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Sowing Wild Oats.

There has always been an erroneous impression in the minds of some people that some time in his life every man must sow wild oats, and every once in a while somebody asks when is the best time to do the sowing. Last week an inquisitive person wrote to the philosophical editor of the Manchester, Iowa, Press and asked when he thought was the best time to put in the crop. His unique reply, which answers the question fully, is as follows: 'The best time is between the ages of 84 and 92. The young man who thinks he can drill in a juicy crop of wild oats at the age of sixteen and cultivate it with several pints a day, cheap calico and a striped deck, until he is 30, will find himself beating a well worn path to the inebriate home when he ought to be doing a man's work for an honest wage. The platform lecturer who tells you at \$35 per night and the price of a rump steak that every boy must sow his wild oats, is a bigger ass than Balaam's colt which became angered with its mother because she withheld the daily pabulum, and tried to kick the rim off the Milky Way. A six-ply drunk is about as good a password to the confidence of the business community as a record for house breaking, and the callow youth who goes to the mat with a half-pint of red-eye as a steady diet will be as much of a favorite in the betting as a one-legged man in a hurdle race. The boy who thinks more of a tri-weekly jag than he does of the feelings of a good father and mother, merely adds venom to a memory that will sting him until he cashes in. The towns are full of young fellows who have gone up against the wild oats proposition with the swagger of a pop-eyed pullet, and who are as worthless for work purposes as a club-footed gelding. If you are bound to sow a good crop, wait until you reach the age when you have to take your teeth out and clean them in the sink, while whistling softly through your gums as you converse with your loved ones.'

A "GET TOGETHER" MEETING.

A special meeting of the Burns Commercial Club was held Thursday evening at the club rooms and was largely attended. Wm. Hanley made the principal talk of the evening dwelling at length upon the necessity of organization and unanimity of purpose in the development of this country. He took up the matter of conserving the waters of Silvies river and other streams leading into Harney Valley. He also impressed upon the people of Burns the importance of being in readiness to take up railroad propositions. While he is confident of early railroad construction Mr. Hanley could give his hearers no definite information as to when actual construction would begin. He has been absent for several months and had visited New York, Washington D. C., Chicago and other fi-

nanial centers where he came in touch with big financiers. The whole trend of his talk was in a spirit of "get together" and had an excellent effect upon those who listened, yet it lacked concentration. His suggestions were good and practical but the people of Burns are not yet sufficiently enlightened to take any definite action since they do not know what to do. It was quite evident from Mr. Hanley's talk that he does not believe the main line of the railroad would come to Burns but would be ready to put in a branch if the citizens of this city showed the proper spirit to do their part. This was assured by speakers who followed and the interest manifested showed a disposition to do things as soon as they were given definite information as to what was expected of them. Mr. Hanley stated he believed it possible to interest the necessary capital to take care of the surplus water and place it upon the land, thus bringing it to a much higher state of cultivation. This is a move much desired and the people who will come forward with a feasible plan to properly irrigate and drain Harney Valley will find the progressive citizens of Burns standing back of them to a man. We all realize the importance of this proposition. Mr. Hanley stated he had promised a car load of products from the Harney country this fall and asked the club to see that such was gathered. This was met with enthusiastic response and a committee of three will be appointed to work in conjunction with the Fair Association to gather the necessary produce. This will be taken up with the farmers at once and the car made

up of the exhibits brought in for the county fair this fall. LATE RAILROAD NEWS. That the Harriman interests will rush construction of its proposed road across the state of Oregon from Coos Bay to Vale, by way of Burns, is the latest report in railroad circles on the coast. General Manager J. P. O'Brien being out of the city it is impossible to get his confirmation, but the news emanates from excellent sources, leaving little room for doubt of its authenticity, says the Journal. According to these reports completion of the Coos Bay-Drain branch will be rushed with all possible haste while at the same time large forces will be put to work between Vale and Burns, thus hurrying along the work from both ends of the line. Construction of a line from Burns to Crescent City, near Odell, would complete the line across the state, as it would give connection with the Natron cut-off from Springfield and Eugene. It is said that to the activity of the Hill interests in western

Oregon may be attributed the progressiveness of the Harriman people, as they will be compelled to fortify themselves against the Hill invasion of western Oregon by means of the Oregon Electric and the United Railways. The Natron cut-off will soon be completed between Springfield and Odell, and it would furnish a suitable link in the chain of branches across the state. From Odell the road can be built eastward through the level sagebrush lands and bunch grass fields of Lake and Harney counties to Burns, thus completing the chain. Newcomers are now flooding into these counties for the purpose of taking up public lands, and it is estimated that by the time the road could be completed, under the most favorable circumstances, a great portion of the new arid lands will be pretty liberally settled. The Vale-Burns project is supposed to be handled by the Oregon Short Line, and it is reported that a contract for a portion of that work has already been let.

No Use for Numbers. The school census taker stopped at a little hut in the mountains of Kentucky, and addressing the mother of an unusually large flock of children, said: "Madam, I am taking the school census. How many children have you between the ages of 6 and—?" "Lemme see," she broke in; "there's Katy an' Mary an' Annie an' Jake an' Will an' Harry an' Jim an'—?" She paused for a breath and her caller made haste to say: "Now madam, if you could just give me

If you have any property list it with us, we have the buyers. Randall Passenger & Maloney. Notice For Bids. Sealed proposals for the construction of a two story stone building approximately 50x100 feet will be received until Wednesday the 20th day of April, 1910 to be opened at 1 o'clock P. M. on said day at the Masonic hall in Burns, Oregon, by the undersigned; all bids to be accompanied with a certified check for at least five per cent of bid; plans and specifications may be seen at First National Bank, Burns, Oregon. J. L. GAULT, J. M. DALTON, Trustees, Burns Lodge No. 97 A. F. & A. M. Burns, Oregon.

