

CELEBRATE CLOSE OF A SUCCESSFUL SEASON Oregon & Western Colonization Com- pany Agents Gather for Big Hunt. Railroad Representative Secure a Flattering Report and Valuable Data Covering The Harney Valley

President Davidson of the Oregon & Western Colonization company arrived at the colony house at Harriman, last evening with a large company of people, some of them land buyers, others agents of the company. This general meeting of the agents of the company is for the purpose of comparing notes and getting a better understanding of future work which will likely close the active part of this season.

The Times-Herald is informed that President Davidson intends to bring his guests a royal good time shooting at the lake as a recreation of the successful work of the season just closing. He has had some good rustlers on the job and a vast amount of land has been disposed of during the past few months. Just what the program will be for the coming year is not known, but we understand that J. L. D. Morrison, general sales agent of the company will make his headquarters at Ontario instead of Portland as in the past and that the colony house near Harriman will be occupied all the time.

While the immediate prospects of railroad building are not as bright as would be appreciated, account of the European war interfering with money matters, to a considerable extent, it is plainly evident that as soon as necessary finances are available a road will be extended to the valley. The greatest expense already been incurred in coming to Riverside and since this will not bring any tonnage to speak of it is necessary that the road be brought in. It is quite likely the line will be in Harney valley by next year, thus giving transportation and affording a market for the products of a country that can keep two such railroads busy the entire year around. This is the objective point and nothing but lack of finances will keep the line from reaching here next season.

LATEST DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE NOTES (From Our Portland Correspondent) The opening of the Tumalo irrigation project, the first in the United States to be financed by a state, has been officially announced. Seventeen thousand five hundred acres are thrown open to entry under the terms of the Carey Act at \$40 an acre. The terms are one-tenth cash, the balance in ten years. Detailed information may be had by addressing the project engineer, O. Laurgaard, at Iaidlaw, Oregon.

Every boy and girl in Oregon will have a chance next year to take part in a hog raising contest to be backed by the Portland Union Stock Yards, the State Bankers' Association and other organizations interested in the agriculture development of the Northwest. It is planned to permit the young people to borrow money on the security of their parents or school principal which will enable them to buy their hogs for cash at current market rates, the money to be repaid when the stock is sold. The boys and girls will be required to keep an accurate record of all their expenditures and to submit a complete report of their operations at the end of the year.

Forest Supervisor Merritt at Bend has just received word of the final decision of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding an area of 28,500 acres in the Dechutes National Forest along the Metolius River. The secretary has decided that the land is chiefly valuable for timber and is not subject to entry as agricultural land. The yellow pine timber on this acreage is estimated to about 500,000,000 feet. Eighty-nine persons have filed applications for land in this section and under this decision of the secretary their claims will not be allowed.

A meeting of stock holders in the Co-operative Creamery was held at Junction City recently and attended by 450 ranchers. The secretary's report showed that during the two years the plant had been operated 233,333 pounds of butter have been made, valued at \$67,033, and the sales of by-products has brought the gross receipts up to \$68,231. The average price of butter for the two years has been 33 cents per pound, the lowest price having been 25 cents and the highest 40 cents.

Ed Springer Has Foot Cut off Under a Train

While attempting to board freight train 558 of the O. W. R. & N. at 1:30 this afternoon as it was pulling out of Pendleton, a man giving the name of Eddie Springer slipped and fell beneath the wheels, the train amputating the left foot just above the ankle. He was placed upon a stretcher and upon the instructions of County Judge Maloney, taken to the hospital where he is receiving treatment.

No one on the train witnessed the accident and the only known eye witness is a little girl living alongside of the track. The accident occurred about a block east of Thompson street. The injured man showed evidence of having been drinking and had a bottle in his pocket at the time. He stated that his father lives in Narrows, Harney county, and said that he arrived in Pendleton this morning from Pasco.

His appearance would indicate that he does not belong to the professional hobo class but is a laboring man "up against it."

The above clipped from the Pendleton East Oregon is all the information at hand respecting an accident that befell Ed Springer last Saturday. Alva Springer, his father, left here Sunday morning for Pendleton but The Times-Herald has no information later as to the condition of the young man.

Remarkable Cure of Croup.
"Last winter when my little boy had croup I got him a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I honestly believe it saved his life," writes Mrs. J. R. Cook, Indiana, Pa. "It cut the phlegm and relieved his coughing spells. I am most grateful for what this remedy has done for him." For sale by all dealers.

RAILROAD MAN TALKS OF HARNEY COUNTY Truest Meaning of Optimism Found in Central Oregon, Declares Traveling Freight Agent of O-W. R. & N. in Speaking of Bank Deposits in Burns Good Word for New Packing Plant

"If one wants to know the truest meaning of prosperity and optimism, let him visit central Oregon," was the declaration today of H. C. Oliver, traveling freight agent of the O. W. R. & N. company, who has just returned from a trip through the Harney valley and the homestead country around Burns and Bend, says the Journal.

