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son why he should attempt to take freight via the longest route or through a part that has no facilities for handling it, and so long as our citizens remain in their present mood of passive indifference, we will never have any better facilities.
Harriman in his remarks before the irrigation congress in Sacramento, said, in speaking of central Oregon, that there was not sufficient population or traffic to justify the building of a road there at present, and further remarked that if they did have a road, the first few years would be spent in shoveling snow. To show the inconsistency of the gentlemen, we must refer to the statement made by the man who was along with Harriman on his trip through that country, viz., that Mr. Harriman had given orders to build the road from Natron to Klamath Falls and to push the Corvallis & Eastern across central and Eastern Oregon at once. Now any one familiar with the lay of the land knows that the population along both these routes is as numerous as hens' teeth, and that the climatic conditions would result in the same amount of shoveling of the same material.
Of course Mr. Harriman had an object in the position he took on both these points. In discouraging the building of a road up the Deschutes, his statements will go far towards preventing any financial institution from backing anyone else who would undertake the project. In giving out the report that he would build the Natron branch and the Corvallis & Eastern, he shows that the traffic producing proportion of that country will be taken care of, consequently it would be a waste of money to construct another line into the same territory.
Both these arguments will have weight with those who don't know anything about it, but will mean very little to any one who is posted. In the first place Harriman don't want anyone to build through central Oregon, as it would be too good an opportunity for J. J. Hill to invade that territory from his north bank road, and perhaps push on to San Francisco by a very direct and short route.
In the first place, he has no intention of building either the Natron branch or the C. E. unless forced to do so by some one invading his territory, as both these propositions are bluffs. As I said on a former occasion, you cannot find a piece of road in the state that he has built except to keep some one else out, and you won't find it, either, for a number of years, as he is not a railroad builder, but a plunderer.
I had occasion once before to point out that when the Panama canal was constructed, the Pacific coast terminals, so far as jobbing centers are concerned, would be off the map, unless the people woke up and fought for open rivers and interurban railroads. The actions of the railroads in their position of advancing rates from the terminals confirm this, and shows that they are preparing for a great fight. Hill is hurrying his line to the coast, the Milwaukee is also pushing to the front and we are sleeping. It is foolish to think that the railroads with all the money they have invested in property throughout the interior are going to sit idly by and see the canal take the business; anyone who believes so is an unsophisticated individual and should emigrate to Japan.
What are we going to do about it, and how will we be effected? Portland by reason of its geographical position is in the best position to be benefited by the canal of any city on the coast. She has two magnificent rivers which have numerous tributaries that are navigable, and by the expenditure of considerable money, for it will take a great deal, the Columbia can be opened to Lewiston, and the Willamette nearly to Eugene. Then by extending electric lines to the interior she can hold nearly all the territory she now has, and acquire considerable more, and with the low rates by the canal route and the low river rates, together with the reasonable rates that will be made by the electric lines, she

PROSPECTS FOR GOOD FAIR
SOME FINE EXHIBITS OF PRODUCTS OF HARNEY COUNTY.
Fair Board Should Have Active Support of Every Public Spirited Citizen--Make Exhibition The Best Ever.
With present prospects the county fair which will open Oct. 8 will be not only an educator, but an eye opener to the many people who are expected to visit us during that week. If the farmers and stock raisers will do their part we will give an exhibition that will do more to advertise the resources of the Great Harney Country than anything yet undertaken. People begin to realize the vast good accomplished through the local fair association and as it is for the benefit of the entire country and not for the purpose of making money, all should give it earnest support.
Of course to give it proper assistance means a sacrifice in some instances but every man actively connected with the Association is making greater sacrifice than others, besides not one of the directors reap a direct benefit in any manner. The work is cheerfully undertaken for the benefit of the country and therefore these men are entitled to the unselfish support of the business men of Burns particularly.
The Times-Herald has suggested heretofore the justness of the suggestion that business houses close during certain hours of the afternoon and all go to the fair grounds to view the exhibits, cattle, horses, sheep, swine, poultry, play the races and hear the band play. Interesting programs will be arranged for each afternoon and on particular days will be special program yet to be arranged to suit circumstances and conditions. Business houses at Roseburg, McMinnville and Pendleton close during certain hours during the annual fairs and the management has solid support of all business concerns in their respective towns. Burns business men could do as well and make each feature of the fair a better success, besides making visitors feel more at home. We should cultivate the strangers among us at such times particularly and business men of standing can best entertain them, especially as the management of the exhibition has its hands full looking after the various things incident to the fair.
If these same business men would interest themselves in securing exhibits and talking fair to their friends and customers it would be a very material help. This is not written in the nature of a complaint, but merely suggesting what is considered of mutual benefit to every public spirited citizen of the Harney county.
SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT RESIGNS.
Superintendent of Schools M. E. Rigby, has forwarded his resignation from Glendive, Montana and now the county court must appoint a successor to fill out his unexpired term. His resignation was no surprise as it had been expected for some time and it is just as well, as he had been severely criticised for several months and his usefulness, so far as advancing the educational interests of the county are concerned, were at an end. The Times-Herald hopes the court will secure a good clean man to fill the vacancy as the office is one of the most important in the hands of a competent, conscientious educator who will do his duty—a man in whom the people have confidence and with whom they may work enthusiastically for the benefit of the schools of Harney county.
An adjourned term of the court will be held the first of October at which time this matter will be taken up and in the meantime those interested should discuss the possible candidates and recommend the best man for the position.
FOR MR. HARRIMAN.
Mr. Harriman says he rode for miles through sections of central Oregon that is a barren waste, and for that reason it will not

