

OPERATIVE PACKING PLANT PROPOSED

Parties Planning to Provide for Full Meat and Lard Supply for Home Consumption--Will Cut Out Outside Packers and Protect the Home Producers

Mr. Simmons has discussed the plan of all getting together with some of the larger feeders and it is meeting with general favor.

This will cut out the outside packer, the commissions charged at the stock yards, the wholesaler, and the transportation charges on the hogs to market and on the product back to the local merchant.

Mr. Simmons proposes that he will furnish all the necessary plant and equipment, at present to be located down at his ranch but eventually to be installed in the proper business center, and will kill and properly prepare the product on a commission basis.

Hill Declares he Has Not Abandoned Central Oregon

Both Hill and Harriman Lines to be Extended Across the State

A letter of July 25, from Col. C. E. S. Wood to Mayor A. W. Trow of Ontario and published in the Ontario Democrat, contains an account of two interviews concerning the railroad situation as follows:

"I had a talk with Mr. James J. Hill, which he said need not be treated confidential, in which he said he had not abandoned a single original plan for Oregon, but he had seen this period of depression coming and he had stopped all construction work accordingly, but as soon as war-raided his work in Oregon would be resumed, but at this time he could give no more definite assurance than this. I was very glad to learn that he has no agreements with anybody and that his original plans are to be carried out. Of course, you understand, in such matters as railroads, no man can positively promise precisely what can be done in the future.

"I also saw Mr. Schiff, (Kuhn, Loeb & Co.) of the executive board of the Union Pacific system is really the financial backer of Harriman. He said, referring directly to the Oregon Eastern, that the apparent discontinuance of work was only part of a general order applicable over the whole system for a temporary shut down during the present money stringency, that they were anxious, if possible, to have the Oregon-Eastern operating at least to connect with the Deschutes by 1915, and work would be pushed on it as soon as conditions warrant it. I might also say that the right-of-way people are now applying to the Land Grant for right-of-way west."

Market Report.

Receipts for the last week at the Portland Stocks Yards have been: Cattle 1887; Calves 215; Hogs 2479; Sheep 4862; Horses 7. Heavy receipts of cattle for the week, and the fact that the best stuff was not offering has caused the market to decline from 25c to 50c. Good choice stuff is in demand and would still bring a good price, but there is no demand for poor quality, which just demoralizes the market.

The dehorning of cattle is strongly urged, as in many instances shippers receive from 25c to 40c less on account of the bruised condition of the stuff offered. \$8.25 is the top on steers when good ones are in evidence. One extra choice lot of cows brought 7.50, but good cows are selling around 6.75 and 7.00. Fancy heifers would bring a good price but there is a wide range in the class offered, as in the case with steers. Calves steady and bulls a shade lower.

The hog market has dropped from ten cents to \$9.70 for best light swine, and will probably go lower, as packers needs are temporarily supplied.

The sheep house was slow and draggy, probably due to the hot weather. Not many receipts. Good ewes would bring 3.50, top wethers 3.75 to 4.00, and top last of the mountain lambs 5.50 to 5.75 but a general apathy exists in the sheep trade.

Prineville to Have Railroad Connection.

A contract has been closed with H. P. Scheel of Tenine, Wash., for the construction of a standard gauge steam or electric railroad from Metolius to Prineville. According to the news, construction will commence as soon as rights-of-way are secured and preliminaries disposed of. That community is entitled to this development and we sincerely trust that the matter will be speedily and satisfactorily taken care of.

Packages sent by parcel post to the steam laundry will be returned prepaid where the bill amounts to \$1 or over.

CROW CAMP RANCH AS PICNIC GROUNDS

Between 450 and 500 People Spend an Enjoyable and Profitable Day at The Robins Home on the East Side of the Valley--Many People From Burns Attend

Sometime ago W. H. Robins, the ever hospitable owner of the Crow Camp Ranch in the eastern part of Harney Valley, gave the public an invitation to come over to his grove and enjoy an outing. The Burns Rod and Gun Club arranged for a shooting tournament and picnic, the people caught the idea and spirit and the occasion developed into a great big celebration last Sunday participated in and enjoyed by 450 to 500 people.

