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FFICIALS IN THE FIELD

LIEUTENANT HEADS PARTY OF INSPECTION.

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ion to the above from nian the following par- ken from the Journal, some light upon the the Harriman party hurrying into the interior. Among other things this dispatch says: A party headed by W. F. Nelson and I. Gregory, who are directing the survey and right of way work for the Oregon Trunk Line, supposed to be a Hill project, were waiting to make the same trip into central Oregon, under the guidance of Edwards. It is said that Edwards, hearing that the Harriman party was headed that way, did not want both delegations to be in the country at the same time and succeeded in postponing the trip of Gregory and Nelson until next Monday.

Thus the Harriman party was given the first chance to learn conditions and make a decision. The fact that a party of Harriman engineers left Detroit, the terminus of the Corvallis & Eastern, yesterday to make a rush trip to central Oregon confirms the report here that Harriman people are up against the necessity for making an immediate decision and starting construction of some line into central Oregon.

INVESTIGATE UNDERGROUND WATERS

G. A. Waring, a young man connected with the U. S. Geological survey, arrived here last Saturday evening and will spend some time investigating the underground waters of Harney county. Mr. Waring came here from LosAngeles, and was assigned to this field through the efforts of W. C. Mendenhall who has charge of the government work in the west and whose headquarters are at Los Angeles.

Mr. Mendenhall was here last fall and was most favorably impressed with the artesian water possibilities of the Harney country. At that time a few of our citizens who take an interest in such matters discussed the subject at some length with him with the result that he has sent Mr. Waring here to make a more thorough investigation.

Mr. Mendenhall explained the time of his visit that there were no funds available for this field but as soon as it was possible we should have whatever benefit was possible from such an investigation.

Mr. Waring will spend an indefinite time here and carry the work as far as his means will permit. He is quite familiar with the formation here, as well as other valuable data secured by Prof Russell during his visit here three or four years ago.

Mr. Waring will gather what information possible from the flowing wells now in existence and will watch the work of the new machine just brought in by Messrs Swain & Smith. The first well at the J. A. Maddux farm will furnish considerable information that will be of much benefit to the government in pursuing this important work in this field.

Thirty Bushel Wheat Without Water.

Some out side gentlemen who are experienced farmers, were looking over this section during the first of the week and among other places visited was the I. S. Geer farm south of this city. Mr Geer is following the Campbell system of dryland farming and has made it a success so far. He has a fine stand of winter wheat on his place that has never received any artificial irrigation and which will make at least 30 bushels per acre according to the estimate of these gentlemen.

Such crops are certainly good advertisements for the Harney country and are evidence of what really can be done here in the way of agriculture.

Mr Geer's Lambert cherries are also fine and the yield has been most satisfactory this season. Fruit men should visit his orchard in this city and see what he raises.

Harney Should do Likewise.

W. G. Jenkins on Monday last sold his prune crop, on 80 acres, to the Payette Commission Co. for $4500 on the trees. This is an average of over $50 an acre, and yet there are some people who say it does not pay to raise fruit in Malheur county.—Argus.

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TO SINK ARTESIAN WELLS

FIRST STEAM MACHINE ARRIVES IN HARNEY COUNTRY.

Modern Well Boring Apparatus With Which To Make Artesian Water a Reality --Government Is Interested.

Messrs. Swain & Smith have arrived with their new 16-horse power steam well boring machine and have set it for the first well at J. A. Maddux homestead near Windy Point. They experienced very little difficulty, in bringing the machine in from the railroad and made very good time considering the condition of the roads over which they came. It was necessary to make grades wider in places also to double plank some bridges, but otherwise the trip was made without mishap.

It will yet be several days before actual work on the well will begin as some of the necessary accessaries were loaded on a wagon which broke down, necessitating a delay. The teams have gone back after these and as soon as possible work will begin.

