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JULIAN BYRD - - - - - Manager

It is certainly good news that appears in the Portland papers that the depositors of the closed banks in Portland will be paid in full. It speaks volumes for the prosperity of the state.

Even though last summer was unusually cold all over the west crops were about the average and were especially good in Harney county. Such a season will hardly be repeated at once, therefore we predict enormous yields next season.

The sheepmen of Gilliam county have not yet decided to adopt a systematic move toward putting out poison for coyotes, notwithstanding the fact that these pestiferous varmints are still very diligent in their work of destruction. In localities where wolf hunting dogs are kept, the pests are to a great extent in check.

The winter so far has been ideal in Harney county for stockmen and farmers alike. At no time yet has the thermometer reached the zero point and while the snow has been light in the valley, there has been sufficient precipitation to thoroughly soak the soil and put fall sown crops as well as farm land ready for seeding in good shape. The snow fall in the mountains is ample to furnish water for the growing season.

At the last meeting of the city council a new occupation tax and license schedule ordinance was passed but has not yet received the approval of the mayor. The Times-Herald has not yet examined the ordinance and therefore cannot comment intelligently upon its merits or otherwise, but has heard some objections to the new schedule as well as approval. Mayor Brown will not pass upon the ordinance until he has studied it carefully. We learn that professional men and real estate dealers have been added to the list as well as a general revision of the old schedule—an increase in some instances and a decrease in others. People interested should investigate it.

COUNTY COURT.

County court has been quite busy this week considering road business as well as matters continued from the November term which was adjourned on account of the holidays. Only a few matters have been settled entirely, however, and the following are the entries up to this morning.

Report of E. Olson, road supervisor of District No. 3, shows he has received \$18 and had a balance on hand from his last report of \$230.86 and had expended \$158.28 for which he had filed proper vouchers with a balance on hand of \$90.58. It appearing correct the report was accepted and approved.

Report of J. T. Barnes, road supervisor of Dist. No. 1 showed he had received \$1341.50 and has expended \$1801.40 and the county was indebted to him in the sum of \$459.90. Proper vouchers having been filed covering said disbursements and the report appearing in all things correct, it was ordered that the report be accepted and approved and the treasurer ordered to transfer the sum of \$459.90 to J. T. Barnes.

The plat of the Harriman townsite was approved and filed.

TO MEET WITH FOREST SUPERVISOR.

Frank Johnson had a conversation over a long distance telephone this morning with Supervisor Bingham at John Day. Mr. Bingham stated that the Grant County Stockgrower's Association would meet in John Day on Jan. 18, at ten o'clock a. m. The supervisor will be present and applications for grazing permits for the coming season will be filed. After the readjustment will be made.

The stockmen will have received notification of such a meeting by accident. Had not Mr. Johnson been here in all likelihood Harney county stockmen would not have been represented and the boundary lines fixed without any regard to their convenience or wishes.

While applications for permits may be filed and considered later it is possible that no other meeting for the readjustment of boundary lines will be held before the grazing season, therefore local stockmen should send a delegation to the meeting in order that their interests may be protected.

PUTER IS PARDONED.

A Washington dispatch to the Oregonian, says: Late this afternoon President Roosevelt signed the pardon of Stephen A. D. Puter, and by tomorrow it is expected that the jail doors will swing open and he will walk forth a free man, for notification of his pardon was telegraphed to Portland this evening by the Department of Justice.

While free, Puter is yet under an implied promise to place his services at the command of the Government, and he will be summoned as one of the leading witnesses in the land fraud trials to be resumed in Portland January 13. Later, when the Benson-Hyde case is called in this city, Puter will again appear as a witness for the Government. It is because of the fact that Puter is wanted as a witness here that District Attorney Baker, of this city, joined Mr. Heney in recommending Puter's pardon.

Just when the Benson-Hyde case will be brought to trial is undetermined, for there is at present no money to defray the expense of bringing 300 Government witnesses from Oregon and California. It is proposed some time this winter to submit to Congress a deficiency estimate in hope of securing a special appropriation to defray the costs of this trial.

When he was here Mr. Heney gave no intimation of his purpose to recommend the pardon of Puter, and no inkling of what had been done was permitted to leak out of the Department or the White House. Today's announcement came as a complete surprise.

COMPARATIVE SCHOOL FUNDS.

Based on the government's reports, Oregon spends slightly more than \$2,000,000 a year for education, Washington spends \$4,900,000 and California \$10,000,000. Oregon pays 82 percent by local taxation, county and district, Washington 48 and California 54. Whence and why the difference?

Washington's permanent school fund resources, mostly land lease, are about \$22,300,000, Oregon's slightly over \$4,000,000. California is not appraised here, but Idaho has an asset of almost \$23,000,000. Oregon has but 500,000 acres of almost worthless lands, so that the fund has reached close to its maximum.

Clearly, if Oregon educates her children as Idaho, California and Washington do theirs, taxpayers will have to dig deep and often. It is a relief to know that Governor Chamberlain has at last locked the door, and it is not his fault that the horses were all stolen first.—Grant County News.

SULPHUR FOR RABBITS.

Following out the recommendation of the secretary of agriculture that young orchard trees can be protected during the winter from the ravages of rabbits and other pests by a liberal application of the lime and sulphur solution used for the San Jose scale, G. C. Mitchell now has men at work in his orchards.

