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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.

The Great Harney Country

Covers an area of 6,428,800 acres of land, 4,684,961 acres yet vacant subject to entry under the public land laws of the United States.

## RESERVE POLICY

### PROTEST TO GIP. PINCHOT.

Registered and Sent up to Supervisor A. S. Pinchot for Territory.

Following is a copy of the protest against the forest reserve policy of the government which is being drafted by the stock and range men of Harney county and forwarded to the Grant-Lewis stockgrowers Association in Canyon City, Oregon.

The advisory board of the stock and range men of Harney county met for the purpose of discussing the proposed forest reserve policy of the government and the advisability of protesting against it.

The meeting held in Harney county last November, was participated in by the stock and range men of Harney county, and the result was the formation of the advisory board.

The board has since that time been working for the purpose of securing the repeal of the forest reserve law, and has been successful in securing the repeal of the law in Harney county.

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when they become of age. Merchants are feeling the consequent curtailment of business.

We must persistently protest against our stock being reduced to allow stock from other counties to come in and take from us our only asset, grass.

## THE FAIR WEEK RACE PROGRAMME.

Beginning October 8th to 12th inclusive  
Over \$2000 in Purse.

### FIRST DAY.

One-half mile dash, Harney County saddle horses that never won, to be ridden with stock saddle; no entrance fees; entries close at noon on day of race. \$25

One-half mile dash free for all maidens ..... \$100

Three-eighth mile dash, free for all ..... \$100

### SECOND DAY.

One mile trot or pace, 2 in 3, Harney county bred 3-year-olds entries close Sept. 25 ..... \$150

One-half mile dash free for all ..... \$125

Ten mile relay race, two miles a day, at least three horses and change horses every one-half mile—track horses barred. \$200

### THIRD DAY.

One mile trot or pace, 3 in 5, untried horses, entries close September 25 ..... \$200

Five-eighth mile dash, free for all, "Business Men's Stake," entries to close Oct. 7 at 8 o'clock with secretary, must be five to start ..... \$300

Second day relay, two miles

### FOURTH DAY.

One-half mile dash, Harney county saddle horses, same conditions as first day ..... \$25

One-quarter mile dash, free for all ..... \$100

Three-quarter mile dash, free for all ..... \$175

Third day Relay, two miles.

### FIFTH DAY.

One half mile dash, ponies 14 hands or less, weigh not more than 800 pounds, ridden by boys under 14 years—track horses barred ..... \$20

One-half mile trot or pace, 2 in 3, Harney county bred 2-year-olds, entries close October 7 ..... \$100

One mile Indian horse race \$10 One mile dash free for all. \$250

Fourth day Relay, four miles. Special purses will be made up to suit the horses in attendance.

### A Good Find for This Weather.

Another ice cave has been discovered in the vicinity of Bend, this time on Jack Ferguson's place. It will be remembered that Mr. Ferguson has a hole on his farm several feet deep that was once a well but from which all the water disappeared. Recently he decided to cement the bottom of it and convert it into a cistern to catch the winter rains. When he started to do this he found that a goodly amount of ice had formed in the bottom of the one-time well and is puzzling him and his family to figure out where the water came from that made the ice. Since frost left the ground water has been heard trickling in the bottom of the well, which leads them to believe that it is not probable the ice formed during the winter and has not thawed. No one has yet given a satisfactory explanation for the phenomenon. But Mr. Ferguson is taking advantage of the find and is now living high on ice tea and ice cream during these hot days. —Bend Bulletin.

A. B. Aldrich, Frank Aldrich and Alex Reid are among a large party of Utah people who arrived in this valley last Monday. These gentlemen called at this office Tuesday afternoon and stated that they were well pleased with the Harney country, although the distance in here was rather discouraging. The party came from Union county with their own teams and by way of Malheur city. They were advised by some not to come to Harney valley as it was no place to make a home, but since they are here the gentlemen are very well satisfied and are now out looking for suitable land.

Judge Rector was in the city a few days the first of the week looking after probate matters.

## THE PRICE OF LAND IS RAISED

### DESCHUTES IRRIGATION PROJECT IS UNDER SUSPICION.

First Terms of Grant to Company Already Violated and the Government Will Investigate—Millions in it.