Mr. Maddux accompanied the firm to the railroad and brought back sufficient casing for an experimental well of 600 feet in depth. The hole will be 6 inches to begin with but may be made smaller after going a considerable depth if thought best.

Many are of the opinion that a strong flow will be found within the depth proposed to sink on the Maddux place, while a few consider it not a fair test. This contention will soon be settled, however, when work is begun.

While this venture is considered more or less an experiment, it is practically assured that artesian water will be struck—though possibly not a strong flow at the 600 feet level. We have a few flowing wells at a less depth and the flow was struck in what is known as the "county well" at 800 feet.

All are much interested in this work and every encouragement should be given the promoters to make artesian water a reality. The government geologists have given every assurance that this is an artesian basin; flowing wells have been struck in most unexpected manners and under adverse conditions, yet we have not one really strong flowing well. We will now know for a certainty just what the Harney country has in underground water as a resource and it will be one of the great inducements for early settlement if we find water of such quantity and at a reasonable depth that it may be practical and within the reach of men of moderate means.

WHAT JOAQUIN MILLER SAYS.

Joaquin Miller has a two column communication in the Grant County News addressed to the county courts of both Harney and Grant counties in which he asks that the dense underbrush and overhanging pine boughs that line the road between this place and Canyon City, be cleared. He advises much on the road building and says in part:

"I have today returned from a two hundred miles tour by stage, buggy and boot leather to, through and back from the border of matchless and magnificent Harney Valley. And I beg to file a brief protest against the dense brush that borders and overhangs this most royal mountain road.

"The road here—God made it—is alright; or nearly so. But the brush is a nuisance, "an abomination unto the Lord."

He adds much more poetry in prose about the magnificience of this road and ends the communication with the following tribute to the Great Harney Country:

"But once through the pines you can surely see the vast and almost boundless valley down fallen at your feet, for it is the one broadest, unbroken valley, and really and truly the richest valley west of the Rocky mountains. The grain fields at this hour are the tallest, greenest, richest on earth. The beets of this valley are going to furnish candy for half of the republic. And yet this valley, round almost as a saucer sixty miles across, level as a floor, bottomless in soil, fed by many rivers that flow in almost anywhere, that flow out nowhere, is only now discovered, Two or three railroads point feebly that way, one, two three hundred miles distant, but the one and only best way at this hour is the bush hung and bush hidden mail road, here first mentioned. Open it! Please, please, open it!

"However, let me say to the truly devoted lover of the magnificent in nature, it is worth all tangle of bush and all the "squalls" and bother, said and unsaid, to see for one little half hour this indescribable Harney valley from its rock-built wall as you break through the pines and look over against the sun; see its flashes on the gleaming snow of Steins mountains, nearly one hundred miles beyond the twin lakes, Malheur and Harney. Here, from these lofty steppes, you look down upon the dreamful mirage in all its mystery, magic, majesty. The sparse, dwarfed trees seem rootless and hang glimmering in the heavens a hundred feet in the air over against the everlasting snows. The glistening lakes rise up and hang, like the Prophet's coffin, mid heaven and earth. They are silver, they are gold, they are amethyst, sapphire and rubies. They are all this, interwoven in one. They are indescribable jasper walls of the New Jerusalem.

JOAQUIN MILLER."

TOP NOTCHERS IN OREGON.

(Special Correspondent)
Portland, July 22.

The top-notchers in government affairs are becoming better acquainted with Oregon's resources and neccessities. The Hon. Oscar C. Straus, Secretary of Commerce & Labor, was given an informal reception at the Commereial Club Saturday night, and as is now well known, was immediately preceded by Secretary Garfield and Vice President Fairbanks, and your correspondent has yet in store to announce of the most interesting visit of them all.