He is painting 3500 trees up as high as the lower limbs and says the work can be done very cheaply. The report of the secretary of agriculture was that the trees could be protected for an entire winter with one application, but Mr. Mitchell proposes painting his trees a second and possibly a third time.

Rabbits, according to Mr. Mitchell, are numerous and appear to be increasing in number. He agrees with the suggestion made through this paper by Alfred Penny, of the Naches, that the killing of the coyotes will be a rabbit.

TO ADVERTISE HARNEY COUNTY.

The Burns Athletic Club has started the proposition of getting up a basketball team from the members of the club to tour Western Oregon and Washington where they would play local teams in all the places of consequence and at the same time distribute advertising and descriptive literature putting forth the resources of the Great Harney County.

This is one of the best advertising suggestions that has been brought forward and has met with considerable encouragement from local business men. A fund will be raised to assist in defraying the expenses of the team. Some of this amount will be raised by popular subscription among home people and the boys may give some dances and entertainments before leaving.

The Times-Herald is informed that the team will be picked men from the local club and also the Harney Athletic Club, therefore it takes a wider scope than a local undertaking and should be supported by people all over the county. Since the effort of a few started the ball rolling for the Lewis and Clark fair it has been a constant drain upon the pockets of a few liberal and public spirited individuals for something of this kind. If this is worth while and will be of benefit to this section that our basketball boys make this tour it should have the support of all interested in the development of the Harney country.

Of course this proposition, the same as former efforts in this direction, having for its purpose the same end, will not be enthusiastically received by all. The Times-Herald does not believe in working "a willing horse to death" and for this reason hopes that if the boys are to make this tour the necessary funds be raised without being a burden to a few men who really receive no direct benefit from exploitation of the Harney Country.

SAYS WE HAVE NO KICK COMING.

Harney County Stockmen Not All They Asked for From Forest Service.

Frank Johnson arrived from his Prineville home last Thursday. He has been looking over the plats at the local land office since arriving checking up the deeded lands within the forest reserve in this division. He will leave tomorrow for John Day.

where he goes to assist the new supervisor of this division of the reserve get his records in shape.

Frank has been in the office of Supervisor Ireland at Prineville for sometime and says that if local people here would take the trouble to investigate and study the requirements that they would have no trouble with forest guards. He also says that the numerous kicks filed by stockmen generally fall flat upon investigation and in nine cases out of ten they will not back up their assertions made to outsiders when asked to make affidavit or to carry their complaint to the department. He asserts further that Harney County stockmen were given everything they asked for at the time of making the allotment of range last fall and that none were refused a permit.

Mr. Johnson is an old time friend of this great religious weekly and called at this office yesterday. During our discussion of the forest reserve the suggestion was made that it would be a great convenience to local stockmen for the forestry officers who made the range allotments to make a date to meet with Harney county stockmen in Burns instead of having them go to John Day. Mr. Johnson considered it a good suggestion and said he would take the matter up with the supervisor of this division and he had no doubt but that it would be arranged.

Guard Pearson will remain in charge of this territory according to present arrangements. This is another convenience not heretofore enjoyed, as permits for wood as well as other matters that come up from time to time may be adjusted through the guard without delay.

Mr. Johnson will come back this way enroute home after he has finished his work at John Day and hopes then to have time to visit his many friends in Burns and vicinity.

BILL DIDN'T SWEAR OFF.

The two men met on a corner. Of course they talked of the last day of the year.

"Bill," said one, "you have so many bad habits that I sincerely hope you intend to swear off on some of them if not all."

"Are you going to quit smoking or drinking today?" asked Bill.

"Certainly," replied the friend, "this is my last day."

"What I want to know, Bill, is what your intentions are?"

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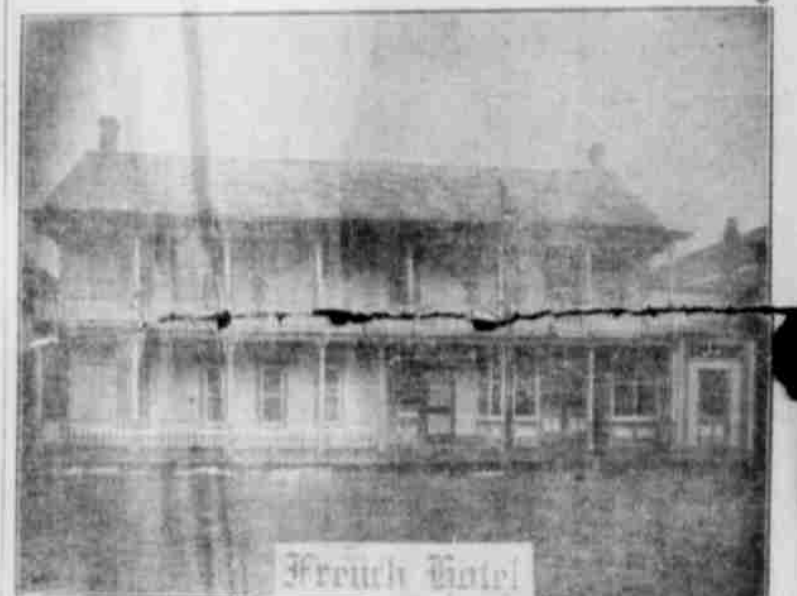
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