Blue prints of any township in Burns Land District, showing name of entryman, date and kind of entry, topography, etc., \$1.00 each. Platt T. Randall, Burns, Ore. H. J. Hansen of the Burns Meat Market is prepared to furnish bacon, hams and lard to sheepmen and ranchers in any quantity. Special prices for big orders.

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Advertisement for GEER & CUMMINS, Burns, Oregon. Features: BEST STOCK OF PLOWS, COMPLETE STOCK OF SEEDS, SEEDS IN BULK AT ONE-HALF PRICE, HOES and RAKES, Begin to get ready for gardening. Includes image of a plow.

Advertisement for Burns Meat Market, New Shop Opposite the First National Bank Main St. Features: Pork, Vianan, Bologna and Liver Sausages, Beef in any Quantity. Includes image of a pig.

Advertisement for The OVERLAND HOTEL, Burns, Oregon. Features: AGAIN UNDER OLD MANAGEMENT, Afford the Best Accommodations, CLEAN ROOMS, CLEAN LINEN, PALATABLE VICTUALS. Includes image of a horse-drawn carriage.

Advertisement for BURNS LIVERY AND FEED STABLE. Features: Special attention given to transient custom and freight teams, Horses kept by the day, week or month, FIRST CLASS LIVERY TURNOUTS. Includes image of a horse-drawn carriage.

Advertisement for YOUNG'S MEAT MARKET and Grocery. Features: SHOES, SOX, TIES, SUSPENDERS, ROOFING PAPER, LANTERNS, WASH BOARDS, BROOMS, Rubber Shoes and Boots, Brushes of all kinds, We also sell EVERYTHING THAT EVERYBODY WANTS TO EAT.

Advertisement for COLONIST RATES to OREGON and the Great Northwest. Features: The management of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co. takes great pleasure in announcing that the low rate from Eastern cities, which have done so much in past seasons to stimulate travel to and settlement in Oregon, will prevail again this Spring DAILY from March 1 to April 15, inclusive.

Advertisement for THE CITY DRUG STORE, REED BROS., Proprietors. Features: CIGARS, CANDIES, POST CARDS and Stationery, In the city. Agents for DR. SHOOP'S FAMILY MEDICINES and SECURITY STOCK REMEDIES. Includes image of a medicine bottle.

REMOVAL SALE HERE, YOU CASH BUYERS NOW IS YOUR CHANCE! Everything in my store except beef, pork, flour, sugar, tobacco 10 PER CENT DISCOUNT FOR CASH Bacon and Lard 20c. YOUNG'S MEAT MARKET & GROCERY

CONTEST NOTICE. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Burns, Oregon, February 19, 1910. A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by U. L. Lewis, contestant against Homestead Entry No. 2342, made December 21, 1907, Serial No. 6252, for S2 1/2 Section 2, Township 22 South, Range 28 East, Willamette Meridian, by John W. Patterson, Contestant, in which it is alleged that said John W. Patterson has wholly abandoned said entry for more than six months past and has changed his residence therefrom continuously for a longer period of time, and his present whereabouts is not known, and that said Lewis is entitled to said land above described, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

CONTEST NOTICE. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Burns, Oregon, February 19, 1910. A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by A. M. Nelson, contestant against Homestead Entry No. 2300, made December 21, 1907, Serial No. 6252, for S2 1/2 Section 12, Township 22 South, Range 28 East, Willamette Meridian, by Edward W. Peterson, Contestant, in which it is alleged that said Edward W. Peterson has failed to make any improvement on said land and has failed to make any annual report of expenditures of any amount for improvement and reclama-tion touching said entry at 10 o'clock a. m. on April 6, 1910, before the Register and Receiver at Burns, Oregon, on the 21st day of April, 1910. Claimant names as witnesses: W. J. Baker, Fred Holbrook, Harvey Mid-dleworth and J. L. Stah, all of Burns, Oregon.

CONTEST NOTICE. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Burns, Oregon, March 22, 1910. Notice is hereby given that Bert E. Dunton, of Drewsey, Oregon, who, on April 2, 1909, made homestead entry No. 2347, Serial No. 6252, for S2 1/2 Section 12, Township 22 South, Range 28 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Commutation Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, at Burns, Oregon, on the 21st day of May, 1910. Claimant names as witnesses: W. J. Baker, Fred Holbrook, Harvey Middleworth and J. L. Stah, all of Burns, Oregon.

CONTEST NOTICE. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Burns, Oregon, March 22, 1910. Notice is hereby given that Clay Clemens, of Burns, Oregon, who, on September 17, 1909, made homestead entry No. 270, Serial No. 6256, for S2 1/2 Section 24, Township 25 North, Range 28 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Commutation Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, at Burns, Oregon, on the 21st day of May, 1910. Claimant names as witnesses: Edward Gibson, of Harney, Oregon; Frank Swearingen, of Burns, Oregon; Stuart Burdick, of Harney, Oregon; Lester Blakely, of Burns, Oregon.

CONTEST NOTICE. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Burns, Oregon, March 22, 1910. Notice is hereby given that Harry E. Middleworth, of Drewsey, Oregon, who, on December 12, 1909, made homestead entry No. 2376, Serial No. 6216, for S2 1/2 Section 10, Township 20 South, Range 28 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Commutation Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, at Burns, Oregon, on the 21st day of May, 1910. Claimant names as witnesses: Bert Dunton, and Homer Frealey both of Drewsey, Oregon; Archie R. Drown and Fred Robertson both of Van Horn, Oregon.

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