

PROGRESSIVE OLD TIMER

Replies to Former Communication Regarding Local Conditions

HARNEY COUNTY NEEDS ROADS

Tends The Glad Hand to the People Who Have Come to Help Develop Great Resources--Welcomes The Changed Conditions That Railroads will Bring.

would like to say a few words in reply to the "Old Timer" who had his appearance in the Times-Herald two or three weeks ago...

they saw that I was still breathing--they said I went off so comical. I felt too bad to laugh, was ashamed to cry and didn't have breath enough to fight.

Allow me to quote in a condensed form a few words from the U. S. Geological Survey: "On account of its great areas of plateau it may be that as has been found true in the Middle West when the limited areas of arable land have been brought under cultivation and are producing crops of alfalfa, grain and other feed; many more head of stock will be marketed than when the entire region was unrestricted range; the rapid influx of settlers promises to make farming much more important than it is at present."

"While the remoteness of the region from railroads limits the market for farm produce to the amount required for local consumption, and until a ready outlet to wider markets is obtained the development of the country can not be expected to proceed very rapidly."

I was proud of our county court when they took a step towards the establishment of an experiment station here and I will do what I can in my own little way to help develop this valley and convert its wild plains into homes--and homes they will be when we irrigate this parching waste with the bountiful waters of the Silvies river and Malheur Lake.

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TO PREVENT FOREST FIRES.

Forest fires, one of the greatest sources of destruction to the most valuable resources of the state, will soon be restricted and their terrors largely reduced if the people will co-operate with the State Forester in the administration of the new forestry law enacted by the last legislature, which will be ready for distribution in pamphlet form in the near future.

One of the most important provisions of the law is that making a closed season for burning from June 1 to October 1, during which period outdoor fires of all kinds are prohibited except under most stringent regulations and the probability of heavy penalties.

In this connection the State Forester urges upon every one the necessity of doing all possible burning before the closed season begins and thus save the trouble and risk of doing it by permission during that season of great danger when fire spreads so easily and rapidly.

The State Forester desires the assistance and co-operation of every one in the protection of property from forest, grass or brush fires, and to this end invites suggestions and information calculated to assist in any manner in the performance of his most important duties. Copies of the law will be promptly furnished to all who desire them.

Requests and communications addressed to F. A. Elliott, State Forester, Capitol Building, Salem, will receive prompt and appreciative attention.

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LOCAL ODD FELLOWS TO CELEBRATE

Subordinate Lodge, Rebekahs and Encampment Join in Big Time.

Invitations are out for a big celebration on April 26, that being the ninety-second anniversary of the founding of Odd-fellowship in the United States. Harney Lodge, No. 77, Sylvia Rebekah Lodge, No. 43 and Plute Encampment No. 38 have all joined in the invitation to Odd Fellows and their families to meet in the Odd Fellow building on that date for a reunion and celebration of the founding of the order.

The local lodges have determined upon this celebration being an annual affair and that the initial celebration be one that will bring the members of the order closer together in a fraternal way and will give added interest to the organizations and make them want to come again.

The general committee of arrangements consists of Archie McGowan, Byron Terrill and Arthur Horton. This committee is arranging an excellent program for the entertainment and instruction for those who attend. It will be of a nature that each guest will feel repaid for attendance. Among the features will be a street parade headed by the band between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon if the weather is good. The literary and musical program in the lodge room in the evening will be followed by a dancing party and banquet. The large lodge room has been provided with a canvass covering for the carpet on which those who desire may dance. The banquet will be served in the spacious dining room across the hall from the lodge room.

The three organizations having the affair in charge have a large membership, and besides all those in good standing in the order not affiliating with the local lodges are invited which means an additional attendance of a large number of new people who have recently arrived in this section.

The celebration and entertainment is restricted to only members of the organizations and their families and promises to be a most enjoyable affair.

NEVADA FIRM WINS.

