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

The Great Harney Country
Covers an area of 6,428,000 acres of land, 4,156,359 acres yet vacant subject to entry under the public land laws of the United States.

THOUSANDS OF SHEEP DIPPED

INSPECTOR REPORTS WORK ABOUT COMPLETED

Comply With Law Cheerfully and Understand Provisions of Act in Getting Dip.

McDonald, one of the sheep inspectors in charge of dipping sheep in Harney county, came in from the Blue Mountain section last Saturday on a few days' furlough. He had been in the field for many weeks and as his assistant was sent in he took advantage of the opportunity to get some rest.

McDonald announces that over 150,000 and 200,000 head of sheep have been dipped in Harney county and that the first dipping is practically completed. Work has been most thorough and should be very effective in eradicating scabies. Only a few sheep were found to be infected and he stated that a second dipping will be completed by the end of this month.

He states that the inspectors have experienced no trouble with flock in their work, all complying cheerfully when they understood what the law required. No sheep were encountered in the part of the county in which the dip from Winnemucca, the freighters were given prizes for bringing in supplies to the Pueblo. They would promise to bring in dip, but they would arrive at Winnemucca the mining men would charge exorbitant prices that were induced to bring in supplies. The sheepmen found it necessary to go with their own teams and dip.

There has been a large number of sheep dipped in the county, it does not represent all sheep, as many have found it convenient to dip in Lake, Malheur and Harney counties, and in Nevada, where dipping is better, or rather more accessible. These added to the sheep dipped in the county bring the total up to about 600,000 sheep that range in Harney county.

Proper precaution Mr. McDonald thinks the flocks may be free from infection. He is based on a ruling from the board on a proposition to divide a few townships of Harney county as well as several corrals and grounds that are infected. He says it is almost, if not impossible to disinfect such places with any assurance that sheep will be safe until freezing weather comes. He based the board not favorably on his suggestion he is quite sure sheepmen are practically free from disease will make its way from this source.

THE MAGNITUDE OF OREGON.

Congressman W. R. Ellis of Harney county, has just returned to Burns in this city, after making a limited tour of the immense Harney county. In an effort to find out the people's need and want of legislation, and to touch with public sentiment on questions which will be discussed in the next session of congress.

Nothing of the vastness, the magnitude, the great scope of the Harney county may be gleaned from a visit to the immense district. Congressman Ellis represents the national congress. Harney county comprises 16 big sections, having a total area of 6,428,000 square miles and a population of 200,000. In the vast domain are to be found a variety of industries and interests which go to make up the social and industrial life of the county.

Hundreds of miles of stage road are necessary to cover this immense district. One line runs along its extreme eastern border and three or four lines reach feebly out into the interior for a few miles. The vast bulk of the county is reached by stage roads and the stopping places are few and far between in many

sections.

Harney county alone, one of the 16 counties comprising his district, contains an area of about 10,000 square miles, as large as several of the smaller eastern states combined.

Congressmen in the districts of Philadelphia and New York are able to walk around the borders of their entire districts before breakfast. Here is one vast county in the district represented by Congressman Ellis having a border line about 400 miles in length.

And yet, the members representing the crowded districts of the eastern cities draw the same pay as Congressman Ellis, who represents the second district in Oregon, comprising an area of over 55,000 square miles.

In many small congressional districts in the east there have been no postoffice changes for 20 years. There are no navigable rivers, no Indian reservations, no reclamation projects, no timber lands, no public questions to take up the time of congressmen. Aside from their duties at the sessions of congress, the members in many eastern districts have absolutely nothing to do except look after the interests of a handful of pensioners.

During their entire term many of them never travel a mile in the interest of their constituents except to ride to Washington to attend the session.

Here in Oregon if a member of congress attends to his duties properly he must ride hundreds of miles into the interior in rickety stage coaches, to look after sparsely settled districts where postoffices are scantily patronized and where mail facilities are meager and crude.

The most remote settlement claims a portion of the time of the official. Every humble family in the far interior is entitled to the best public service, that it is possible to give and in this vast new country with its multiplied interests, a congressman can spend his entire time in studying the needs of his people and then not be able to visit half of the important points, for sheer lack of time.

For the reason that eastern districts are small and eastern questions are not pressing, the demands of western congressmen are too often discredited and ignored by eastern members. There is need of a better understanding, there is need of more acquaintance between different parts of the country, that all its vast interests might be carefully and intelligently dealt with.—East Oregonian.

SHEEPMEN NOT ALL PLEASED.

Most of the sheep men who are now taking their flocks into the Blue Mountain National Forest are not satisfied with the allotments and distribution of the range.