Mr. Oliver said the best indication of prosperity he can think of is that the two banks at Burns, First National and Harney County National, though capitalized at only \$25,000 and \$26,000, have combined deposits and surplus exceeding \$1,000,000. This does not take into account the sums withdrawn during the last few weeks for improvement of ranches, the building of substantial homes and outbuildings and the importation of fresh blood for livestock.

"The new packing house, opened just a few weeks ago at Burns with a capacity of 50 hogs per day, is busy all the time, with more than 1000 hogs in reserve," continued Mr. Oliver. "The town is being rebuilt after the fire of last summer, native stone being used from the nearby hills. In the Catlow valley, 80 miles south of Burns, more than 100 settlers are now located, and in all the fertile strips through that section newcomers are arriving weekly.

Wheat is bringing \$1.75 per bushel at the mill, and though the crop was light, the farmers are well satisfied. The supply is not enough, though, and flour is now being shipped.

"Hay is plentiful and the feeding of cattle promises to be a big industry this winter.

"This region is the biggest undeveloped country I ever saw, and is bound to come into its own before many more years. The annual fall importation of supplies is now going on, auto trucks bringing in the goods from Bend on the north and Rivotron, present terminus of the Vale extension, on the east."

Finley Reinstated as State Game Warden

W. L. Finley and R. E. Clanton have been reinstated to their respective positions of state game warden and master fish warden, positions which they lost when the fish and game commission was reorganized last February.

Their reinstatement was ordered yesterday at a special meeting of the fish and game commission, here. The meeting was attended by B. E. Duncan, C. F. Stone, M. J. Kinney and George H. Kelly. In the absence of Floyd Bilyeu, the regular chairman of the commission, Mr. Duncan presided.

As a result of the commission's action, C. H. Evans of Lostine, who was appointed to Finley's position at the time of reorganization, was forced out of the position and Theodore Opsund, Clanton's successor, resigned to make room for the man he superseded in February.

Mr. Opsund, however, has been retained as Mr. Clanton's assistant. Under the commission's ruling, the re-elected officials resume their positions immediately.

It is understood that the board did not act as a unit in reinstating the officials.

Mr. Finley is now in the east, but is expected to return within a couple of days. Since reorganization he has been the head of the educational and biological department of the warden's office, and Mr. Clanton has been in charge of the fish hatcheries of the state.—Portland Journal.

Homer McKee's Prayer.

Teach me that sixty minutes makes one hour, sixteen ounces one pound, and one hundred cents one dollar.

Help me to live so I can lie down at night with a clear conscience, without a gun under my pillow, and unhaunted by the faces of those to whom I have brought pain.

Grant, I beseech Thee, that I may earn my meal ticket on the square, and in doing thereof that I may not stick the gaff where it does not belong.

Deafen me to the jingle of tainted money and the rustle of unholy skirts.

Blind me to the faults of the other fellow, but reveal to me mine own.

Guide me so that each night when I look across the dinner table at my wife, who has been a blessing to me, I will have nothing to conceal.

Keep me young enough to laugh with my children and to lose myself in their play.

And when comes the smell of flowers, and the tread of soft steps, and the hearse's wheels in the gravel out in front of my place, make the ceremony short and the epitaph simple: "Here Lies a Man."

Thos. Jones Begins as Register Vale Land Office

Thos. Jones, of this city, has just received his commission as register of the United States Land office at Vale, the commission bearing the signature of President Woodrow Wilson.

Mr. Jones has in his possession another similar commission, bearing the signature of Grover Cleveland, he having appointed Mr. Jones register of the Land office at Burns, and it is doubtful if any other man in the state or for that matter throughout the country anywhere, can produce a similar record.

Having served Uncle Sam for four years in the capacity of register of the U. S. Land Office, Mr. Jones enters upon the duties of his office fully equipped with the necessary experience and knowledge, and the work of the office goes on smoothly and without a hitch.—Vale Enterprise.

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Every new subscriber who sends \$2.00 for the fifty-two weekly issues of 1915 will receive free all the issues of the paper for the remaining weeks of 1914; also The Companion Home Calendar for 1915.

Woolgrowers Want All Meat Inspected

The 51st annual convention of the National Woolgrowers' Association held at Salt Lake closed Saturday after the election of officers and the adoption of resolutions which ask congress to make an appropriation for classification of all unoccupied portions of the public domain as to their adaptability for grazing and agricultural purposes and that pending such classification no changes be made in the present land laws.