The following dispatch from San Francisco appeared in the Sunday Oregonian: Property rights of over \$25,000,000 which have involved Henry Miller, multi-millionaire land owner and stockman of the wealthy firm of Miller & Lux, and the 121 heirs of the late Charles Lux in litigation for several years, were settled in a judgment handed down in the Superior Court today by Judge Seawell.

By the decree Miller & Lux, incorporated under the laws of Nevada and successors to Miller & Lux, a California corporation, is declared to be the owner of all of the property of the latter in California and Nevada and entitled to the possession, subject only to the terms of a deed of trust to the Mercantile Trust Company of San Francisco, made by the California corporation July 1, 1910, to secure the payment of a certain bond issue.

It is further declared that none of the heirs of the late Charles Lux or any other person or persons, except under the trust deed, other than the stockholders in the Miller & Lux Nevada corporation, has any right title or interest in the property now decreed to be owned by the Nevada corporation.

For more than four years there has been a fight in the courts to prevent a transfer of the California interests of the multi-millionaire corporation of Miller & Lux to the Nevada corporation.

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START RAILROAD JULY 1

Chief Engineer Stradley of Harriman System Quoted as Authority

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS AT VALE

Work Expected From West as Soon as Road Reaches Prineville and Road to Reach Burns Finally--To Extend Into Valley From East without Cessation.

"We're going ahead with railroad construction from Vale some time before or on July 1st whether the Oregon Western Colonization Co. gives us a right-of-way or not" said Right-of-way Agent Carl Stradley to a representative of the Enterprise, while in the city last Wednesday. With Mr. Stradley was Attorney H. W. Strong of the office of Judge Cotton, counsel for the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co., who was here to start condemnation proceedings. After the suit was filed in the circuit court President W. P. Davidson met the railroad men in this city on Wednesday and after a long consultation no agreement over right-of-way was made. The statement of Stradley was made at the station before leaving for Ontario where he was to have a final meeting with Mr. Davidson. As the result the condemnation proceedings will be rushed through this term of circuit court which convenes this month.

The above paragraph was clipped from the last issue of the Vale Enterprise and has the stamp of being straight goods. Later the Ontario Argus says President Davidson of the Oregon & Western Colonization Co. granted the railroad people permission to cross the company lands west of Vale.

Indications have been favorable to the extension for sometime and it is not a surprise to those who have been watching the preparations. It means a road nearer the Harney country and possibly into the valley without stopping. By beginning July 1 it will be almost impossible to reach this valley this year but it will put the line so near that next season it will reach us early and we predict that active work from the west on a line to meet the construction gang from the east will begin either from Bend or a continuation of the proposed line to Prineville. If the latter it will be a Hill road that will follow up the timber line to a certain extent near the Road Grant lands and will come over the divide in the Emigrant creek country down Silvies River.

We also predict that the Great Northern will run regular trains over the line east through Malheur canyon.

SOME DRY FARMING EXPERIENCE.

We print below the experience of William Martens, a German farmer, of near Chadron, Nebraska, as related by himself in the March number of Campbell's Scientific Farmer. Mr. Martens has for seven years "dry farmed" successfully, and last year the most discouraging and unfavorable one of them all made the largest returns. If this is possible where the climatic conditions are more unfavorable than anything we know about it surely will be worth the effort in returns for more of our farmers and homesteaders to practice the "dry farm system." The rainfall average at Chadron is fifteen inches. Read what Mr. Martens says: You will like to know about the local weather conditions. It was

the worst dry and blowing season the old settler can remember in twenty-five years, and everybody wishes it never will come back again.