REGISTERED STOCK FOR FAIR
W.M. BYRAM'S HERD OF RED POLLED CATTLE FROM CANYON.
High Grade Animals Headed by Willamette No. 11,158, Who Took Sweepstakes Premium at State Fair in 1903.
Among the stock exhibits at the fair October 8-12 will be a herd of Red Polled cattle owned by Wm. Byram of Grant county. Mr. Byram has some of the finest stock in the northwest and this herd is well worth seeing by our local stockmen. The herd will be headed by his famous Willamette No. 11,158. Read what the Blue Mountain Eagle says regarding this herd:
At the Canyon creek ranch of Wm. Byram will be found a band of as high grade cattle as are owned anywhere in eastern Oregon. In fact, in addition to his short horn stock, he is owner of the only Red Polled herd in the state east of the Cascades. These animals are becoming quite famous for dairy and beef qualities, and many purchasers of blooded stock are selecting the Red Polled. Mr. Byram procured the start of his Red Polled herd from Geo. Lazelle, of Oregon City, and L. K. Cogswell, of Chehalis, Washington, each person the owner of some of the best prize animals on the coast. His Red Polled herd is headed by Willamette No. 11,158, which bull took the first premium and the sweepstakes premium at the state fair at Salem during 1903, and is acknowledged to be one of the best animals of this breed in the west. He has several head of young Red Polled bulls, all of which are registered, which he offers for sale.
In addition to his Red Polled herd, Mr. Byram also has a herd of registered Short Horn stock, the start of which he secured from the famous Ladd herd, of Portland. Stockmen who are acquainted with the Ladd herd of Short Horns, will remember that it took the first prize against seventy-five competing herds from the United States, Canada and England at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis in 1904 and at the Lewis & Clark fair at Portland during 1905. Mr. Byram's Short Horn herd is headed by Earl of Wood Dale, No. 151,017 and Earl of Canyon, No. 220,004, and from these he has quite a number of registered animals.
The future of the stock business in Grant county is smaller herds and a better grade or class of cattle. Year by year it is becoming the custom of the grower to sell his beef cattle by weight instead of so much per head. This being the case, larger profits can be realized by the stock grower through the use of the best bulls that can be gotten. In this respect the herd owned by Mr. Byram will be found the equal of the oldest herds west of the Cascades.—Blue Mountain Eagle, March 15, 1907.
LOCAL AND PERSONAL.
Thomas Spafford is in form his Buck Creek home.
The carpenters are rushing the new residence of M. Fenwick rapidly.
Roland Hankins was here for a few days during the week visiting relatives and friends.
Commissioner Best and G. L. Hembree and wife came over from Silver creek Wednesday, returning home the following day.
W. C. Cecil's string of running horses were brought in Sunday and are in training at the fair grounds' track.
Fred Otley was up from his home the first of the week having brought up his son Henry to accompany the other young men mentioned last issue to Corvallis where he will attend the Agricultural College.
Services next Sunday at the Presbyterian church both morning and evening. Morning theme "Natural Lover or the New Commandment." Evening subject: "The True Aim." There will be an inspiring musical program in connection with each service. Your presence will be appreciated.

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