The weather was ideal; automobiles, trucks and rigs were available for all; the ride through the waving grain fields, the fragrant wild hay meadows and across the wide expanse of promising sage brush valley was exhilarating, impressive and instructive; the grove was at its best and furnished ample shade and room; the scene carried us back to other groves and other picnics; the gray haired pioneer was there with his reminiscences, the matron with her chubby, sunburned little "tenderfoot"; the coy maiden and bashful swain without whom there could be no picnic.

The Tonawama Band Boys volunteered their services and added much to the enjoyment of the occasion by a number of good selections during the day. A short impromptu program was arranged; the speech making being opened by Frank Davey in his usual happy style. He

Experiment Station Notes.

By L. R. BREITHAULT.

The crops of most importance, the early maturing varieties of oats, wheat, peas, barley, all the winter grains and the flax are all ripening rapidly. Some are already ripe, such as the Sixty Day oats, Turkey and Golgalos wheats, several kinds of peas etc. Harvesting will begin very soon, a binder and self-rake reaper having been obtained recently for that purpose.

A number of people have expressed an intention of visiting the Station before harvest. No time should be lost in coming. The things of most importance are the ones that will be harvested first. Kindly bear this in mind and inform any others whom you know to be intending to make the Station a visit.

Mr. P. V. Cardon who is with the U. S. Department of Agricultural with headquarters at Washington D. C. was a visitor at the Experiment Station the first few days in August. Mr. Cardon expressed himself as agreeably surprised at the yields which are promised from the various crops now growing on the Station. He was especially pleased with the field peas which he said were better than any he had seen on his tour among the Experiment Stations West of the Rockies.

There are over thirty acres of these peas on the station, most of these will be threshed for seed. Harney County should lose no time in getting into the field pea business. They are a hardy crop requiring a small amount of moisture to make a crop that, with proper handling will return more per acre on the dry lands than any grain crop that could be grown. At the same time they will put the only element lacking in most of our soils into the ground. This element is Nitrogen. Peas, like the other legumes, have the power of taking the Nitrogen from the air and storing it in the soil. The roots and straw left after the crop is hogged off contain quantities of Nitrogen and, in addition, are very beneficial because of the organic matter or humus they put

into the land. Better crops are sure to result when peas and other legumes are used in rotation with the cereals. No farmer can afford not to learn how to grow and market this crop. Every farmer should grow a patch next year.

Dr. Denman as a representative of the Harriman section boosted the country as he ever does, and spoke encouragingly of its future; he also dwelt upon the splendid work of the various experiment stations.

P. V. Cardon, who was visiting the county as representative of the U. S. Agricultural Department, inspecting the various experiment stations, paid this section a glowing tribute and gave his impressions gleaned from what he had seen here along the lines more fully expressed in an interview found in another column. Farm talks have become very popular here and this coming from an expert and an outside man was most pleasing.

Wm. Hanley took the crowd with him on a breezy trip to Coney Island; he urged participation in the Agricultural College Extension work, and also predicted that Harney Valley would have a railroad within the next year or two.

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Oregon Eastern to Reach Riverside by November 1

If no serious delays are encountered, the Oregon Eastern line of the O.-W. R. & N., company will be completed to Riverside within 90 days. The road is being built from Vale and the distance to Riverside, through the Malheur canyon and valley, is about 80 miles.

General Manager and Vice President J. P. O'Brien, of the O.-W. R. & N., company, went over the line about a week ago and inspected the progress of the work, and yesterday he expressed the belief that trains will be in operation between the two points by November if work progresses in accordance with plans.

The line will tap a large body of land that is to be thrown open to settlement this month, land that some years ago was reserved by the government. Some of this land is mountainous and rough, but there are also stretches of considerable area that are splendidly adapted for dry farming.—Oregon Journal.

PUBLIC SALE

A flat top oak veneered desk will be sold at our place of business on Aug. 15, 1913 to pay storage and freight charges.—Burns Hardware Co.

Good Reason for his Enthusiasm.

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Work On New Church To Begin at Once

Burns To Have \$12,000 Presbyterian Church Contract is Let

A contract has been closed for the construction of the Presbyterian church. Geo. W. Raycraft is to be Superintendent of construction, and all materials are to be selected and purchased direct by the building Committee. The building will be of stone and brick, with full basement and all modern church conveniences. The foundation and basement story is to be completed this fall, the brick for the entire building to be burned, and stone and other materials assembled before winter; the building to be ready for occupancy by July 15, 1914.

A Sad Accident.

