

## BURNS BALL TEAM ARE VICTORIOUS

### Home Team Won All Three Games In Recent Series With Prineville and Makes A Fine Showing In First Series Of Season. Games Planned For Fair Week at Prineville

The Burns ball team carried off the honors in all three games played Saturday, Sunday and Monday with the Prineville boys. All the games were interesting and some excellent work was done by both teams, although more or less errors occurred.

The weather was rather raw for ball playing on both Saturday and Monday, but Sunday was a fine day for the sport and there was a big crowd in the stand and on the bleachers to witness the game. The attendance was good all three days however, and the visiting team was well received and treated most hospitably. They were handicapped by not having as much support from the crowd as the home team, which was natural, but they took their defeats like real sports and there were no antagonistic feelings displayed at any time during the series. Pat Donegan, a brother to Assessor Donegan, who recently arrived here from Jackson county, umpired the first and last games alone, but was assisted in the Sunday game by J. R. Stinson of Prineville. The score Saturday was 7 to 5, Sunday 9 to 3, and Monday 11 to 12.

The Prineville boys, eleven players in all, with a few friends arrived Friday evening and were entertained that night by a dance given for their pleasure by the local team at Tonawana. They were a gentlemanly bunch of boys who won the esteem of our people by their cheerfulness, and good fellowship prevailed during their entire stay. Another dance

that Burns can "come back" and we hope to see more games with outside teams from this on. There was some talk of a series with Sumpter during fair week, but we are informed the boys have given it up as the time is short in which to make necessary arrangements, besides with the afternoons taken up entirely with interesting programs with a trap shooting tournament planned for the week by the Rod and Gun Club and arrangements under way for a series of farmer's meetings during the week, it would have been rather hard to secure time for ball games and given them the necessary support and attendance they deserve. However, there is yet time to promote a game or two before bad weather and we hope the boys will keep up the good work.

### New Telephone Deal On

The Times-Herald is informed that W. K. Merrill of Portland, who was in the city this week, secured an option on the Union Telephone & Telegraph Co. stock and has gone back to arrange for its purchase. It is the impression among some that he is a representative of the Pacific States Co. which is operating all over the west. That company once held this field but were succeeded by the present company which was organized by Mr. Lawrence. Just what the object is in buying the lines again is speculative. It is a fact that the business has greatly increased during the recent years that the local company has had the management and with the approach of railroads it would naturally be a better investment.

There is room for much greater activity in that line in this county and it is hoped that should the deal go through the new owners would see fit to extend the lines to cover the entire county as well as directly connecting with the outside. We need better facilities along this line and with people financially able and progressive taking the project up we will receive better service, or rather a larger field of service and make Burns an important center of telephone connections all over this part of the state.

A company recently completed a line from Winnemucca to Denio and is now building north further into this county with the intention of connecting with the local line at Wild Horse. This is an important connection and it is hoped will be made without delay.

### Mill Deal Did Not Go Thru

A meeting of the Silvers River Farmer's Union was held Wednesday afternoon at which the proposition was considered to buy the Burns flour mill. Last week a considerable number of the members were favorable to the deal and it was thought the deal would go thru but after getting together it was decided not to buy. The mill together with the farm adjoining had been offered to the farmers on very reasonable terms by the present stockholders of the property but the farmers did not seem to want to assume the management of the property therefore the deal was closed.

### Fertility in Farm Produce.

"The value of the plant food in one acre of wheat equals \$11.40," says Prof. Bradley. "In like manner \$24.25 worth of plant foods go into 300 bushels of apples. The large amount of nitrogen and consequent high market value of plant foods in alfalfa and vetch is offset by the storage of atmospheric nitrogen in the soil by these plants, so that the real nitrogen draft does not come on the soil. The mineral foods which these leguminous crops carry, however, are large and represent real losses when they are sold as hay from the farm. The values for kale are extreme on an acre of soil by an average kale crop, which, by experience, is known to be hard on the land. The small amount of fertility entering into dairy products and live stock explain the well known fact that these industries do not deplete the soil."