Morrow county sheepmen claim that the Umatilla county flockmasters are getting the lion's share.

The main trouble seems to come from complications from the confusion of getting started and a lack of proper understanding of conditions. The ranges formerly used have been cut up and priority rights have not been respected say the sheepmen.

Another complication comes from the reason that formerly the sheepmen used the lower altitudes early in the season and worked up on the snow capped peaks later in the season as the snow leaves. The way it is now the allotments in the lower altitudes are used and the sheep allotted to the high mountains are forced to go into the snow.

Supervisor Ireland is doing all that he can to adjust matters and the stockmen think that in time everything will be equitably arranged.—Heppner Gazette.

LAND BUSINESS FOR YEAR

BURNS LAND DISTRICT COVERS BIG TERRITORY.

More Vacant Government Land Than All Other Districts of State—10,413,506 Acres Subject to Entry.

Register Farre has just completed his yearly report of the lands unappropriated in this district. The report was forwarded to the Department on July 1 and shows a total of 10,413,506 acres unappropriated in the district, in the various counties, as follows:

Baker	154,064
Crook	79,198
Grant	161,664
Harney	4,634,951
Malheur	5,357,977
Wheeler	25,652

The amount relinquished and cancelled during the year in the various counties was:

Baker	744
Crook	160
Grant	4,448
Harney	13,540
Malheur	15,926

This report shows the great territory covered by the Burns land district and also shows more vacant land than all the other land districts in the state.

These figures will make the man who says there is very little vacant land left in this section look like 30 cents. Harney county yet has over 4,000,000 acres of vacant government land.

While this is not all desirable it stands to reason that at least a large portion is good agricultural land.

Harney county is still the most desirable place in the entire west for the homeseeker and is still in her virgin state.

The following figures taken from his report of the business of the office for the past year is of interest:

JULY 1 TO SEPT 30, 1906.

Acres	Fees
Homestead entries—	
6 excesses	51.48 \$ 64.35
91 original	13,684.96 1,393.21
25 final	3,727.70 139.79
Timber and Stone—	
62 entries	9,535.95 24,069.91
62 applications	620.00
Desert land—	
62 original	11,752.26 3,935.85
13 final	2,673.55 2,673.55
2 sales isolated tracts	328.23 919.27
5 state indem. selec.	519.44 10.00
1 sup mineral	3.10 7.75
5 cancellations	5.00
Miscellaneous fees	119.75
Total	\$32,978.43

OCT. 1 TO DEC. 31, 1906.

Homesteads—	
3 commutations	480.00 \$ 600.00
7 excesses	8.15 10.20
86 original	12,866.54 1,307.11
34 final	4,876.54 182.86
Timber and Stone—	
40 entries	6,112.49 15,406.24
40 applications	400.00
Desert land—	
29 original	5,235.49 1,337.84
9 final	1,711.98 1,711.98
2 mining applica.	20.00
1 indem. set. selec.	80.00 2.00
3 Nor. Pac. selec.	234.85 6.00
Miscellaneous fees	162.00
Total	\$21,182.23

JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 31, 1907.

Homesteads—	
3 commutations	480.00 600.00
4 excesses	16.06 20.08
107 original	15,660.41 1,587.26
12 final entries	1,590.78 59.65
Timber and Stone—	
84 entries	12,669.50 31,073.78
84 applications	840.00
Desert land entries—	
61 original	9,585.51 2,296.39
5 final	560.02 560.02
20 Ind. Sch. selec.	1,559.35 40.00
3 mining app.	30.00
2 mineral entries	228.00 655.00
2 isolated tracts	80.00 100.00
2 Nor Pac Selec	80.00 4.00
2 cancellations	2.00
Miscellaneous fees	114.00
Total	\$38,682.18

APRIL 1 TO JUNE 30, 1907.

Homesteads—	
149 original	22,616.57 2,283.12
3 final	480.00 18.00
1 adverse claim	10.00

9 excesses 41.21 51.52

Timber and Stone—	
5 entries	800.00 2,000.00
5 applications	50.00
Desert land—	
45 original	8,350.96 2,087.00
3 final	440.00 440.00
13 ind. sch. selec'n	918.05 26.00
2 Nor Pac selec'n	240.00 4.00
4 cancellations	4.00
Miscellaneous fees	4.50
Total	\$6,978.89
Grand total of collections for fiscal year	\$99,821.73

Lake County Pioneer Dead.

Mrs. Elizabeth Riggs received word the first of the week announcing the death of her brother, A. J. Hampton, at Paisley, recently. Deceased was suffering from Bright's disease and a letter of a few days before had stated he was better. Mr. Hampton was a pioneer resident of that section and leaves a wife and two children. He visited here a few years ago and was quite well known to many Harney county people. Mrs. Riggs and her son Charles were planning to go on a visit to him immediately after the 4th. Mrs. Riggs has the sympathy of her many friends here in her bereavement.