Now, to the question of cultivation under careless farming. The average farm in this vicinity is covered with Russian thistles. On account of its long root system the thistles draws lots of moisture and plant food, and the crops suffer when they are ripe and the wind starts to roll them I get my share of seed, even when I spend lots of money and time to keep them out. If it was not for this evil I would be able to show a greater success the last seven years. After I cut my grain the thistles get more sunlight and in four weeks I am unable to plow them under. On the surrounding fields they stop growing for the moisture is exhausted. I visited one of my neighbors in early part of last April. I took the spade and dug down about four rods from the road in the stubble field and to my surprise I only found fifteen inches of moisture. The next day I dug on a piece of fall plowing, on which I had raised sixty bushels of seed oats, when the surrounding fields only yielded fifteen to twenty-eight bushels. On this field I found thirty inches of moisture with more present at the same depth than I found in the stubble ground. On account of so many bright windy days in February and March I expected a dry summer, and so I was careful with the stubble ground, which I intended to plant to corn and so I employed a new method as soon as the wind went down. I raked and burned the Russian thistles, and gave the ground a single disking and ordered a boy to harrow it with a spike tooth, light harrow, made out of rake teeth, which run one and one-half inches apart, to make a tight mulch to conserve the moisture and make the thistle seed sprout. About the middle of May I disked it back again, the thistles came nearly as thick as blue grass, and then I followed it again with a harrow to make a tight mulch. I left a rod on the south side and when I used the lister plow on the 28th of May in this strip. It was to hard and dry to get the lister plow in the ground, and it was hard to keep the thistles down all summer. About a rod and a half along the fence where cattle and horses run up and down in the winter time it was harder to work right in the start and somewhat drier, but the weeder followed the plow to make ridges fine and the slices fell down in the furrow. My old Keystone corn planter which I cut narrow together to three feet and three inches followed the weeder and the weeder broke up those clods before they got hard and in five or six days the corn started to show; after that I used the harrow and cultivator so much as possible until the ears started to form. It kept a dark green color from the start to the first of September, when all the moisture was out. When the oil is out of the lamp wick the light will stop. When it started to dry upon the south side on a slope

I cut it down to save the valuable green freed and thrashed it with a machine. I was well paid for my labor. If I had been able to plant it two weeks earlier my return would have been better. This field was thirteen acres and seventeen bushels to the acre besides I had cut a good deal for feed. This field was kept free from weeds and is easy to put in small grain and my pay day will come again. The extra labor I figured at about \$1.50 an acre. You can easily see what my neighbors will raise with fifteen inches of moisture under the old method with the same comparison with other crops. One of my neighbors raised sixteen bushels of oats on fifteen acres. Another couldn't cut his oats at all. It was only six inches high. On this high table land about twenty-five miles south of me they got one and one-half feet of snow in April and we had just a sprinkling of rain. I am told that not many fields were not worth cutting. From the above you will see the value of scientific soil culture when we do the right work at the right time.

Now I turn to my five acres of corn land prepared for the contest. I gave this the same treatment as I did the thirteen acres above mentioned, except I have kept ten feet of moisture instead of thirty inches on the other field. It was planted two days earlier. People in the city and the farmers asked me when I was in the city, saying, my neighbors were all alarmed because I have the best corn this year. Our town man George Huff who made several visits to the country every summer says my corn is the best he has ever seen since he left New York state twenty-two years ago. It was the little white dent corn. Usually the stalks grew about six feet tall, but this very dry year they grew over eight feet when many farmers complained in the middle of August that the corn was dried up. I have practiced scientific soil tillage for seven years with heart and soul, but I must say I learned much more last year than I ever knew before.

WOOLMENS WAREHOUSE.

M. B. Gwinn returned a few days ago from the annual meeting of the Woolgrowers Warehouse Association held in Chicago.

Mr. Gwinn was elected a member of the board of directors, and stated that the reports of the business transacted the past year showed that the warehouse has been a great success. The stockholders were voted a substantial dividend and the men who consigned to the warehouse received more for their wool than they would otherwise, thus proving a great advantage to the stockholders.

Mr. Gwinn states that he believes every man raising wool should belong to the warehouse company, so that the total production of wool can be handled from one center and a better price is sure to follow.

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