During this dog-day period, when the atmosphere is laden with a spirit of resistence to corporation oppression, don't let the fellow who never contributes a dollar towards the advertising and advancement of his community be excused from making contribution because he can talk louder and oftener than the busy man and good citizen who believes that a "square deal" includes himself and that he should do his duty towards his fellow citizen—if "broke" or too stingy to make giving a pleasure, he can do his section some good by writing a few letters to relatives, acquaintances and friends in the East, telling them of the low rates to, and glorious opportunities presented by Oregon.

During the past few weeks the travel into Oregon from the East has been as large as at any time during the Lewis & Clark Exposition, and many of the visitors are becoming familiar with the opportunities afforded by the State, a large number of tourists having made stops at five or six points in different parts of the State,

Mr. Julius Kruttschnitt, Director of maintenance and operation of the entire Harriman system, General Manager J. P. O'Brien and Chief Engineer Boschke, of the O. R. & N. Co., and the officials of the Corvallis & Eastern, left the latter part of the week for an automobile trip through Central Oregon. Let us hope they have with them a pole long enough to get the persimmon—it's been hanging a long time.

If the people of Oregon fail to take advantage of the colonist rates beginning September 1st and continuing until October 31st, it will not be the fault of the newspapers, for both in news, editorial and local colums the press of the state has kept the facts before its readers. Remember this is the one-way rate, the tickets are only to Oregon and not round-trip, and good for any point in the state, but the ticket must read to your station when it is purchased of the agent back in the other states.

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THE ANNUAL COUNTY FAIR

WE SHOULD ALL BOOST TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS.

Time to Begin Preparation of Exhibits of Products Now During Harvest-- Good Speed Program.

The Times-Herald would urge our farmers and stockmen to begin preperation now for the annual fair to be held in October. The premium list has been issued and quite generally distributed all over the county. By comparing with former lists it will be seen that the premiums have been very materially raised and correspond quite favorably with district fairs in other parts of the state that have five times the amount of support as the local fair.

It should be borne in mind that the Fair Association is doing the very best possible with what funds are available and that by a liberal patronage and co-operation it can be made more successful. The fair is for the benefit of all the people of Harney county and the Association was incorporated for that purpose alone. It is in no wise a money making scheme for the benefit of of individuals and every cent taken in is either used to pay premiums, purses, or the improvements of the fair grounds. The actual expenses of conducting the annual fairs must be taken from this amount of course.

Let every one do his utmost to make the fair this fall better in every particular than that of last year—which every one admits was the best yet. This can be done with very little effort if all will take an interest. The fair is the best advertisement possible to let the people know the real resources of this county. We are all surprised to see what can be produced in this wonderful country of ours and the best way to stimulate greater effort is to place the best products on exhibit and let our neighbors see what we are doing. The experience gained by a comparison will amply repay any one for the trouble of putting in an exhibit and at the same time it is possible to secure premiums. Remember it costs nothing to enter exhibits on any kind of products and the benefit to all is great.

Even this early the management is arranging with prominent men from the outside to attend the fair in order that they may see what the Harney country can produce. Some of these people are boosters for the upbuilding of the state and make it their particular business to advertise its resources far and wide. Railroad men will be here to see what we have in the way of tonnage and a diversified display is sure to appeal to them and hasten transportation lines.

If you have a fine horse, cow, pig, sheep, grain, vegetables or fruit, bring them along and help to show the people what we have.

Now is the time to look out for the products and during harvest save some of the best for the fair. If you have not seen a premium list ask some of your neighbors about it—they possibly have some for distribution—or write to the secretary at Burns and you will be supplied.

The speed and sport program will be most attractive this fall and it is quite possible that from 75 to 100 head of horses will be in attendence to complete in the speed events. The stock show will be made a particular feature this fall and every effort will be made to have all the best stock in the county on the fair grounds during the week.

Elmer McManus, recently a pupil in the John Day schools was over from Burns Saturday, where he has been attending the Harney county high school and clerking in the Welcome drug store. He is well pleased with the school work done last winter and will continue in the school. —Grant County News.

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