Sunday's Oregonian says: Are the colossal land grants of a generation ago in Oregon to be imitated in the Deschutes country, where 140,717 acres of land have been granted by the National Government under the Carey law, for reclamation by irrigation companies? Three years ago, two companies were authorized by the State of Oregon and the National Government to reclaim land near Bend for an average of \$10 an acre, this money to be paid by settlers for the work and \$1 an acre per year for water service.

But recently the State Land Board—its new members being Secretary of State Benson and State Treasurer Steel—authorized the successor of the two companies—the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company—to raise the charge from an average \$10 an acre to an average of \$25 an acre, thereby more than doubling the cost of reclamation to settlers and, as alleged, giving into the hand of the irrigation company a grant of \$2,000,000 or thereabouts.

That Secretary Garfield and Commissioner Ballinger heard of this matter when in Oregon is evident. The department of the Interior is reported contemplating an investigation. T. B. Neuhausen, special inspector of the Interior Department, and Oswald West, Oregon Railroad Commissioner, representing Governor Chamberlain, and formerly State Land Agent, will visit the site of the Deschutes project, to learn the cost of installing the water system. The general belief is that the new price is too high, and members of the State Board are not prepared to deny that this is a fact. Besides sufficient security does not appear to have been exacted of the company to guarantee maintenance of the water system until it shall be turned over to the settlers.

The company insists that the new charge is just, because the original contracts named too low a figure. They aver that cost of labor and material has so advanced that it is impossible to complete the projects at \$10 an acre. They cite that the Government will not be able to reclaim the land in Klamath for less than \$40 an acre. It is answered that the Government always spends more on irrigation works than private companies, largely because aiming at greater permanency.

TEACHERS AND HOMESTEADS

The interior department is receiving a flood of inquiries regarding the effect of a recent decision of the department relative to the rights of school teachers in the matter of taking up public lands under the homestead law, says an exchange. The decision was rendered in a contest made against the entry of a woman teacher employed in Minnesota and while it was shown that she had lived on the land only during her vacation covering only about 14 weeks for each of the four years she had held it, the department failed to make homestead entries and to make final proof without complying with the requirements made of other applicants and the large number of letters received on the question promises numerous entries under that construction.

Acting Secretary of the Interior Woodruff and Acting Commissioner Dennett of the general land office unite in a statement that the decision has received a construction which was not contemplated by the department. They call attention to the fact that the decision did not apply to a commutation case, but to a case which the applicant had held the land for four or five years as required by law. They point out that the decision was not final and that it dealt with the rights of the contestee, merely holding that the improvements were adequate but not attempt-

ing to say whether title will be granted at the end of five years if the proof shows only 14 weeks occupancy for each year.

They therefore, warn teachers that disappointment is liable to be the fate of those who may attempt to secure land by living on it only during vacation time, and especially of those who attempt to secure it under such a plan with the commutation feature added.

### KICK AT RESERVE METHODS.

Wm Bennett and wife were down from their Silvies Valley home the first of the week on a visit to their daughter, Mrs Mellie Parker. Mr. Bennett says himself and neighbors most strenuously object to the manner in which the grazing privileges on the forest reserve are being handled. When they took out their permits and paid for certain range they supposed they would be protected, but now they are being crowded off the very range allotted them by sheep men, who claim to have permits for the same range. This is not the only instance of double allotment, however, as complaints are being made all over that division of the reserve. It is evident that those in charge are either very careless or incompetent.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Wm Catterson and wife were down from Harney last Monday. Miss Grace Calkins has been on the sick list during the past week.

Perry Weiss has disposed of his property here and expects to leave soon with his family for Portland.

A. F. Horn, a prominent stockman of the Owyhee, was in the city a few days during the week on land business.

T. N. Mitchell, a practical wagon maker has entered into the partnership with Ed Floyd in the blacksmith shop.

The work on the foundation of the new stone building for the Harney County National Bank is now under way. The mason work is being done by some men who just arrived here.

Capt. Louey, the old Indian, had the misfortune to lose his tippee and all his "household goods" by fire the other day. He does not know just how it happened as it burned during his absence.

