

SUBSCRIPTION RATES: One Year \$2.00, Six Months \$1.25, Three Months \$0.75.

A. S. Monroe, writing in the Portland Board of Trade Journal of the possibilities opened up to the livestock interests of the Northwest by the establishment of the big Swift packing plant in that city, says in part:

"It is a fact that Oregon has been shipping to other markets annually 100,000 head of cattle, 500,000 sheep and 100,000 hogs. The packing industry of Oregon, when in full swing, will handle yearly, an average of 140,000 head of cattle, 365,000 sheep and 292,000 hogs. These figures must speak with telling force to the livestock men of the Northwest, who will thus find a home market not dependant of railway facilities. The presence of such a packing center in Oregon encourages greater attention to hog, cattle and sheep raising, and brings, at once, every acre of range land into definite value. Much of the cattle business that has heretofore been left to chance will be carefully looked after from now on, and the state, already known for its splendid livestock, will speedily take rank as one of the greatest provision centers of the world. Portland will be put on the map as the base of operations for Western and Oriental business."

Advices from Harney County are gratifying as noting a substantial increase in the population of one of the richest and most resourceful regions of the state in industrial, grazing and agricultural possibilities. When the weary immigrants of the ox-team brigade toiled slowly across the sage and bunchgrass plains and over the mountains of Eastern Oregon fifty to sixty years ago and pushed on over the Oregon trail to the Willamette Valley and other coast regions, it was not without consciousness that they were leaving behind them on either side a most delightful, productive and attractive region, of which, however, conditions of isolation and Indian occupancy made settlement then out of the question. They did not, perhaps, like Rev. Samuel Parker, who passed over the wide expanse of unoccupied territory between the Missouri and Columbia Rivers in 1835, indulge in dreams of empire and see with prophetic vision this vast domain supporting a populous and prosperous population. They were fatigued, hurried, anxious, and could only note the beauty of the lovely wilderness and pass on to a section then more hospitable to the settler. Times changed, conditions shifted, and Parker's dream had a much speedier awakening than he himself believed to be possible, since for more than half of the three score and three years since his prophecy was recorded the Indians have been gathered upon reservations and the white man has been in possession of the land. Harney is one of the relatively new counties that have found political agricultural and industrial place in the great expanse known as "Eastern Oregon" within that period. That it is entering upon an era of prosperity of a substantial type is apparent from the number of home-stead entries made in the land office at Burns during March.

"The stage from the nearest railroad points come in each day loaded with passengers, all intent upon taking up land or buying property and engaging in business," says our Burns correspondent. It certainly seems that this inviting and growing section should be supplied at an early date with transportation facilities that would relegate the stagecoach to the past. Oregonian.

HINT ABOUT CATTLE RAISING. At the Idaho State Dairy association, held recently at Caldwell, D. R. Hubbard read a paper on "Idaho and the Cow." Among other valuable features of the paper was one advocating the advantages gained when the farmers of each community, neighborhood or even county, try to agree upon the cow desired and buy the sires of that breed only, whether it be the milking Shorthorn, the Brown Swiss, the Red Polled, the Jersey, Guernsey or Ayrshire.

For economical reasons it is very desirable, first, because it is possible to exchange sires,

second, it will induce the pure-breed breeders of the kind selected to invest in the best quality of the family and will give the community a reputation for breeding certain kind of cattle such as will induce buyers from all parts of the country to come to that particular locality for their cattle and will undoubtedly advance the price from \$10 to \$15 per cow, because a buyer can well afford to pay that much more rather than seek his cattle in isolated places.

In one certain county in Wisconsin, only 24 miles square, \$250,000 worth of dairy cows and heifers have been shipped in one year, owing to the reputation that this country has for breeding this particular class of cattle and using only pure-bred sires. In this same county the average butter yield per cow was 100 pounds greater than that of the average here throughout the country, making a net profit to each farmer of not less than \$25 per cow, owing to the community effort and the intelligent breeding of the cattle in that locality.

VIRGINIA VALLEY.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mahon were over from their Anderson valley home yesterday looking after some business in this city and visiting friends. Mr. Mahon reports the lambing season in full swing over in that section and says the percentage is above average.