ALFALFA FOR THE DESERT.

Prof. Robert Wallace of Edinburgh, Scotland, university, an educator of international fame and an authority on agricultural science, who is touring this country for the purpose of research and is delving into American methods with a view of applying them to the agricultural development of Scotland, said to the Denver News:

"There are vast districts in Colorado now covered with a growth of sagebrush which could be converted into excellent farming land suitable for raising all kinds of grain, and there are certain kinds of alfalfa which is practically unknown in this country which withstand the frosts of high altitudes and which I am sure would thrive in Colorado without irrigation.

"If the state authorities would go into the matter thoroughly, Colorado would become one of the greatest agricultural states of this country and would induce an enormous immigration. In passing through the Bear river district I was struck with the similarity of the soil to that at the foot of the Andes mountains in South America, where vast quantities of sugar cane is raised.

"I may say on good authority that a large company in England is about to establish agencies in this country for the purpose of introducing perfected species of grains, which will mean an enormous gain to the farmers of America."

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Job printing—The Times-Herald We're having fine growing weather.

Preparations are being made throughout the country for the harvest season.

Henry Luig is in the city at present under the treatment of Dr. Marsden.

Miss Veve, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vic Cozad of Canyon City, arrived here yesterday on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Farre and other relatives.

If you plant but one fruit tree have it the best—the best is none too good. You can procure the best for this altitude from Adon George. His company takes all responsibility and will replace. All trees warranted true to name.

A. E. Rutherford and wife and little daughter, accompanied by Mrs. A. M. Byrd and son, arrived here from Ontario Sunday. Mr. Rutherford and family went on to Crook county Tuesday where they go to visit relatives.

THOS. SPRAGUE GETS HANDS BURNED PUTTING OUT FLAMES.

Young Lady's Clothing Catches Fire From Burning Brush and She Narrowly Escapes Horrible Death.

Thos. Sprague was brought up from Dog Mountain Monday evening by A. McKenzie for medical attendance. Mr. Sprague had both his hands badly burned as a result of putting out the flames that would have caused the death of Miss Raymond whose clothing had caught fire from burning brush.

Miss Raymond had recently come up from California and had employed Mr. Sprague to build a house on her land. He started in Monday morning, cleared away some sage brush on the site and set it on fire. In the afternoon Miss Raymond came over from a neighbor's and as the brush was still burning decided to do some clearing herself. Mr. Sprague was busy at the building about 3 o'clock and says he really does not know how she caught fire, but in some manner her clothing caught and he was suddenly startled by a scream and saw the young lady running with her skirts in flames. He had to chase her some distance before catching her but finally did so and found it necessary to tear off all her clothes before he succeeded in putting out the fire. The lady was not seriously burned, her hair being caught but not burning to the scalp, merely blistering the back of her neck and shoulders.

Tom did not realize that he was burned until the lady was safe when he began to take an inventory of his own injuries. His hands were severely burned and at once went over to Mr. McKenzie to get relief but suffered so much pain that it was decided to come to the doctor. Dr. Geary dressed the wounds Monday evening and upon a closer inspection Tuesday morning found that the burn was not deep except in a few places and does not believe Mr. Sprague will suffer any lasting or permanent injury. He will be laid up for some weeks, however. Tom returned home Tuesday.

Such heroic work is commendable and it was most fortunate that a man of his nerve and cool head was present, otherwise there is not the least doubt but the young lady would have burned to death.

Joel Smith, who was shot two weeks ago in Nevada by Frank Wilson, arrived in Ontario on Monday. He is able to be around but is still very weak. His family accompanied him home. We understand that Mr. Smith will conduct the Elk saloon on and after July 1.—Ontario Argus.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

W. T. Hill was in the city Monday.

O. E. Thompson was in to help celebrate during the week.

Henry Goodlow was a business visitor to our city the first of the week.

Mrs. Tom Allen and son Fred are home from a visit to Portland and other points.

Miss Julia Hill has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Jay Gould the past week.

Miss Ruby Burrow gave a party to her young friends at her home in this city last Monday evening in honor of Miss Floy Thompson who has been visiting with her.

That pair of halters and collar taken from the White Front Barn had better be returned or the matter will be laid before the grand jury. The person guilty of taking them is known.

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H. N. Messner, one of our late settlers who formerly lived in Kansas, was in from his home a few days during the week. Mr. Messner has some fine standard bred horses which he will have in readiness for the fair this fall.

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