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out the fact that the bulk of country homes do not produce their own food. "Not a few farmers buy every vegetable that they eat, potatoes excepted, and all their fruit, as well as most of their meat." They have a few hens straggling about, doing more mischief than they do good. —By E. P. Dowell in Oting.

HIGH LICENSE UP TO PEOPLE.

The matter of high saloon license was up for consideration at the city council meeting Wednesday evening. It had been discussed before and an invitation had been extended to the people interested to be present on that evening and discuss the matter further. The saloon men were there but very few others and it was decided to put it up to the people at the annual election to be held in March.

The Times-Herald hopes to see the citizens of Burns take an interest in this matter and decide it on its merits without prejudice.

WILL EXTEND RAILROAD.

Sheriff Collier returned from Boise, Idaho, Tuesday and stated that he was informed at Baker by Joseph A. Barton that arrangements have been made for the extension of the Sumpter Valley railroad from Prairie City to the present terminus at John Day. This work is to be done this summer. Preparatory for this extension it is understood that work on the depot at Prairie City has been suspended for the present.

Mr. Eccles, president of the railroad has in his possession a draft for \$7000 which was raised by the people of the John Day valley as a bonus for the extension of the road. This fund was raised about the same time that Prairie City offered the bonus of \$10,000 for the construction of the road to that place. Some definite statement from those who have the work under charge will no doubt be made before long. —Blue Mt. Eagle.

RAILROAD TALK.

The Times-Herald has been "up against it" this week on railroad building. It has not figured out any new roads to build but has found the following in the Boise Capital News that will interest its readers in this county:

The Malheur canyon, which has often been referred to as the "key to central Oregon," and which for some years has been the bone of contention between the great Hill and Harriman railroad systems, is at last decided upon as the avenue into the interior that both the Boise & Western, a Hill road, and the Oregon Eastern, a Harriman line, will use. It was learned today in Boise railroad circles that although James J. Hill agreed and did transfer to the Harriman people his right-of-way including deeded lands in this canyon he also closed a contract with the latter system by which the Hill road can jointly use the railroad that is eventually laid through the canyon. The perfection of this deal only creates more interest in Boise railroad circles as to what connection the Hill road proposes to make with the east. Railroad men are still at sea as to deciding whether it will be the Gilmore & Pittsburg, the Burlington, which is headed towards southern Idaho, through an agreement with the Northwestern, or the construction of an entirely new line.

WANTS TELEPHONE CONNECTION.

Louis Doonar, manager of the Pioneer Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Prineville, is in the city trying to arrange for connections for his line into Burns. Mr. Doonar has 85 miles of line out this way from Prineville and believes it would be of mutual benefit to connect.

He had not received much encouragement from local men connected with lines yesterday and was of the opinion that nothing can be done under present conditions. It may be arranged later, however. We believe connections in that direction would prove a benefit to us.

Mr. Doonar states that Prineville is going to build a railroad to connect with the Deschutes lines. There is also some discussion of the Prineville branch being a part of the Hill line to extend on east to Burns and the Harney country.

TEACHING AGRICULTURE IN SCHOOL.

Every country school house should teach economics. There is nothing in country life that cannot be overcome by the application of thought and labor, and it is this overcoming that makes life worth the while. A recent bulletin from an agricultural college reports, from accurate tests, that over one third the cows that are kept for dairy purposes do not pay for their feed and care. Recent discussion of high prices has also brought

TO PUMP WATER BY ELECTRICITY.

W. C. Parrish arrived here last Saturday afternoon to again take up his proposition to irrigate portions of Harney Valley by means of pumping with electric power. The gentleman was here in December and found everything so favorable to the project—conditions, power sites and the people—that he was much encouraged. Therefore he came this time prepared to remain and put everything in readiness to establish the plant. Mr. Parrish is now out in the vicinity of the lakes securing data and necessary material to aid in the formation of his company—facts, surveys, plats, etc.

The project has sufficient backing to finance it and now the only thing necessary is sufficient land to justify the installation of an initial plant where its practicability can be demonstrated. With the encouragement already given this is assured. Mr. Parrish desires a compact body of land near the lake on which to establish this initial plant and after that it will be an easy matter to branch out.

Mr. Parrish has a good feasible proposition and one that means a great deal toward early development of this valley. The power can be used to great advantage in various ways. It will enable people to install their own pumping plants on small tracts and use the underground waters for irrigation. In fact it opens up many advantages that will be of mutual benefit to all concerned.

Another feature that appeals is that this project offers the quickest manner in which to get water in quantities upon the land. Mr. Parrish expects to have the initial project ready for the season of 1912. This is no extravagant notion but one that can be accomplished in that time if a tract of some 20,000 acres can be secured in the near future.

According to Mr. Parrish local people will not be compelled to finance this project, but merely contract with his company for irrigation at a price not exceeding \$20 per acre.

The Times-Herald believes Mr. Parrish capable of delivering the goods and hopes to see his plans completed in the very near future to such an extent that the project will go without delay.

WHAT 'CHER KNOW ABOUT THIS.

The issue of the Blue Mt. Eagle which was received here yesterday contained among other locals of 24 years ago the following:

Jim Mahon was over from his ranch in Mulehaven last week. He has embarked in a new enterprise, the modus operandi of which is this: He stretches a wire screen across the prairie, the said screen having meshes only large enough for a Johnrabbitt to poke his head through. Then men and dogs round up the festive Johnrabbitt. He gets frightened, and in his efforts to escape his pursuers runs his head through the holes in the screen, when his 3x3 ears flop forward and he is caught. Then, with jack knives, the hunters go on the outside of the screen and scalp the captives, bring the ears to the county seat and receive five cents a pair, and liberate the animals, in the hope that they will ere the summer is over, grow a new pair of five cent ears.

FARMING VS. HALF-FARMING.

The following from Goodwin's Weekly, printed at Salt Lake, Utah, is worth reading:

The farmers have skimmed over the surface of the United States. Big farms have been the rule and imperfect farming has also too often been the rule. Now we are told that the public domain fit for farming is well nigh exhausted, and statisticians figure up the time, not now far off, when we shall cease to export farm products and begin to import them. Would it not be a good time to begin anew?

If the majority of farmers and planters would "sell half their acreage and put the work heretofore done on the whole tract, upon the half, would they not realize, on the average, as much as they do now? We think they would. And with the result that the farming population would be doubled and the products of the farm would be doubled. In that way the cities would not grow quite so rapidly, but that would not be such a great misfortune. A boy in South Carolina this year raised from three acres as much corn as his neighbors on either side raised on thirty-three acres. That was not luck but intelligent farming. He put all his time on

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Dated at Burns, Oregon, this 21st day of January, 1911.
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