Jim and Mrs. Mahon have a new neighborhood over there which they have named "Virginia Valley." This is between Harney Valley and Flag Springs, a small valley about one and a half miles wide by six miles long and has been settled entirely by a Virginia colony of very nice people. They came out with all their belongings including wagons, teams and all kinds of farming machinery, prepared to farm in the most improved method.

Virginia Valley is one of the particularly fertile spots of this county, well protected by the foothills, good soil and water at a reasonable depth. The residents of that section are reported by Jim as being a thrifty energetic and intelligent class who will make most desirable citizens and will find our people ready to extending the hand of fellowship.

CAUGHT A CAT FISH(?)

A few years ago several local men took up the matter of stocking Sylvies River with cat fish and at considerable expense had "Uncle" George Duncan bring over the fish from the Chewaucum in Lake county. The state fish commission co-operated with local people and a notice was published prohibiting the catching of cat fish for a certain period. Now it appears that one of our most noted fishermen has deliberately broken that law, if reports are true, and is liable to at least severe censure for his act.

This great religious weekly has it from good authority that C. F. McKinney, president of the Harney County National Bank, caught a cat (fish) at the grist mill the other day, but finally repented and resuscitated the (animal) and ran away. For particulars ask Mac or any of the boys at the mill regarding the character of the "fish."

HIGH SCHOOL LITERARY.

The meeting was called to order and after the roll call and the reading of the minutes the following officers were elected: Pres., Genet Gowan; vice pres., Sherman Smith; sec., Lea Robinson; treas., Gertie Hibbard. Fred Williams was appointed critic and the following program was rendered: Song by school, Columbia the Gem of the Ocean Reading, Joe Thompson Solo, Zepha Sturtevant Essay, Mamie Winters Solo, Nina Wiseman Song by school, Old Oaken Bucket Debate, Resolved, That Burns should have Public Water System. Aff. Neg. Merle Bennett Toily Johnson Gussie Bardwell Clarence Young Cecil Irving Ed Egli Judges, Elmer McManus, Chester Mace and Leon Johnson, decided in favor of the Negative. Current events, Emma Johnson Reading, Chester Dalton Ins. Solo, Enid Cawfield Reading, Gertie Hibbard Essay, Ethel Brown Vocal Duet, Florence Thompson and Agnes Cawfield Song by school. I Cannot Sing The Old Songs We adjourned at 3:30.

THE PRIMARY ELECTION.

As is usual the case very few precincts have brought in full returns of the primary election held yesterday to nominate candidates for the various offices to be filled in June. Outside of Burns nothing definite is known of the complete vote. These offices for which there were competing candidates each party with the exception of Railroad Commissioner, have been reported from eight precincts.

The latest regarding the vote of the state and this congressional district on U. S. Senator and Congressman concedes the nomination of C. E. Fulton for U. S. Senator by a majority of from three to four thousand, and that Statement No. 1 legislative candidates are leading in every district where they have been placed upon the ballots. W. R. Ellis and T. T. Geer were very close and it will not be known who has been nominated until complete returns are in.

Sufficient is known of the vote in this county to state with considerable positiveness who will be the nominees of each party, as the remaining precincts will not change the vote very materially.

The Times-Herald will give the complete vote next week if the official count has been made. This will be nothing new in the Harney county journalism, but merely following the custom of this paper for the past ten years. At this time there are not sufficient returns to justify the result in a tabular form.