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## OREGON'S IMMENSE UNDEVELOPED AREA

### Thousands Of Acres And Many New Homes May Be Had In The New Country Now Being Built Into By The Hill-Harriman Line From Vale Into Eastern and Central Oregon

Occasionally the big papers of the Northwest really get something respecting Central Oregon that is right. Publication of facts are always to the advantage of this territory and show the outside world what Central Oregon really is and what great development can be made to the advantage of the entire country.

An editorial in the Oregonian of August 21 is a statement of facts that will give people an idea of the magnitude of the big Harney country and what it will do when given transportation. It says:

Taking the average for the last twelve years, we find the annual wheat crop of Oregon amounts to less than 15,000,000 bushels—14,867,040, to be exact. The average yield per acre must be around twenty bushels. That may seem large, but it must be remembered that every year we are harvesting more wheat from irrigated lands, where the yield is more often above 40 bushels than under, and by scientific farming most of the best wheat area has been brought to something over thirty bushels per acre—some of it to 60 bushels. Thus we have about 1,500,000 acres in our wheat farm, for the great bulk of the land is seeded only on alternate years, being Summer fallowed every other year. Our wheat farm can then be said to cover 2350 square miles or, say, a strip of land 100 miles long by twenty-three and one-half miles wide.

In the great Harney Valley in interior Oregon, there are at least a thousand square miles of arable land. If the valleys running into the main valley are considered—such as Silvers, Silver Creek, Sage Hen, Rattlesnake, Cow Creek, Crane Creek, Malheur and Dunder and Blitzen, and dozens of smaller nooks and valleys—there must be almost as much land in the Harney valley as there is in the present Oregon wheat farm. But if there is any doubt, any over estimate, throw in the Catlow Valley, which is more than half as large as Harney valley and then say

that when Harney County gets adequate railway facilities the Oregon wheat farm will be doubled, as also will be the annual yield.

It is not to be supposed that all of this area will be seeded to wheat. Much of it is owned by absentees. Much of it is held for speculative purposes and some of it is not good wheat land. But there are dozens of other valleys in Harney county and many hundreds of thousands of acres of bench land that are almost ideal for wheat raising. There are also hundreds of thousands of acres of good wheat land to be opened up in Malheur County. Add these lands to the total and in a few years Oregon ought to be producing twice the quantity of wheat we are now growing.

That is one of the things to be expected from the road being constructed from Vale west to the Harney Valley, or practically through that valley. Vast areas now lying idle will become productive. The thousands of homesteads throughout the interior that have been proved upon, and then abandoned, will again become real homes, and the land brought under the plow. All of the vacant Government land within easy reach of the railway will be taken up. It is said that near Drewsey alone there are more than 500 good quarter sections that can be taken under the homestead law. This will be only from twenty to thirty-five miles from the railroad at Juntura. There are thousands of other claims in other localities, many of them near wood and water and all within easy reach of the new rail route.

This railroad will mean much to Oregon; more in fact than many of us realize. If it merely brought back the homesteaders who proved up and left in disgust during the last forty years it would bring an influx of from 25,000 to 35,000 people to those two counties. For it must be remembered that neither Harney nor Malheur is small in size. The two combined are four-fifths the size of West Virginia.

### FLOUR MILL MAN HERE

John Seethoff and Sons Arrive and Prepare to Build on Land Recently Purchased Near Burns—Mill And Machinery to Come Later

John Seethoff, formerly of New Salem, North Dakota, who recently purchased a large tract of land from the Oregon & Western Colonization Co. adjoining this city, arrived here this week in company with his sons. They came with their own teams from Bend and are now assembling material to build homes on the land. The families are at Bend and will be brought over when the houses are completed.

Mr. Seethoff shipped his entire roller mill plant from New Salem to Bend and it is now stored there awaiting railroad developments. He will not bring the mill in at present but has two car loads of household goods and farm equipment which will be brought over as soon as the homes are provided for the families. He informs The Times-Herald that it is his hope the railroads will build to this city as he desires to put up his mill here, but doesn't want to establish it until he knows definitely where the best facilities for shipping are to be had.

