a row right away because he had not hog meat, butter or black bass. Napoleon lost Waterloo because the allied forces had bacon for breakfast the morning of the fight. The French had vegetable soup. The south had to give in at Appamattox, they were out

of meat. No war can be successfully waged without hog meat. If the mikado of Japan wants his people to grow larger all he has to do is to feed them grease and lots of it.

Steambaths, railways or bicycles can not be run without grease. Nothing goes without grease.

Doctors tell us to eat fruit and keep quiet during dog days. Our notion is to eat beef, mutton, poultry, fish and hog meat and get around lively. Eat meat, spread the butter on thick, and drink cream, you will live to plant all the doctors.

Pie with grease in the crust, butter in the filling and cream all over it is the American idea. Think of pie without grease.

Prophets and statesmen of old not only filled themselves with grease, but they poured it over them; and when the father of Esau wanted to die he called for a venison pottage, so that he could die greasy and happy.

Remove the grease from a woman's lips and you destroy the microbe of love and abolish kissing. There can be nothing in this world so necessary as grease. The more of it you absorb, inside and out, the longer you will live, the sweeter your disposition, the more loving and loveable you will be.

Life is a battle. To fight the battle and to successfully conquer the world the flesh and the devil we must have grease. Give us grease.—Ex.

BURNS LOOKS TO BAKER FOR TRADE.

General Superintendent Barton of the Sumpter Valley railway yesterday received a letter from Frank Metchan, owner of the new stage line operating between Austin and Burns, dated June 23, in which occurs the following pertinent paragraph that speaks for itself:

"I will be at Austin about the 28th and if you should happen up that way at that time I would like to see you first rate in regard to those of your city who seem to be a little cold in the collar about desiring any business from up this way. My wagons are running empty from Canyon City this way, and the stock are feeling fine, and if they don't get something for them to do soon I shall be compelled to get stout lines with which to hold them."

Do the Baker City merchants care anything about the trade of the interior is a question for them to answer.—Prairie City Mirror.

TO CHANGE TAX LAW.

The state tax commission will present a bill to the legislature at its next session which if enacted will make radical changes in the tax laws of this state. Some of the principal features of the bill are as follows:

Taxation of railroads, steam and electric, and of power companies operating in more than one county, on basis of net earnings, capitalized at a fair interest rate.

Taxation of banks, national, state, and private, on capital stock, surplus and undivided profits.

Reduction of the household exemption from \$300 to \$200.

County treasurer instead of sheriff to be tax collector.

Washington system of certificates of tax delinquency, in the interests of better tax titles.

State to receive 10 per cent of all liquor licenses.

Tax commission of five members, to be created, for purpose of assessing public utility corporations and supervising all assessments in the state.

Franchises not to be directly taxed, but taken into consideration by the board in determining the taxable valuation of a public service corporation, according to the systems in Michigan and Wisconsin.

First assessment under new method to be made in 1908 and first levy and collection in 1909.

The new code will not touch express, telephone, telegraph, sleeping car and oil companies, which are to be taxed by two initiative laws, enacted by the people at the polls on June 4.

Wool growers are invited to call on or write W. A. Goodman, Burns and get terms for shearing with the new plant he has ordered.

HE REPORTS PLANS SUCCESS

WALLACE NASH RETURNS FROM A NEW YORK TRIP.

Project of Christian Co-Operation Federation Near Fruitland—Railroad to Eastern Oregon Will Be Built.

The Oregonian says: Wallace Nash, president of the Portland Board of Trade, who has been in New York for the past several months in the interests of the Co-operative Christian Federation, made the announcement yesterday that work upon the extension of the Corvallis & Eastern Railway across the Cascade Mountains to Eastern Oregon would begin in the near future. He also made public that an independent railroad was to be constructed from Portland to connect with the Corvallis & Eastern at Mehana. Mr. Nash returned to Portland yesterday morning.

Arrangements for the financing of the railroad have been made and work upon the extension and the new road will begin within a very short time. Mr. Nash yesterday afternoon when seen at his office. "The extension of the Corvallis & Eastern and the new line will result in the laying of 269 miles of track, and we expect to have all the work completed within three years."

"While in New York I learned that within that space of time three transcontinental lines will probably have made connections with Oregon. They are the Western Pacific, the Moffatt road, and the Chicago & Northwestern."

The company that is to manage the proposed railroad system will be affiliated with the Co-operative Christian Federation, which will control the majority of the stock provided the arrangements as now planned meet with no unforeseen obstacles. The Co-operative Christian Federation proposes to have settlements both in the Willamette Valley and Eastern Oregon and all along the lines of the new railroad system. The route of the new lines have all been surveyed and the right of way secured.

FERTILITY OF OUR DESERT LAND.

It is no theoretic fancy on the part of the writer, but a plain, indisputable statement of scientific facts. It means that while the rain-bleached soils of the Atlantic states are now practically worthless, that the rolling prairies of the great middle west will; some day lose the constituent mineral elements so necessary for the growth of crops and will have to be artificially supplied by so-called fertilizers, our soil is practically inexhaustible. The desert lands are the best in the country, but they mock at pri-

vate initiative and the free-booting money-makers. This is a providential fact. These lands have been reserved without human foresight for great adventures in corporate civilization. We need to be reminded, perhaps, that the famous cities of the antique world were for the most part founded upon practice of irrigation and nursed in the desert.

That old ages were scientific enough to prefer its rainless lands Egypt and Palestine—Asia Minor and Syria, the land of the Carthaginians and the Moors, of the Incas and the Aztecs. The simple fact seems to be that the soluble plant foods—potash, lime, magnesia, sulphuric acid and so on—are in the countries of abundant rainfall, mainly washed away and wasted, while in arid countries these elements accumulate in the soil in inexhaustible bank account to be drawn on, without possibility of "protest"—through the irrigation ditches. There is expert testimony to the effect that "the soils that lie west of the hundredth meridian in the United States as compared with those that lie east of the Mississippi contain on the average about three times as much potash, six times as much magnesia and 14 times as much lime."

So the new cities of the "Great American Desert" are going to have solid elemental underpinning.—National Magazine.

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