The following clipping from the Douglas Tribune published in Douglas, Kansas, was sent to us the first of this week. Mrs. Williams was formerly Miss Edith Gorham who taught for a number of years in the schools of this county and has many friends who will be shocked and grieved to learn of the death of her little son.

Little Lynn Williams, only son of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Williams of Rock was missed on Thursday evening of last week at supper time. The family, friends and neighbors became alarmed and instituted a diligent search all over the vicinity of the home, down to the river and up in the Osborn pasture on Muddy creek.

Between nine and ten o'clock the little fellow was found lying unconscious under the gasoline tank near the Williams store. He remained unconscious until the next day when he seemed to be recovering from the effects of the fumes, but the skin over a great part of the body had been blistered by the gasoline that had run over his clothing, and from that cause he died Friday afternoon.

The gasoline tank which Mr. Williams had used in his mercantile business, was located in a pit, an old well that had been filled up to within a few feet of the surface. It was necessary to go down into this pit to draw gasoline. Little Lynn had gone down there and turned the faucet the fumes of the gasoline had rendered him unconscious and he had fallen over backwards, the gaseous fluid running over his clothing. For about six hours he lay there the fumes poisoning his lungs and the fluid soaking into his clothing, blistering the skin on about one half of his body.

Dr. Wilson was called from Douglass and another physician from Winfield. A trained nurse was also called from the latter city. They worked hard to save the life of the boy, but the injuries were so severe that death came in about 24 hours from the time he had fallen unconscious from the stupefying fumes.

L. P. Williams has long been postmaster at Rock. He is a brother of George Williams, deceased, the founder of the town. The father has been in very bad health for the past six months. The parents and all the family have great sympathy from all who know them.

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CARDON COMMENDS WORK AT DRY FARM

Representative of United States Department of Agriculture Visits Harney Valley and Sees its Wonderful Possibilities--Recommends "Get Together" Spirit

That Harney Valley is wonderfully well adapted for the introduction of cereal crops and that it gives promise of some day being one of the most important agricultural areas in the north-west, is the opinion of Mr. P. V. Cardon, Assistant Agronomist, in the Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. Mr. Cardon has spent several days in the valley, visiting the experiment station and a number of the farms in the vicinity of Burns, and he is free in expressing a very favorable opinion of this country.

"It is surprising that railroads have kept out of this valley for so long," said Mr. Cardon when interviewed. "Certainly the valley will prove a valuable feeder to any railroad, especially those leading to the larger cities on the coast, which practically could be supplied with cereals and cereal products from this section. It is very encouraging, however, to learn that a railroad is being built in this direction and that it will reach into the Harney Valley within the next few months. With the coming of the railroad, this valley will take on an agricultural development which will equal in extensiveness any which has taken place in the northwest."

Mr. Cardon is officially interested in the experimental side of agriculture and he was very enthusiastic about the work being conducted on the local experiment station. "For a new station," said Mr. Cardon, "I have never seen any that surpassed this one at Burns; in fact, it will compare with most of the older stations over the United States. Some of the crops growing this year are far better than I expected to see, even surpassing my most generous expectations. The winter wheat crops are very good and although they do not surpass the spring wheats

in many instances, they give promise of being of great importance in this section. The spring oats and barley plants are excellent, as good as I have seen this year, and the emmer is showing up very nicely. I think it would be difficult to find any better pea crops in any section of the semiarid west. This is one of the most promising crops in the Harney Valley and will be one of value in the cropping systems of the future.

"While all of the experiments being conducted on the station are based on principles immediately practical in this locality, there are some which are of the greatest importance at this time. Mr. Breithaupt is conducting experiments designed to determine the best crops for this section and also the best varieties of each of the crops. Then he is trying to determine the best methods of cultivation, the treatment of the soil and of the crop after it is planted, the place of the various crops in the cropping systems, etc. The results accruing from these experiments will be of the greatest value to the farmers who care to keep in touch with the most recent and progressive methods in agriculture.

"The work which Mr. Breithaupt is doing in cooperation with farmers in the valley is worthy of commendation, for he is by this method carrying the experiment station to the people, who after all are most vitally interested in it. In this work Mr. Breithaupt is showing himself worthy of the support of every farmer in Harney County; there is no work in which the "get together" spirit should be more strongly in evidence.

"It is a pleasure to visit a country of this kind, where one cannot help seeing its wonderful possibilities; and it is pure joy to find in the heart of such a country, an experiment station doing such worthy work as is the local one."

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