Mr. Seethoff was on a deal for the flour mills at Bend but it did not go through. He believes this is a much better territory for such a business, however, and the people of this section are very glad to welcome him and his enterprise.

### Real Farmer's Boy

J. T. Garrett and family were down from their mountain dairy farm during the week. It is the first time Mr. Garrett has been down for six months and he came to bring a load of fat hogs to the local market. The family will move down later in order that the little son John may enter school.

John is now 7 years old and is going to be a farmer if he continues as he now is headed. He made a hay hand this season during harvest time driving the pull up team during the stacking. His father could not get necessary help at that time so John went to work. He did all the harrowing this spring and milks 7 and 8 cows, having learned to milk when he was 5 years old. He went alone through the timber 15 miles the other day to his grandfather's. He has been a good horseman for the past two years and frequently drives the stock from one pasture to another and rides the range in the vicinity of his home alone.

John takes the place of a farm hand in many ways even though young in years, and is dependable. The work he does is not heavy but it gives his father more time at other work. He is going to be a real farmer and other Harney county boys should follow his example.

### Diarrhoea Quickly Cured.

"I was taken with diarrhoea and Mr. Yorks, the merchant here, persuaded me to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After taking one dose of it I was cured. It also cured others that I gave it to," writes M. E. Gebhart, Oriole, Pa. That is not at all unusual. An ordinary attack of diarrhoea can almost invariably be cured by one or two doses of this remedy. For sale by all dealers.

## LINE APPEARS TO BE HILL-HARRIMAN ROAD

### Little Doubt Exists Now That Railway Across The State Of Oregon Is A Joint Enterprise. Nevertheless It Is Welcomed By All And Will Be A Boon To The Great Harney Valley

Advices reaching here from New York seem to leave little doubt that the first-class railroad line which the Oregon Short Line is flinging westward across Oregon is a joint Hill and Harriman enterprise. The information received here emanates from Eastern financial interests closely allied with the two great systems indicating that the sinews of war for constructing this 300-mile line from the Idaho border to a junction with the Hill and Harriman roads at Bend being supplied partly by the Hill financial group and partly by the Harriman backers in Wallstreet, says the Telegram.

There is no pretense of concealment of the fact that the Harriman purpose is to make this line the double track of its main line from Portland to the East, and that as soon as the present extension of 140 miles from Vale on the Short Line to Dog Mountain, 20 miles south of Burns, has been completed, contracts will be let for the construction of the remaining 160 miles from Dog Mountain to Bend. This will give the Harriman system a complete double track line from Portland to Omaha, as the double-tracking of the system over that distance has been progressing for nearly two years, and is to be completed by 1915.

The immediate advantage to be gained by the Hill forces by entering into another "gentlemen's agreement" with their ancient rival is to give them access into Southeastern Oregon in the first place, a territory in which the different Hill magnates have been spending great sums in exploitation work. Of course,

ultimately, the connecting link from Bend, the present southern terminus of the Oregon Trunk, to the Idaho boundary, will open another enormously rich country in the Gem State.

The Hill people with a line already extending into the Campas Prairie as far as Grangeville, have recently let a contract for the construction of an extension of 100 miles south from Grangeville to a connection with New Meadows, on the Pacific & Idaho Northern, which taps the rich west central portion of Idaho. The Hill line from Grangeville south would tap an enormous agricultural section as well as a fine timber and mining belt in the Salmon River district.

There have been rumors that the Harriman and Hill forces were to join hands in pushing a line east and west across Oregon ever since the Hills sold to the Harriman system all its rights in the Boise & Western through the Malheur Canyon a couple of years ago. The Boise & Western was the project which Colonel C. E. S. Wood was fathering for James J. Hill, and embraced surveys through the property of the Willamette Valley and Cascade military road.

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