P. C. Peterson was in from his farm the first of the week. Mr. Peterson has been making extensive improvements on his place this summer and among other conveniences is a fine big stone cellar just completed by P. A. Hyde the stone mason.

James Donegon and Wm. A. Cox left here Wednesday morning for the Stein's Mountains to spend a few days fishing and viewing the country. Mr. Cox lives in San Francisco and is very much impressed with the greatness of the Harney country.

Dr. Barnaby and wife took their departure Tuesday for other points after a few days visit with Dr. Geary and family. Dr. Barnaby is most favorably impressed with the west and thinks of moving should he find a desirable location. He goes from here to Portland, Seattle and back to Michigan through the Dakotas.

Marion Horton, accompanied by his wife and little daughter, came over from Diamond Tuesday and are guests of H. M. Horton and wife a few days. Mr. Horton is in the general merchandise business in Diamond and is just completing a large stone building the lower floor of which he will occupy as a store and the second floor will be a dance hall.

While out riding Sunday evening Irving Miller and a lady friend experienced a run-away. The team became frightened in the lane east of town turned the rig off a bridge. After safely depositing the occupants the team brought the buggy into town at a very lively pace and piled it up near the residence of Mrs. Shelton. The rig was badly demolished but all others concerned came out unhurt.

## BUILDING UP CATTLE HERDS

### LIVELY BIDDING AT PUBLIC SALES OF PURE BREDS.

High Priced Bulls Have Multiplied the Wealth of the West—There was Method in The Seeming Madness.

When we used to see the cattle barons of Colorado, Texas and other sections of the western plains country in attendance at the big public sale of pure bred bulls held in Denver and elsewhere it was observed that they were high bidders on all superior lots in the offerings, says Farm and Field. They kept on bidding until they got what they wanted. It required only two such big-hatted fellows to insure such a sale a splendid success.

The novice in such matters looked in open-eyed wonder at prices ranging easily from \$250 to \$400 and \$500. We can remember when the Galloways first appeared in Colorado when a Buccleugh bull brought \$2000 at the drop of the hat, and once in Pueblo we saw doddie cows running as high as \$1100 at the twist of the wrist.

But there was a method in the seeming madness of these caterers to the beef trade. To the uninitiated it looked as if they were paying too much for the whistle, but these keen-eyed cattlemen looked further into the merits of the matter as a business proposition than to nag over the price of a bull.

They did not stop to figure that they were buying the service of the bull—what it would do for them in building up their herd to a high standard.

ALL ROADS LEAD TO BURNS.

Manager Woldenberg of the Blue Mt. Rapid Transit Co., was in the city for several days during the week, looking after his business interests. He reports business quite lively over his line and all passengers are headed for the Harney country. Fact is all roads lead this way just now and it is simply out of the question to try to stop the people when they once hear of this land of promise. Mr. Woldenberg's line has become quite popular with the traveling public and is therefore loaded to the guards almost every day. If proper arrangements could be made with the Sumpter Valley we could benefit very materially by advertising excursion or colonist rate tickets from the east direct to Burns. This is a problem for our business men to work out.

I. S. Geer and family returned the first of the week from a trip to the mountains. Geer says he could find deer tracks but that's the nearest he came to killing one.

See G. W. Clevenger's fine line of linoleum.

Adam George has been looking after his customers who desire nursery stock this week.

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 Adam George. His company takes all responsibility and will replace. All trees warranted true to name.

### NOTICE

Being unable to give our personal attention to the collection of the accounts due us, the same have been placed with Mr. C. H. Leonard. A year having elapsed since the dissolution of co-partnership a prompt settlement of the same is requested. MARDEN & GEARY.

### NO TRESPASSING.

Hunting is forbidden upon my place adjoining Burns. Trespassers will be prosecuted.

C. H. VOEGTLY.

### NO TRESPASSING.

Notice is hereby given that hunting and shooting upon the enclosed lands of the American Land & Live Stock Co. is strictly forbidden. Any person or persons found hunting or trespassing will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

E. B. HILL,

Ranch Manager.

If you intend to build see Adam George. He will furnish you plans, specifications, doors, windows and hardware for about half what windows formerly cost. Address him at Lawen.

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