The total figures so far show: REPUBLICAN. For clerk—Drinkwater, 390; Gowan, 88. For assessor—Donagan, 174; Randall, 115. For treasurer—Clevenger, 91; Jameson, 199. For commissioner—Smyth, 170; Sylvester, 111. School Supt.—Hamilton, 145; Millard, 112; Newell, 31. U. S. Senator—Coke, 15; Fulton, 211. Congressman—Ellis, 157; Geer, 66. Dist. Atty.—Leedy, 91; McCulloch, 172. State senator—Parrish, 148; Sitz, 123. DEMOCRATIC. Clerk—Callow, 34; Mothershead, 157. Assessor—Lewis, 62; Brittingham, 117. On the democratic ticket there was but one nominee for several of the offices. V. G. Conrad, for district attorney; Wm. Morritt, for Representative; A. K. Richardson, for sheriff; J. M. Dalton for treasurer; and J. I. Cavender for school superintendent. Geo. E. Chamberlain received several votes for U. S. Senator and the republican nominee for supreme judge, R. S. Bean, also received democratic support as did also A. O. Faulkner for county surveyor. The democrats also voted for Senator Fulton and Congressman Ellis. James Mahon received 15 complimentary votes in Burns precinct for state senator and E. M. Jordan several for county surveyor. W. C. Byrd had several votes for justice of the peace.

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The attention of The Times-Herald has been called to the unsatisfactory connections of the stage lines running to the southern part of the county. It seems rather strange that the schedules are made in such a manner that connections are all disjointed and the transmission of mail and passengers unnecessarily delayed enroute. For instance when a letter is started from Denio it reaches Andrews to find the stage for

Diamond has left the morning mail from the south arrives. The same is found to exist at Diamond so mail is delayed at both offices.

Business men of Burns would find it to their advantage to interest themselves in this matter and ask that a schedule be made that would make direct connections both ways.

SUNSET VALLEY PEOPLE APPRECIATE US.

Editor The Times-Herald:—When I was requested at our benefit ball on the evening of the 10th to make a short talk thanking the good people of Burns for their liberal help and patronage, my heart failed me when I looked over the crowd assembled. I thought it a pity to interrupt them when all seemed to be enjoying themselves so much. I have not the least doubt that everyone present would have quit dancing and been delighted to listen to me for the rest of the evening, but like my Scotch ancestors I "ha' me doubts." Nevertheless we of Sunset Valley want the good people of your fair city to know that we appreciate their liberal donations and help toward our school house fund.

Friend Byrd, what a fine chance I would have to go into the individualities on this occasion but as there were so many that helped I am afraid you would have scribbles about getting out an extra edition of your valuable paper on so short notice.

So thanking you once more for your kind and munificent help in a good cause, I will close by expressing extra thanks to the ladies of Burns and elsewhere who donated good things to eat and so kindly helped with the supper, assuring them that should they or their city need aid in a righteous cause the people of Sunset Valley will put their shoulders to the wheel with a will.

In addition I want to give an earnest thank you to the kind people who assisted us with such excellent music, giving us an opportunity to meet many nice people whom we hope to meet again.

In behalf of the people of school district No. 19 I beg leave to subscribe myself gratefully yours W. R. Dawson.

B. F. Ausmus and wife are in the city.

I. H. Holland has gone to Vale on business.

640 acre ranch for sale suitable for dairy or stock ranch. Abundance of water for irrigation and power—inquire at this office.

G. W. Clevenger arrived home Wednesday from a visit to Ontario where he went to meet a representative and order a big lot of furniture for his establishment.

The Pacific Live Stock Co. has leased the American Land & Live Stock Co. Trout Creek Ranch in the southern part of this county for a term of one year. Emanuel Clark and family will have charge of the ranch.

CALL FOR COUNTY WARRANTS.

Notice is hereby given that there are funds in the county treasury for the redemption of all warrants drawn on all funds. Interest on the same will cease from this date. April 4, 1908. J. M. DALTON, Treasurer of Harney County.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

ENTERED STATES LAND OFFICE, Burns, Oregon, April 10, 1908. Notice is hereby given that Albert E. Oaker, of Harney County, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final proof to establish his claim to the land described in the following: Section 21, Township 20 N., Range 10 E., Meridian 12 W., Sec. 21, T. 20 N., R. 10 E., M. 12 W., containing 360 acres, more or less, as shown on the plat filed in the office of the Register and Receiver at Burns, Oregon, on the 10th day of April, 1908. He claims said land as his homestead under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved September 16, 1850, entitled "An Act to provide for the location of land claimed as a homestead under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved September 16, 1850, and for other purposes." 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