Other resolutions adopted petition the government to require the same antemortem and post-mortem inspection of imported meats as of domestic meats and the marking of imported meats where offered for sale; to appropriate \$300,000 for the extermination of predatory wild animals; to place a reasonable duty on imported wool, and to enact a pure fabric law. The association also requests the department of agriculture to establish standards for American wool. F. R. Gooding, of Idaho, ex-president of the association, addressing the convention today, urged greater attention to the grading and handling of wool and expressed the belief that under present practice the commission men had obtained too great a proportion of the profits of the business.

The convention authorizes its officers to arrange for an official national auction of rams under the direction of the association, the place of holding the auction to be fixed by the officers. Herefore growers have had to visit private sales at various points in the country to supply their needs.

Market Report.

Receipts for last week at the Portland Union Stock Yards have been cattle, 1100; calves, 17; hogs, 6920; sheep, 2292.

Receipts of cattle continue light, barely enough coming forward to make a showing. Some good steers were sold first of the week at 7.25. During the week from 7.00 to 7.15 was the general price for tops. Market is steady to strong for all classes.

Hogs again made a much better showing the market opening at 7.15 and closing at 7.20 for tops. Monday's run of 4000 did not cause a flutter in the market, all going at steady to strong prices. Good average receipts and quality all week.

Sheep receipts continue light and demand excellent. Top lambs sold at 6.35, all other lines strong to higher. For killing sheep trade has been good, feeders in good demand.

Great Opportunities For Oregon Horsemen

"Pure-bred horse breeders of Oregon are to have their chance," says Carl N. Kenney, horse specialist at the Agricultural College.

"The effect of the European war upon the importation of horses is bound to increase the demand for home produced material. This demand will give the Oregon breeders a chance to demonstrate to stallion owners that the home bred animal is just as good breeding stuff as that from foreign countries.

"The outlook for pure-bred horses has never been brighter than it has at the present time. But with the great opening for pure-bred horses in this state the pure-bred breeders should use discrimination in selecting their stallions, castering as colts those that lack any of the essential qualities. It is more than likely that with increased demand there will be a tendency to sell anything that is pure-bred, but this should be discouraged.

"Everything that can be done to encourage the breeding of pure-breds to take the place of the grade and the mongrel is being done by the Agricultural College. It is the belief of the Animal Husbandry people that nothing can be done to improve Oregon horses more quickly and surely than to use sound, pure-bred horses for breeding. There is no reason why Oregon breeders should not furnish this material."

Dry cleaning and pressing at the Burns Steam Laundry. 41f. Topawana tomorrow night.

FULLEST UTILIZATION RAINFALL NECESSARY Dry Farming Dependent Upon Use of Precipitation According to Investi- gations Conducted by Prof. Scudder Agronomist O. A. C. Good Cul- tural Methods Use Half Rainfall

Maximum production in the Oregon dry farming areas is dependent primarily upon the fullest possible utilization of the precipitation according to investigations conducted by H. D. Scudder agronomist of the Oregon Station. Tillage operations were developed in these investigations whereby fully one-half of the total annual precipitation was conserved for crop use. This is a much larger use of the available moisture than is now generally obtained, the average farm probably utilizing for crop production not more than one-fourth of the total precipitation.

Among the cultural practices which conserve moisture to the extent indicated are deep plowing, fall plowing and fall disking, spring plowing, harrowing, and subsurface packing. Methods of sowing must also conform to the special requirements of each case, broadcasting being considered as entirely out of place on the dry farm where the practice has largely been discarded. Press-drilling is employed where soil is loose and somewhat dry and where shallow seeding must be done. Rolling is occasionally practiced on the dry farm, to break an extra heavy crust formed on winter wheat, or to form an over-loose soil in which the wheat is sowed.

Deep plowing is the first essential in moisture conservation. By this practice much of the rainfall that is ordinarily lost through surface runoff or evaporation is stored in the deeper soil for crop use during the succeeding season. "A furrow less than nine or ten inches deep cannot be considered deep plowing." Spring plowing may be somewhat shallower and a slight variation in depth each year is practiced to prevent formation of plow soles.

Fall plowing is the second step. This leaves the land rough and

loose through the wet season so that it holds the snow and absorbs the rainfall for later use. The fall plowed fields should not be harrowed in the fall but left rough and uneven.

If time cannot be taken for fall plowing the land should be disk harrowed after harvest. With the ordinary disk harrow double disking should always be done by lapping half the first round, never by disking crosswise.

Where spring plowing must be done as is true in much of the dry farming land of Eastern Oregon, it should be done as early as possible to save the moisture. The spring plowing should be followed immediately by harrowing. Rapid evaporation starts in April so that when a deep furrowed slice of moist soil is exposed to the sun and wind the loss of moisture is very rapid, unless stopped by a mulch created with a harrow.

Catholic Church.
1. On Sundays and Holy days of obligation Holy Mass with sermon at 10 a. m.
2. On week days Holy Mass at 6:30 a. m.
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